

Opus Christi Salvatoris Mundi

Missionary Servants of the Poor



The most intimate genetic trait of the Church's mission is to be the work of the Holy Spirit and not a consequence of our reflections and intentions.

(Message of the Holy Father Francis to the Pontifical Mission Societies. May 21, 2020.)

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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 with your prayers!

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Going beyond the asphalt



Missionary Servants of the Poor couples

“Going beyond the asphalt” is part of the thinking of Father Giovanni Salerno, msp, and is one of the foundations of our charism.

When starting the movement of the Missionary Servants of the Poor (MSP), Father Giovanni always told us, “We have to go beyond the asphalt, where no one goes and where many of our brothers live who are hungry for the Word of God.” For this reason, our MSP Sisters and Priests carry out their apostolates in the different towns of the high Cordillera, be it Cuzco, Apurimac or part of Puno, towns not served by Catholics and that have been confused by the preaching of

different Christian confessions and sects.

The Missionary Servants of the Poor couples, feeling more strongly the founding mandate of "going beyond the asphalt," after a long time and with great joy and enthusiasm, have resumed our apostolate in the high Andean communities of Chitapampa, Rayanniyoc and Kallarayan, belonging to the parish of Santa Maria Magdalena in Taray where the parish priest, Father David Yschu Pure, welcomes us with great enthusiasm. For this mission, we leave for one day a week our own activities in the different centers of Cuzco and Andahuaylillas.

Very early every Tuesday and praying the holy Rosary, we set out to meet the people of these communities, and especially the children in the different schools.

Not only is it a joy for them to receive us, but it is also an indescribable experience for us to feel the welcome and affection that they give us. We cannot deny that in these towns we meet people of other Christian confessions, but we have the hope that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, little by little they will join the Catholic Church.

The apostolate that we initially carry out is to visit families in their homes, to learn

about their difficulties and especially to support them spiritually, advising them to receive the Sacraments, because there are many who are not married in the Church or whose children have never been baptized or confirmed. We want all these, with our help, to return to the fold and be able to live under the gaze of Our Lord Jesus Christ and under the protection of our Holy Mother Mary.

When visiting each family, we leave with them the statue of Holy Mary Mother of the Poor, so that every day for a week this family can gather in prayer around our Blessed Mother.



The Barazordas, msp, in the village of Chitapampa.



The Bustos, msp, in the village of Rayanninoc.



The Alvarezes, msp, in the village of Kallarayan.

In the schools, which are very precarious and have few students, the children receive us with enthusiasm and immense joy to listen to the Word of God, receiving it with songs, prayers, and simple teaching.

We know that the changes are not immediate, but we continue to work in the hope that the change will be made step by step. It is our wish that, at the end of 2024, after careful preparation, many of these people will be able to receive the sacraments.

HISTORY OF THE MISSION IN PUNACANCHA

For me it is a great joy to think about you every day, who give the evangelical message to the poorest in the Andes. You make me remember my first 16 years of missionary life, when I lived without drinking water, without electricity, without roads, but I was happy to live like the poorest. I thank God because my missionary life continues in the Andes through you.

(Father Giovanni Salerno. Letter to the community of the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor of Punacancha. June 21, 2010).



Condition of the church at Punacancha at the beginning of the mission.



With the help of our benefactors and the labor of the villagers we are rebuilding the church.

Twenty-five years ago, on April 11, 1999, what we lovingly call “our first mission” began. Along some barely laid out mountain roads, we arrived at the town of Punacancha, a very poor peasant community at almost 13,000 feet above sea level, where we found a small chapel that seemed asleep. It was covered in an impressive amount of dust; its walls looked like they were about to collapse and, around it, there was a lot of rubble,

apparent remains of what could only have been its fence.

We began our mission in this town by going up to Punacancha one day a week. Every Saturday a group of Sisters took the “easiest” route to get to the town. This consisted of going half way by car and then continuing the rest of the way on foot. On our hikes through the mountains, rain, wind or intense heat have always by turns kept us company.

Current view of the church in Punacancha.



