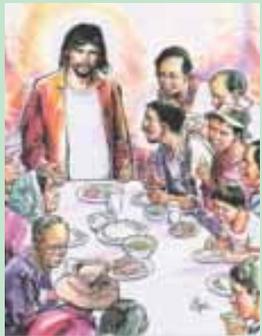




Issue 60 • MSC Mission Office • PO Box 177 Kensington NSW 1465 • PH: (02) 9697 0983 • Fax (02) 9697 0964

† EDITORIAL †

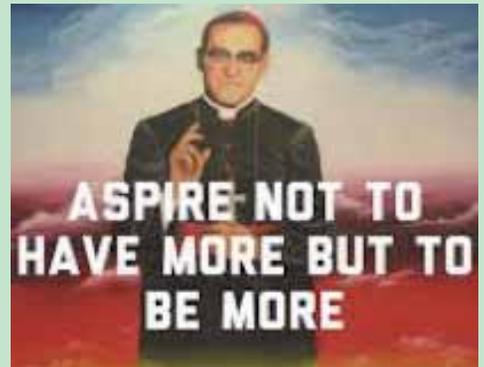
“Archbishop Óscar Romero, was beatified in San Salvador on Saturday, March 23, 2015. He was shot dead while celebrating Mass in the company of his parishioners. During his life he had taken upon himself the bloodshed, pain and violence, suffered by the majority of his people. In 1960 Archbishop Romero wrote, “It is important to note why the Church has been persecuted. Not



any and every priest has been persecuted, not any and every institution has been attacked. That part of the church has been attacked and persecuted that put itself on the side of the people and went to the people’s defense. Here again we find the same key to understanding the persecution of the church – **it is the poor.**

Our longing for Justice must find us sympathetic to the CRY OF THE POOR, by following the example of Jesus. We must form close friendship with the poor. Often the cry of the poor will be an inconvenient call, because it is demanding and persistent. The call may come from anywhere at any time. “When we are generous

in welcoming people and sharing something with them-some food, a place in our homes, our time-not only do we no longer remain poor: we are enriched. I am well aware that when someone needing food knocks at your door, you always find a way of sharing food; as the proverb says, one can always ‘add more water to the beans’! Is it possible to add more water to the beans?...Always?...And you do so with love, demonstrating that true riches consist not in materials things, but in the heart.” - **Pope Francis**



***A Weighty Matter** Many times I’ve driven past culverts where residual water has collected, from rain of days ago. This water is the colour of tea with milk and two sugars, but with the texture, I would guess, of molasses. I often see women filling their 20 litre plastic containers (20 Kgs.) with this foul substance. They then have to carry it back to their homes, perhaps 5 to 10 kilometres away. I’m sure you can guess the human consequences that follow. Will they have enough energy to do*



all the other things that are required of them during the remainder of the day?”



*“Glass ceilings aside, millions of women are prohibited from accomplishing little more than survival. Not because of a lack of ambition, or ability, but because of a lack of safe water and adequate sanitation. Millions of women and children in the developing world spend untold hours daily, collecting water from distant, often polluted sources, then return to their villages carrying their filled 40 pound jerry cans on their backs. It is estimated that women and children spend 140 million hours each day collecting water.” - **WHO 2014***

Sometimes I am asked what MSC stands for. In fact it comes from the Latin, *Missionarii Sacratissimi Cordis*, which in English is Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. We are a group of Priests and Brothers present in 60 countries, and working with Diocesan and other religious congregations and lay groups. It is the love of God which urges us on. And in God’s love, expressed by the symbol of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we are moved with compassion. We pray that through our Newsletter you also may be inspired by the love of God for all people everywhere. **Fr. Adrian Meaney MSC**



The main purpose of Mission Outreach, a newsletter of the Australian Missionaries of the Sacred Heart is to inform the people of Australia about our missionary work in the world today. We will suggest areas where you can assist by your prayers, by your financial support and by becoming lay, religious or priestly missionaries.



