

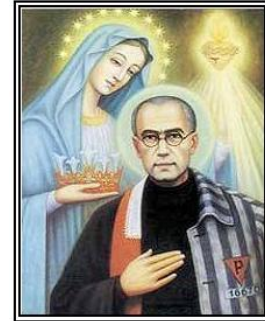
### Chapter III THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Principal Agent of Mission

Dear MI Members and Friends,

Let us continue our reflection on Blessed John Paul's encyclical, *Mission of the Redeemer*. Chapter III is titled, The Holy Spirit, The Principal Agent of Mission. He is the Agent Who sees to the accomplishment of the work of salvation *in the human spirit and in the history of the world*. Christ entrusted the work of salvation *to human beings: to the apostles and to the Church* but the Holy Spirit is the inspiration, the light, the Agent of grace.

Following the resurrection, Christ gave the missionary mandate to the apostles. This mandate has two main elements in the four gospels: 1) the universality, sent to all nations (Mt 28:19; Mk 16:15; Lk 24:47), 2) and the assurance from the Lord that the presence and power of the Spirit will always be with them. In this liturgical time we read and reflect on the spread of the faith (Acts 10), the first confrontations and the resolutions of the issues (Acts 15), and the discernment of where to evangelize in the world (Acts 16:6...). The Holy Spirit is the protagonist.

Each evangelist has different emphases for the mission entrusted to him. Mark presents mission as **proclamation** in imitation of Peter: "You are the Christ" (Mk 8:29). Matthew emphasizes the **foundation of the Church and her teachings** (cf. Mt 28:19-20; 16:18). Luke



proclaims the need to **witness** (cf. Lk 24:48; Acts 1:8) centered especially on the liberation from sin, and conversion to God's love and mercy. John speaks of the **mandate**, linking the mission which Christ received from the Father to the mission He is entrusting to his beloved apostles (Jn 20:21). *The ultimate purpose of mission is to enable people to share in the communion which exists between the Father and the Son.*

Blessed John Paul points out that from this pluralism of emphases of the one and same mission we must pay heed to the variety of missionary charisms and to the diversity of circumstances and peoples. *Mission, then is based not on human abilities but on the power of the risen Lord*. We can often get caught up in our human structures, our ways of interpreting and seeing something. The Spirit is not bound by our pettiness. He is God. "He does not ration his gift of the Spirit" (Jn 3:34).

We should read the Acts of the Apostles thoughtfully relishing, the birth and spread of the Church. In the Acts we witness the universality of the message. *It is the Spirit who is the source of the drive to press on, not only geographically but also beyond the frontiers of race and religion. Reading the Act of the Apostles helps us to realize that at the beginning of the Church the mission ad gentes, while it had missionaries dedicated "for life" by a special vocation, was in fact considered the normal*

### MI Monthly Intention

*That the Holy Spirit may guide the Church to be an authentic witness of Christ in the world.*

**MI TEEN SUMMER PROGRAMS:**

13-17 years old

Check out programs at <http://www.miyouth.org/California>Girls – July 17th -22nd;  
Boys – July 24th - 28th  
Kamp Kuper, Escondido

Teens have been coming to these summer formation programs for over 20 years. It's a time of fun, prayer, formation and friendship. Consider sending your teen.

**Need Young Adult (18 and older) Leaders.**Contact Jill at [jillianfkmi@gmail.com](mailto:jillianfkmi@gmail.com)*Can you donate a scholarship for a needy Teen?***BLOG: CHECK IT OUT!...Follow us...**

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The universal activity of the Spirit is not to be separated from his particular activity within the body of Christ, which

is the Church. It is the Spirit in the Church, impelling her to proclaim the name of Christ and his salvific work. It is the Spirit who moves the hearts and minds of all people throughout the world and time.

***Every form of the Spirit's presence is to be welcomed with respect and******gratitude.*** The Holy Father states that we are obliged to believe that the Holy Spirit offers everyone the possibility of sharing in the Paschal Mystery in a manner known to God.