In Punacancha the condition of the residents in general was one of extreme poverty, fueled by the alcohol addiction of its people, the mistreatment of its women and children, and the total abandonment of the elderly. Punacancha was a town without any desire to improve and with a general disinterest in escaping its sad situation. Everywhere one looked there were deficiencies: malnutrition, disease, vice, etc.



At the beginning of the mission, the MSP Sisters visited the village of Punacancha and the villagers that lived there.

In the first years of the mission, after working hard at evangelization, the interest of the people began to awaken and their response became very positive. They began to frequent our missions en masse. The parents began to understand the importance of God in their lives and also the importance of caring for their families. Little by little the abuse decreased and both adults and children began to receive the sacraments.

The years went by and it didn't take long for different sects to reach the town and do the job of sowing doubt about and

even rejection of the Catholic Church. Unfortunately, the initial enthusiasm waned and the number of faithful in the catechism classes decreased because our separated brothers began to impart their teachings and apply sanctions to those who did not fulfill the promises made to their pastor, also telling them that God would punish them. They were times of great adversity and discouragement for not only the few Catholics who persevered, but also for the group of



MSP Sisters teaching catechism to the children of Punacancha.

Sisters who had seen all those people approach God, pray, receive the sacraments and were now reluctant to accept the Catholic faith. But for us Sisters, our commitment to God was stronger than our discouragement and by the grace of God we did not give up on this mission. In 2003 we managed to restore the small church in the town and build a small house for ourselves. Having this house in the mission, we began to stay in the town for three consecutive days to later make way for the permanent mission.

Eleven years after beginning this mission, it was still like the fig tree that did not

bear fruit. As a last attempt to maintain the mission, we decided to found a community of Sisters who would live permanently in this town and offer the residents the opportunity to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed all day in their church. The residents little by little came to the church to pray alone or also to sing songs of praise in Quechua in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration became a strong reason to bring people together. The “fig tree” began to bear its first fruits. We know that it was the Eucharist that saved this mission and is the strength of its residents.



Little by little the interest of the people grew.

So it was that on April 11, 2010, Divine Mercy Sunday, the new Sisters' foundation began its permanent stay in Punacancha and when we established the Divine Mercy Assistance Center for the children of the town. Establishing ourselves as a community was a great challenge since the house needed a lot of repairs and some basic things were needed. The renovated rooms had just been painted the day before so we had to sleep our first night with a strong smell of fresh paint.

We organized the house and the soup kitchen hours for the boys and girls in groups separated by ages from 5 to 18 years. On Sundays, after the celebration of Holy Mass, we share a lunch with those who participate. Later we give talks to adults, we invite everyone to prepare to receive the sacraments, we promote daily participation in Eucharistic Adoration

and catechesis and we continue with family visits.

Christ's command "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all nations" (Mk 16:15) was an impetus to continue the mission. In 2012, at the request of the parish priest of Yaurisque, Father Jerónimo Ttito, the mission began to teach classes in the primary and secondary schools in Ccochapata (Yaurisque-Paruro), with family visits as well as catechism in preparation for the sacraments. Later we assisted three families from the town of Itunka, although at first we were somewhat afraid because they told us that almost all the people in the place were evangelical Protestants and "fanatics." Our greatest desire was to make Jesus Christ and His Good News known, and the trust placed in God prompted us to go to these needy places.



After some time, the Sisters began to visit the villages some miles from Punacancha.



Currently, an MSP Priest celebrates Mass every Sunday which is attended by the whole village.

That same year we went to explore Kircas, a small town about three miles from Punacancha. There are fifteen families living there who asked us to come and teach them the faith, so we agreed to visit them every Tuesday.

For each mission town we serve we organized catechesis, preparation for the sacraments, home visits and other activities throughout the year.

As the years passed, we saw the moral, educational and economic progress of the people of the town. For example, public works were started such as the paving of the Cusco-Punacancha highway and the installation of electricity for each home in the town. We Sisters were glad of these

improvements because they allowed us to stock up on perishable supplies.

