

HOSPITALITY MISSION WEEK

ONE IN CHRIST



UNITED IN THE MISSION

—2026—

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On 18 October, we will celebrate the 100th World Mission Day and, as we do every year, we will prepare for this important occasion by dedicating a week to reflection and prayer for the Church's mission.

Established by Pope Pius XI, the World Mission Sunday represents a special occasion on which the whole Church unites in prayer for the missionaries and for the fruitfulness of their service and apostolic work.

As Pope Leo recalled: 'I have seen with my own eyes how the faith, prayer and generosity shown on this Day can transform entire communities'.

"ONE IN CHRIST, UNITED IN MISSION"

The theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' reminds us how the unity of the Church springs, above all, from communion with Christ. This unity is at the service of the mission, so that 'the world may believe'.

In this mission, sisters and brothers, we are called to do our bit: 'no baptised person is a stranger to the mission'. As the message reminds us, 'if unity is the condition of the mission, love is its essence'.

The mission, therefore, does not consist merely in conveying a message, but in proclaiming and making tangible God's faithful love, manifested in Jesus Christ. As members of the Hospitaller Order, our way of evangelising is through our lives and witness, prayer, closeness to others and service, particularly to the sick and those in need, and above all to the poorest and vulnerable.



ONE HOSPITALITY, ONE MISSION

The **Hospitaller Order of St John of God** and the **Congregation of the Hospitaller Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** are two religious families born of the same spirit of **hospitality**, called to continue the mission of Jesus in the service of the sick, the vulnerable and those in need.

The **Hospitaller Order of St John of God**, founded in Granada in the 16th century, has extended its mission to all five continents. Today it is present in 55 countries, carrying out its work in the health, social and pastoral fields, alongside Brothers, staff and volunteers.

The **Congregation of the Hospitaller Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, founded in 1881 by Saint Benedict Menni, venerable María Josefa Recio and María Angustias Giménez, also carries out its mission across different continents, particularly in the service of people with mental illness and those in vulnerable situations.

HOSPITALITY THAT UNITES US

Beyond our individual stories and journeys, **Hospitality** is the bond that unites us. It is a way of seeing, welcoming, accompanying and serving every person, recognising their dignity and, especially in those who suffer, the **face of Christ**.

Two hospitable families, one shared desire: to make the merciful love of Jesus present where it is most needed.



A PRAYER TO WALK TOGETHER

Throughout this **Mission Week**, we wish to be guided by a shared **prayer**.

A prayer to help us walk together, to renew our missionary calling and to remember that, from our different places and vocations, we are united in one **and the same mission**: to make **Christ's love** present.

Holy Father, grant that
we may be one in Christ,
rooted in his love that unites and renews.
Grant that all members of the Church may be
united in the mission, open to the Holy Spirit, and
courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel,
proclaiming and embodying each day
your faithful love for every creature.
Bless the missionaries, support them in their
efforts, and keep them steadfast in hope.
Mary, Queen of the Missions, accompany our work of
evangelisation in every corner of the earth;
make us instruments of peace and
grant that the whole world may recognise in
Christ the Light that saves.
Amen.



MONDAY 12 OCTOBER

**THE MISSION BEGINS WITH
AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST**

Being a Christian is not primarily about practices or ideas; it is a life in union with Christ, in which we share in his filial relationship with the Father in the Holy Spirit.

This union gives rise to mutual communion among believers and is the source of all missionary fruitfulness.

**MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
FOR THE 100TH WORLD MISSION DAY**

«Remain in me, and I in you.

Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it remains in the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.»

(John 15,4)

GOSPEL QUOTE





THE TESTIMONY OF *SISTER MERCEDES*

Looking back, I recall my experiences in **Colombia, India, Arroyomolinos** and **Timor-Leste**, and I realise that mission has never been merely a place to work, but a continuous encounter with **God's love**.

In **Colombia**, I learnt that evangelisation begins with listening, sharing life and drawing close to people.

