

# Opus Christi Salvatoris Mundi



*Missionary Servants of the Poor*



*Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God! I am thinking now of some advice that Saint Francis of Assisi gave his brothers: preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words. Preach with your life, with your witness.*

(Pope Francis. Homily on the 3rd Sunday of Easter.  
Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, Rome. April 14, 2013)

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## Important Notice

Don't ever tire of praying for priests, especially in these times in which it seems that all the powers of evil have descended on the earth, preying particularly upon the sacred ministers of the Lord.

Pray that they remain faithful, that they be holy, that they be, in short, nothing more (and nothing less) than what they ought to be:

*Alter Christus.*

Accompany the Priests and Deacons of the Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World with your prayers!

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# *Missioning the Kingdom of God from the Mystery of Our Domestic Churches*

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*Fraternity of Missionary Servants of the Poor Married Missionaries*

Dear Friends,

What blessings we Missionary Servants of the Poor received in 2021! A blessed year. The Year of the Family. The Year of Saint Joseph, head of the Holy Family and our patron.

We eight families that currently form the lay branch of the Missionary Servants of the Poor have been called by God; we

have as our principal mission to rescue the importance of matrimony and the family in the Church and in society. As our dear Holy Father Francis says so sweetly in his Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (no. 232) God calls men and women to be happy. Our goal, therefore, is to build our own family, as well as a fraternity of families, where Christ is the source of love.



As a little “domestic church,” a term very dear to Saint John Paul II, we are called to be the primary evangelizers of our children. Having the God of Love as the center of the home, we intend, with our limitations, to transmit and responsibly care for the lives of every member of the family. Our life is based on understanding, reconciling, and reflecting the love and peace of God because “the Blessed Trinity is a communion of love, and the family is its

living reflection” (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 11).

In our fraternity of families, we try to be a living, dynamic, and missionary ecclesial community. We dedicate our time to missionary encouragement and cooperation, in relation to the local Church, and within our MSP Movement, supporting the male and female branches of our work in their daily needs.



*The Franco Family, msp (Mexican-Peruvian) at Nazareth Village in Cuzco, Peru.*



*The Bakonyi Family, msp (Hungarian) at Nazareth Village in Cuzco, Peru.*

During this difficult time for the world, our service to the poor has taken a very different turn than what it was before the pandemic. Our schools with their 600 students (the center of our activities) being closed, we had to adapt to virtual lessons, advice, and personalized follow-up with the parents of our students by phone. In addition, we had to double the monthly distribution of food to families made needier by the scarcity of work.

Among the events of this year was the extensive spread of the Covid-19 virus among many members of our fraternity. These were hard times for many members of every family but, thanks to God, we were able to overcome this epidemic with much prayer and unity among all the members of the Movement. Living this time of trial has made us better understand and share the difficulties in which the neediest families of our students and those around us find themselves.

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Our community life as a fraternity of families is based on active participation in the important religious events celebrated by the Catholic Church. We give an example to other families with our daily lives and by cultivating a sacramental life. Being from different countries but with a common vision, we want to be faithful to the charism of our founder in the service of God in the poor.

We take as a sign that God is blessing our beautiful missionary vocation the arrival, in the middle of the pandemic, of a Mexican-Peruvian couple whose second child was just born, and the birth of a fourth baby to our dear Hungarian family.

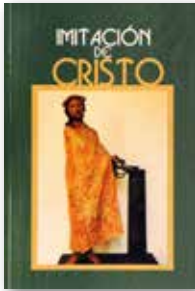
As Pope Francis says in the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (no. 66): “The covenant of love and fidelity

lived by the Holy Family of Nazareth illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family, and enables it better to face the vicissitudes of life and history. On this basis, every family, despite its weaknesses, can become a light in the darkness of the world.”

We believe that our first vocation, as a married couple, is to be a light to the world, a sign of hope and life in a dehumanized world that is losing more and more its orientation as well as its human and Christian values.