Sr. Moira's clinic

I would like to share some of my memories of Sr. Moira Lynch, who recently died. Moira was the founding member of our Mapuordit Mission in Sudan, now South Sudan. She went there in 1995 and I followed the next year. I received the news of Moira's death with a mixture of feelings: sadness at the loss of a friend, joy as she enters her eternal reward, gratitude for the privilege of having lived and worked and prayed and loved with her, just the two of us, for close to seven years in what was then classified as the poorest country in the world. In this war-torn wilderness of displaced people, Moira set up a clinic – a couple of bamboo huts, no doctors or qualified personnel of any kind apart from herself, and a limited supply of medicines – no power, no



running water, no sanitation, no refrigeration; no nothing. Moira told me once the hardest thing for a nurse was to watch people die when you know they shouldn't. Moira did this, but she also did the opposite, she saved lives, many of them – victims of war and disease of all kinds, who would otherwise have died. Moira's clinic is now a hospital, and even though it is twelve years since Moira left Mapuordit (for health reasons), she is as alive there as she was the day she left. People still talk about Moira with awe and reverence, "our living saint" as they used to call her. Moira will never die in Mapuordit, she is a legend there. I thank God for the gift of Moira to South Sudan and I thank Moira for the total gift of herself to the neediest of all people whom she loved without limit. Perhaps some of you, if you are able, may like to make a donation to continue her work in South Sudan which is being carried on by similarly committed Missionaries. God bless you and reward your generosity. **Sr. Mary Batchelor FDNCS**



Sr. Moira Lynch (left) with Sr. Mary

THE DONATIONS CAN BE GIVEN FOR HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WATER PROJECTS. PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE OR BACK PAGE

FOCOLARE GROUP



"The boxes of items we prepared to send in your container have arrived safely in Kiribati. You can imagine the joy of our local community there! The pre-school continues to grow in early childhood skills and spiritual development. They were able to prepare a good group to begin their primary schooling. It is beautiful to hear of the children's dedication (together with their families) to the Word of God. The local priests provide great support. The mothers are active in the few small businesses that they were able to begin with the small grant we had received last year. Marlene, from the Diocese writes that the villagers are growing in new skills acquired, and spiritually. She said the pre-school is one of the best on the Island! Thank-you so much for your support and prayers. I have attached some news - that the cause of the beatification and canonization of Focolare Founder Chiara Lubich has begun. We are very happy and entrust all this to the Holy Spirit. Our continued prayers for your wonderful work." **Mary**

IYONDA, CONGO - NURSING AND PHARMACEUTICAL DISPENSARY



Dispensary

Sr Augustine Mobondo Regional Superior in the DR Congo writes: "In our OLSH community at Iyonda there are five young sisters and two aspirants: two of them have recently finished their nursing training and the other, Sr. Gabrielle, the sister in charge is also a trained nurse, who is responsible for the house and for the nearby dispensary where many sick people are treated. These five sisters look after two dispensaries and in both of them they look after mothers and babies and each has a maternity ward. Also the sisters help the lepers but their resources are very limited and these people cannot pay for anything at all. They require the MSC Mission Office to provide help for the people who are suffering from leprosy. There is no other funding for these people. The sisters provide medical support for them from their own dispensary."

ROSARY BEAD MAKERS



It is surprising how many groups of people are willing to make Rosary Beads for the Missions. Usually they are prayer groups and the Rosary Beads they make are welcomed by Missionaries all over the world. Please remember them in your prayers.



Water for washing clothes

Thank you letter : "I am Sister Madeleine Dione Provincial leader of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Africa. On behalf of Sr. Véronique Amysene, we would like to express our gratitude for having received in June 2014, the sum of \$10,000.00 for a solar pump and the plumbing necessary to connect water from our bore to the health clinic and other centers. We serve the people from Gandigal (Mbour) and neighboring villages. Mbour has a population of over 200,000 people. Thank you for agreeing to fund this important project for our people, especially women coming for delivery and

the patients who come to us from all over the area. We have successfully completed this project to supply water to the clinic and to meet the needs of drinking water and other necessities for the population of the villages. The local contribution helped to cover the remainder. On behalf of the Daughters of Our Lady working in the clinic and of the people who benefit from this water, thank you very much. You have brought relief for this great problem of our water needs in this locality. The Photos will show you the concrete realization of the work. God bless your benefactors". **Sr. Madeleine Dione FDNSC**



