



MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR

Intention for prayer and evangelization: (Missionary disciples):  
**Let us pray that each baptized participates in evangelization and is available for mission, through a testimony of life that has the flavour of the Gospel.**  
 (Holy Father's intention entrusted to his World Prayer Network)

*The splendour of the Truth*  
*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*

**II God reveals His name**

**203** God revealed Himself to His people Israel by making His Name known to them. The name expresses the essence, the identity of the person and the meaning of his life. God has a name. It is not an anonymous force. Communicating your name is making yourself known to others. It is, in a way, communicating yourself by making yourself accessible, capable of being more intimately known and of being personally invoked.

**204** God revealed himself progressively and under various names to His people, but the revelation of the Divine Name, made to Moses at the theophany of the burning bush, on the threshold of the Exodus and the Sinai Covenant, proved to be the fundamental revelation both for the Old as for the New Alliance.

**The Living God**

**205** God calls Moses from a bush that burns without being consumed. God says to Moses: "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob" (Ex 3,6). God is the God of

parents. The one who had called and guided the patriarchs on their pilgrimages. It is the faithful and compassionate God who remembers them and their promises; He comes to free his descendants from slavery. It is the God who beyond space and time can and wants it, and who will put all His Omnipotence to work for this design.



**"I am who I am"**

Moses said to God: «If I go to the children of Israel and say to them: 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you'; when they ask me: "What is your name?", what will I answer? » God said to Moses: "I am who I am." And He added: "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel:" I am "He has sent me to you [...] This is my name forever, by It I will be invoked from generation to generation" (Ex 3,13-15) .

## *News to think about*

**CONGR. FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH**

### **"SAMARITANUS BONUS" LETTER about caring for people in critical and terminal phases of life**

#### **7. Analgesic therapies and suppression of consciousness**

Some specialized care requires, on the part of health agents, specific attention and skills to carry out the best medical practice, from an ethical point of view, always aware of approaching people in their specific pain situation.

To reduce the pain of the patient, analgesic therapy uses drugs that can cause the suppression of consciousness (sedation). A deep religious sense can allow the patient to experience pain as a special offer to God, in the perspective of Redemption; However, the Church affirms the legality of sedation as part of the care offered to the patient, in such a way that the end of life occurs with the maximum possible peace and in the best interior conditions. This is also true in the case of treatments that anticipate the moment of death (deep palliative sedation in the terminal phase), always, as far as possible, with the informed consent of the patient. From the pastoral point of view, it is good to take care of the spiritual preparation of the sick person so that he consciously arrives both at death and at the encounter with God. The use of analgesics is therefore a part of patient care, but any administration that directly and intentionally causes death is an euthanasia practice and is unacceptable. Sedation must therefore exclude, as its direct objective, the intention to kill, even if with it a conditioning to death is possible in any case inevitable.

A clarification is needed here in relation to the pediatric context: in the case of the child unable to understand, such as a neonate, one should not make the mistake of assuming that the child will be able to bear the pain and accept it, when systems exist to alleviate it. Therefore, it is a medical duty to work to reduce the suffering of the child as much as possible, in such a way that it can reach natural death in peace and being able to perceive the loving

presence of the doctors and, above all, of the family as well as possible.

#### **8. The vegetative state and the state of minimal consciousness**

Other relevant situations are that of the patient with a persistent lack of consciousness, the so-called "vegetative state", and that of the patient in a "minimally conscious" state. It is always misleading to think that the vegetative state, and the state of minimal consciousness, in subjects who breathe autonomously, are a sign that the patient has ceased to be a human person with all the dignity that is proper to him. On the contrary, in these states of maximum weakness, it must be recognized in its value and assisted with adequate care. The fact that the patient can remain for years in this painful situation without a clear hope of recovery implies, without any doubt, suffering for those who care for him.

It can be helpful to remember what you can never lose sight of in such a painful situation. That is, the patient in these states has the right to receive food and hydration; feeding and hydration by artificial means are, in line of principle, ordinary measures; In some cases, such measures may become disproportionate, either because they are not effective in administration, or because the means of administering them create an undue burden and cause negative effects that outweigh the benefits.

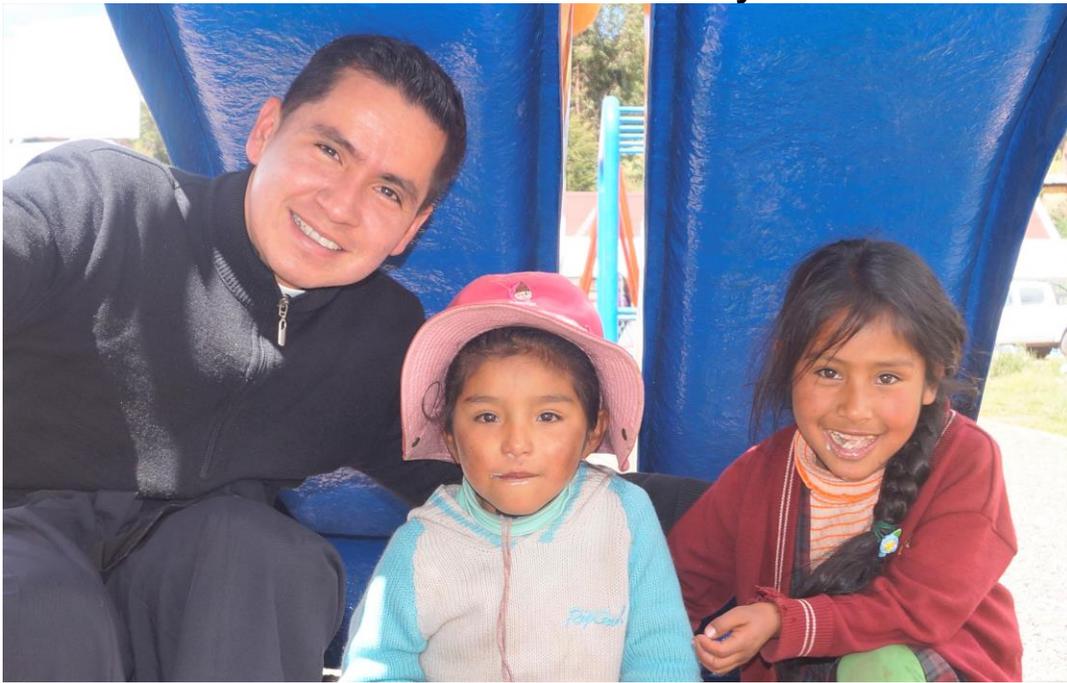
From the perspective of these principles, the commitment of the health worker cannot be limited to the patient but must also extend to the family or to those who are responsible for the care of the patient, for whom an appropriate pastoral accompaniment must also be provided. Therefore, it is necessary to provide adequate help to family members to bear the prolonged burden of patient care in these states, assuring them of closeness that helps them not to get discouraged and, above all, not to see the interruption of care as the only solution. It is necessary to be adequately prepared, and it is also necessary that family members are properly helped.