Dear married couple, you must not ignore nor remain indifferent to the call of Christ, especially in these times in which marriage and the family is so mistreated. If you believe you have the gift of a vocation to the missionary life, then we invite you to write and visit us.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

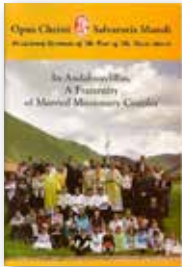


## **The Imitation of Christ:**

New translation of the spiritual rule of the Missionary Servants of the Poor. (available only in Spanish and Italian)

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This book presents Father Giovanni Salerno's anecdotes and personal reflections on his missionary experience in the Andes.

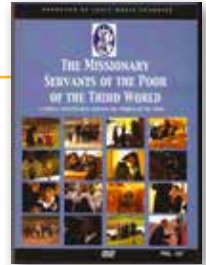


## **Missionary Couples:**

This booklet tells about the Fraternity of Missionary Couples of our movement, who serve the poor as entire families.

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

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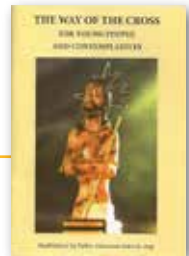


## **The Confessions of St. Augustine:**

Dear young people, Saint Augustine tells you frankly about his life so that you can discover with him how beautiful the gift of your life is. (available only in Spanish and Italian)

## **The Way of the Cross for Young People and Contemplatives:**

Fr Giovanni Salerno meditates on the sorrowful Path looking on the Indios for whom he gave-up his life.

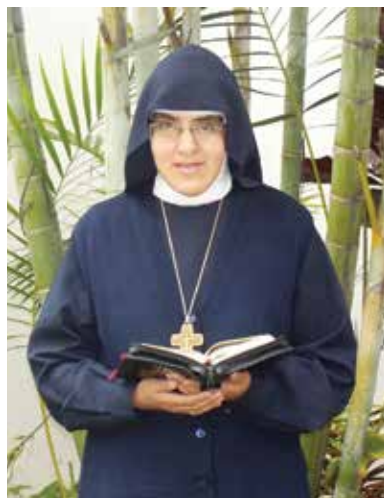


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# MISSIONARY SISTERS SERVANTS OF THE POOR



“PROTECT ME AS THE  
APPLE OF YOUR EYE;  
SHELTER ME UNDER  
THE SHADOW OF  
YOUR WINGS”

(Psalm 17:8)

*Sr. Giovanna Verónica Naveda Pinto, msp*

I entered the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home as a three-day-old orphan. Thanks to Father Giovanni, who founded the Home, I was given a new family and, above all, I was able to meet the Lord when I was still very small. This fulfilled the invitation of Jesus, “Let the little children come to me” (Mt 19:14).

Father Giovanni, seeing how the poor and abandoned children suffered who were so marginalized, did everything he could to help them and give them a life worthy of their dignity as children of God; the Lord desired that I participate in this merciful plan to guard me from all danger and keep me for Himself.

I remember that when I received the sacrament of Baptism while still very young, I felt myself carried in their arms

and I saw a light coming from the church and its rays penetrated my whole being. I think that the Lord was already preparing my way.

Father Giovanni always speaks to us of the suffering of the poor. I wanted to grow up quickly so I could work and earn a lot of money to buy a big car to be able to bring many poor, suffering children to the home so that they, too, would have the opportunity that I had. Until I was six years old, there were not yet any Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters. There were only lay employees and some volunteers who came to help us, but they only stayed one or two years and left a wound in my heart when they left. But as time passed, I realized that the Lord wanted it like that even though at the time it was very difficult for me to accept.



Sister Maria arrived from Poland as a candidate and was the first person who stayed for more than a year or two. She taught us many things, especially we older girls who were growing up together, truly sisters at heart, each of us with a different problem. But, despite everything, she taught us to live united in everything. “Only time will make us understand what it is to love.”

During my childhood I often thought of getting married, having many children, and teaching them the holy fear of God in order to form a holy family. But in my heart there was always a desire to give my life to Jesus as a religious.

My life passed happily among games and smiles, always accompanied by generous people, some of whom

became religious like me. I watched the Movement grow, especially the little community of Sisters that day by day was being formed and strengthened by many generous young women ready to surrender themselves, especially to the poor. This was how I received Jesus for the first time in my First Communion. He filled my heart. From that special day, Jesus, Who cares for the little, innocent souls who love Him, strengthened me. I asked Him with all my heart for the grace to be able to consecrate myself to Him and to remain always innocent. That is why each day I ask the Virgin Mary to help me preserve this grace.