In **India**, cultural and religious diversity taught me to live out my mission with humility, respect and openness, discovering Christ in every person, especially in those who suffer the most.

In **Arroyomolinos**, I realised that the mission is also lived out in everyday life, through simple self-giving, through listening and through caring for each person.

And in **Timor-Leste**, I have experienced with particular intensity that serving as Christ did means accompanying others, staying close to them and never abandoning those who most need our support. Meeting people with mental illness and their families has taught me that every gesture of welcome, every word and every small act of service can make God's love present.

I have also discovered that mission not only transforms those we accompany; it **transforms us** too.

Today I give thanks to God for every person and every community that has been part of **my journey**.

As a Sister of the **Hospitality**, I wish to continue making **Hospitality** a **living Gospel**, wherever the Lord sends me.

Because, ultimately, serving as Christ did means allowing Him to **love through us**.



TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER

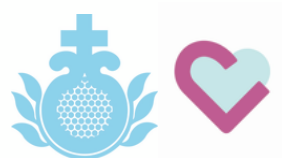
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COMMUNION GIVES RISE TO MISSION

This union gives rise to mutual communion among believers and is the source of all missionary fruitfulness. Indeed, just as Saint John Paul II taught, “communion represents both the source and the fruit of mission” (Apostolic Exhortation Christifideles Laici, 32)

❧ **MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV**
FOR THE 100TH WORLD MISSION DAY ❧

*‘I am the vine, you are the branches; whoever remains in me and I in him bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing.’
(John 15:5)*

❧ **GOSPEL QUOTE** ❧



THE TESTIMONY OF BROTHER CYRILLE

The sense of community we experience here in our town of **Tanguiéta**, together with our **colleagues**, is evident in the atmosphere that prevails amongst us and in the mutual respect we show one another. It is through the mutual support we offer one another that we are able to come together to achieve a common objective, a shared goal: **to care for our patients** and to **proclaim the Gospel** of the compassionate Christ to them, thereby upholding their human dignity. And in doing so, this sense of community nourishes and sustains our mission here in our town.



WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

**WE ARE ALL
MISSIONARY DISCIPLES**

*No baptized person is exempt from
or indifferent to mission: everyone,
each according to their own vocation
and condition of life, participates in
the great work that Christ has
entrusted to his Church.*

❧ **MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
FOR THE 100TH WORLD MISSION DAY** ❧

*«Go into all the world and preach the
Gospel to every creature.»
(Mark 16,15)*

❧ **GOSPEL QUOTE** ❧





THE TESTIMONY OF MR LUIS JAMARILLO, COWORKER

Practising medicine for nearly 36 years has been a continuous journey of learning; However, my entry into the field of mental health completely transformed my outlook and my professional practice. This field confronted me with a **painful reality**: the neglect and marginalisation to which society often condemns people with mental illness.

As a **lay member and missionary** of our congregation, I have made hospitality my **daily guiding principle**.

Throughout this time, I have witnessed how treating people with deep humanity and dignity has the power to change patients' lives. This empathy does not stem solely from science, but from my own home. God blessed us with a daughter who, now aged 35, has developmental difficulties and is entirely dependent on the care provided by our whole family.

Experiencing this vulnerability together at home has been the true school of love that has transformed my work. This experience has enabled me to hold in my heart, mind and profession an absolute respect, affection and empathy for every patient, thus uniting my **medical vocation** and **my faith** in a **single calling**.



THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER

HOSPITALITY WITHOUT BORDERS

If unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. The Good News that we are sent to proclaim to the world is not an abstract ideal.

The mission of the disciples and the Church as a whole is to continue the mission of Christ in the Holy Spirit: a mission born of love, lived in love, and leading to love.

**MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
FOR THE 100TH WORLD MISSION DAY**

*«As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.»
(Jn 20,21)*

GOSPEL QUOTE





THE TESTIMONY OF BROTHER HENRY

On this very special day during Mission Week, the Pope invites us to celebrate under the theme 'United in Christ, united in mission'. As a Brother of St John of God, my close encounter with each person helps me to recognise that the deepest meaning of my vocation stems from unity, and that our true essence is, quite simply, love.

