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† EDITORIAL †

WASTE NOT - WANT NOT!

“The culture of waste can produce a mentality that infects everyone. Human life, the person is no longer perceived as a primary value to be respected and protected, especially if the poor or disabled are no longer needed – such as the unborn child or the elderly. This culture of waste has made us insensitive even to the waste and disposal of food, which is even more despicable when all over the world, unfortunately, many individuals and families are suffering from hunger and malnutrition. Once our grandparents were very careful not to throw away any leftover food. Consumerism has led us to become used to an excess and daily waste of food, to which, at times, we are no longer able to give a just value, which goes well beyond mere economic parameters.” **Pope Francis**



Pope Francis’ encyclical, *Laudato Si*, is a source of inspiration and encouragement for the work of caring for the environment. What characterises our attitude to material things extends to the natural world and even to humanity itself. In many ways we have created a world in which what the market decides and what science and technology makes possible are accepted as inevitable and the way of progress. Pope Francis is not condemning market economics or science and technology. Quite the reverse. All three as expressions of mankind’s God-given intelligence. But they are not gods in themselves. They must be expressed and used within a moral order, otherwise “we create immense inequality, injustice and acts of violence against the majority of humanity, since resources end up in the hands of the first comer or the most powerful: the winner takes all.” As Francis writes: “Once more, we need to reject a magical conception of the market, which would suggest that problems can be solved simply by an increase in the profits of companies or individuals.”

Jesus said, “You cannot serve both God and money” and, “It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” Nevertheless there are some who preach a “prosperity gospel” which says something like “show me your wealth and I will see how much God blesses you.” This is an insipid heresy which has boomed in recent years. Jesus was born poor, and he died poor. He often spoke about the need to have treasure in Heaven and when he talked about material wealth, it was usually part of a cautionary tale. “Mercy without justice would lead to chaos; justice without mercy would lead to harsh condemnation. Jesus is full of ‘grace and truth,’ according to the prologue to St. John’s Gospel. Grace without truth would be vacuous, and truth without grace would be terrible.”



WE at the MSC Mission Office welcome Pope Francis’ encyclical on our need to care for our mother Earth. Also we accept his insistence that we should be careful not to waste anything, and to tread softly on the earth. Moreover, the Pope urges us to be agents of justice, not by shouting out to those who are unjust, but by trying to give to others, observing that your right hand does not know what the left is doing. Act in a way that is modest and your reward will be in heaven. Of that you can be certain. For Jesus reminds us that as often as you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, visit the sick and those in prison and welcome the stranger you do it to HIM. If we can facilitate you in your acts of charity it will be our joy to do so. **Adrian F. 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.

† MEG'S CHILDREN: NEPAL †



"Fr. Adrian, First and foremost, thank you for your ongoing support to Meg's Children Trust. The contribution you have provided over the last 18 months has helped us to provide a home, health, education and a future for Meg's



Children in Nepal. This assistance is greatly appreciated by the committee of Meg's Children and the children we are helping. We currently have 17 children who now range from Kindergarten to Year 12. In addition, we have been able to assist 3 of our young adults to further their education by commencing university. We have moved some of our older children into independent accommodation. This will start to provide and grow their experience as they pursue their post school education or seek other career prospects. Whilst they do not have the means to support these ventures on their own, Meg's will continue to provide support through living and education expenses. This is an exciting and new experience for us in Australia as well as the children in Kathmandu. Over the last 12 months, Meg's Children have developed a close co-operation and relationship with Siddhi Memorial Hospital. Siddhi Memorial Hospital provides for the medical needs of women and children in Kathmandu. Siddhi now provides for the medical needs of our children. The Nepal earthquake has brought much devastation to Nepal and in particular Kathmandu. Luckily, our children were not injured during the earthquake or the following aftershocks and again, luckily, their home was not damaged. Following these recent earthquake events in Nepal, we have commenced to welcome more children into Meg's Children due to the loss of parents or dwellings or both. We fully expect this to continue throughout this year. This is a challenge that will help many whom the committee at Meg's Children Trust will embrace. Again, we at Meg's Children thank you for your support and we hope through the continued support of the MSC family, we can continue to grow Meg's Children in Nepal and provide for those young people who without our help will end up in a very sub-standard and dire state." **David Hicks - Treasurer**



