



# OPUS CHRISTI SALVATORIS MUNDI

MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR

Intentions for Evangelization:

**For a church open to all: let us pray that the church, faithful to the Gospel and courageous in its proclamation, lives ever more synodality and is a place of solidarity, fraternity and welcome  
(Intention of the holy father entrusted to his World Prayer Network)**

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

### THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THE SYMBOLS OF FAITH

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

#### THE CREATOR

**279** "In the beginning, God created heaven and earth" (Gn 1,1). Sacred Scripture begins with these solemn words. The Symbol of Faith collects them confessing God the Father Almighty as "the Creator of heaven and earth", "of everything visible and invisible". We will speak, then, first of the Creator, then of His creation, finally of the fall from sin from which Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to raise us up.

**280** Creation is the foundation of "all God's salvific plans", "the beginning of the history of salvation" (General Catechetical Directory 51), which culminates in Christ. Conversely, the Mystery of Christ is the

decisive light on the Mystery of creation; reveals the end for which, "in the beginning, God created heaven and earth" (Gn 1,1): from the beginning God foresaw the glory of the new creation in Christ (cf. Rm 8,18-23).



**281** For this reason, the readings of the Paschal Night, celebration of the new creation in Christ, begin with the story of creation; Similarly, in the Byzantine liturgy, the account of creation is always the first reading of the vigils of the great feasts of the Lord. According to the testimony of the ancients, the instruction of catechumens for baptism follows the same path (cf. Egeria, Peregrinatio ad loca sancta, 46: PLS 1, 1047; St. Augustine, De catechizandis rudibus, 3,5).

## *News to think about*

### **CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH INSTRUCTION DONUM VERITATIS ON THE ECCLESIAL VOCATION OF THE THEOLOGIST**

#### ***The dissent problem***

**36.** The freedom of the act of faith does not justify the right to dissent. She, in reality, in no way means freedom in relation to the truth, but the free self-determination of the person in accordance with his moral obligation to accept the truth. The act of faith is a voluntary act, since man, redeemed by Christ the Saviour and called by Himself to filial adoption (cf. Rm 8, 15; Ga 4, 5; Eph 1, 5; Jn 1, 12), he cannot adhere to God, unless, attracted by the Father (Jn 6, 44), he renders to God the rational homage of his faith (Rom 12, 1). As the Dignitatis Humanae declaration has recalled, no human authority has the right to intervene, by coercion or pressure, in this option that exceeds the limits of its competence. Respect for the right to religious freedom constitutes the foundation for respect for all human rights.



Therefore, it is not possible to appeal to human rights to oppose the interventions of the Magisterium. Such behavior disregards the nature and mission of the Church, which has received from its Lord the task of announcing the truth of salvation to all men and carries it out by walking in the footsteps of Christ, aware that "the truth cannot be imposed, otherwise than by the force of truth itself, which penetrates softly and strongly into souls".

**37.** *By virtue of the divine mandate that has been given to it in the Church, the Magisterium's mission is to propose the teaching of the Gospel, watch over its integrity and thus protect the faith of the people of God. To carry out this mandate he is sometimes forced to take onerous measures; for example when he withdraws a theologian, who separates himself from the doctrine of the faith, the canonical mission or the mandate to teach that he had entrusted to him, or when he declares that some writings are not in agreement with that doctrine. By acting in this way, he wants to be faithful to his mission because he defends the right of the people of God to receive the message of the Church in its purity and integrity and, therefore, not to be disconcerted by a dangerous private opinion.*

*On these occasions, at the end of a serious examination carried out in accordance with established procedures and after the interested party has been able to dispel possible misunderstandings about his thought, the judgment expressed by the Magisterium does not fall on the theologian himself, but about their publicly expressed intellectual positions. Although these procedures can be perfected, it does not mean that they are against justice or the law. To speak in this case of the violation of human rights is somewhat out of place, because the exact hierarchy of these rights would be unknown, as well as the very nature of the ecclesial community and its common good. For the rest, the theologian, who is not in tune with the "sentire cum Ecclesia", places himself in contradiction with the commitment that he has freely and consciously assumed to teach in the name of the Church.*

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# *The Light of our Charism*

## **SEEDS OF A CHARISM**

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

*Written by Francesco Pini*

## **With bare hands, but with everything**

The methods of the Missionary Servants of the Poor are consistent with the ideals and objectives that it professes, and can be summed up in a few words: truly serve the poor, in contemplative prayer, in silence and "with bare hands", lovingly carrying the cross, giving oneself for life, instead of giving things from time to time.