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# *The light of our charism*

## **SEED OF A CHARISM**

**Publication made in 1996 to celebrate the ten years of life of the MSP**



*Written by Francesco Pini*

I remember that at one point, Fr. Giovanni seemed to be going through a crisis. I think the magnitude of the work that he felt falling on his back instilled in him some sort of doubt, and also a great fear of showing off.

I saw him doubt, take time to better understand the will of God, ready to leave everything and retire in a cloistered convent, among the rigid and austere contemplatives, of the Trappists, if necessary. For a while, he spent some time praying and asking God and the wise monks for the light and strength necessary for the right discernment of spirit.

The response that Fr. Giovanni felt as God's will was to continue forward, dropping all doubts and fears, in order for the promotion work to begin, as a contemplative in action to give life to a whole legion of missionaries like him, convinced that "a heart of love has a thousand initiatives".

And for that reason he will love to often repeat to his followers, using the words of the Psalm 33: "*Behold the face of the Lord and you will be radiant*", "*words, he said, that give the key to turn the poor into rich people.*"

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## *News from Our Homes*

### **Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor Missions**

The missionary group of the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor, these days are in mission at the towns of: Tantamaco (a town center of Macusani), Isivilla and Aymaña (towns of Corani). These towns are located in the department of Puno at 4321 meters above sea level. Missionary work in these lands is arduous and although the participation of the people was massive, there are still some people who could not be reached for reasons of time.



The people in these towns are eager to learn, they participate with great enthusiasm and the catechists began to be organized, who will continue the evangelization in our absence and with the Blessings of God we hope that in September of this year the Sacraments will be carried out.

"Pray, then, to the owner of the harvest to send workers to His harvest."



In the house of Formation "Santa María Madre de los Pobres – St. Mary Mother of the Poor" we have started the new academic year after the Summer; time that has seen us committed to various apostolates. The community of the House of Formation is made up of three priests, Fr. Walter, msp and Fr. Paolo, msp who continue their tasks as teachers and Fr. Raúl, msp (Peruvian) who, after some years as head of the community of The City of Boys, has been assigned to the House of Formation with the order of spiritual director, replacing Fr. Sebastián, msp sent to our community in Cuba. Our students living in the Formation House this year will be five: Br. Pier (French), attending the last year of theology; Br. Mateo (Peruvian) who will be making his profession on October 12 after the novitiate year lived in Peru and begin his studies in theology; the brothers Jhon Alejandro (Colombian), Miguel Ángel (Peruvian) and Pablo (Mexican) will all begin their postulancy with the philosophy studies after their time spent as aspirants lived in mission. We entrust all of them to your prayers.

### **Missions**

### **Missionary Servants of the Poor House of Formation (Ajofrín)**

## Important dates and moments for the month of October:

**Sunday 10 October:** Renewal of the commitments of the MSP Oblates scattered throughout the world, during the Holy Mass celebrated in the House of Formation in Ajofrín and broadcast virtually.

**Tuesday 12 October:** On this day characterized in all our communities by an atmosphere of adoration and fasting, we renew our vows of obedience, poverty, chastity and continuous conversion in the service of the poorest.

**18 - 29:** Beginning of the mission of the MSP Sisters in the towns of Ccoya and Sorcca, in the department of Apurímac (Diocese of Abancay).

**Friday 29:** Monthly virtual catechetical formation course with Italian-speaking friends; the appointment is at 9:00 p.m. (Spanish time) on the zoom.us platform;

**30 October – 2 November:** Ordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the towns of Pacca, Ccasacunca, Carhuis and Orotea, in the department (and diocese) of Cusco;

**31 October – 5 November:** Annual spiritual exercises for our formation community in Ajofrín.

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### **Missionary Pledge:**

In this missionary month we carry in our hearts two great intentions that we want to also become yours:

1 The celebration of the profession of vows and the renewal of all the MSPs: may we know how to accept the gifts to grow each day more in obedience to the gift of serving the poorest.

2 The inauguration of the mission of the MSP sisters in Cuba: may the Lord open paths so that this presence may bear many fruits of holiness and may the Virgin Mary protect the sisters in their dedication to the cause of the Gospel.