



# OPUS CHRISTI SALVATORIS MUNDI

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MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR

Universal intention (People suffering from depression):

**Let us pray that people, who suffer from depression or extreme exhaustion, receive support from all and a light that opens them to life.**

(Intention of the Holy Father entrusted to his Worldwide Prayer Network)

## ***The Splendor of Truth*** **The Catechism of the Catholic Church**

### **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 parents, 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. He is the faithful and compassionate God who remembers them and their promises; he comes to deliver His descendants from slavery. He is the God who beyond space and time can and will do so, and who will put into work all his omnipotence for this plan.

### **"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 shall you say to the children of Israel, 'I am' has sent me to you . . . This is not a name forever, by him I will be invoked from generation to generation" (Ex 3:13-15).

**206** In revealing his mysterious name of YHWH, "I am who is" or "I am who I am" or also "I am who I am," God says who he is and by what name he should be called. This Divine Name is mysterious as God is Mystery. It is both a revealed Name and as the rejection of a proper name, and for this very reason it better expresses God as what He is, infinitely above all that we can understand or say: He is the "hidden God" (Is 45:15), His Name is ineffable (cf. Jc 13:18), and it is the God who draws near to men.

**207** By revealing His name, God reveals, at the same time, His faithfulness that is always and forever, valid for the past ("I am the God of your

parents", Ex 3:6) and for the future ("I will be with you", Ex 3:12). God, who reveals His Name as "I am," reveals Himself as the God who is always there, present with His people to save them.



**208** Before the attractive and mysterious presence of God, man discovers his smallness. Before the burning bush, Moses takes off his sandals and covers his face (cf. Ex 3:5-6) before Divine Holiness. Before the Glory of the Three-time Holy God, Isaiah exclaims, "Be to me, that I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips!" (Is 6,5). Before the Divine signs that Jesus performs, Peter exclaims: "Turn away from me, Lord, who am a sinful man" (Lk 5:8). But because God is Holy, He can forgive the man who discovers himself a sinner before Him: "I will not execute the ardor of my wrath ... for I am God, not man; in your midst I the Holy One" (Hos 11:9). The apostle John will also say: "We will reassure our conscience before Him, in case our conscience condemns us, for God is greater than our conscience and knows everything" (1 Jn 3:19-20).

**209** Out of respect for His Holiness, the people of Israel do not pronounce the Name of God. In the reading of Sacred Scripture, the revealed Name is replaced by the Divine title "Lord" (*Adonai*, in Greek *Kyrios*). With this title the Divinity of Jesus will be acclaimed: "Jesus is Lord".

## News to think about

### CONGR. FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH "SAMARITANUS BONUS" CARD on the care of people in the critical and terminal phases of life

#### 11. Pastoral discernment towards those who call for euthanasia or assisted suicide

A particularly special case in which today it is necessary to reaffirm the teaching of the Church is the pastoral accompaniment of those who have expressly requested euthanasia or assisted suicide. With regard to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the confessor must ensure that there is contrition, which is necessary for the validity of absolution, and which consists in the "pain of the soul and detestation of the sin committed, with the purpose of not sinning henceforth." In our case we are faced with a person who, beyond his subjective dispositions, has made the choice of a gravely immoral act and perseveres in it freely. It is a manifest non-disposition for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance, with absolution, and of the Anointing, as well as of the Last Rites. He may receive such Sacraments at the time when his willingness to fulfill the concrete steps allows the minister to conclude that the penitent has modified his decision. This also implies that a person who has registered with an association to receive euthanasia or assisted suicide must show the intention of canceling such registration, before receiving the Sacraments. It is recalled that the need to postpone acquittal does not imply a judgment on the imputability of guilt, because personal responsibility could be diminished or even non-existent. In the case where the patient was devoid of conscience, the priest could administer the Sacraments '*under condition*' if repentance can be presumed from any sign previously given by the sick person.

This position Of the Church is not a sign of lack of welcome to the sick. In fact, it must be the offer of help and listening, always possible, always granted, together with a deep explanation of the content of the Sacraments, in order to give the person, up to the last moment, the instruments to be able to choose it and desire it.

The Church is attentive to scrutinize the signs of conversion sufficient, so that the faithful can reasonably ask for the reception of the Sacraments. It is recalled that postponing the absolution which is also a medicinal act of the Church, directed, not to condemn the sinner, but to persuade him and accompany him/her towards the conversion.