Currently, with the help of God, we continue to carry out the mission with the new generation of children, young people, and adults. We serve 20 children, 25 families and 8 grandparents without close relatives. The people of the place and nearby towns participate in the Sunday Masses celebrated by the Missionary Servants of the Poor priests. Daily Eucharistic Adoration continues at night.

In the missions of Ccochapata and Kircas, catechism and the teaching of classes continue, as well as with the holy Mass periodically celebrated by the local priest.

CHRONICLE OF THE MISSIONARY SISTER SERVANTS OF THE POOR

SISTERS AT THE MOTHER HOUSE IN CUZCO

The Missionary Sister Servants of the Poor in Cuzco continue to care for our sick and orphaned children from the Saint Teresa de Jesus Home. During these months we are holding spiritual days with different groups (students from our Saint Maria Goretti school; workers from our care centers, both at school and at the Home; groups of lay people; and relatives of the Sisters). The purpose of these spiritual days is to provide the appropriate environment free from the daily “whirlwind” to dedicate oneself

to spiritual well-being, meditation and training in moral values, as well as to promote fraternal charity.

In these last three months, the missionary Sisters have been carrying out missions in different towns in the Cordillera. One of these is Colca, in the district of Cotabambas, one of the first missions in the high Cordillera where Father Giovanni began to work as a missionary alongside his Augustinian brothers.

*Corpus Christi
procession with
the Sisters and the
children of the Saint
Teresa of Jesus Home
in Cuzco, Peru.*





Children and adults prepared by the Sisters receive Baptism and First Communion at the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home in Cuzco, Peru.

We are very happy to tell you that at this year's missionary camp we have girls of seven different nationalities who are helping with the care of our children at the Home and participating with our Sisters in missions to different towns in the mountains.

Sisters Veronika, Yanet, and Milagros have introduced the work of Missionary Childhood in the Pilgrim Christ parish, in the district of San Sebastian in Cuzco. They work with children who do not belong to any specific program of

preparation for a sacrament of Christian initiation. The purpose of the Pontifical Society of Missionary Childhood is to educate children in the Christian faith, train them as authentic missionaries, and teach them to evangelize. That is why they, together with the Sisters, carry out missions to different remote towns where the priest does not have enough resources to evangelize. This helps children not only grow spiritually, but also become agents of spiritual and social change in the future.

SISTERS IN PUNACANCHA

This year, the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Poor celebrate 25 years in Punacancha. To celebrate this anniversary, enthusiastic preparations were made with the local people.

At the Divine Mercy Care Center, the Sisters care for about thirteen children who come in the afternoons and we help them with their schoolwork, tutoring them in the subjects that are most difficult for them such as mathematics and communication. Our children have these and other difficulties because often, when they return home, their parents are out working their fields or grazing their animals, and, even when at home, they don't know the subjects their children are being taught.

On Saturdays, about 23 children, both boys and girls, attend the Oratory (some of whom are from the Saint Maria Goretti school). There, more time is given to catechesis and prayer. Once a week we

also teach religion classes to the children in the small primary school. On Sundays, after Holy Mass, we also have a small formative meeting with the parents to increase and consolidate their faith as Catholics.

The Punacancha mission also includes the two other nearby towns of Kirkas and Ccochapata.

On Mondays we go to the mission of Ccochapata where with God's blessing we have Holy Mass celebrated by the local priest, and then we do catechesis for the different groups of children and adults. We also visit families from neighboring sectors of Anyarate and Araycalla.

We have returned to serving the Kirkas mission on Tuesdays (which is an hour's walk away). We begin our work very early in the morning at 6:00. We then visit the families and at 8:00 we start classes at the little school.

MSP Sisters with a group of children from the village of Punacancha.



SISTERS IN RUMICHACA

The Saint Gemma Galgani community of our MSP Sisters in Rumichaca (District of Urubamba), welcomes our sick children and also the healthy ones for short periods, being a suitable place to enjoy recreation, walks and annual vacations. The Rumichaca house is also a Retreat House for the all MSP Sisters and is coordinated with the Mother House of Cuzco.