Health clinic



Solar pump

PHILIPPINES



Medical Mission



"With your support Medical Missions were conducted in 5 parts of Metro Manila. The purpose of these missions was to provide programs for poor families who cannot afford to go to hospitals and other medical institutions for proper medication. Assisting us in these missions were community health workers, volunteers, religious sisters and a doctor. The photos were taken in Payatas, Quezon City. Thanks and God bless." **James Morga**



VISIT TO INDIA



Unlike my visit to Nauru a small island in the middle of the Pacific, my visit to India was a vastly different experience. India is estimated to have 1.2 billion people, and is a republic consisting of 29 states and 7 territories. It is a complex country with ancient religions, and multiple



Chevalier Academy

cultures. A short visit is a little bit like looking into one window of a castle. As you can see from the map we are mainly in the southern states of Karnataka, Kerala & Tamil Nadu. In January 2015 Sean Donovan (projects manager) and I visited some of our projects in India. My first visit to this amazing country was in 1986, and the first contribution to the welfare of the disadvantaged of India from our MSC Mission Office was in 1990. Since then we



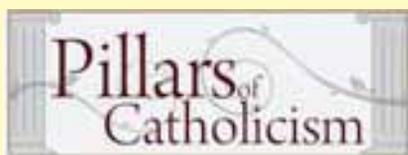
Disadvantaged students

have been able to give approximately \$1,000,000.00 to various projects, especially to youth, provision of clean water, assisting poor families and the formation of lay and religious students. At Dindigul in the state of Tamil Nadu we were able to purchase land and assist with the construction of Chevalier Academy a school for disadvantaged children. Today the school has 380 students, and is in the process of major expansion. Considering that the students come from the homes of poor farmers, this has been a significant achievement, and our Indian MSC confreres deserve our congratulations. At present six of them are teaching in the Academy.



Public toilets funded by MSC Mission Office

DID YOU KNOW?



According to the latest Statistics the Catholic Church throughout the world is responsible for **5,167 hospitals, 17,322 dispensaries, 648 leprosaria's, 15,699 homes for the elderly or the chronically ill and 10,124 orphanages**. It is worth noting that the Vatican has reported that most of its hospitals, dispensaries and orphanages are involved in some way with AIDS-related activities and other recent epidemics.



Hoa Tin, Vietnam

Fr. Michael Hoang Do Doc, is the Provincial of the Missionaries of Faith in Vietnam. Father is asking for assistance for a clean water project for his poor parishioners. His parish of Hoa Tien is 260km from Ho Chi Minh City. It was established in 1990 to assist refugees from Nghe An and Thanh Hoa provinces. These refugees number about 4,500 people, half of whom are Catholics. Their lifestyle is that of the disadvantaged as their crops regularly fail for lack of water. They do not have water even for their daily needs.. The

immediate need is to dig a well, supply a pump and install a water purifying system. This is estimated to cost \$12,000.00. **Can you help?**

TIMOR LESTE: FRANCISCAN SISTERS (FHIC)



"Fr. Adrian and Mr. Donovan, We are very grateful for your immediate response to our request for our Education Project. Our priority is to provide our students with facilities and accommodation in the remote villages of the sub-district of Lolotoe. We do hope that you can continue this assistance for the year 2015. Our students send their gratitude and pray for all your benefactors. I will send all the original bills by post by the end of this month." Yours truly, Sr. Shalini Jose, St. Francis Convent, Lolotoe, Dili-Timor



LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF THE POOR — ADOPT A PROJECT



*Let us help each other together grow as Missionaries in our hearts
Support a seminarian in the mission
Help educate children
Provide health facilities
Become a partner by your prayers
Set forth as a Lay Missionary to do some specific project*