I remember when I was eight years old, the Sisters took me with them during the long vacations on a mission to the village of Huancarani.



*Sr. Verónica Naveda, msp (on the right) with children from the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home of the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor in Cuzco, Peru.*

We slept in a house that they lent us that was without a bathroom or electricity or any of the comforts that we had at the Home. I could see and feel the poverty that the people faced every day. This marked me for missionary life. I thought, “At the Home I am happy. I lack nothing. I would like to give myself to them as a missionary.” My vocation was strengthened by reading the lives of the saints, pushing me to seek holiness at all costs.

Four or five months before the end of high school I noticed that my school mates were making big plans for further study and to succeed in life. I, instead, only thought of consecrating myself completely to the Lord and serving the poor. I wanted to give the best of my life to gratefully repay what the Lord had done for me. “Love is repaid with love.”

The day finally arrived to give my “Yes” to the Lord. I was 16 when I entered the community of the Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters as a postulant. I knew that I was beginning a new stage in my life, preparing myself to become a missionary.

I don’t deny the defects and limitations that I have and the difficulties that I encountered. The Lord called me by His grace to His vineyard to continue His saving work. So I always thank Him for protecting me and helping me to remain in His grace. I once had a dream in which I wanted to see Hell, but I couldn’t enter because one of the devils told me, “We can’t stand the innocence of your eyes.” Those words were enough for me to remain always faithful to the Lord.



*Sr. Verónica,  
msp, carrying an  
orphaned girl of the  
Saint Teresa of Jesus  
Home of the MSP  
Sisters in Cuzco,  
Peru.*



*Sr. Verónica giving a formation talk to the Pre-Novices of the MSP Sisters in Cuzco, Peru.*

Prayer has always been the center of my life and it is the only means that helps me with life's difficulties. Every day I nourish my soul with prayer.

After I became a religious, I studied to become a teacher and graduated with degrees in Primary Education and Religious Education. I don't regret becoming a teacher though sometimes it is a difficult mission (but not impossible) since it requires much patience and love. I like the words of the priest and great educator Saint Marcellin Champagnat, "To teach, one must love," a beautiful phrase I discovered at the university. As a teacher, my principal wish is to help children and young people to seek holiness first in the little things of everyday life.

I will always be grateful to the Lord because He has never left me. I also thank the Missionary Servants of the Poor Movement with all my heart because in it I was born and grew in divine life.

Now I have taken my perpetual vows and by the grace of God I continue persevering on this road. Above all, I am blessed to see so many children, like me, who have the chance to live in this family and be able to know God from an early age.

I place myself into the hands of the Virgin Mary and my Guardian Angel to remain faithful at all times to Jesus Who called me to serve Him among the poor.

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# CHRONICLE

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## CHRONICLE OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS SERVANTS OF THE POOR

### Mother House

- In Cuzco, with the arrival of winter the temperatures become very cold so the MSP Sisters organize the distribution of coats and wool blankets to people of the mountain villages of Cuzco.

- The Saint Maria Goretti Girls' School began with new expectations since last year was very strange and difficult for everyone but at the same time made us realize how valuable are the small moments that life offers. Thanks to God and the efforts of the families, we were able to contact 97% of our students. It

was a great joy for the girls to see their schoolmates and teachers again even though it was only virtually. It motivated them to continue fighting and to see this time with eyes of hope and with the dream that very soon things will return to normal.

- As you know, every year, by the grace of God, the MSP Sisters renew their temporary and perpetual vows. We commend them to your prayers so that the Holy Spirit may fill their hearts with wisdom so they may give witness to the presence of Christ among the poor.



*The older girls at the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home (Saint Agnes Residence) in virtual classes, helped by the MSP Sisters in Cuzco, Peru.*



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## MISSION OF THE SISTERS IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO

- After long months of waiting, the Archdiocese of Guadalajara informed all the parish communities of the return of catechesis for Confirmations, while always complying with the health protocols. The sacrament will be administered in the different parishes during these months. For the celebration, the Salazar missionary family decided to organize retreats for small groups to prepare the young people and adults, in coordination with the MSP Sisters, in order to raise awareness and strengthen their faith.
- In like manner, by the grace of God, the sisters held spiritual retreats for families to reinforce their faith and Christian life in these times when they are exposed to constant risks, especially the loss of the meaning of the vocation to marriage and family. Each meeting begins with a talk and ends with Eucharistic Adoration.
- A vocational retreat for girls will be held for which we ask your prayers that the Holy Spirit touch the hearts of these girls calling them to serve God in the poor.