The Sisters of this community carry out a busy apostolate. They prepare children and young people for the sacraments of Christian initiation at the Oratory of Saint Dominic Savio and Saint Philomena. They also make home visits throughout the area, especially to the families of the children of the Oratory. Since March, the Sisters have brought on their visits the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima to bless one of the houses in Rumichaca each week where she is welcomed and remains for seven days. On Tuesdays, the Sisters teach religion



lessons to the entire primary level at the public school in the Ayllu Pampa sector, collaborating in the activities of the Saint Peter the Apostle parish of Urubamba. And, finally, every second Sunday of the month they prepare what is necessary for the celebration of the Holy Mass in the Christ of the Ascension chapel in Rumichaca.



MSP Sisters carrying out their mission in the Saint Dominic Savio Oratory and the school of Ayllu Pampa, and Rumichaca in Cuzco, Peru.

SISTERS IN CUSIBAMBA

During this period, the MSP Sisters of the Cusibamba community have welcomed ten girls to the Saint Imelda student residence and continue to teach religion classes at the town's primary school as well as teach catechism to prepare the students for the reception of the sacraments. We also continue to make home visits in our missions of Ccorca, Totora and Huallay, in addition to Cusibamba.

At the Guardian Angels Care Center, the Sisters currently serve twenty girls who come in the afternoons to receive help with their schoolwork and tutoring in the subjects they find difficult, preparation for First Communion and Confirmation, and daily lunch. On Saturdays we staff the Oratory frequented by thirty children, to whom we also provide lunch as well as

a large bread roll for them to take home in the afternoon. This bread is sent to us from our Mother House in Cuzco and our children are very grateful for it.

It is important for us to see the material as well as the spiritual side of the situation of the children we welcome. We have learned that their difficulty in learning often begins with the material deficiencies they suffer.

We always invite the people of Cusibamba to participate in daily Eucharistic Adoration and on Sundays in Holy Mass. Parents come with great joy and try to arrive on time. Thus we see hearts that present themselves before Jesus in the Eucharist, recognizing His real presence in the consecrated host, adoring Him and expressing gratitude for His sacrifice on the Cross.

The MSP Sisters and elementary school children have a procession of the Virgin Mary in May through the streets of Cusibamba.



SISTERS IN LIMA

This year, three new Sisters have joined our Child Jesus community in Lima, called there to assume new responsibilities: Sr. María Sara has become the Superior, and Srs. Maria Katherine and Maria Jesus have come to study theology at the Faculty of Pontifical and Civil Theology of Lima. Srs. Maria del Pilar and Maria Rosa Pilar begin their pre-professional internships in a senior center where they will continue until July. They have already started their classes at the university. Later, Sr. Maria Benedicta will join as a member of our community now made up of seven Sisters.

Our community serves children from the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home in Cuzco who require special medical care. We

are currently taking care of two-year-old Rodrigo and one-and-a-half-year-old Gian Marco with joy and dedication.

The first week of this month our little Rodrigo was hospitalized for severe anemia and received a transfusion of two units of blood. He came home after a week. This little boy is a living testimony of joy in suffering. At his young age he suffers from many health complications (Prune-Belly syndrome, along with kidney conditions, and hearing loss), which is why he has to undergo frequent medical examinations and procedures that, along with quite a few restrictions in his diet, cause him a lot of discomfort. But even so, he is a happy child, very active, intelligent and observant.



MSP Sisters with the two children living with them in Lima because of their illnesses.

MSP Sisters praying to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in Lima, Peru.



The other little angel, Gian Marco, arrived at our house in Lima on March 17 from the Saint Teresa of Jesus Home in Cuzco, also for health reasons, and is currently undergoing medical evaluations, so there is no final diagnosis yet. For us Sisters, the life testimony of these children is a gift from God from whom we learn new lessons every day.

For this year we have planned to start an apostolate in the neighborhood of our home once a week for people who wish to pray with us and learn about the Catholic faith and our charism. We will pray the holy Rosary, offer catechesis and a reflection on the Word of God, and some spiritual days.