Even in the case in which a person is not in the objective disposition to receive the Sacraments, it is necessary a certain closeness that always invites conversion. Especially if euthanasia, requested or accepted, is not carried out in a short period of time. There will then be the possibility of accompaniment to revive hope and modify the wrong choice, and that the sick person opens himself/herself access to the Sacraments.

However, it is not permissible on the part of those who spiritually assist these sick any external gesture that can be interpreted as an approval of the euthanasia action, such as being present at the moment of its realization. This presence can only be interpreted as complicity. This principle refers in a particular way, but not only, to the chaplains of the sanitary structures where euthanasia can be practiced, and therefore should not cause scandal by showing themselves in some way complicit in the suppression of a human life.

(To be continued)

# The light of our charism

## SEED OF A CHARISMA

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



*Written by Francesco Pini*

### **A new Movement is born: the strangeness of a name**

Thus, comes the time for the founding of the Movement of the Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World.

The first time I heard this name I had a reaction of rejection. I found it too strident, shocking and out of fashion. I manifested it to the priest in all frankness. But he, as if nothing... In this he showed no doubt or intention to change. And I didn't insist. Only recently have I begun to appreciate a little more the value of this denomination, especially as a sign of intentional rupture with the "fashionable" spirit, as an explicit indication of the will to go along a counter current route, as an announcement of a path totally marked by service to the most disinherited and complete forgotten: *"In the midst of so many problems, it is easier to dominate with money, to solve problems with money, but money does not redeem. It is true that the poor need financial help, but this is not their main need. What they need most of all is brothers who serve them as servants"*(Fr. Giovanni Salerno, interview of 26/02/1998)

*(to be continued)*

## News from our Homes

### Missionaries Servants of the Poor Home of "Saint Teresa"

The MSP Sisters and the children of the Home have the joy of welcoming another member of our great family; it is an 11-month-old baby who was brought in by the Special Protection Unit; her name is Emily Aytana.



When she arrived, she cried a lot, but after a few hours it was enough for her to realize that she had a new family that would look after her with plenty tender loving care and she began to smile and babble words.

We thank you Lord for having entrusted us to this little girl, we are glad to have her among us and we ask you to enlighten us to know how to form her according to your designs.  
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In the dining room "San Martín" we attend to an elderly man of 80 years old, whom we call "the father of seven noses"; between us this nickname remained from the day we met him, because he presented himself to the dining room without wearing a mask and the Sister who attended him to expose his case to the rest of the Sisters did not remember the name so, to get out of trouble he told us that he had seven noses, because



he only remembered his face.

At the age of twelve he worked with his father in the construction of a house, there he was injured carrying buckets of cement, he stumbled and fell from a very high level, the cement fell on his face and the most affected part was his nose, which was very damaged, hence his nose is a little cracked and when one looks at him it gives the impression of seeing several noses. Apart from the nose, he has a problem with his hearing, so when we want to say something we have to raise our voice and speak very loudly so that he can hear and understand us.

This grandfather is always in a good mood. He is always happy; it is rare to see in him a sad face; that is why we were quite surprised when we visited him at his house and saw him dressed in black and with a sad countenance. He told us that it no longer made sense to continue living because his eldest son had died from covid and he felt very lonely, so he stopped coming to the dining room; we prayed with him for the eternal rest of his son and encouraged him to continue attending the dining room. He has done so and is fulfilling it to date.

We entrust all the people who, like him, have lost family members due to Covid 19 and are going through moments of depression, loneliness and anguish.

## Important dates and times for the month of November:

**November 8-19:** Extraordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the towns of Huanchulla and Tacmara, in the department of Apurimac (diocese of Abancay);

**Wednesday, November 17:** Virtual vocational day for women led by the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor.

**Sunday, November 28:** Virtual retreat for women led by the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor.

**November 18-20:** Ordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the towns of Pacca, Ccasacunca, Carhuis and Orotea, in the department (and diocese) of Cusco;

**November 22 – December 3:** Extraordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the towns of Chillihuani and Tintinco in the department (and Diocese) of Cusco;

**Friday, November 26:** Monthly virtual catechetical training course with Italian-speaking friends; the appointment is at 21:00 (Spanish time) on the zoom.us platform;

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### **Missionary commitment:**

In this month of November, we ask you to join us in the prayerful remembrance of all the deceased relatives, friends and benefactors who in the past have witnessed to us their special dedication to the poor and the missionary cause; Let this be an occasion to confirm in our hearts the urgent need for a new spring of mission so that the authentic proclamation of the oneness and universality of the Redemptive work of Jesus Christ and of His Mystical Body, the Church, may reach all.