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First Sunday of Advent

Dear Friends,

Laudetur Iesus Christus.

From the heart of the Andes Mountains of Peru, where God willed that the charism of the Missionary Servants of the Poor be born, I send you this letter full of our gratitude for all we've accomplished this year thanks to you. This year has been full of graces

In February, we were taken by surprise by the tranquil end of our Founder's earthly journey. Fr. Giovanni went to heaven after more than fifty years of service to the poor, leaving us the responsibility of continuing his work of charity.

In March, Divine Providence blessed us with two new priests; Father Guido (the first MSP priest from Cuzco) and Father Deyvid from Colombia. They began their ministries in the service of the poor with great enthusiasm.

That same month we began a new school year. Our schools and workshops welcomed again the hundreds of poor boys and girls who receive free schooling, food, health care, material support for their families, and much more.

Our missions in the Andean Mountains on the outskirts of the city of Ilo, Peru, in Guadalajara, Mexico, and in the extensive parish of Cumanayagua, Cuba have seen us announcing the Gospel in an intense effort to educate and care for poor children and their families to improve their integral development.

In October, three Sisters and a Brother professed their perpetual vows accompanied by many other young men and women ready to begin their formation. These new vocations show us that the Lord counts on the commitment of the Missionary Servants of the Poor now and in the future.

All this moves us when we think about all your efforts and sacrifices. Only the Lord knows the love and commitment in your hearts which have impelled you to become involved in this adventure of helping the poor. All of us, our children and poor people, can only thank the Lord for the gift of your presence at our side, assure you of our prayers, and beg you to remain faithful to this love story in 2024.

Christmastime inspires us to be good and especially sensitive to those in need. We thank God that you understand that this is not something reserved only for Christmas but for all year round. You understand that, in our houses, every day of the year is Christmas because every day a child is born in the manger, needing everything. Your heart, sensitive to the suffering of your brothers, will be able to infect others with this same feeling for the needs of the poor.

It would be an immense gift for all of us if you would visit our missions. It would be the perfect occasion for you to see for yourselves the great wonders that the Lord works thanks to your sacrifices and your love for your brothers.

I want to end this Christmas letter by repeating my thanks for your example, dedication, and patience. May the Child Jesus nourish our missionary zeal for announcing Him to the poor and may Holy Mary, Mother of God, grant us the devotion necessary to continue contemplating Him in the manger.

I wish you a holy Advent in preparation for a Merry Christmas. Please share this letter with your many friends and relatives. In Christo cum Maria,

Fr. Walter Corsini, msp Vicar General Missionary Servants of the Poor

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