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MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR

Evangelisation Intentions:

For small and medium-sized entrepreneurs: let us pray that small and medium-sized entrepreneurs, severely affected by the economic and social crisis, find the necessary means to continue their activity at the service of the communities in which they live.

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

The Splendour of Truth The Catechism of the Catholic

THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THE SYMBOLS OF FAITH

**"I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE ALMIGHTY
FATHER, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND
EARTH"**

THE ALMIGHTY

268 Of all the divine attributes, only the omnipotence of God is named in the Symbol: confessing it has a great scope for our life. We believe that this omnipotence is universal, because God, who has created everything (cf. Gn 1,1; Jn 1,3), governs everything and can do everything; it is loving, because God is our Father (cf. Mt 6,9); it is mysterious, because only faith can discover it when "it shows itself in weakness" (2 Cor 12,9; cf. 1 Cor 1,18).

"Whatever pleases him, he does" (Ps 115, 3)

269 The Holy Scriptures frequently confess the universal power of God. He is called "the Mighty One of Jacob" (Gen 49,24; Is 1,24, etc.), "the Lord of hosts", "the Strong, the Valiant" (Ps 24,8-10). If God is Almighty "in heaven and on earth" (Ps 135,6), it is because He has made them. Therefore, nothing is impossible for him (cf. Jr 32,17; Lk 1,37) and he disposes of his work according to his will (cf. Jr 27,5); he is the Lord of the universe, whose order he has established, who remains entirely subject and available to

him; he is the Lord of history: he governs hearts and events according to his will (cf. Est 4,17c; Pr 21,1; Tb 13,2): "Acting with immense power is always in your hand. Who can resist the force of your arm? (Wis 11,21).

"You pity everyone because you can do everything" (Wis 11, 23)

270 God is the almighty Father. His paternity and his power shed light on each other. Indeed, he shows his paternal omnipotence by the way he cares for our needs (cf. Mt 6:32); by the filial adoption that he gives us ("I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty": 2 Cor 6:18); finally, for his infinite mercy, since he shows his power in the highest degree by freely forgiving sins.

271 Divine omnipotence is by no means arbitrary: "In God power and essence, will and intelligence, wisdom and justice are one, so that there can be nothing in divine power that cannot be in the just will of God or in his wise intelligence" (St. Thomas Aquinas, S.Th., I, q. 25, a.5, ad 1).

News to think about

CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH

INSTRUCTION DONUM VERITATIS ON THE ECCLESIAL VOCATION OF THE THEOLOGIST

The dissent problem

32. On various occasions the Magisterium has drawn attention to the serious drawbacks that those attitudes of systematic opposition bring to the communion of the Church, which even come to constitute organized groups. In the apostolic exhortation *Paterna cum benevolentia*, Paul VI has presented a diagnosis that retains its relevance. Now we want to speak in particular of that public attitude of opposition to the Magisterium of the Church, also called "dissent", which must be distinguished from the situation of personal difficulty, which was discussed above. The phenomenon of dissent can have various forms and its remote or proximate causes are multiple.

Among the factors that can directly or indirectly exert their influence, we must take into account the ideology of philosophical liberalism that permeates the mentality of our time. From there comes the tendency to consider that a judgment is much more authentic if it comes from the individual who relies on his own strength. In this way freedom of thought opposes the authority of tradition, considered a source of slavery. A transmitted and generally accepted doctrine comes from the first moment marked by suspicion and its truth value put into discussion. Ultimately, freedom of judgment thus understood matters more than the truth itself. It is then something very different from the legitimate demand for freedom in the sense of absence of

coercion, as a required condition for the loyal search for truth. By virtue of this requirement, the Church has always maintained that "no one can be forced to embrace the faith against his will."



The weight of an artificially oriented public opinion and its conformisms also exert their influence. The social models disseminated by the media often tend to assume a normative value, in particular the conviction that the Church should pronounce only on the problems that public opinion considers important and in the sense that suits it. The Magisterium, for example, could intervene in economic and social matters, but should leave to individual judgment those that refer to marital and family morality.

Finally, the plurality of cultures and languages, which in itself constitutes a wealth, can also indirectly lead to misunderstandings, the reason for successive disagreements.

In this context, a well-considered critical discernment and a true mastery of problems is required on the part of the theologian, if he wants to fulfill his ecclesial mission and not lose, by conforming to the present world (cf. *Rm* 12, 2. *Eph* 4, 23), the independence of judgment proper to the disciples of Christ.

(To be continue)

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

In my Father's house there are many mansions

What most surprises those who encounter the Movement of the Missionary Servants of the Poor for the first time is its extraordinary "openness" to welcome people of practically all social statuses: young singles (both men and women), married couples, priests. For each of these groups there is a special fraternity, called to share with the other fraternities, according to their specific characteristics, the same and unique charism of Missionary Servants of the Poor.



Deserving of special mention, in this regard, is the fraternity of full-time Contemplative Servant Missionaries, called to live in a cloistered community of austere monastic court, also at the service of the poorest, not only with prayer and penance, but also with manual work,

the fruits of which will directly benefit those most in need. Father Giovanni comments that in Peru, for example, there are many cloistered nuns, belonging to various religious orders, plus very few cloistered monks. There are already mature young people who have committed themselves to integrate this group that we always entrust to your prayers.

(to be continued)

News from our Homes

Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor

Mother House

On Saturday, July 9, the inauguration of the new Superior General of the Missionary Servants of the Poor was celebrated. The new Superior, Mother Sandra Goyzueta Umeres, has so far been Superior of the Nido house "Sta. Teresa of Jesús" of Cusco (Peru) as well as the position of General Bursar.



The inauguration celebration was held in the chapel of the Mother House of Cusco, presided over by Msgr. Richard Daniel Alarcón Urrutía (Archbishop of Cusco), with Msgr. Juan José Salaverry OP, Auxiliary Bishop of Lima and Pontifical Commissioner of the Missionary Servants of the Poor as a concelebrant, with the presence of the entire community, the other communities of MSP Sisters and the children and poor who live in the house.



We entrust Mother Sandra to your prayers so that she can serve the poor with enthusiasm and prudence in this delicate new position.

Missions

These days our mission is destined for the towns of Ccoya, Sorcca, Tacamara and Huanchulla, small towns in the department of Apurimac.



walk and unable to move normally; among other things this led him to drop out of school. The wheelchair was his greatest wish to be able to go to school, and even the teacher promised to take him to school every day.



All the people know in advance what days we will be on mission in their respective towns and this facilitates their participation.

In Ccoya our arrival was eagerly awaited, especially by an specific child, who after seeing his problems during the last mission we promised him a wheelchair; he has muscular dystrophy, for which he was progressively unable to

Dates & important moments in the month of August:

4-11 August: Extraordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the town of Huarqui, in the province of Calca and the diocese of Cusco;

14-18 August: Extraordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the towns of Tintinco and Chilluhuani (province of Qsuipicanchi and diocese of Cusco);

21-28 August: Extraordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the towns of Hacca, Trigorcco and Ccollo (province of Curahuasi and diocese of Abancay);

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Missionary Commitment:

In this month of August we entrust our contemplative community so that it continues to be a prayerful example in the heart of the Church.

We also pray for all the monasteries that so silently support our missionary work, being docile instruments in the hands of God to prepare the paths of grace in the hearts of men.