



April 14, 2023

Dear Friend,

Happy Easter, a time of new life in our Church and, we hope, in ourselves.

What can separate us from the love of God? As Missionaries of the Precious Blood, we believe in the power of the Precious Blood of Jesus to reconcile people who have been pushed aside by society, to bring all people near, to heal wounds, and to bring about a new life in Christ.

Our Congregation is experiencing new life. Last year, the former Cincinnati and Kansas City Provinces joined to become the United States Province. We have a new emblem showing the Precious Blood as a moving force that flows into the chalice and out into the world. As Missionaries, we are on the move, and we ask you to join us in bringing the Good News of God's mercy and compassion to all the world.

There is no lack of work in a world that sometimes feels as if it is in the grip of darkness. Our mission is to carry the light of Christ to people who feel hopeless and far apart:

- Our Missionaries first went to Vietnam in 1996 and there found a place where the Precious Blood of Jesus could offer a pathway toward reconciliation among former adversaries. "Looking at the history of the country, for 4,000 years there was no time that people could say was a truly peaceful time," said Fr. Lac Pham, C.P.P.S., our first Missionary to Vietnam, where we now have a mission. "People were always ravaged, if not in fighting foreign aggression, then in civil war. Similar to the U.S. after its Civil War, up to the present day, some families are still feeling the wounds caused by war, the division of north and south. The message of reconciliation that we Missionaries carry is a great contribution toward healing in that country."



Seminarians, Missionaries and sisters about to enter a St. Gaspar feast day celebration on October 21 at Tan Thanh Church in Vietnam.

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- Missionaries in Latin America are also a bridge that draws people together as God's sons and daughters. In Colombia, Missionaries leave their ministry sites in Bogotá in the Easter season and at Christmas to travel into the jungles of the surrounding countryside, where they preach and preside at Mass. Often, these communities in the countryside were torn apart by past bloody fighting between the government and rebel forces, and many still bear the scars. They need the message of God's healing love and mercy that the Missionaries bring.
- In Lima, Peru, Missionaries at Nuestra Señora de la Luz Parish helped organize a mission of adult and youth volunteers to go into the countryside and celebrate God's abiding love with the people in many small farming villages. The mission trip was a time of great spiritual growth for all.
- Spiritual support offered through the Precious Blood of Jesus is at the core of many of our ministries. At our Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio, our Missionaries offer pilgrims a place of peace and prayer (sorrowfulmothershrine.org). At our Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty, Mo., a banquet of blessings is offered, from private retreats to special prayer services to presentations, both in person and online, for people who are seeking spiritual enrichment (pbrenewalcenter.org).



Missionaries and volunteers from Lima, Peru take time for a selfie during their mission.

Yes, there is no shortage of work for our Missionaries. And we hope there is no shortage of people who are willing to join in our mission of bringing God's reconciling love to the world. Will you join in and support our many ministries? Will you be a part of a new generation that hears and carries a 2,000-year-old message that the Precious Blood of Jesus, shed for all, brings new life to the world?

God's love knows no limits. It flows throughout creation and binds us all together. All we need to do is open our eyes and join our hands. Will you be a part of our mission?

Our Precious Blood family is the foundation of all that we do. We thank God for all who become part of it, and we pray every day that you feel the full measure of the healing, hope-filled power of the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Sincerely in the Blood of Christ,

V. Rev. Jeffrey S. Kirch, C.P.P.S.

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