*The MSP Sisters in Guadalajara, Mexico with children and their parents receiving catechism instruction.*

## MISSION OF THE SISTERS IN THE PORT OF ILO, PERU

The MSP Sisters have begun again their apostolic work in the communities after a year of pandemic:

- In Santa Rosa we teach catechism in preparation for Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony. The number of participants is small but we trust in God and hope that little by little others will come.
- In the community of 24 de Octubre we started up again our Eucharistic Adorations on Thursdays with the participation of the few faithful that normally attended before the pandemic. God willing, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and the witness of the local faithful will encourage others to become an active part of the Church that prays and adores Jesus present in the Eucharist.
- In the community of Boca de Sapo there reigns a fear of catching Covid-19 and so we have decided to teach catechism virtually. The celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony will take place in September. Confirmation and First Communion are scheduled for December. We commend ourselves to your prayers that, with the help of God, for His greater glory, everyone who is being prepared will come happily on the longed-for day.
- Daily we witness the multiplication of the loaves told about in the four Gospels which is being lived out anew here in our community and among



*MSP Sisters at the mission of Ilo-Moquegua, Peru with the products that arrived through Divine Providence to feed so many people during this pandemic.*

the poor whom we serve every day at the Saint Martin soup kitchen. About 240 people attend. We thank God for the generosity He has inspired in our benefactors who continue supporting us and allowing us to give food to our brothers who suffer during this crisis.

## MISSION OF THE SISTERS IN CUSIBAMBA, PERU

- In the Saint Imelda Home, some girls were able to receive their First Communion thanks to the formation and preparation received from the MSP Sisters. We ask the Lord that He make their love for Jesus in the Eucharist grow each day.
- In the Guardian Angels Center, the Sisters continue helping the children with their school homework because their families don't have the virtual means like the Internet to help their children study. God willing, things will soon be back to normal in the schools.
- We've restarted the missions in the villages of Huayllay and Totorá. We prepare the children and young people for Baptism and First Communion whose celebration, God willing, will take place in the next few months.



*In the MSP Sisters' community in Cusibamba, Mass can now be celebrated on Sundays with the help of the Missionary Priests Servants of the Poor*



## MISSION OF THE SISTERS IN PUNACANCHA, PERU

- From Punacancha the Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters have restarted catechism in the communities of Kircas and Araycalla as well as home visits to those with most need. We help them spiritually and also materially with some food.
- In the Divine Mercy Center in Punacancha, we continue helping 20 children with their schoolwork

and giving them food but, above all, cultivating in them the practice of visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We also prepare lunch for five elderly people in this community.

The Missionary Servants of the Poor Sisters thank all our friends and benefactors with all our hearts for all your spiritual as well as material help.



*Despite the pandemic, the MSP Sisters visit families, bringing them the Word of God.*



# MISSIONARY SISTERS SERVANTS OF THE POOR



Have you asked *yourself*  
if God is *calling* you to be  
a *Missionary* among the  
*most needy*?



(For more information, fill out the form on page 20)

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# How can I help the poor?



- Offering your sacrifices and prayers, together with your faithfulness to the Gospel and the Pope, so that each Missionary Servant of the Poor may be the living presence of Jesus among the poor.
- Echoing the cry of the poor by distributing to your friends and family this newsletter and all of our material (which you may request for free) as well as by organizing meetings at which one of missionaries may teach people about our mission.
- Sending us Mass intentions
- By feeding one of the students of our school for a year = \$415
- Paying for the annual educational expenses for one of our children = \$1,000
- By remembering the Missionary Servants of the Poor in your will.

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*Thanks to  
your help, one  
more child can  
befed in our  
houses of  
Cusco, Perú*

*Thank you for all that you do*



# If a missionary flame burns within you, don't let it go out. You are called to feed it!

Our missionary communities of priests and brothers, contemplatives, young laymen, sisters, and married couples will help you on this journey.

