



**NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES
CATHOLIC MISSION
MONTREAL, CANADA
20 October 2013
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C**



On this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time the Church invites us to reflect on the power of persevering prayer. Faith can move mountains, but prayer can move the heart of God. But for prayer to produce such a wonderful effect, it must be rooted in humble faith, that is, in the sincere conviction that we are in God's hands and that He loves us immensely, in spite of our unworthiness. If we have this proper disposition of heart, we will avoid the two aberrations of wanting to impose our will on God, or of giving up praying if our requests are not granted immediately. Our prayer must always be patterned after that of Jesus and end with the petition: "May your will, not mine, be done!"

As we observe "World Mission Sunday," we are invited to remember with much admiration and love our brothers and sisters in Christ who have left their homelands to be the heralds of the Gospel of Christ and witness to his love in the foreign missions. They should be our heroes. We should show our solidarity toward them, not only with our donations, but also with our prayer for all their needs and intentions.



The Status of Our Missions

We have to admit it: the situation is not rosy. Two thousand years after Christ commissioned his apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations, three-fourths of mankind are still to be evangelized. This simply means that some four billion people today have not yet been made aware of the message of love and hope brought by Christ and, therefore, they lack the indispensable motivations and means to live as his disciples.

Nor is the situation getting any better as the percentage of Christians becomes lower with the increase of the world population. When one compares such a trend with the tremendous growth of Christianity during the first three centuries of its history, one begins to wonder whether something has not gone wrong in the fulfillment of the Church's evangelizing task. Indeed, several factors have contributed to the undeniable setback of the Church's missionary effort.

One is the fact that the work of evangelization has for too long a time been considered the exclusive responsibility of bishops, priests, and nuns. In most cases the other "committed" members of the believing community limited their participation to occasional prayers and some financial support. For their part, the "nominal Christians" could not have cared less about the missions and all that they stand for For centuries the task of evangelization was shouldered by a tiny "missionary elite," rather than by a "missionary Church."

But something worse than this kept happening: many so-called "Christians" and "Catholics," with their un-Christian behavior, actually destroyed what the few missionaries were bravely trying to build. The behavior of these Catholics (who were often large groups, and even entire "Catholic" nations) was a terrible counter-witness to the evangelical ideals of faith, honesty, purity and love preached by the missionaries. Nothing has done more harm to the missionary cause than the bad example of so many "Christians." Thanks to them, the devil has been having a "grand time."

Such a situation has to change. With the Vatican II Decree "Ad Gentes," the Church has forcefully restated that the missions are the responsibility of all its members (see AG, 6) and not just of a few

enthusiasts. In the same document, but especially in Paul VI's "Evangelii Nuntiandi," the point is made that the witnessing of the whole community of believers is an indispensable factor in the work of evangelization. (See AG, 11-12 and EN, 41.46.)

In conclusion, the Gospel has to be proclaimed not only by the missionaries, but by all Christians. And it has to be proclaimed not simply in words, but also in deeds. The Gospel has to be witnessed to. The sublime truths it contains have to be *proven* by a behavior that mirrors God's love for all and shows that a selfless *love of neighbor* is not an "impossible dream," but an attainable reality which can change the face of the earth.

Mankind is in dire need of such a "change." It needs to see the prophecy of Isaiah come true – that "great nations will beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks" (Is 2:4). This is a tremendous miracle that the Gospel proclaimed and, witnessed to by the whole Church, can accomplish. Then will the many non-Christian nations say: "Let us climb the Lord's mountain, . . . that He may instruct us in His ways, and we may walk in His paths" (Is 2:3).

WORD AND LIFE PUBLICATIONS

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS
FOR OCTOBER 2013**

*** People in Despair.** *That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it may sense the nearness of God's love.*

***World Mission Day.** *That the celebration of **World Mission Day** may help all Christians realize that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's word.*



*I lift my eyes towards
the mountains;
whence shall help
come to me?
My help is from the
Lord, who made
heaven and earth.
-Psalm 121:1-2*





World Mission Sunday

Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world takes part in World Mission Sunday in a global effort to bring spiritual and material help to our brothers and sisters who are thirsting for the hope and love that comes through knowing Jesus. Your

kindness will help all missionaries across the world and the new Churches to grow strong and vibrant! Please contribute generously to the second collection today; the money will go directly to those most in need! *Thank You.*



Are you an adult thinking more deeply about God? About faith? About things that last?

Are you an adult thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Are you an adult who considers yourself

Catholic but has never been baptized? Or been confirmed? Or celebrated First Communion? If so, call Sister Celia at 514- 387 5292 for more information..or to find out about the RCIA process.