OLSH SISTERS IN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO



Water pump for orphanage

Recently the Sisters wrote to us thanking us for \$10,000 we provided to supply water for their center for abandoned children. This centre was developed in 1999, after two orphaned children, a brother and his sister used to come to the convent of the



OLSH Sisters of DRC

Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart begging for food. Moved by compassion, the Sisters agreed to provide them with food and to cover some of their other basic needs. But at night, the children were unfortunately forced to sleep in the street because the aunt with whom they had lived, died and their uncle refused them shelter saying that they were witches and responsible for the death of their parents, both of whom died of HIV/AIDS. Eventually the OLSH Sisters purchased a house for abandoned children. This has become a center which welcomes children from 4 years old and over... The aim of the center is to accommodate, educate and rehabilitate children from broken homes after successful mediation with relatives or host families. To date hundreds of children have been reintegrated into the host families.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Br. Francis Ulalom MSC

Dear Friends, Best wishes to you all from Papua New Guinea. On behalf of the MSC Community we would like to thank you for the timely financial assistance given to Br. Francis Ulalom to pursue Information and Computer Technology Studies at Don Bosco Technological Institute. This will be his first year in a 4 year Bachelor's program. Br. Francis is a creative young man and his enthusiasm to take up such a professional field is something we very much appreciate. Attached is a receipt for K5,990.00, payment made as tuition for this academic year. Thank you very much and may God continue to enrich you.



CHILDREN ACCUSED OF WITCHCRAFT



Recent reports by United Nations organizations have shown that in sub-Sahara Africa thousands of children suffer abuse because they are accused of witchcraft. Accusations of witchcraft in Africa are a very serious matter as the witch is accused of being the cause of misfortune even sometimes of disease and death. Thus the witch is often the most hated person in their society, and can be subjected to punishment, torture and even death. Child victims of witchcraft suffer physical and psychological abuse from their families and communities. Many of these children are expelled from their homes and end up living on the streets, and are trafficked and in some instances they are killed. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, it is estimated that there are over 25,000 homeless children living on the streets of the capital city, and of these, 60% were expelled from their homes because of allegations of witchcraft.



are expelled from their homes and end up living on the streets, and are trafficked and in some instances they are killed. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, it is estimated that there are over 25,000 homeless children living on the streets of the capital city, and of these, 60% were expelled from their homes because of allegations of witchcraft.

SOUTH SUDAN



Sudanese refugees

Despite the declaration of peace there are over 4 million people who have been affected by the civil war in South Sudan. These displaced people are unwilling to return to their villages because they fear that the warring parties intend to recruit their children as child soldiers. The UN Undersecretary for Humanitarian Affairs has



Sr. Rita Grunke OLSH

launched an appeal for \$ 1.8 billion to feed the starving Sudanese. Sr. Rita Grunke OLSH recently wrote to us: 'We are facing a situation here in South Sudan where we are assisting over 750 internally displaced school students relocating to a place called Mahmet. Three schools have been closed due to severe fighting and tribal clashes. Many of these students have lost family members and the only possible way for them to be educated is to relocate. I am asking for finances to sink a borehole so that we can supply these displaced children with water. This water will also be available for their teachers and other people in the area. Mahmet is a new location with no existing infrastructure. The people have allocated land and will assist with manual labour. We need approximately US\$8,000.'

BR. TED FROM N.T.



Br. Ted Merritt MSC

Br Ted Merritt MSC has just sent his latest list of acquittals for assistance provided to needy people in the Northern Territory. He writes: "Thanks for your continued support. Assistance provided for which details and receipts have been sent include: 1. A woman with three small children who had power disconnected because of arrears. Now on a pre-paid meter and arrears sorted out. 2. A man requiring food for 5 days until the next invalid pension day. 3. Repairs for a student's bicycle to get repairs to go to University. 4. A woman requiring food for herself and her child following an unexpected reduction in her social security income when two children left. Will be able to manage in the future. 5. A second hand refrigerator purchased for a married couple with child. 6. Clothes for a lady who has been in hospital for 2 months and needed warm clothing. 7. Door-lock for a car that was damaged and not covered by insurance. 8. Support for a Grandparent looking after two autistic grandsons aged 22 and 13. The father of the boys is in gaol until August and the lady requires ongoing assistance until then." Note Br. Ted was born in 1928, and has worked in the N.T. for 48 years. He is 60 years a Missionary of the Sacred Heart, and is an honest and tireless worker always ready for good works.