\*If you are a young person wishing to explore a vocation for at least a year living in mission territory and sharing the community life of the Missionary Servants of the Poor and disposed to discern what mission God is calling you to in the church...the poor await you.

\*If you feel called to follow a path of consecration, transforming your whole life into service to the poorest as a missionary brother or sister...the poor await you.

\*If you are a married couple who, with their children, have decided to open your family to

the poor as a "domestic missionary church"...the poor await you.

\*If you are a layperson or religious who wants to make an official public commitment of personal conversion and of prayer to the Institute of the Missionary Servants of the Poor in a commitment ceremony as an oblate...the poor await you.

\*If you would like to personally help in your diocese or form a Support Group of the Missionary Servants of the Poor with the aim of deepening and spreading our charism, fostering recollection, continuous conversion, spiritual freedom of each and every one of its members, and in this way go to others with enthusiasm and generosity, full of the love of God...contact us.

If you want to offer your prayer and sufferings for the Missionary Servants of the Poor but without a binding commitment...contact us.

☐ Youth in search of a vocation

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☐ Missionary Sister

☐ Married Missionary

☐ Oblate

☐ Associate/Support Group

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# Lay people

## Most important help for missionaries

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
 during all of \_\_\_\_\_, commit myself to remain united to you in order to  
 give thanks to God for this new charism of the Church given to the Missionary  
 Servants of the Poor.

My participation will be as follows:

Form of offering	Frequency			
	Daily	Weekly	Fortnightly	Monthly
Holy Mass				
Eucharistic Adoration				
Holy Rosary				

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*“Do not be afraid to pound the streets, to enter every corner of society, to go out to the city limits, to touch the wounds of our people... this is the Church of God, who rolls up her sleeves to go out to meet the other, without judging or condemning him, but rather reaching out to him, to support, to encourage or simply to accompany him in his life.”*

(Pope Francis. Message to the President of the Spanish Episcopal Conference on the Occasion of the National Congress of the Laity. Madrid, February 14, 2020)

This Spiritual Offering may be sent to our address in Cuzco, Peru. There it will be placed at the feet of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the chapel "Holy Mary Mother of the Poor", in the City of the Boys (Andahuaylillas, Cuzco - Peru).

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# Prayer of Saint Francis Xavier

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Lord Jesus, my God and my All,  
You are the God of peace, of life, of joy;  
You alone have the words of eternal life.  
You reveal “man to himself”; You are true God and true man.

You know how valuable and how costly is holiness.  
Don't allow the “father of lies” to destroy the  
immeasurable gift of my life  
with the false goods that fascinate my concupiscence.  
I pray, Lord, that You increase my holiness.  
Grant me to not waste my life.

I beg that You grant to me and my brothers  
to be young men full of eagerness, full of faith and hope;  
To be brave young men, without fear of what others  
may say or think;  
To be pure and chaste young men that fight against  
all snares of the devil,  
be they in thought, looks, words, or deeds.

Don't allow me to stray from the narrow road  
that leads to blessed life everlasting.

Amen

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# HISTORY OF THE EVANGELIZATION OF PERU (I)

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Dear Friends,

*With this issue of our newsletter, we want to remember those holy men and women who were involved in the enormous labor of the evangelization of Peru. We desire that discovering the many acts of their heroic lives will help us to remain faithful to our response to the mission our Lord has sent us on to go throughout the world preaching the Gospel and baptizing in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (cf. Mt 28:19).*

## History of the Evangelization of Peru (I)

In 1492, Christopher Columbus (1451-1506), a sailor and geographer from Genoa, left the port of Palos de la Frontera in the province of Huelva, Andalusia, Spain, headed toward the Indies, as he thought, crossing the enormous oceans and undertaking the most surprising voyage of his time which took him further than even he had dreamed.

His plan, to sail to India by going west, was considered crazy and was rejected in several places and courts. Providentially, it was patronized by the Spanish Crown. Rejected by King Juan II of Portugal, who was in debt from his exploration of the west coast of Africa, Columbus

undertook a trip on foot to Spain with his eight-year-old son Diego to try to present his plan to the court and request backing and resources. Spent and without money, he arrived in 1485 with his young son at the gates of the Franciscan convent of La Rabida near Palos de la Frontera. Providentially, he met there the friar Antonio de Marchena who was excited about his project. Then, by God's will, the superior of the convent, the friar Juan Pérez, old confessor of Queen Isabella the Catholic, facilitated a meeting with the queen.