The Good News, which we proclaim in every act of Service has a specific face: the face of the person who is suffering. That is why hospitality goes beyond mere welcome and the heart, to become a self-giving of the heart that restores human dignity. It is about transforming pain and suffering into experiences of love.



FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

SERVING LIKE CHRIST

the Apostles then went out to evangelize for Christ (cf. 2 Cor 5:14). In the same way, throughout the centuries, multitudes of Christians – martyrs, confessors and missionaries – have given their lives to make this divine love known to the world. Thus, guided by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love, the Church's evangelizing mission will continue until the end of time.

**MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
FOR THE 100TH WORLD MISSION DAY**

'I have set you an example, so that you may do as I have done for you.'
(John 13, 15)

GOSPEL QUOTE





THE TESTIMONY OF SISTER JOSEFINA

Only the love of Jesus leads us to our mission and enables us to embody the Gospel of mercy wherever we are sent. In the Philippines, I was deeply moved by my experience with the sick in the psychiatric ward of Cebu Hospital. There I had a very powerful experience of God's **love and compassion**, and a sense of mission as Hospitalaria: I experienced true miracles of mercy and a unique sense of vocational joy. Even amidst the difficulties, there was **great joy** among us, and our hospitality was enriched as we walked alongside **ordinary people**.

In India, I spent many years and experienced so much of life; my heart continues to overflow with **hope and gratitude**. It has been a deeply cherished experience to have met and lived with the first sisters there, and to have shared in the lives of all the sisters from whom I learnt so much. I am immensely grateful to them for their joy, their courage, and for believing in and trusting us. Jesus is at the heart of every missionary life, and as I look back on the places I have been, I feel that it is He – His faithful and unconditional love – who has sustained me my fragility and my desire to reciprocate his love and live out the **gift of the mission**.



SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

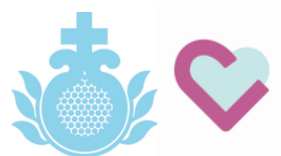
WALKING TOGETHER

Filled with admiration for men and women missionaries, I make a special appeal to the whole Church to join them in the mission of evangelization through the witness of our lives in Christ, through prayer and through our contributions to the missions.....let us all commit to contributing to the great mission of evangelization – which is always a work of love – according to our own vocation and the gifts we have received.

❧ **MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV**
FOR THE 100TH WORLD MISSION DAY ❧

*«Let each one put the gift they have received at the service of others, as good stewards of God's manifold grace»
(1 Pet 4,10)*

❧ **GOSPEL QUOTE** ❧



THE TESTIMONY OF BROTHER AROCKIA

My vocation as a Brother of St John of God consists in following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who showed us mercy and compassion. In the same way, St John of God taught us to practise charity and to be missionaries amongst the sick, the poor, the needy and all those who lack something.

THE TESTIMONY OF SISTER ISABEL

Today I realise that we can be missionaries anywhere. That 'far away' place I used to dream of has become a desire to be ever closer to God and to my brothers and sisters, bearing witness to the merciful love of Jesus, especially amongst those who need it most.



SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER

**THE MISSION CONTINUES AND
DIVINE HOPE FOR THE WORLD**

Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion.

I renew my heartfelt gratitude for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world

**MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV
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*«See, I am doing something new; it
is already springing up,
do you not see it?»
(Isaiah 43,19)*

GOSPEL QUOTE



TOGETHER ON THE MISSION

**May the mission not
only transform those we
accompany: also transforms us**

**It is through the mutual
support we offer one another**

**I embraced Hospitality
as my daily guiding
principle**

**Every person helps me to
recognise that the deepest
meaning of my vocation
stems from unity**

**Even in the midst of
difficulties, there was so
much joy among us**