What every Catholic should know

ABOUT

EVANGELIZATION

BIBLE DISCOVERY

CALLING ADULTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE FAITH !!!

Every Sunday @ 9:30 a.m., @ the Church Hall. The Evangelization and Bible Discovery Seminars are held in our Mission community.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME !

PLEASE NOTE: In the interest of keeping our sick list current, names will remain on the sick list in the bulletin for a period of one month. After a month, the name will be removed, unless a it is requested that the name be kept on the list. Pls. inform the Bulletin Editor by e-mail (jhnaracena@gmail.com) to add, remove or keep a name on the sick list.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - *Getting the Pieces Right*



A father wanted to read a magazine, but was being pestered by his daughter. To keep her busy, he tore a sheet out of the magazine that had a picture of the world printed on it. He tore the picture into small pieces and said "Here, now go into the other room and see if you can put this picture of the world back together again."

A few minutes went by and the daughter appeared in the room and handed him the picture all correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked her how she was able to fit all those little pieces of the world back together again so quickly. "Oh," she said, "On the other side of the paper was a picture of Jesus and once I got Jesus in the right place, then the world came out alright."

THE MASS OF COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M. ALL SOULS' DAY MASS

ENVELOPES where you can write the names of ALL your beloved dead to be included in the 'Responso' blessing during the Mass are now available at the FCMM OFFICE. Please be reminded that there is a \$20.00 minimum donation per envelope. THANK YOU.



JOIN US next Sunday, October 27 at 11:00 a.m. for the closing of our October Devotion.

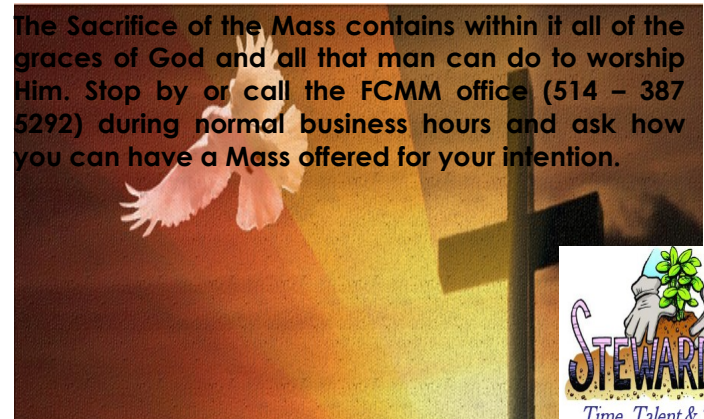
A "LIVING ROSARY" will be held inside the Church.

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MASS INTENTIONS

The Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 - 387 5292) during normal business hours and ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.



upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing to the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we, too, must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

Your Offerings for the week ending October 13, 2013 totaled \$ 1,976. 00



OFFERING



Thank you
for your
continuing
God bless

generosity !

you always!!!

would like to invite you to a LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR. It will be held in the Church Hall of the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal on SATURDAY- November 9 (9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. and SUNDAY - November 10 (9:00-11:00 a.m.). FREE ADMISSION - Food and drinks will be provided. The speaker is Bro. Rogelio 'Jing' Mendoza, Head Counsellor of the Loved Flock Ministries in Manila. He will be joined by a team from the Loved flock Toronto Chapter . Come and join us to learn about and to be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Contact information:

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THE FCMM OFFICE – 514 387-5292.



• We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions of:*

RHEA FOZ, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRAYER GROUP (Pointe Claire Chapter), MARISSA MENESES, GILLIAN PAISLEY MANGUBAT SIGUE, JEANNA NICOLE SAMPANG-VALENCIA, NILO & EDITH VALENZUELA and FAMILY.



• Please join in lifting up to the Lord the special intentions of: CESAR AQUINO, THE

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

• Your prayers are also humbly requested for all the sick and suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially: FR. FRANCISCO ALVAREZ pme, FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, FR. GERARD LOISELLE, pme, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLASTAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ANTONIO FOZ. *May God bring them healing and peace.*

• Remember also all of our deceased relatives and friends, especially: CONSOLACION RUIZ, BERNARD FABRE, RODEO OLAES, ROSALINA BIGCAS, MARCOS BANAWA, JOSE SEGUERRA, NENA TOGONO, SUSAN DEL VALLE, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*



“ but you will receive power when the Holy spirit comes upon you...” Acts 1: 8

TODAY'S THEME IS PERSEVERANCE.
Moses keeping his hands