Finally, on August 3, 1492, after seven years of innumerable negotiations and conversations with nobles, friars, sailors, and the king and queen, Columbus left the port of Palos to undertake his ambitious expedition in his ship the *Santa Maria* (the flagship of that daring mission could have no other name) and two other caravels, the *Pinta* and the *Niña*. The crew of the *Santa Maria* and of the other two caravels comprised about 90 sailors. Not all of them were angels but they were, in their way, men of faith, simple Christians. For example, they used to pray or sing daily the *Salve Regina* and other simple songs typical of sailors.

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Finally, after three long months, on October 12 (the feast day of the Virgin of the Pillar, patroness of Spain), the admiral spied land! It was not the Indies like Columbus thought, but a new continent. It was the island of Guanahani, which he baptized with the Christian name *El Salvador* in the present-day Bahamas in the Caribbean north of Cuba. With the clerk, two captains and others, Christopher Columbus solemnly “took possession of the island in the name of the King and Queen.”

What a curious irony and powerful act of Providence it was that the first man to set foot in the New World was Christopher Columbus whose name in Italian is “Cristoforo” which means “Christ bearer”! How curious, also, that beyond

the intentions of the men whose interests were economic, political, colonial, etc., the fact that the expedition landed in the New World on the feast day of the Virgin of the Pillar who was venerated as the patroness of Spain. The same Virgin who accompanied and animated the first steps of the Apostle Saint James the Great who introduced, according to an old tradition, the Christian faith into Spain! Now, in the same way, she accompanied the entrance of the Christian faith into the New World.

Quickly, many people gathered from the island. It was a meeting of two entirely different worlds. It was the beginning of a new story, the greatest of all, the arrival of Christ and His Gospel for the first time in these distant lands.



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# In Praise of Contemplatives

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Would you like to join our Contemplative Servants of the Poor who dedicate most of their day to prayer and Eucharistic adoration, and who also dedicate numerous hours to manual Labour in order to help the poor?

*You have chosen, or more exactly, Christ has chosen you, to live His Easter Mystery with Him in time and space. May all that you are, everything you do each day, be it the Office recited or sung, the celebration of the Eucharist, the work done in your cell or in community, respect for the cloister and silence, the voluntary or imposed mortification of the rule, be taken on, sanctified, and used by Christ for the world's redemption.*



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Like Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, you too can offer your contemplative life to God to benefit the neediest.

I, .....

from the Monastery of: .....

Address: .....

City: .....

Country: .....

commit myself to live the obedience and poverty of my surrender to God in my monastery for the Missionary Servants of the Poor, so that the Kingdom of God may come to the poorest.

Date

Signature

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# MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR

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*He went about  
doing good  
(Acts 10:38)*

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*Fr. Raúl Gonzáles de Olazábal, msp (Peruvian)*

Dear Friends,

Our life will find meaning in the measure that we give ourselves, we surrender ourselves, to the service of others. The model to follow is always Jesus Christ who spent His life to save, to heal, to care for, to serve, and to help His neighbor and He did it for love of mankind and to give us an example to follow.

A missionary priest writes, “How many times in my missionary life have I seen such need, not only material but especially spiritual!” How much

suffering and anguish surrounds us, how much pain and spiritual darkness! We ask ourselves daily, “What can I offer? Do I have something to offer?” Well, the greatest thing a Christian can offer to his neighbor will always be **Christ**. Offer Christ.

Perhaps you will say, “I don’t have much money, I don’t have many things to give.” Don’t worry. Offer a smile, your time, some simple words, but words that come from your heart. OFFER CHRIST through your words and loving deeds.

Young people who wish to surrender their lives to the service of their brothers are always invited by the Missionary Servants of the Poor to live a missionary life in the place to which God has called them. In this way, they rediscover the face of Christ in their neighbor.