VIETNAM



In Ho Chi Minh City we assist people who are suffering from physical and mental ailments. But it is especially in the rural areas, and among tribal groups that the greatest needs are found. Some suffer from HIV/aids others from leprosy or cerebral diseases. Then there are orphans, and some families have had their lands taken from them. And of course there is the ever present need for clean drinking water.





Devastation of Cyclone Pam

Bishop Jean Bosco Beremes S.M. the Bishop of Port Vila has approximately 50,000 Catholics in his Diocese, along with 28 priests. He comes originally from Bougainville in PNG. But he studied in Fiji for many years and has worked with and knows his people very well. Our MSC Mission Office has recently kept in touch with the Bishop and has pledged approximately \$100,000 to assist with the after-effects of Cyclone Pam.



Bp. Beremes



Water tanks in Rizal

“Recently the Mission Office provided \$9,000 for the purchase of water tanks in Antipolo City, Rizal, to assist a group of people belonging to the Dumagat Remontado Tribe. This ethnic community has settled in remote mountain areas and comprises over a thousand families. Their way of living is primarily dependent on natural resources. The water they use comes directly from nearby streams and rivers to irrigate their fields and to provide their household needs. But in order to satisfy the water requirement of each household they have been using lengths of PVC tubes connected from the stream to their houses. This has proved most unsatisfactory, especially as they have on average 20 typhoons

a year and their systems are often destroyed. Now with the help of our generous benefactors water systems have been provided for 3 communities. These communities are Purok Libis Riverside, Purok Tayabasan and Purok Canumay. Each community has provided the food and labor during the installation of the water tanks. The project officer in-charge has also managed a training seminar on the proper use of the water system.” **James Morga, Director Mission Office Philippines**

PERSECUTIONS OF CHRISTIANS

“Christians are persecuted; our brothers shed blood only because they are Christians. I assure you of my prayer for the victims and their families, and I ask the Lord -- implore the Lord, font of every goodness - for the gift of peace and harmony for the country of Pakistan. Also I pray that this persecution against Christians, that the world tries to hide, will finish and that there may be peace.” **Pope Francis**



BRAZIL WATER CRISIS



The Catholic Bishops in Brazil are very concerned about the increasing number of conflicts resulting from disputes caused by the lack of adequate water supply. They are demanding that their Government release reports regarding the impact of climate change in the Amazon. Last year the highest number of conflicts registered related to water issues. It is estimated that the present “water crisis”, affecting the states of south-eastern Brazil, impacts over 37 million people involved in various conflicts. Despite the lack of specific data, the report shows how the preservation of the Amazon and Cerrado Rivers (the southern area of the Brazilian forest) are essential to the supply of water to the central-south of Brazil.

Agenzia Fides.

PNG MEDIA OFFICE



Fr. Adrian, I write personally to thank you for supporting our MSC Media office in PNG. The publication of the MSC PNG Liturgical Calendar for 2015 was an initiative we have undertaken as a way to unite, encourage and support our people in their Faith journey. The distribution was arranged through various Dioceses in PNG. The people really love the publication and they are asking for more. From the money we have received we will be able to print a larger number next year. Special thanks to all our generous benefactors for making this publication possible. Yours in the Heart of Christ. **Br. Augustine Ulalom MSC**