*The Mother of God is the most perfect of all creatures; she is immaculate, full of grace, all beautiful. From her God receives the highest glory a creature can possibly give him. So perfect is she, so closely bound to the Holy Spirit, that we can call her his spouse.*

*St Maximilian Kolbe, June 20, 1937*

I'd like to relate two incidents that manifest this work of the Spirit. My mother goes daily to Eucharistic adoration in our parish. She loves to

meet the adorers. In a recent dialogue with a young man she sees there, she asked him what inspired him to come. He said his mother. She frequently came to adoration. He then said Our Lord told him to come pray there. In an afterthought he told her, "I'm not Catholic. I'm Protestant". I attended an inter-religious discussion on Mary. A Protestant pastor said that he goes almost weekly to Sunday Mass in the local Catholic Church. And jokingly he added, "Probably more than many Catholics."

As we join in prayer with our beloved Pope Benedict XVI and all the Church for the coming of the Holy Spirit, anew, at Pentecost, we ask that He hover the earth with His light and transforming grace to renew the hearts of all mankind. May we through our total consecration to the Immaculata, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, be open to His workings and presence, becoming ever more fruitful missionaries throughout the world of God's loving and redeeming message of life eternal.

Ann O'Donnell

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[fkmissionaries@gmail.com](mailto:fkmissionaries@gmail.com)**Reflection and Activities**

- **In preparation for Pentecost** spend some extra time reflecting on the daily readings noting the working of the Holy Spirit in the spread of the Church.
- **How can you help others be aware** of the many solemnities of June: the Ascension, Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, the Nativity of St John the Baptist, the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Sts Peter and Paul?
- As you prepare to enter into the summer mode make a **resolution to be attentive to the workings of the Holy Spirit** in your life and in the world around you. Ask Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, to open your mind and heart to His promptings. A preacher commented that the Holy Spirit is the most abandoned Person of the Trinity.

## MI VILLAGES

### MI FAMILY NEWS:

**Marriages:** May 28 *Roy & Shelly Samson* in Los Angeles; June 24 *Carlos Perez & Sarah Tamayo*, at St Christopher's in West Covina, CA

**Birthday:** Congratulations *Marge Volpe* for your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday May 23<sup>rd</sup>! West Covina, CA. Marge edits the MI Monthly Formation.

**Congratulations** to all our MI Members who have or are graduating this year! May Our Lady guide all your future discernments.

**Sick and Suffering:** *Fr. Patrick McHugh*, long time supporter of the work with the youth in the MI, who lays silently in an acute care hospital in West Covina, CA.

### To the Virgin of Contemplation (novena for Pentecost June 3- 11)

O Virgin of contemplation, when I meditate on your Magnificat, the most complete and inspired prayer of the Old and New Testament, I thank you, O Mother. I thank you for your attitude of listening and prayer and for your silent recollection.

You were always attentive to God. You were always discreetly present among your brothers and sisters, careful not to interfere in the work of our Lord in their lives. Grant that all Christians May learn to imitate your attitude, beginning at this very moment.

Teach us to live fruitfully every moment of grace. Guide us to be like you, attentive to the action of the Holy Spirit. May your presence enlighten and lead us to do always God's will. Amen.

Fr. Luigi Faccenda, OFM Conv

### GLENDALE, AZ

#### **MI Women's Village**

We meet once a month on Thursday to pray the rosary and share.  
Mary Barr 623-842-3676

### SCOTTSDALE, AZ

#### **Ville de Marie Academy**

17 students, from the upper grades, and principal, made their total consecration on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

They were prepared by Remi and Alma Ruiz who teach at the school and have been faithful promoters of the MI for many years.

### BALDWIN PARK, CA

#### **MI Family Village**

St. John the Baptist Parish Hall  
On summer break.  
Rik & Judith Hernandez 626-967-0440  
or Joe & Edith Venegas 909-627-0327

### ESCONDIDO, CA

Joe & Sue O'Donnell 760-745-0935

**MI Teens** Had great meeting at the O'Ds where engineer Joe O'D had the kids design something as a team under a tight time limit. Sue gave three presentations on the total consecration to her son's class for May. As she gave them each a miraculous medal she told them it was a tool to be kept close and used with great frequency.