SISTERS IN ILO

We have the joy of welcoming thirty children of both sexes who are doing their catechumenate to receive Baptism in July and will thus become new children of God. They will then prepare to receive First Communion and Confirmation. We see the enthusiasm of these children for wanting to be true disciples and faithful followers of Jesus and we thank Divine

Providence for sending them to us so that we can prepare them with great care and cultivate in them the seed of faith. Little by little they can give themselves to God in a surrender of service taking the step towards one day becoming catechists themselves.



MSP Sisters in the mission of Ilo, Peru.

Every Saturday we continue with the Oratory. In recent months, the number of children coming from the Saint Elizabeth and other schools has increased. We continue to visit families in our mission areas trying to bring the Word of God especially to those who do not have the means to get to church, most of whom are elderly.

We are carrying out a half-day spiritual day with all the children of the parishes of Ilo where the Divine Child Jesus has

many devotees. The central theme of this day is “The Divine Child Jesus teaches me to love with a pure heart.” All children can actively participate in prayer, reflection, and games.

Likewise, we are on the way to building a space to teach catechism for the children of Boca del Sapo because at the moment we are doing it in our chapel. We also continue to build the fence around the land destined for the development of our apostolate in the settlement 24 de Octubre.

SISTERS IN GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO

By the grace of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe community in Guadalajara continues to carry out the various types of apostolates entrusted to us by the parish priest of the place. Visits continue in the different subdivisions of the assigned area to the elderly, the sick, and to families who need spiritual support. Also, the talks for fifteen-year-old girls continue as does catechism for the First Communicants at the Mater Dei School and attention to the Saint María Goretti and Saint Dominic Savio Oratories with their respective activities.

Our Saint María Goretti Oratory is attended by girls from 4 years old and up. The youngest group (4 to 6 years old) is the largest. The other two groups are the 7 to 11-year-olds, and the oldest ones are 12 years and older. Every Saturday we have Eucharistic Adoration in which the girls participate in groups, entering the chapel with the Sister in charge of their respective group. They sing, reflect in silence, and make spiritual communions.



MSP Sisters at the oratory for teenage girls in Guadalajara, Mexico



MSP Sisters helping in the parishes of Guadalajara, Mexico.

When we resumed the Oratory after the pandemic, the girls were more restless in the chapel and could not be calm for even five minutes, especially the little ones. With the passage of time, the situation has improved. Now the girls enter the chapel with reverence, remain silent, and sing. We have observed that, in these moments of silence, the girls talk to Jesus, some with more fervor than others. The important thing is that little by little they are learning how to converse with Jesus from a young age, which will help and sustain them in the future. For us it is a great joy to know that our girls are getting closer to God little by little. Some have even committed to serving as altar servers in the parish, showing that the Lord is doing His work in their hearts. Let's hope that this little seed develops and bears fruit.

This is what the experience of Yohana, a 12-year-old girl who frequents our Oratory, makes us hope for. She lives with her father and her older sister Valeria. Her mother abandoned them when she was 6 years old, and although she does not communicate regularly with her daughters, she occasionally sends them money. These two sisters are almost always alone since their father has to work outside the home, leaving them do their chores alone. Valeria is more liberal than Yohana but she is a respectful young woman. Yohana, for her part, when she enters our chapel to pray, is one of the most fervent girls. On one occasion we asked her about her relationship with Jesus and she told us that for her Jesus is a friend who is always with her and with whom she has friendly talks.

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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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.

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SERVANT OF GOD FELICE TANTARDINI

(1898-1991)

“The Blacksmith of God”



Fr. Paolo Giandinoto, msp (Italian)

Brother Felix Tantardini was born on June 28, 1898 in Introbio in Lombardy, Italy. He was the sixth of eight children. As a child he studied until the third year of primary school and then began to work as a blacksmith. At the age of 13 he lost his father. His mother permeated his life and his heart, especially by giving him a good Christian education.

In 1917 he was drafted into the First World War. Taken prisoner by the Austro-Hungarians, along with some companions, he managed to escape and returned home in 1919. He felt attracted to the mission, and, in 1921, joined the Foreign Missions Institute of Milan (now Pontifical Institute of Foreign Missions - PIME) as a consecrated lay missionary. In 1922 he was sent to Burma (now Myanmar), where he remained until his death, returning to Italy only once in 1956.