Nepal: ravaged by earthquake

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

POVERTY



According to data provided by the World Bank, poverty is most widespread in sub-Saharan Africa and southern Asia, where around 80% of the world's poor live. According to estimates made in 2011, around three fifths of the world's poor are concentrated in just 5 countries: Bangladesh, China, the DR of Congo, India, and Nigeria. This represents 1.2 billion people globally living on less than US\$1.25/day. The most populous countries, like China and India, have played a central role in the reduction (it has been calculated that poverty in India has fallen by 10 percentage points in just 2 years) of global poverty.

PACIFIC ISLANDS: VANUATU



"Dear Father Adrian, I write to formally thank you and the MSC Mission's Office and all helping us in our efforts to go out to the victims of Cyclone PAM and offer help. This cyclone unlike many cyclones, has brought people to practice solidarity. I saw families opening their homes to welcome those who had lost even the little they had. From Espiritu Santo, people from our different parishes got together and sent us taros, sweet potatoes, fruits, rice, and even clothing by ship. It wasn't big but for those affected, this meant that their fellow men and women had not forgotten them. Solidarity starts at home, and many rose to that opportunity. Many people have contacted us, as far as the South of Tanna, asking for Water Tanks for their Schools and Churches, and families." **Bishop Jean Bosco Baremes, Diocese of Port Vila, Vanuatu. (ED: To date we have sent \$75,000 in cash and two containers filled with school desks, chairs etc and many other items as part of our support package.)"**

ROSARY BEAD MAKERS



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

PHILIPPINES: GETTING A TANK TO THE VILLAGE



Through the stream...



Over land



And down a narrow road ...

The water tanks for the Dumagat community in San Ysiro, Antipolo had arrived and now ready for installation. The 'Bayanihan' spirit of the community becomes very significant as they help each other to make this project possible. Bread Making Seminar was part of the Livelihood Program designed for the families in GK Hapag Village community. The program was conducted by the Philippine Society of Baking in partnership with MSC Mission Office Philippines.

PHILIPPINES



Water pump, Brgy

Another water project in the Philippines: *"Augusan del Sur is a province of the southern Large island of Mindanao. It has a population of over half a million but has no large city. The majority of the people are poor farmers. There is generally a lack of good drinking water. This pump was constructed at Brgy in Agusan del Sur. It serves as a main source of good water to a remote community of 50 families. On their behalf I wish to thank the MSC Mission office in Australia, and your wonderful benefactors."* **Jams Morga, Director MSC Mission Office Philippines**



CONGO



Crane to lift the generator

"Dear Father Adrian and the team, This is just to share my great joy with you. The ship in which we put the generator took so long to get from Kinsangani to Mbandaka; I was so worried because there was no communication and I was saying to myself: "hopefully the ship hasn't sunk!" The time for the journey depends on the boat and the number of barges the tug is pushing. With the barges there are no fixed timetables, and it's a matter of loading the boat and getting the necessary paperwork in order. Anyway, it arrived yesterday and the generator donated by benefactors is safe. We got it this afternoon. What a joy! I'll send more photos and the Financial report later when all the electrical installation is done in the school and hospital. We can't thank you enough! Please pass our gratitude to all your benefactors and enjoy those first images." **Sr. Philomeme FDNSC**



Generator in Mbandaka

PAKISTAN

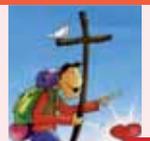


There are over one million Catholics in Pakistan, which represents less than 1% of the total population. The church is divided into 2 archdioceses, 4 dioceses and is active in areas of education and social welfare being responsible for 534 schools, 53 hostels, 8 colleges, 7 technical schools. The Church continues to be persecuted, Pakistan is the only country in the world with a "blasphemy law". The constitution also ensures that a non-Muslim cannot become president, prime minister or any of the 11 senior most government positions in the country.