#### **June 3-5 MI Annual Family Camping**

William Hesse County Camping Ground, Julian, CA.

### HESPERIA, CA

#### **MI Adult Village** Last Friday

10-11:30 AM  
Don & Joanne Panicko 760-244-7048

### MODESTO, CA

modestomi@aol.com  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1813 Oakdale Road, John Paul II Center  
**MI Family Village** John & Melissa Souza 209-531-8126  
June 25, Team Leadership Dinner Meeting. John and I invited 4 couples to consider becoming part of a planning and organizing team. We are praying

and searching for a facilitator couple for the MI with hopefully a two year commitment. There is desire and discussion from existing MI'ers about how we might reach out to parents of young children and invite them to MI. This will be the topic for our Leadership Meeting and we hope to receive volunteer help in creating a real "Team of Couples" who can take over the reins of the Family Village.

**June 10-12<sup>th</sup> MI Women's Retreat** in English and Spanish led by FKMI Ann & Anna

**MI Adult Prayer Village** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat after 8:00 AM Mass Suzanne Flint 209-521-8299

### RIVERSIDE, CA

**Holy Family MI Village** 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday, 8:33 PM  
Thomas & Mari Avalos 951-313-3980

### SAN BERNARDINO, CA

#### **Holy Cross MI Village**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the Month, The Coffee Bean, 7:03 PM, 3712 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA  
Fred Solorio sonofppio@yahoo.com

### SANTA CLARITA, CA

#### **MI Teens Village** Fri. May 13<sup>th</sup>

About 20 gathered for their village with FKMI, Jillian, in May. I hope to have a total consecration for the Teens in June or early July

#### **Women's Rosary**

Janet Cooke 661-296-5834

### WALNUT, CA

#### **MI Adult Village** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

of the month, 10-11:30 AM  
Carmen Denning 909-595-1366  
We have a Pilgrim Virgin we bring into homes.

### WEST COVINA, CA

#### **MI Adult Village FKM Center**

We had the annual Marian Celebration for all the family. We celebrated the beatification of John Paul II, participated in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a rosary procession with little girls strewing flower petals before Our Lady. For each decade we learned about a Marian apparition (Fatima, Lourdes, Guadalupe, Akita and Kiebh). We concluded with the coro-

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nation of Mary and singing Marian hymns before the main statue in front of the FKM Center. Cars crept by slowly to see what this crowd was doing.

**MI Teen Girls** gathered for the last time this year. We prayed the rosary, watched a movie, ate pizza and cake, played games and renewed our consecration.

**MI Adult Village**

Alice O'Donnell 626-338-1724  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 10:30-12 PM Eight women gathered to share our love for the newly Blessed John Paul II and how he influenced our lives. We had a May crowning with hymns to Our Mother followed by a luncheon.

**KANSAS CITY, MO**

**Ave Maria Village**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

Christine Rossi

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**WEST HAVEN, UTAH**

St. Mary's Catholic Church

www.stmarysutah.org

**MI Families of the Immaculata Village**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 12:30-2:00 PM

The Masek Family 801-898-3821

May gathering on Mothers' Day: we passed out pink carnations and miraculous medals to parishioners after Mass. We began our study of the book, *A Man for Others*, and gave our annual donation of miraculous medals to the Diocesan Catholic School office.

**FR. KOLBE MISSIONARIES CALENDAR FOR JUNE**

- 2 Eucharistic Adoration, 6-10PM**
- 4 Missionaries and Volunteers annual apostolic evaluation 1:30-5PM**
- 6&7 Preparation for total consecration in Spanish, 7-8:30 PM**
- 8 Rite of total consecration during MI Spanish Village 9:30-1 PM**
- 10-12 *An Authentic Catholic Woman, MI Women's Retreat* in Northern, CA Ann O'Donnell-English, Anna Brizzi-Spanish**
- 18 Yard Sale, Fundraising celebration for World Youth Day**
- 19 Happy Father's Day**

*Have you ever thought of doing a fundraiser for the missionary efforts of the Church? Contact us.*