He performed all types of work: blacksmith, carpenter, farmer, nurse, catechist, sacristan, master builder. He built everything: churches, schools, rectories, hospitals, seminaries, orphanages, convents. He was a man full of virtues with an "eternal smile" on his lips; ingenious, obedient, tireless, tenacious, faithful, totally dedicated to his work, always with a hammer in his hand, a pipe in his mouth and a rosary on his belt. He was always at the service of those who needed it, with a candor and

purity typical of a child. He was known to all as "**God's blacksmith.**"

He had proposed to make his name the ideal of his life "to strive to always be happy and to make others happy too." He was small in stature, but with a huge heart. Everyone appreciated him very much, but he remained humble and shy, always putting himself in the background.

Soon the places where he worked were affected by the consequences of World War II. Once the war was over, he had to rebuild the beautiful buildings that he had just built with so many sacrifices.

During his 70 years of mission work, he always remained faithful to his life of prayer. This consisted of an hour of meditation in the morning, Holy Mass and a long thanksgiving, three Rosaries a day, the Way of the Cross on Fridays, almost weekly confession, and Eucharistic Adoration at night after a long day of work. Exhausted by countless trips and jobs, without losing his good humor, he accepted the limitations of his age, dedicating himself to prayer.

He died in Taunggy, Myanmar at the age of 93, on March 23, 1991. In 2019, Pope Francis proclaimed him Servant of God. His was an extraordinary life that leaves us amazed! We want to imitate his simplicity of life, purity of heart, and great zeal for the salvation of souls and service to the poorest and most needy.

In Praise of Contemplatives

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.



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

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Date

Signature

S.O.S. to young people



*Christ lives and loves you infinitely.
And his love for you is not conditioned
by your falls or your mistakes.
He, who gave his life for you, does not wait for
you to reach perfection before loving you.
Look at his open arms on the cross and
“let yourself be saved again and again.*

(Message of the Holy Father Francis to Young People
on the 5th Anniversary of the Post-Synodal Apostolic
Exhortation *Christus Vivit*. March 25, 2024.)

*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.*

CHRONICLE OF THE MISSIONARY SERVANTS OF THE POOR PRIESTS AND BROTHERS

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Technical-Professional Workshop (CETPRO)

As many of you are aware, our Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Technical Center has four specialties: commercial baking, utilitarian ceramic design, manufacturing of artisanal wood products, and cooking.

We currently have 35 students who have graduated from one of these different programs. On June 21, we celebrated Saint Aloysius Gonzaga for the 15 years of operation of CETPRO, years that have been a process that has improved with the passing of time, seeing us set aside some specialties such as guitar making, shoe making, etc. The agriculture workshop has been suspended with the hope of reopening it next year to continue training our students in this field which is so important for the development of Peru.

On the day of our anniversary, we started very early with Holy Mass in which both students and teachers participated. Then we headed to the beautiful Pomacanchi lagoon, 66 miles from Cuzco, where we spent a very pleasant day and enjoyed the food prepared by our cooking workshop students. In addition, all the students participated in the numerous games organized for the occasion.

On this anniversary, we had a visit from the families of our teachers at CETPRO, so that they could see the place where their husbands and fathers work. At the end of the very pleasant visit, a delicious lunch was shared, highlighting the great unity in the family of each of the teachers, as well as in the great family of the Missionary Servants of the Poor.



The CETPRO teachers share their knowledge of their different specialties with their students at the City of Boys in Andahuaylillas, Peru.



The young men of the CETPRO working in their respective specialties at the City of Boys in Andahuayllillas, Peru

SAINT ALOYSIUS GONZAGA VOCATIONAL CENTER

This year, at the Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Vocational Center, we started with three young men, two of whom had already started their training process last year, while the third has just started this year. Their names are Ricardo, Alberto and Siwar.

