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CONTEMPLATIVES IN ACTION

PRAYER: COMPASS OF OUR APOSTOLATE

Father Giovanni always said that the Missionary Servants of the Poor are “active contemplatives” since without contemplation we would not be able to serve the poor as Christ served them. In fact, if we wish to contemplate the face of Jesus in the poor, we must first contemplate Him in the Eucharist. The Missionary Servant of the Poor must be in love with prayer.

“Love prayer. The best prayer is that of remaining in silence before the tabernacle and listening to the voice of He Who gave His life for each one of us, the voice of Jesus Who tells us how to improve our souls and our lives” (On Mission with God in the Andes, Fr. Giovanni Salerno).

It is well known by everyone who knows us that we have a small contemplative branch of the community that, although small, in the words of Father Giovanni, “is the compass of the Movement.” This compass shows us the correct road we must follow which is the road of prayer, a deep ? of God and His Church.



Of what does prayer consist? There are many definitions of prayer but for us prayer is the encounter of the child with the Father Who always loves us and always waits for us. From this must spring humility which, through prayer that is poor and silent, will reach the heart of God.

As Missionaries, we must love the most simple and poor methods of prayer. These simple methods of prayer are shown us throughout the Gospels. Remember the parable of the Pharisee and the Publican, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner!" (Lk 18:13). And the episode of Blind Bartimaeus, "Son of David, have mercy on me! Lord, that I might see!" (The prayer of the Servants of the Poor, Father Giovanni)

This constant repetition of brief prayers, those that the Church calls "***ejaculations***" which comes from the Latin *jaculatorius* which means "to throw or launch" in the sense of launching a prayer to Heaven. As missionaries it is our duty to teach our poor this simple but effective means of speaking with and encountering God.

Little ejaculations addressed to God during the day or going over the scenes of the rosary, saying the Name of Jesus or "Jesus, have mercy on me" or "Sacred Heart, I put my trust in You," or "Immaculate Heart of Mary, be the salvation of my soul and of the whole world" will constitute the pearls of prayer that will bring us to Heaven.



PLAY NOW



Many work to help the poor but they don't have time to meet them, to sit in their humble huts, because it is tiring to give oneself, to be broken bread for others.



FR. GIOVANNI SALERNO



THE CHARISM OF THE MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR

*Thank you, Lord, for giving me
the chance to say "Yes"*

In poverty and misery, the Missionary Servants of the Poor have discovered, have touched, God.

If the Movement has priests, vowed young people (men and women), married couples, young people with the firm intention of living a monastic, cloistered life, we owe it to the poor, to the children, because it is thanks to them that all we Servants of the Poor have decided to remain here, abandoning ourselves into the arms of Mary, our Mother.

I am strengthened seeing how our work has grown, not in the number of children taken care of or the number of vowed Brothers or Sisters (which has also happened), but in the spiritual growth of the fraternal life, in the surrender to the poor, in the life of prayer where what is most important isn't the work itself but holiness, that is, a genuine evangelical spirit with which one lives all the genuine aspects of one's existence, following and imitating Christ.

I know that this progress has allowed all our children, especially Lucia, the blind child born without eyes; José Luis who could only crawl when he arrived and now, after years of sacrifice, can walk; and Analía, who has lived with us for seven years (almost since she was born) who couldn't talk or smile or move but could only swallow food with great difficulty. We could mention each of our children who allow the spiritual progress of all the Servants of the Poor.

Thank you, Lord, for these children!
Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity to say "Yes!" (to be continued)

Fr. Giovanni Salerno



**The spiritual
progress and growth
of our work we owe
to the poor which
allows us to imitate
Christ, Broken
Bread.**

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSES

School for Parents: Source of Holiness

The third Friday of every month, our Sisters bring together the parents of all our girls to offer them an excellent formation.

Obviously, each day begins with Mass which makes the day worthwhile as it is the Holy Eucharist which should constitute the center of our lives. On some occasions there is a procession and pray the Chaplet of Mercy. Afterwards, the parents eat breakfast and are taught catechism by the wives of our missionary couples. They also receive a talk by a psychologist to teach them what is necessary to give their children a good upbringing.

The day ends with a delicious lunch and fellowship.

Camp and World Youth Day

During the month of July, S we will hold two camps, one for girls and one for boys. The camp for boys will take place in our House of Formation in Ajofrin, Spain, while the camp for girls will take place in the house of our Sisters in Cuzco, Peru. Below is more information.

Also, our senior men in formation along with some priests will participate in World Youth Day which will take place in Portugal in August. We ask your prayers for them that it will be a fruitful event.

Every year our seminarians go to Fatima, Portugal to fulfill a promise made by Father Giovanni as it is the Immaculate Heart of Mary that guides and protects us.





S.O.S

TO YOUNG PEOPLE

If you are a young man or woman or married couple who would like to form a support group or be an oblate in your own country, God is calling. Don't let the flame go out.

contact us!



Campus for teenagers

If you are a young person between the ages of 15 and 25, we invite you to share with us moments of prayer, sports, fun and much more

July
06-20

We will wait for you. Deadline for registration: April 30

For more information, contact us:

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Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor

"OPUS CHRISTI SALVATORIS MUNDI"



"Dear young people, do not bury your talents,
your gifts that God has given you. Do not be
afraid to dream big" (Pope Francis)

(Pope Francis)

GIRL'S CAMPUS...!

**From 10 July till 10 August 2023 Cusco-Peru
Cusco-Peru**

If you are a young woman between the ages of 18 and 30 who wants to live an experience of prayer, of intimate contact with Jesus through service and mission among the poorest, the "Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor" welcome you with joy.

Dare to give your best to those who suffer the most through this campus!

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