The mission *ad gentes* is so important, in the first place because Jesus Christ Himself commands it of us (cf. Mt 28:19). The Missionary Servants of the Poor carry out this commandment of the Lord through various apostolates. We think of the evangelizing commitments that have been entrusted to us in Cuba and Mexico and, in Peru, the Our Lady of Silence contemplative community, the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home, the Saint Maria Goretti Girls' School, the Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto Boys' School and the CETPRO trade school, as well as the Saint Tarcisius Home in the City of Boys. Also in the various missions in the mountain villages. Everything is carried out by the Priests and Brothers, the Sisters, and the Missionary Families who make up the Movement.

The mission will always excite. The desire to preach Christ, to preach His Word, will always be a reason for joy (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 1). However, we also experience set-backs and disappointments in the mission. We are tempted to despair due, perhaps, to the ingratitude of the people we serve or the apparent lack or scarcity of fruit of our apostolate. This can keep us from wanting to move forward.

We must remember that these set-backs and trials are part of the Christian life and that we must quickly get over them by

remembering that Jesus Christ suffered misunderstanding, ingratitude, and rejection. How many did the Lord cure of leprosy? Out of a group of ten lepers, only one thanked Him! How many were healed of different illnesses by the Lord Jesus and at least some of them, perhaps, responded to the Lord with "Crucify him, crucify him!" (Jn 19:6).

What, then, does the world offer to men today? This consumerist society offers only distractions, entertainments, even unhealthy ones, that gradually lead men to spiritual numbness, to lukewarmness in their faith, and leads them to a superficial and empty life that leaves the heart completely unsatisfied.

Instead, what the Lord offers us through the Church is something completely different. He offers us the joy of **going about the world doing good, following the footsteps of Jesus Christ** (cf. Acts 10:38).

It is necessary to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, "There is more joy in giving than in receiving" (Acts 20:35). Also remember the unforgettable words of the future Final Judgement, "Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you visited me" (Mt 25:34-36).

So we must remember that we have only this life in which to do works of charity that the Lord asks of us. “Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow” (Is 1:17).

God calls us to be generous, to give our lives for others. God has us to sow love, peace, and joy. “I can assure you that it is worth the pain to dedicate yourself to the cause of Christ and, for love of Him, to consecrate yourself to the service of men. It is worth the pain to give your life for the Gospel and for your brothers!” (Saint John Paul II. *Speech at the meeting with*

*young people.* Madrid. May 3, 2003). God wants us to really bear abundant fruit and that these fruits last (cf. Jn 15:16).

Jesus Christ calls us urgently every day (cf. 2 Cor 5:14). Let us be His heart, His hands, and His feet. Let us sow love in this world that is so often devastated by the indifference of many of our brothers. But this coldness must not prevent our doing good to our neighbor. May we always be remembered as persons following in the footsteps of Jesus who have passed through this world doing good to all (cf. Acts 10:38).



*Priests and Brothers who provide comprehensive care to the children of the Saint Tarcisius Home at the City of Boys in Andahuaylillas, Cuzco, Peru.*





*I am reminded of the words which God spoke to Abraham: “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.” (Gen 12:1). These words are now also addressed to you. They are words of a Father who invites you to “go,” to set out towards a future which is unknown but one which will surely lead to fulfillment, a future towards which He Himself accompanies you. I invite you to hear God's voice resounding in your heart through the breath of the Holy Spirit.*

*(Pope Francis. Letter to Young People on the Occasion of the Presentation of the Preparatory Document of the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. Vatican City. January 13, 2017)*



*With the Missionary Servants of the Poor,  
you can achieve this ideal – through a life of deep prayer  
and generous self-giving to so many brothers  
who suffer all types of marginalisation.*

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# CHRONICLE

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## CITY OF BOYS

Souls give us constant signs of their thirst for God, a thirst that we try to satisfy with the preaching of His Word.

In carrying out this most important duty, our two new deacons are a great help to us. Brother Guido Anthony Huamán Huilca, msp (Peruvian) and Brother Deyvid Rafael Vargas Velandia, msp (Colombian) were ordained to the diaconate on July 28 of this year. The now Fathers Guido and Deyvid finished their theological studies in our Holy Mary Mother of the Poor House of Formation in Ajofrin, Toledo, Spain in 2019.