HENRI J.M. NOUWEN

Your love for each other comes from God's first love. Keep claiming that love. Your love for each is a forgiving love. Keep talking to each other, pardoning each other's shortcomings, and praising each other's gifts. Your love for each other is for others, your children, your guests, the poor. Keep your attention focused on those who need to be nurtured by your love.

Henri J.M. Nouwen



KIRIBATI



Kiribati

Chevalier College, Kiribati: "I want to extend my gratitude on behalf of Chevalier College staff and students for the donation of two water tanks.

We are in great need for these tanks and will use them for our main well that will pump water for the whole community and the other will be used to pump water for the girls in their area. I also want to inform you that what you have given us

from the container has all arrived by ship. These will add a bit of furniture to our staff room. God bless you always and all the best with work." **Teena (Principal)**



HE SEES US



"If there are times when you experience sadness, depression, negative feelings, I would ask you to look at Christ crucified. Look at His face. He sees us; in His eyes there is a place for us. We can all bring to Christ our wounds, our pain, our sins. In his wounds, there is a place for our own wounds. There they can be soothed, washed clean, changed and healed. He died for us, for me, so that He could stretch out His hand and lift us up." **Pope Francis**

MSC SCHOOL VISITS



Visits to MSC Schools: During May we were happy to be able to visit two of our MSC colleges: Chevalier College at Bowral and Daramalan College in Canberra. The teaching staff at both colleges have been great supporters of the MSC Mission Office and active participants. Daramalan College staff have donated over \$100,000 through regular donations. Fr Adrian Meaney presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the

combined staff of over 100 people at their morning tea and we also provided a detailed list of the projects to which they have contributed so generously.



SOUTH SUDAN



Mary & Rose, both lepers

"This letter is my sincere thanks to each and all who have once again so generously contributed to our various works and ministries in and around Mapuordit., in South Sudan Sr. Philo still lovingly works as midwife, and cares for people with AIDS. This applies especially to widows and those who have been totally abandoned due to family rejection. Srs. Wendy and Virginia remain committed to education with Wendy being available for Adult Education and the Secondary studies while Sr. Virginia continues her commitment in the Primary school children. Youth and children in South

Sudan comprise almost 70% of the population. The other work very dear to us are the many poverty stricken lepers. At least 15 such needy families have been blessed with either new or repaired homes through your funds. For the few who missed due to the arrival of rains, tarpaulins were bought and roofs covered. This will keep occupants dry until the next dry season. A hearty joyful thank you to all from the beneficiaries. My work continues to take me frequently to the small communities where we have established Satellite schools which begin with classes under the trees. Thankfully, through your generous support several such schools now have classrooms, largely built by the community and permanently roofed by your generosity. My other commitment is to agricultural development. Our community presence here would not be fully justified without some effort toward food production. Thank you for your generous contribution to the setting up of a solar powered water system for a new educational garden. Hopefully this project will result in more intensive food production especially reaching into the communities. Additional thanks to all who contributed to fresh water supplies for gardens and for needy schools and communities. Due to your generosity we were able to provide 5 new boreholes. The past year has been a time in which people suffered and endured atrocities and violence. The war around the oil fields continues and just last Saturday the Comboni Missionaries and others were evacuated due to an imminent attack on the area by Government forces. Besides the thousands of deaths, there has been heavy destruction of property. Sadly this is life in South Sudan. Again, be assured of deep gratitude for the many sacrifices made to assist the needy of South Sudan. God be with you." **Sr. Rita Grunke FDNSC**