During the Easter Triduum, these young men participated in the various missions that had been organized in the different towns where the priests of the Movement usually go. This was a completely enriching experience for the boys, since in it they were able to see up close the painful reality of many of our poor brothers in the high Cordillera.

In March, school classes began, as usual. Our young people usually put a lot of effort into their studies and this has been reflected in their grades throughout the year. Apart from their scholastic studies, they receive a deeper spiritual formation, as well as special training on the charism and life of the Missionary Servants of the Poor.

At the end of April and beginning of May, we experienced two earthquakes very close to each other, both measuring 5 on the Richter scale. This caused damage to the house and forced the boys to be moved to another location for a month. We ask you to commend them to God in your prayers.



The families of the young men in vocational training visit their sons and participate in Holy Mass at the City of Boys in Andahuaylillas, Peru.

SAINT TARCISIUS HOME

During this year we have received several children and adolescents who come from very serious situations of family neglect, being victims of family violence or labor trafficking, etc.

Throughout the year, children receive catechesis in preparation for the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). They also receive music instruction, particularly in piano and guitar.

In March they resumed their usual classes. For many of them, studying is difficult since they come from environments in which they are not made to study and therefore they are somewhat behind in school.

We thank God for allowing us to care for and save so many children who suffer in such situations. We ask for your prayers for them and for perseverance for all the Missionary Servants of the Poor.



The boys of the Saint Tarcisius Home are currently living elsewhere since the earthquakes of April and May caused damaged to their home at the City of Boys in Andahuaylillas, Peru.

SAINTS FRANCISCO AND JACINTA MARTO SCHOOL

In our Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto School we had many activities over the last few months. It all began with the celebration of Holy Mass on February 26 as thanksgiving for this new school year. After the Mass, we processed with the Virgin Mary with all the students participating.

After the start of classes, many of our children were given school supplies (notebooks, pencils, etc.) so that they could study with the appropriate materials.

In March we had a visit from the first-year primary students of the Saint Maria Goretti School. It was a meeting of prayer and learning. The first-year primary school students of our Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto School organized the

meeting activities under the guidance of their respective tutors and with the help of the psychologists from both schools.

At the beginning of April, we held our “Parent School” to train the parents of our children. After the celebration of the Holy Mass with everyone in attendance, some games were organized between parents and children to increase dialogue and mutual trust. Next, each course with its respective tutor reflected on the importance of the presence of parents in the lives of their children, with special concerns for their studies and their progress in the workshops, etc. Everything was well organized and we achieved our goal of showing that children, regardless of their age, need their parents close to them to feel loved.



The high school students of the Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto School attend Mass every First Friday at the chapel in the City of Boys in Andahuaylillas, Cuzco, Peru.



*Students from the
Saints Francisco and
Jacinta Marto School
in the City of Boys in
Andahuaylillas, Peru.*



In May, the month of the Virgin Mary, upon returning from the holidays, we began classes with the blessing of the statues of the Virgin that will accompany the students of each grade in their homes. To receive the Virgin in the best way, each student prepared at home and with the help of their families a small altar before which they could pray together with their loved ones and offer flowers to our Mother in Heaven. Many of our children sent us photos of their little altars made in their respective homes.

We also had our “Memorial Day” where three teachers usually present an educational and religious topic. This time it was the Eucharistic miracle of Eten, which occurred in 1649 in that old town in the Department of Lambayeque on the Pacific coast about 465 miles north of Lima. All the children were astonished

that such an amazing miracle had happened in Peru.

On May 13, the day we remember Our Lady of Fatima, we celebrated the feast of our Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto School. Everyone, teachers and students, attended the Holy Mass in honor of the Virgin Mary of Fatima and then participated in the procession from the church to the school, praying the rosary and singing. During the day, many recreational and other activities were also organized to express gratitude for all the good received. For example, a delegation of students went to thank the collaborators of the City of Boys for their dedication at work, thanks to which the students have food, workshops, and well-equipped places for their full educational development.



In the month of May, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the students from our Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto School learn to venerate and love her from a young age.

Also in the month of May, many parents came to do the so-called “Thanksgiving to God,” for which they worked collecting and shelling corn from our farmland.