*Fr. Deyvid Vargas, msp (Colombian)*



*Fr. Guido Huamán, msp (Peruvian)*



*The MSP Priests and Brothers have renewed their visits to the villages which were put on hold during the pandemic and we hope to soon be able to return to our regular schedule of missions in the mountains.*

Since then, after spending a few months on mission in Cuba, they have been helping in the City of Boys; Father Deyvid as a formator in the Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Vocational Center and Father Guido at the Saint Tarcisius Home. During the pandemic Fathers Deyvid and Guido preached several virtual retreats.

The Saint Tarcisius Home continues to accept new boys. The Missionary Servants of the Poor Brothers care for the boys daily and help them with their studies since many of the boys have various learning disabilities. However, it is gratifying to see the results they achieve little by little.

Some of our missionaries are going to villages in the mountains for a week at a time. Also, every weekend the Priests go to the mission houses of the Sisters to celebrate the sacraments.

We received three new novices in July: Gabriel Brändle (Swiss), Fabian Calouri (Swiss), and René Abel Pacsi (Peruvian), who are finishing their studies in philosophy in Spain and are now returning to Peru to begin a year of novitiate. During this year, the Brothers will study more deeply the charism of our Movement and firmly strengthen their relationship with God.





*Br. Mateo Amache,  
msp (Peruvian)*

As some are leaving Spain for Peru, others are leaving Peru for Spain. Brother Mateo (Peruvian), who is 27 years old, has finished his year of novitiate and returns to Ajofrin to continue his formation by beginning

his studies in theology. And after two years of service in our house in Andahuaylillas, Brother Jhon Alejandro (Colombian), who is 18 years old, travels to Ajofrin to begin his studies in philosophy.

*Br. Alejandro Bustos,  
msp (Colombian)*





# Holy Mary Mother of the Poor House of Formation

*“Priestly life is not a bureaucratic office nor a series of religious or liturgical procedures to fulfill. Being a priest is putting oneself on the line for the Lord and for our brothers, bearing in one’s very flesh the joys and the anguish of the people, spending time and lending an ear to heal the wounds of others, and offering the Father’s tenderness to everyone.*

(Pope Francis. Address to the Participants in the Plenary Session of the Congregation for the Clergy. Vatican City. June 1, 2017)

Why  
not?



"Here I am, Lord, I come to do  
your will" (Psalm 39)  
If you want to be a Missionary,  
here there is a place for you!



# CHRONICLE OF NAZARETH VILLAGE

In July we celebrated the traditional national holidays which we had to do virtually this year. We were surprised by the enthusiasm with which the students of the Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto and Saint Maria Goretti Schools participated. It was very moving to see how the students cried and demanded the return of face-to-face classes.

The Married Missionaries, once having recovered from the difficulties caused by Covid-19 that affected our own fraternity, took up again our activities of helping the families of our students with the preparation and distribution of groceries while always taking the necessary precautions to not spread the virus. These provisions were donated by generous benefactors, sensitive to the call of Divine Providence.

During the mid-year vacations, the older children of the married missionaries organized board games to entertain the little ones of the fraternity. We thank



*Mothers of students of our Saint Maria Goretti Girls' School receiving groceries and blankets distributed by the Missionary Servants of the Poor*

God for the older children who like to entertain the little ones and give some relief to the moms.

*MSP Married Missionaries after distributing groceries and blankets to parents.*



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## Our Friends Write Us

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*Dear Father Álvaro,*

*May Jesus be always in our souls!*

*In our community we support you with our prayers and we thank God for this precious work of caring for the poorest who are the treasures of the Church. God reward you for your loving ingenuity which allowed you to continue helping so many souls in need during this time of pandemic.*

*You are our hands, while we from our monastery offer our lives knowing that in the hands of the Virgin everything acquires great value. May God reward your prayer and value our life of surrender.*

*Together we ask the Virgin our Mother to free us of this pandemic which devastates humanity and above all that it bring all souls closer to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.*

*We always keep you under the mantle of the Virgin of Mercy to whom we pray for all your intentions that she place you in the Heart of Jesus. Ask this for us and so we shall meet in the Holy Mass. And, when you have our Jesus in your hands, tell Him how much these poor nuns love Him and how much they want to love Him.*

*This poor, happy nun asks for a blessing on our community.*

**From the silence of the monastery**

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