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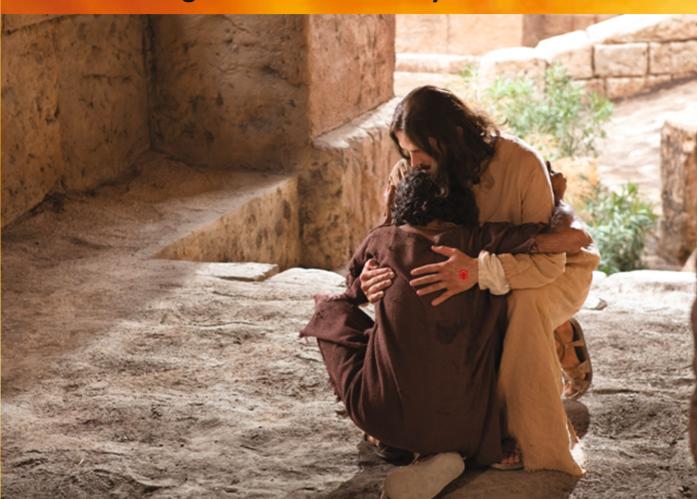
priestly and religious life, as well as others engaged in the pastoral ministry of the Church.

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#### FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

#### Called to show mercy towards all

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

It is for more than 50 years that the Pontifical Mission Organisation has been publishing two magazines, viz., PROCLAIM for the general faithful and CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN for Christian children in particular. Due to the steep increase in the cost of the newsprint and the postage, we feel it proper to publish only one magazine --- with the title PROCLAIM which includes a specific section for children. It will be a magazine catering to the strengthening of the faith and promoting the zeal for missions among all the faithful.



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We are now in the sacred season of Lent in the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Mercy towards all is expected of us in all circumstances – in good times and in bad. A sinner is also hopeful of mercy from the Father. While all of us are expected to be merciful like the heavenly Father, mercy towards a sinner can inspire them to come to understand that what they have done is wrong. Thus mercy to a sinner can

precede or follow in the context of repentance.

This may lead the sinner to repent of their sins like in the case of Levi or Zacchaeus. Also, it could be showing mercy to the sinner when they are repentant like the blind beggar-"Lord have mercy on me a sinner" or like the prodigal son who comes back and asks for mercy. While mercy is a charitable act for the one who shows mercy, it is also a promotive, curative and preventive remedy for the sinner. It cures us from sin and also helps us not to sin again. Mercy shown immeasurably consoles the person and psychologically and spiritually the person is happy and peaceful. Mercy shown brings the person back on the right track and enables them to turn to God and move ahead towards God.

Knowing this fully well disposes us favourably towards showing mercy and also receiving mercy for our failures and weaknesses. We shall repent of our sins and partake in the gift of mercy from our fellow brothers and sisters and from God the Father. The mercy of the Father and of our neighbours helps us to mend our ways, in particular during the Lenten Season and, in general, throughout the year. Let us also extend the generosity of mercy to others enabling them to mend their ways and come back to God. Thus the whole humanity turns to God as a result of the 'Movement of Mercy'.

May the Risen Lord on the Easter night see all his children believing in his gracious presence and experience the redeeming love that he shows to all who believe. The encounter with the Risen Lord may impel us to make a 180-degree and transform us into his sheep belonging to his sheepfold.

Fr Faustine L Lobo

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