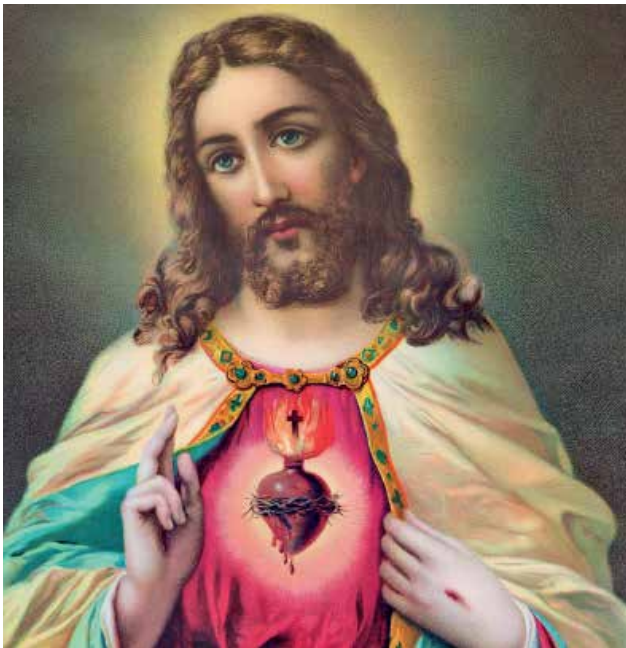
Another important day was the celebration of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 2, with participation in the Holy Mass in the Nuestra Señora de los Dolores parish, the parish that welcomes us every Sunday for the Holy Mass in the city of Cuzco. A procession was made with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of the city demonstrating the faith that exists in the people of Cuzco.

In the month of June, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, all the families of our boys and young men were invited to consecrate themselves to the Sacred

Heart of Jesus which they all did on the First Friday of the month.

During the month of August, dedicated to family, all activities revolved around this ideal. We had training sessions with our teachers and also with our boys' families. We invited our missionary couples to give testimony about holiness in marriage and in the family. Additionally, some families came from the city of Cuzco to share their experience as a family.

In September, the promotion of our Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto School, made up of eight students and accompanied by their teacher and by Father Agustín, the Director, went on a promotional trip to the city of Arequipa, better known as “the White City,” and also made an excursion to its Misti volcano.



This image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus visited the families of our students in the month of June.

Holy Mary Mother of the Poor House of Formation (Ajofrin, Toledo, Spain)



Arise from the ground, because we are made for Heaven. Rise from your sorrows to look up. Stand up to say "Here I am!" to the Lord, who believes in us.

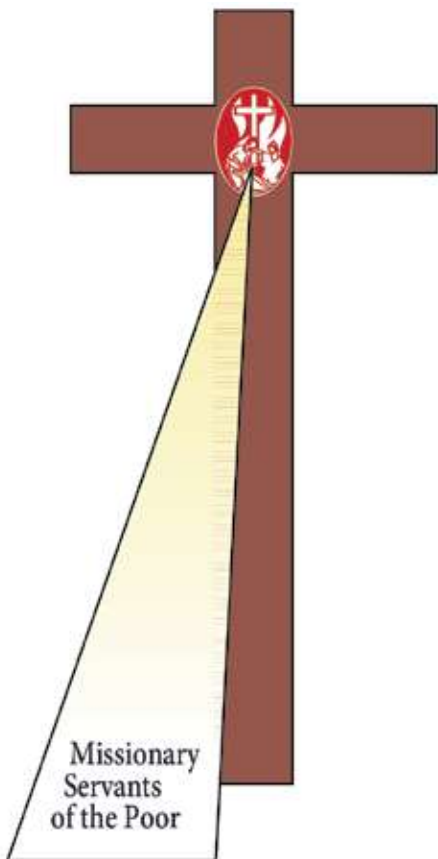
(Speech of the Holy Father Francis at the Meeting with Young People. Venice. April 28, 2024.)

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"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!



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They aim to deepen and spread our charism, working for the conversion of each and every one of our members, through the organisation of periodic gatherings. These members are considered ASSOCIATES.

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