BEQUEST



Where there is a will, it is joked, there is a relative. But how many families do you know who have come apart by arguing about their parents will? A will wisely worded can be a great means of uniting people, by providing for just causes. Greed and avarice only lead to divisions. Jesus and St. Paul so often warned us about the harm that follows from an inordinate love of money. "Do not keep the destitute waiting for your donations. Do not turn your face from the poor. Do not avert your eyes from the destitute, and do not give anyone an occasion to curse you. To the poor lend your ear, and

return a greeting with a smile'. Book of Sirach 4 vv 1-5

To leave money or some gift to the MSC Mission Office, please ask your legal adviser to add:

MSC Mission Office Incorporated ABN 28 988 744 595

TWO SCHOOLS IN KIRIBATI NEEDING \$320,000 FOR BUILDING WORKS



Students - Chevalier College

Dear Father Adrian, A happy Easter. Many thanks for your email informing us of the arrival soon of Arief Suhadi, an architect to assist with building plans for MSC Schools: Chevalier College on Abemana and Santa Maria College in Tarawa. The schools require a lot of money and proper supervision to see that it is spent properly. Soon I will be leaving for Tonga via Nadi to be present for the First Mass of Thanksgiving of the newly elected Cardinal Mafi of Tonga. Fr. Albert Yelds and the other MSCs will make necessary arrangements



Fr. Tatieru MSC

for accommodation etc. Many thanks for the two containers that have arrived. Marlene, our manager, said they contained books and a lot of furniture and many other things you can think of under the sun. It involved so much work to fill those containers and so many benefactors. We are very grateful for all this, and Marlene is great in distributing the contents to Priests, and people who really need them. To you and your co-workers in providing so much support, our priests and people are most grateful for your kindness. You are in our prayers. **Bishop Paul Mea MSC**

MSC MISSION OFFICE RECENT PROJECTS



| | |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Congo | \$226,650 |
| Dominican Republic | \$20,000 |
| El Salvador | \$15,000 |
| Fiji | \$43,290 |
| Guatemala | \$10,000 |
| India | \$40,700 |
| Kiribati | \$65,000 |
| Marshall Islands | \$8,000 |
| Namibia | \$5,000 |
| Nauru | \$317,900 |
| Nepal | \$4,000 |
| Pakistan | \$10,000 |
| Philippines | \$147,100 |
| PNG | \$366,050 |
| Senegal | \$10,000 |
| Serbia | \$14,000 |
| Solomon Islands | \$25,000 |
| South Africa | \$84,000 |
| South Sudan | \$52,500 |
| Timor Leste | \$31,600 |
| Zimbabwe | \$6,000 |
| Grand Total | \$1,689,690 |





Make a difference

DO YOU REQUIRE A TAX DONATION?

We can offer Tax Deduction receipts for:

1. Clean Water Projects
2. Disadvantaged Youth
3. Health Projects (HIV/AIDS, Malaria Leprosy)



Donations can also be made through: www.australia.MSCMission.org *
www.facebook.com/MSCMissionOffice * www.youtube.com/user/mscmisionau *
www.twitter.com/MSCMission

We are happy to receive donations for the formation of Priests and religious and Mass Offerings. These are NOT Tax Deductible.

Please post coupon below to:



Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

MSC Mission Office PO Box 177 Kensington NSW 1465 Australia
Email: mscmisio@acon.com.au Office: (02) 9697-0983 Fax: (02) 9697-0984

Note: We acknowledge ALL correspondence, and always send RECEIPTS.

We appreciate your consideration in fully completing the donation coupon with your donation.



I wish to support:

- | | | |
|--|----|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Water Projects | OR | <input type="checkbox"/> HIV/AIDS Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Programs | OR | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminarians (not tax deductible) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Most Urgent (domestic/overseas) | | |

- I wish to claim a tax deduction
- I wish to remember MSC Missions in my Will
- I am considering offering my time and talents for the Missions



Enclosed is my Gift: (cheque, money order) \$25 \$50 \$100 OTHER \$ _____

Or please debit my credit card: Visa Mastercard Amex

Cardholder's signature: _____ **Card Expiry:** ____ / ____

- Monthly gift Quarterly gift Yearly gift Donation

Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr/Fr/Sr/Br: _____

Address: _____ Post code: _____

Email: _____ Ph: _____ Fax: _____