

FIRST HOSPITALLER-MISSION WEEK
Hospitaller Order of St John of God
15 – 21 October 2007

THE DOMUND THEME

Happy are Those Who Believe

THE POPE'S MESSAGE:

All the Churches for All the World

THE ORDER'S THEME:

Hospitality: Annunciation and Cooperation

PRESENTATION

With the Celebration of this week of prayer and joint reflection, with our Co-workers and our guests wherever possible, we wish to call to mind with gratitude all the missionaries, Brothers, Sisters and Co-workers, who leave their homes in order to pass on the Good News of the Gospel, particularly by practising and being Hospitality for others. We want them to sense our gratitude, which is now being transformed into deeds, remembrance and prayer.

We wish to revive the spirit of St John of God and of the early Brothers who left their homes to seek out needy people wherever they were, even far from their own lands. They become Hospitality Travellers.

There are also missionaries who have been invited to work to share the faith: **HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE**, to improve their environment, quality of life, and make **HOSPITALITY** into **DE-NUNCIATION AND COOPERATION**.

One way of handing on the Good News of the Gospel is through Cooperation and Solidarity, helping to ensure that we all have the same opportunities; those of us who live in the more highly industrialised countries, by seeking them out and helping to provide funding for them, to improve the services that are being offered; in short, to improve their quality of life, while those who receive become its multipliers and witnesses to this faith, which means commitment: **ALL THE CHURCHES FOR ALL THE WORLD**.

May this Week be an opportunity for us to meet with our Co-workers and to help them to feel part of a more universal family which spreads out much far beyond the confines of their Hospital, their Religious Province, and even their country. **ALL THE CHURCHES FOR ALL THE WORLD**.

TOOLS

The purpose of this guide is to help us in our prayers during this Hospitaller Missionary Week, and to draw our attention to other situations that are close to us but which, for one reason or another, we may feel to be distant, for which we must also invite those who are nearest and dearest to us.

The **tools** that we can use are the Church's Documents on Mission and Development, such as the encyclicals, "Populorum Progressio", and "Fidei Donum". The PMAs in each country also have materials. Then there are the Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

What are the Development Goals? Since they were laid down in 2000 the Millennium Development Goals have become a universal framework for development, a means through which the poor countries and their development partners can evaluate their capacity to work jointly in the pursuit of important goals in a number of vital areas. The Millennium Declaration set 2015 as the deadline date for the achievement of most of the MDG, and now that we are approximately at the half way point between the date of the Declaration and that deadline date we would like to draw close to these goals in our prayers during this Missionary Week.

This is obviously a proposal, a helping hand, even though every Provincial Coordinator can use it or other resources, etc. Some Provinces or groups of Provinces in the Order have long been working already in this area, and have other means and traditions, and are therefore moving ahead.

What is important is to become familiar with the situations in the Order and in the Church where our Brothers and Co-Workers are serving, so that **we can gradually narrow the gap**.

PSALTER WEEK 4

MORNING PRAYER/VESPERS

Monday 15th: GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS,

* Mt 28, 19-20.

* Jn 10, 10

* John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio 31

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Aim: By 2015 to reduce by half the proportion of people living on less than one U.S. dollar a day.

Aim: Between 1990 and 2015 to reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.

Tuesday 16th: GO AND TELL JOHN ... THE POOR HAVE GOOD NEWS

* Lk . 7, 22

Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education

Aim: By 2015, to ensure that all boys and girls in the world complete a full course of primary schooling.

Wednesday 17th: HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE

* Mt 5,10

* Fidei Donum, 2

Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women

Aim: to eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015.

Thursday 18th: "GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH"

Goal 4: Reduce the mortality rate among children under five

Aim: Between 1990 and 2015 to reduce the mortality rate among children under five by two thirds.

* Acts 1, 8

MORNING PRAYER/VESPERS

Friday 19th: GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE SENT THE SON INTO THE WORLD THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM

* Jn 3, 16-17

* Rom 8, 32

Goal 5: Improve maternal health

Aim: Between 1990 and 2015 to reduce by three quarters the maternal mortality ratio.

Saturday 20th: MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE INTO THE HILL COUNTRY

* Lk 39, 56

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases

Aim: By 2015 to halt and begin to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS.

By 2015 to halt and begin to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.

MORNING PRAYER

**SUNDAY 21st: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
THEY HAD EVERYTHING IN COMMON**

* Acts 4, 32

* Eph 1, 4-12

Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

Aim: by 2015 to reduce by half the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation

Aim: by 2020 to achieve significant improvement in lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers.

VESPERS

SUNDAY 21ST: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME THEY HAD EVERYTHING IN COMMON

* Jn 3,17

Goal 8: Develop a Global Partnership for Development

Aim: To address the special needs of the less developed, and landlocked and small island developing States.

Aim: In cooperation with the developing countries, to develop, draft and implement strategies to provide decent and productive work for youth.

"Therefore, as has often been said,
missionary commitment remains the first service that the Church owes to humanity today to guide and evangelize the cultural, social and ethical transformations; to offer Christ's salvation to the people of our time in so many parts of the world who are humiliated and oppressed by endemic poverty, violence and the systematic denial of human rights."

H.H. Benedict XVI
World Mission Day

Mission means departing

Mission means departing,
Walking, leaving everything,
Reaching out, destroying the certainty of egoism
Which encloses us in our own ego.

It means ceasing to go round in circles,
Revolving around ourselves
as if we were the centre
of the world and life.

It means not getting bogged down
in the problems of this little world
to which we belong:
Humanity is much greater.
Mission always means leaving,
but not devouring the miles.

Above all, it means opening up to others
As brothers, discovering them
And meeting them.

And if we have to travel across the seas
To discover them and love them
And fly through the heavens,
Mission means going out
To the ends of the earth

Don Helder Câmara

PRAYER:

O Lord

Your voice is resonating in our ears:

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few"

"Go therefore and make disciples...

baptizing them... teaching them"

"I am with you always, to the close of the age..."

We trust your word,

we open our hearts to your missionary message

and ask you with the strength of the faith we have received:

May DOMUND Day

be a "new Pentecost of love",

may our communities

be missionary and resist the temptation

to become inward-looking,

and may the nascent churches in the mission

co-operate with others in greater need

and give of their poverty;

may the young, the sick and consecrated people

share the missionary commitment,

and may those who are called with a missionary vocation

respond to it generously,

and all baptised Christians play their part

in the Church's missionary work

responsibly taking on your missionary remit.

We pray this with Mary, the Queen of the Missions.

Amen

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