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SOUTH AUSTRALIANS PROVIDING WATER FOR SOUTH SUDANESE



"The parishioners from Henley Beach Parish have answered a call to raise funds for a clean water project in South Sudan by raising \$10,000 in the last 10 months. The small but strong participation of MSC Support Group members has included several fundraising events: bake sales, raffles, Christmas Gingerbread houses and culminating in a wonderful musical variety concert. The local parishioners and schools have helped the MSC Support Group's various initiatives with their financial and spiritual support to reach this goal in such a short timeframe. The local business owners have generously donated items and all musicians, performers and participants have generously given their time and product for no fee. The South Sudanese people will now be able to plan for access to clean drinking water which will have widespread benefit for many." Cheryl Wedding

CATHOLIC LEADERS DETAINED IN CHINA

Government authorities have stepped up persecution of underground Catholics in HeBei province with the detention of a bishop and a priest as well as the demolition of an altar that left two laywomen injured, all in separate incidents. But such incidents are not restricted only to one Province. Bishop Julius Jia Zhiguo of ZhangDing was taken away by officials and then sent back to his cathedral to celebrate Mass on Pentecost Sunday. It remained unclear why the bishop had been detained for 12 days. He ordained some priests in April and was then warned not to go on a pilgrimage during the Month of May," said a Catholic source in Zhengding who declined to be named for security reasons. Authorities have recently ordered all religious personnel — without specifying which faiths — to report their whereabouts, the source added. Authorities also appear to have detained Father Liu Honggeng in nearby Baoding who has not been seen or heard from since talking to relatives on his mobile phone on May 7. "His mobile is off. We Catholics have inquired from relevant government departments but in vain," said another Church source who also declined to be named for security reasons.



The altar in Anzhuang

† SOUTH AFRICA: HIV/AIDS PROJECT †



Sr Sally Duigan writes: "Good morning from Holy Family Care Centre in South Africa. Holy Family is home to 70 children. At present our OLSH Community consists of Sr Emelie from DR Congo, Sr Jeanne from Indonesia and myself. Fr Vince Carroll MSC has recently been appointed as our Chaplain and we are delighted about this. He has a good supply of marbles for the little ones to play and he is building a wall so they can practice Volley Ball. Tonight we are going to have a barbecue. At present we have two volunteers from Australia and we are expecting 3 South African volunteers over the weekend. They will stay during their University

holidays. Fr Adrian — you might be guessing by now that I am writing because we are in a dire financial situation. Unfortunately the Government have not paid our subsidy for 2 quarters now — so we are 6 months behind in our payments. I have used all our donation money to cover our expenses. I am working frantically to try to get the Govt. payments made but it is not working. We were supposed to be paid by the end of June — and now there is no promise at all. I have a pile of bills on my desk for food, electricity, some urgent repairs that had to be done — and the list goes on. I am humbly approaching you in the hope that you may be able to send an urgent donation to help us get through this worrying time. We have four little babies in our nursery and 14 little toddlers as well as 52 attending school. Now we have winter holidays and the children need warm clothes and more blankets and the needs go on. Is it possible for you to send a donation to help us get through this situation. I am writing to a few other donors who may be able to help — if each can give approximately \$10000 — \$15000 we may get out of our present crisis. Do you think there is any chance you could help us. With love and trust in the Heart of Jesus." Sally OLSH



**Can you help? Please clearly mark your donation
"for Holy Family Centre South Africa Sr. Sally Duigan"**

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



Slum area

It is estimated that of the 80,000 people with HIV in the Dominican Republic 90% live in extreme poverty. AIDS patients die of hunger, they are unemployed, marginalised from society, deprived of any kind of nutritional support, housing, medical care. They live in inhuman conditions. This is the complaint launched by the Coalition of NGOs for the Fight Against HIV/AIDS, sent to Fides. The biggest problem for people living with HIV in the country is unemployment. 95% do not work, no one wants to give them opportunities, and those who work keep their physical condition hidden for fear of being fired. Most survive with the support of family members. For people with AIDS or HIV positive all the doors are closed, thus reinforcing the cycle of poverty and creating an insurmountable social drama for the patient and family members. (AP)

PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS



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God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you!