This giving of oneself, however, is not a simple human gesture of detachment, albeit a valuable one, but rather a going towards the poorest, bringing them the bread of the Eucharist and the bread of the Word of God, allowing oneself to be assimilated at the same time by Christ the Eucharist. and Christ the Word, until they are transformed by Him into "broken bread" for those hungry for bread and for God, and into a "Living Gospel" for those who cannot read.

For this reason, in each Tabernacle of each House of the Missionary Servants of the Poor, that image of broken bread reigns, with the eloquent expressiveness of the food chosen by Christ to perpetuate among us, throughout the centuries, His presence as Bread of Life.

(To be continued)



## *News from our Homes*

### **Missionary Servants of the Poor**

#### ***Extraordinary mission in the town of Huasac***

People have given us a good welcome, with good organization. They have taken care of us at all times. We were housed in a room in the communal premises. For the bathroom we had a sink and a toilet outside. Somebody always participated in the morning worship, even though it was daytime. 60% of the people are evangelicals. Some of them have not received us in their homes, but we have always tried to establish a dialogue. The participation of the children was always very good, as well as their attention in the catechesis at school.



One day we also visited the secondary school. There, yes, there was a more tense atmosphere, because students also come from other towns and the majority were decidedly Protestant. There were some teasing or not very friendly words. However, we gave a religion class to the third year of high school (where the teacher invited us), a class on the Holy Mass and the Eucharist, explaining it with the Bible. In the evenings, at Adoration and the Holy Rosary, and the Holy Mass, there was a good participation of children and parents, an average of 40-50 people per day. Thanks to the loudspeaker that was installed outside the Church, we were able to make our celebrations heard. There were confessions from the first day and daily Holy

Communion by some people. Three anointing of the sick were also administered to some elderly people together with the Sacrament of confession and the Eucharist. Likewise, we helped a man who had an accident with the axe; Due to being drunk, he injured his head. After having medicated him, we took him with the truck to his town of Taucamarca, where there are only three Catholics, and the majority are Protestants.

### ***Priestly House Formation (Ajofrín, Toledo- Spain)***

Last September we have started, with great joy, the new academic year. This year, after the aspirancy in Cusco, two new young people have joined the postulancy of our Community, who have begun their first year of 'propaedeutic' studies. They are Brother Thomas Hollaender, French (22 years old), and Brother Luis Alberto Espinoza Champi, Peruvian (19 years old). Brothers René, Fabián and Gabriel, who have finished their novitiate in the City of Boys have now begun the first year of theology, and rejoined. In addition, Brothers Pierre André and Mateo continue their theological studies, and Brothers Jhon Alejandro and Pablo Emiliano began their philosophical studies. The Italian diocesan priest, Fr. Pasquale La Milia, who has spent a year on mission with us in Peru, continues his discernment in the House of Formation to be admitted as MSP. This new course we have also had some changes in the team of formators: Fr. Álvaro Gómez Fernández, Spanish, after having served many years as Vicar General, is now the superior of our House; Fr. Paolo Giandinoto, Italian, continues as a formator (at the same time he is studying the second year of a licentiate in Fundamental Theology, at the Theological Institute of Toledo); and Fr. Zsolt-József Szabó, Hungarian, is the new spiritual director of our House of Formation.

We commend them all to your prayers so that they can live a year of growth in all areas of formation and thus prepare themselves in the best way in the service of God, the Church and the poor.

## Dates and important moments in October:

**Sunday 9 October:** Renewal of the commitments of the MSP Oblates scattered throughout the world, during the Holy Mass celebrated in the City of Boys (Andahuayllillas, Cusco - Peru) and broadcast virtually. (to participate use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86272158669?pwd=bWJBbDhocDZwWEs1Ulc0OEtocjVpUT09>

Meeting ID: 862 7215 8669 Access Code: 520859)

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

**18-25:** Extraordinary mission of the MSP Sisters to the town of Huarqui, in the province of Calca and the diocese of Cusco;

**Friday 28:** Monthly virtual catechetical formation course with Italian-speaking friends; The appointment is at 9:00 p.m. (Spanish time) on the zoom.us platform.

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

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### **Missionary commitment:**

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

1) The celebration of the profession of vows and the renewal of these for all the MSP: that we may know how to welcome the gifts to grow more each day in obedience to the gift of serving the poorest.

2) The new academic year that has just been started in our house of formation: so that the formators and those in formation may be docile to the motions of the Holy Spirit in order to be able to form holy Missionaries Servants of the Poor according to the heart of Christ.