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FÁTIMA: FR. GIOVANNI'S LEGACY

“MESSAGE OF FATIMA, ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR CHARISM”

Fr. Giovanni Salerno, was always very devoted to the Blessed Virgin of Fatima, on various occasions he visited the Shrine and even met Sr. Lucia -Fatima seer- at times when he was going through many doubts about whether to go ahead with the Movement or not, and it was Sister Lucía herself who encouraged him and told him that the Immaculate Heart of Mary wanted the work of the Missionary Servants of the Poor to continue.

From that moment, Fr. Giovanni has tirelessly dedicated himself to spreading the message of Fatima, for which he spared no expense in order to print brochures to publicize the Devotion of the first 5 repairing Saturdays in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Fr. Giovanni died on Saturday, February 4, the first Saturday of the month, and a day dedicated to honouring the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and with good reason, Fr. Giovanni could not have died on another day, since he had always asked the Blessed Virgin Mary to take him to Heaven.

His love for the Blessed Virgin Mary becomes concrete every day in the life and charism of the Missionary Servants of the Poor who pray the Rosary every day, as a community.



In addition to this, the Rosary is instilled in all our children, who also pray it every day, thus discovering the inexhaustible treasure of this beautiful devotion and experiencing the maternal protection that watches over their orphanhood.

Every first Saturday of the month, there is a procession with the statue of the Virgen del Rosario, and the personal consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin is renewed. Also during the day a catechesis on the message of Fatima is taught or a recording of it is listened to.

During Eucharistic Adoration each day the Missionary Servants of the Poor pray before the Blessed Sacrament the prayers that the Angel of Portugal taught the three little shepherds.

It is also a practice remembered by each member of the Movement, that every time Father Giovanni passed in front of the Tabernacle he lovingly repeated the Fatima prayers: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you..." and that each time that something was contrary to him, he offered that sacrifice as our Mother has taught us: *"Oh Jesus! it is for your love, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for all the outrages committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary"*.

May God enliven in our hearts, in a special way, during the month of March the tireless desire to pray fervently to our Mother.



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"There are many who work in favor of the poor, but do not have time to meet them, to take a seat in their humble huts, since it is hard work to give oneself, to be bread broken for others.



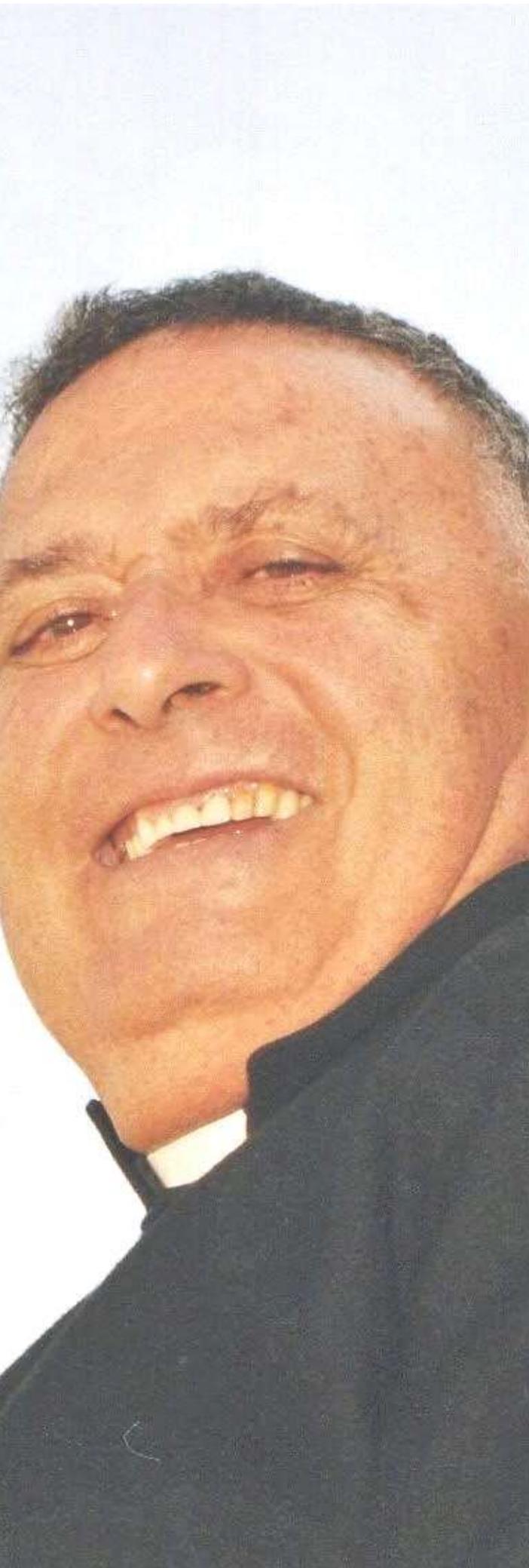
FR. GIOVANNI SALERNO

THE MSP CHARISM

The poor: the strength of our Charism

It is certainly very difficult to be able to thank all the people who in one way or another have contributed to the strengthening of this Movement. Many will wonder who I should especially thank. My answer is that if I have to thank someone, it must necessarily be the poor. It is they who have strengthened the Movement; they are the great benefactors and the inspirers of this charism; They are the poor and in a very special way the children, with their purity, their innocence, their smile and, why not say it?, also their suffering and their crying.