Amen



PHILIPPINES: REHABILITATION PROGRAM



Refugee Program in Pilar, Camotes: As a result of recent typhoons many people in the southern Philippines are still without homes and proper sanitation. Monies sent are still being distributed by our by our co-workers in the Philippines. Thus many in need gathered in the parishes of Pilar to receive materials for the construction of their houses. A total of 38 families benefited from this program.

They are so grateful for help they received from the MSC Mission Office.. The distribution activity was made successful through the help of the parishioners who assisted the program. since day one until its completion.



REFUGEE CRISIS



A report of the United Nations High Commissioner for refugees recently reported that there is a dangerous wave of mass forced displacement worldwide, which involves almost 60 million people, of whom more than half are children. The phenomenon continues to grow rapidly and is at a level never recorded so far by UNHCR. The report exposes a sharp increase of people forced to flee their homes, leaving families, cities due to wars, conflicts and persecutions. Of these,

more than half are children without any hope of a decent future. At the end of 2014 there was a total of almost 60 million displaced persons, compared to 51 million the previous year. The most sudden increase of refugees occurred in early 2011, when the war broke out in Syria, which caused the highest number of displaced people around the world. In 2014, a daily average of 42 thousand 50 0 people became refugees, asylum seekers or internally displaced persons. (AP)



NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Our Email Address has Changed

Our service provider advised us only at the end of May that, effective June 30, they were discontinuing the domain that had the email address we have used since the start of the Mission Office. If you have tried to contact us using our old email address, and wondered that you didn't hear back, we may not have received your message as unfortunately mail is no longer redirecting from the old email address.



Please update your address book with our new email address:

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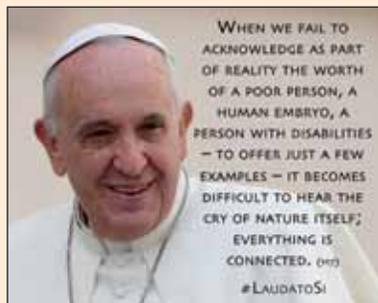


Where there is a will, it is joked, there is a relative. But how many families do you know who have come apart by arguing about their parents' will? A will wisely worded can be a great means of uniting people, by providing for just causes. Greed and avarice only lead to divisions. Jesus and St. Paul 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

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WATER FACTS



About 83% of our blood is water + It helps digest our food, transport waste, and control body temperature + Globally, approximately 34,000 deaths occur daily from water, faeces, and dirt related diseases + In the developing countries, 80% of illnesses are water related + Freshwater lakes, rivers, and underground aquifers hold 3.5% of the world's water. By comparison, saltwater oceans and seas contain 95.1% of the world's supply + One litre of oil can contaminate up to 2 million litres of water.



MASS KITS



A wonderful gift for a newly ordained Priest is a Mass Kit. Costing approximately \$500, these kits are compact and portable, easily carried by a Missionary Priest on his trips to villages and other remote places where there are no established churches — the gift of the Eucharist is not just for the privileged but for all God's children. Your contribution and support is greatly appreciated by all our Missionaries and the people they serve. Please continue to hold them in your prayers.

"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us!" - St. Jean Vianney

MSC MISSION OFFICE RECENT PROJECTS



Congo	\$150,000
Dominican Republic	\$20,000
El Salvador	\$15,000
Fiji	\$19,290
Guatemala	\$10,000
India	\$52,600
Indonesia	\$5,500
Kiribati	\$184,000
Namibia	\$5,000
Nauru	\$322,900
Nepal	\$4,000
Pakistan	\$10,000
Philippines	\$154,500
PNG	\$371,550
Senegal	\$16,000
Serbia	\$14,000
South Africa	\$54,000
South Sudan	\$31,000
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Vietnam	\$90,800
Zimbabwe	\$6,000
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