



Misioneros Siervos de los Pobres

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Dear Friends,

Laudetur Iesus Christus.

With this first Sunday of December we enter the busy period of Advent. I take this opportunity to send you this letter with the most heartfelt wishes for a fruitful period of preparation for the Birth of the Child Jesus.

We are rapidly approaching the conclusion of 2024 which has offered

us the grace to be able to continue serving the poorest. We cannot fail to thank God for this great gift which allows us to perceive His presence in all of our brothers and sisters wounded by the circumstances of poverty, the worst of which is the lack of knowledge of God, not knowing themselves to be the Father's beloved children.

This year has given us the gift of canonical approval of the consecrated male and female branches of our community, thanks to the decrees granted by the Archbishop of Cuzco, Monsignor Richard Daniel Alarcón Urrutia. We are now recognized in the Church as two Public Associations of the Faithful, the “(male) Missionary Servants of the Poor” and the “(female) Missionary Servants of the Poor.” These are now canonical realities *in itinere*, that is, they are on the way to being recognized at a later date as Religious Institutes of Pontifical Right.

This is an important stage in our journey which has undoubtedly brought joy to our dear Father Giovanni in Heaven as well. It is a maternal gesture from the Church through which she assures us that she recognizes herself in the charism of the Missionary Servants of the Poor and encourages us to live it obediently in order to reach Heaven, indicating this path to the many poor, friends, and benefactors who providentially accompany us.

The Missionary Servants of the Poor are, in fact, a Movement on a journey. Thanks to many of you, it is a journey that is enriched day after day with new horizons and experiences. It is a journey marked by silent service to many poor and abandoned children who knock on the door of our homes where they receive food, education, shelter, and all the care necessary for a balanced growth in a family environment. Some of these children have serious and chronic illnesses. The presence of these sick children in the home of our MSP Sisters transforms the home itself into a second tabernacle in which we may contemplate Jesus Himself Who suffers, but at the same time it becomes a school, teaching us the mysterious value of suffering.

On this path, Divine Providence allows us to open the doors of our free schools every day to hundreds of boys at the Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto School and to girls at the Saint María Goretti school, all of them born into families of extreme poverty, who find, free of charge, all the necessary means for a quality intellectual and professional education that will later enable them to launch themselves with solid tools into the world of work.

From our mother houses, the path is diversified by the creativity that missionary audacity inspires. We have a permanent presence in many towns in the Andean mountain range,

accompanying many communities on a fraternal journey of faith and human development. Our missionary priests are miraculous witnesses of faith in the Cuban diocese of Cienfuegos where an intense work of evangelization is taking shape in the reconstruction of the church of Cumanayagua. We are serving tirelessly in the outskirts of the cities of Ilo, in southern Peru, and Guadalajara, in Jalisco, Mexico, where our Sisters enthusiastically support the journey of many poor families. Our missionary couples are dynamic in helping to evangelize various towns, in addition to the many work commitments they carry out in our homes and schools.

I could go on listing the paths that the Missionary Servants of the Poor are following. However, I think it is important to recognize that all this is only possible thanks to your presence, your support, your silent generosity that is transformed every day into bread, food, school supplies, support for different projects and, above all, makes you protagonists of this wonderful story of charity that the Lord is building in our hearts. He is building bridges between you benefactors who support the initiatives and the poor who generously reward you with their daily prayers interceding for all your intentions and for all your families, asking Holy Mary, Mother of the Poor, to extend her maternal mantle and care for you as her true children.

As we approach the celebration of Christmas, we ask the Child Jesus to allow us to continue our walk through the coming year 2025, kneeling every day before the poor that Providence brings to us. But we would like to count on your fraternal support. We never tire of inviting you to visit us to thank God together for the miracles that He performs daily.

Please also be a voice for the poorest by spreading our charism among people you know, among young people, and among all those whom you consider to be especially sensitive to the sufferings of the poorest. Many of the young vocations we receive are precisely the fruit of an apparently simple "word of mouth" that the Lord used in order to touch the generous hearts of young people who feel called to transform their lives into bread broken for those most in need.

We wish you a peaceful period of preparation for the Christmas holidays and a 2025 filled with gifts from the Holy Spirit.

On behalf of the entire family of the Missionary Servants of the Poor,
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In Christo cum Maria,



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