"These creatures - as the Apostolic Nuncio in Peru, Monsignor Luigi Dossena told us - as soon as they are born to life, they already know and live in their own flesh the mystery of pain, physical and moral suffering, and the deprivation of all human affection; but Providence has allowed them to find some generous brothers who live devotedly to them with all dedication and self-sacrifice..." Among these poor people whom I thank are also those young prisoners who, being confined in jails and deprived of the most essential things for



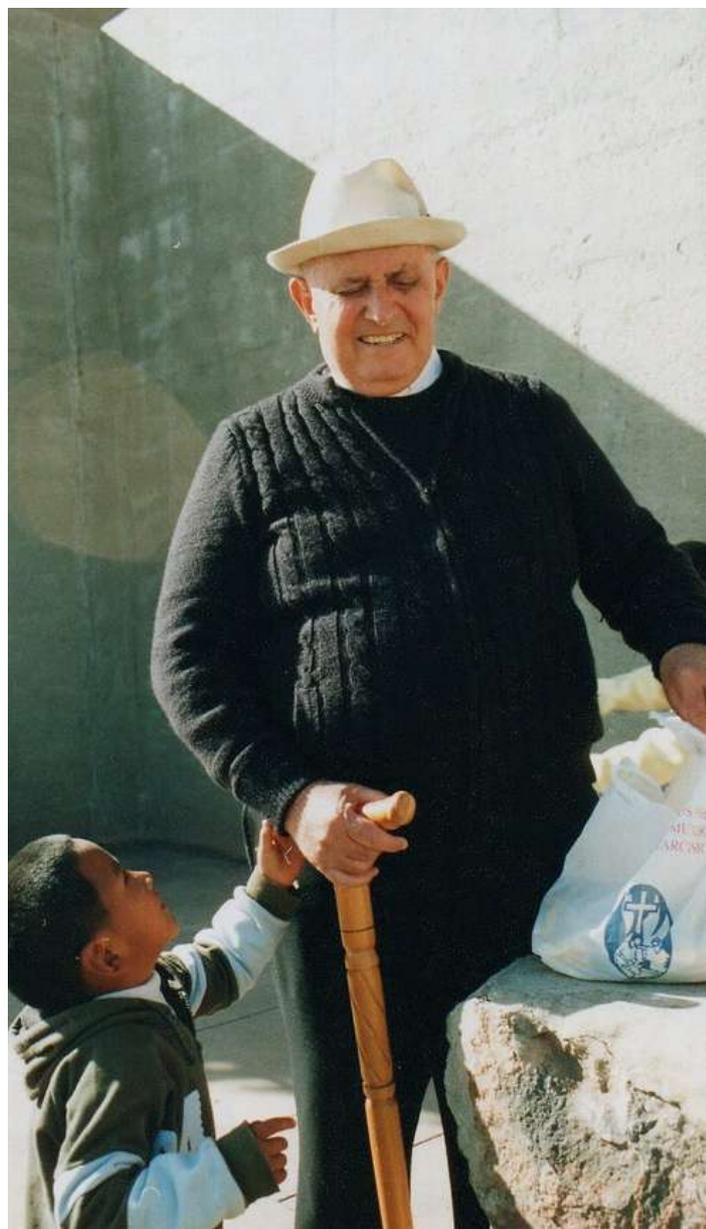
live, have understood the message of Christ and have asked our young missionaries to stay and work; They have asked for spiritual help that allows them to get out of the moment of crisis they are facing; They have asked to have these young missionaries as guides in their new life.

When talking about the poor, it is almost always said that they have to receive financial help, which is true; but many times we are forgetting that the poor person is a human person, a "being created by God and for God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 27) made "in the image and likeness of God" (Gn 1, 26) and for that very reason with a true dignity identical to that of any other person.

These are the poor who have not asked us for material help, but priests to be able to live with them the message of the Good News of the Gospel, to be able to get out of their poverty. It is these poor who have taught us God, because God has manifested himself through them.

It is edifying for us to see how these poor people who are in misery, who have absolutely nothing material, but who have God, only manage to say: "My God!" They believe in Divine Providence, they believe in his infinite love. (to be continue...)

