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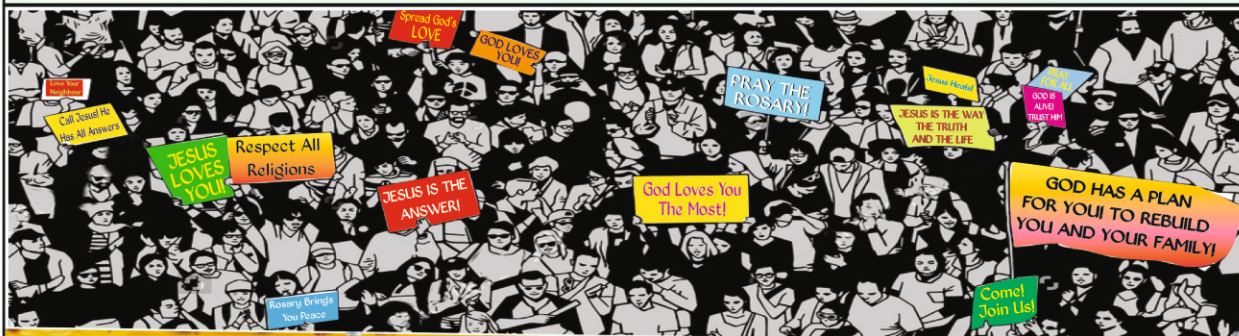
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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

"Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters." - Hebrews 2:11

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“ Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap ” – Luke 6:38



**This is my
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to help PROCLAIM
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We are Missionary Disciples

All the baptized, whatever their position or function in the Church, are evangelizers. By virtue of baptism, all the members of the people of God have become missionary disciples (Mt 28:19). Therefore, evangelization is not the specialized task of those who are professionally qualified and set apart for evangelization. Those few 'Missionaries' have taken upon themselves to dedicate themselves more fully for the mission. That does not mean that the other followers of the Lord are exempted from this responsibility. Others cannot believe that the responsibility is thrust upon a few and that they can rest.



The one who has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus is a 'disciple'. The disciple of Christ has a message of God's love – the Good News. This Good News that he/she has experienced needs to be shared. Hence, the Disciple is a 'missionary'. Hence, the people of God are not 'disciples' and 'missionaries' but rather are always '*Missionary Disciples*' – Disciple who is always in the mission of the Good News.

A look at the first disciples will make this fact amply clear to us. The Disciples on the way to Emmaus felt real urgency to come back to Jerusalem by night to give the Good News of encountering the Lord to other apostles even though they were tired by the journey. Saul becomes Paul and says, "I will proclaim the Good News in good times and bad times." He gives a list of persecutions he has undergone. Still he says he will continue to spread the news because that is a tremendous experience to him. The first disciples immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus proclaim him joyfully, "We have found the Messiah!" (Jn 1:41).

So my dear friends we cannot say that we are disciples of Jesus but not missionaries. The Disciple of Jesus is by nature missionary. The Vatican II Document 'AD GENTES' No. 2 says, "The Pilgrim Church is missionary by her very nature." Church is constituted by its members. The nature of the church is because of the nature of the members. Hence, the statement applies to every believer. We can therefore say, "Every Christian is a missionary by his/her very nature." That is why a disciple is a missionary.

The Church itself is 'Missionary Disciple'. The Church is always on mission. It has to look yonder and go beyond the frontiers. The Church goes forth as a community to bring people to the Good News so that all are saved in the name of Jesus, the Saviour. The Church as Missionary Disciple is an evangelizing community, a community that is constantly communicating the Good News in its life and by words.

Evangelization consists mostly of patience and disregard for constraints of time –we lose personal time. The evangelizing community waits for the fruits patiently and perseveres with the spread of the message. God blesses the efforts of missionaries to bear fruit. The disciple is to proclaim and leave it to God to do the rest. Bringing in internal transformation is not the responsibility of the disciples – God does it.

In the Apostolic Letter 'Evangelii Gaudium' Pope Francis says, "Those who are truly disciples will be missionary disciples, characterized by the joy of the faith." The evangelizers, he says, "Must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral" (No.10) or "Whose lives seem like Lent without Easter (No. 6) but rather, must be those who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet" (No. 14).

So, what are we waiting for?! Allow the Lord to send his spirit within you to give the experience of the joy of encountering the Risen Lord so that we are enabled and inspired to go and proclaim the Good News to all.

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