Fr Giovanni Salerno



**Let's not forget that
the poor need not
only economic help,
but above all that we
teach them about
God."**

NEWS FROM OUR HOMES

Our continuous mission

We continue our missions in the most remote towns, "beyond the asphalt" -as our Father Giovanni used to say-

We left home very early in the morning to gain time and be able to start the mission that same afternoon. Our destination is Quiñota and Llusco, both towns belonging to the province of Chumbivilcas, in the department of Cusco. People are notified in advance of our arrival, so we even have a welcome by the children... We settled in and began our mission as soon as possible. The next day we do the visits to the houses, the classes in the school and the catechism in the afternoon; Few adults and many children participate... Out of more than thirty towns in which we attend mission, this is the only one in which the children prefer to do catechism and be in the chapel, rather than play. The hunger for God in these towns is impressive. Blessed be our Lord!

A beautiful priestly ordination

On March 25, the Priestly Ordination of two of our beloved deacons Guido (Peruvian) and Deyvid (Colombian) took place in the Ciudad de los Muchachos (located in Andahuaylillas-Cuzco, Peru). For all the Missionary Servants of the Poor it has been a source of immense joy, for which we thank God for this great gift.

In the days after the Ordination, the new priests have been touring the various communities to celebrate their first masses.

We ask you not to abandon them in your prayers and to ask the owner of the harvest not to get tired of sending workers for his harvest (cf. Lk 10, 2), since the poor need Christ and few want to take him in the middle of them.

God bless you.





S.O.S

TO THE YOUTH

If you are a boy or a girl, or a couple, or if from your country you want to form a support group or be an Oblate. God calls you do not put out the flame and say yes to Christ

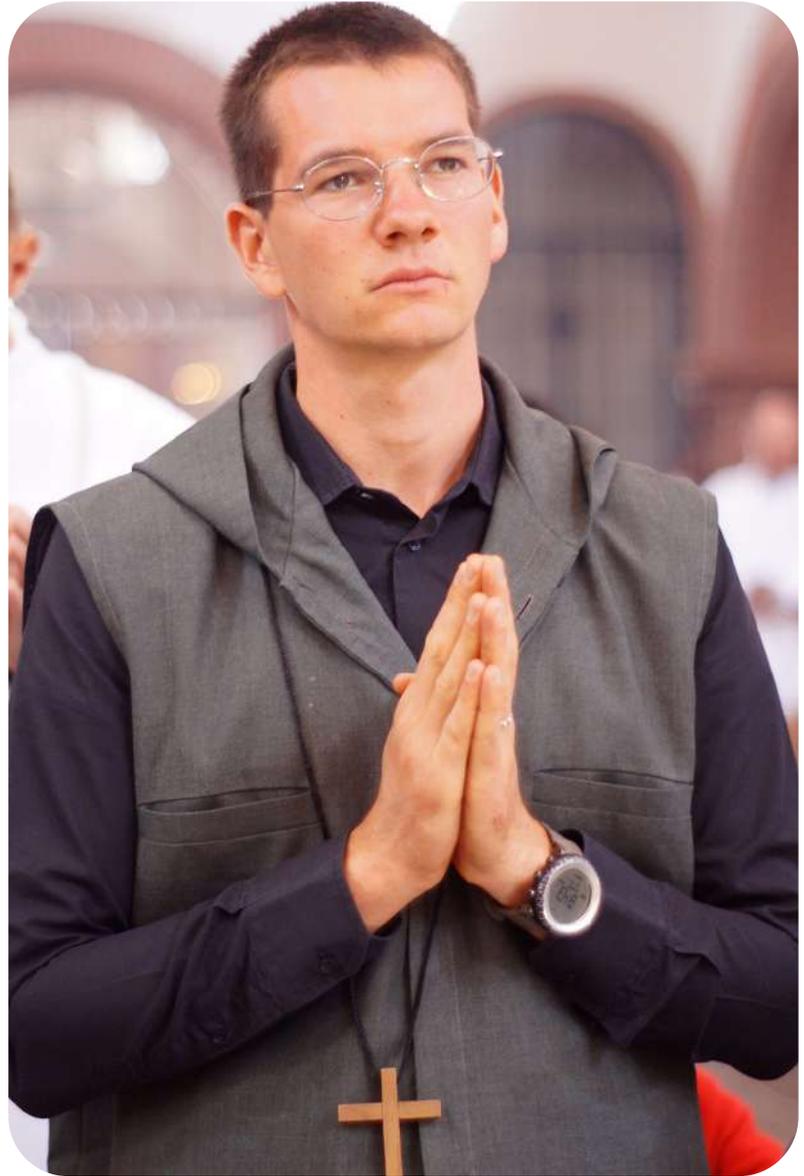
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