



# SISTERS Poor of Jesus Christ

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Faith and Devotion

## CORPUS CHRISTI SOLEMNITY INSPIRES PUBLIC WITNESS OF FAITH AMONG PJC SISTERS



## PENTECOST SPARKS PRAYERFUL ENGAGEMENT ACROSS THE MISSIONS

One of the pillars of the spirituality of the Poor of Jesus Christ is its Pneumatic dimension, grounded in openness to the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit. According to the Institute's official website (refer to the Pneumatic Spirituality section, available in Portuguese at [www.irmaspjc.org](http://www.irmaspjc.org)), this dimension shapes the community's prayer life, ministry, and kerygmatic mission, fostering a way of life animated by the urgency of the Kingdom and a call to daily conversion.



### VILA VELHA, ESPÍRITO SANTO, BRAZIL

On June 7th, the Vila Velha mission in Espírito Santo held a prayer gathering in honor of the Pentecost Vigil, featuring Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The gathering took place at the Mission House Saint Veronica Giuliani, located in the Primeiro de Maio neighborhood, and brought together members of the Espírito Santo mission for a moment of spiritual communion.



### NÎMES, FRANCE

During the Pentecost weekend – a time when the Féria, a secular festival blending cultural and religious traditions, is traditionally celebrated in Nîmes – the sisters carried out a fraternal outreach initiative in collaboration with local Catholic groups committed to pastoral service among the poor. On Sunday, June 8th, the day began with the celebration of Holy Mass, followed by a communal lunch offered to the children, featuring a traditional regional dish. The celebration continued with moments of sharing, music, dance, and recreational activities.



Guided by this spiritual foundation, several communities around the world held moments of prayer on the occasion of the Pentecost Vigil. These gatherings reflected the unique character of each mission while remaining rooted in local expressions of charismatic spirituality. Across countries and regions, sisters came together with parishes, youth groups, ministries, and diocesan initiatives to celebrate the Holy Spirit through vigils, Scripture reflections and Eucharistic adoration.



### RECIFE, PERNAMBUCO, BRAZIL

On June 8th, the sisters of the Recife mission took part in the Pentecost celebration organized by the Archdiocese of Olinda and Recife. The event brought together numerous parish and religious communities, priests, bishops, and lay faithful in a shared celebration of the Solemnity.



### SÃO LUÍS, MARANHÃO, BRAZIL

On June 8th, the sisters of the São Luís mission participated in the event Celebrating Pentecost, organized by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Archdiocese of São Luís do Maranhão. In communion with New Communities and other charismatic expressions, the gathering included moments of praise, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, talks, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The celebration concluded with the Holy Mass, presided over by Archbishop Dom Gilberto Pastana, who exhorted the faithful to be a Church in service, animated by the power of the Holy Spirit.





#### CRATO, CEARÁ, BRAZIL

On June 7th, the sisters of the Crato mission gathered with members and friends of the local community for the Pentecost Vigil, held in the Eucharistic Sanctuary Hall. The prayer service was led by Sister Maria Viviane of Crucified Love, of the Filhos Amados do Céu (FAC) community. In addition to the vigil, Sister Cirila led moments of spirituality and formation, preparing participants for their service in the upcoming "Rescue Me" kerygmatic retreat. The evening was characterized by prayer, fraternal communion, and missionary readiness.



#### YANAoca, PERU

On June 8th, the sisters of the Peru mission celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost alongside the Youth Ministry and teenagers preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The gathering began with moments of lively prayer and singing, followed by reflections focused on the person of the Holy Spirit. The day's highlight was the Celebration of the Holy Mass, which concluded with a fellowship gathering among participants, bringing the solemnity's activities to a close.



#### SANTIAGO, CHILE

On June 7th, the sisters of the Santiago mission, together with the PJC friars and mission members, gathered at the Parish of Saint Vincent de Paul. The evening opened with the final day prayer of the Novena of the Holy Spirit, followed by moments of lively reflection and preaching. The celebration featured a theatrical performance by the Youth Ministry members and concluded with Holy Mass.



#### ARACAJU, SERGIPE, BRAZIL

On Saturday, June 7th, the Pentecost afternoon at the Aracaju mission took place at the Sindisan space. Approximately 40 participants attended the event, which featured three talks and prayer led by the sisters. The program also included communal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



## SISTERS OF RECOVERY HOUSE RECEIVE 'JUBILEE CANDLE' IN SÃO PAULO

On June 7th, the sisters of the Mission House Our Lady of Hope in Cubatão, São Paulo – one of the three Recovery Houses of the Institute of the Poor of Jesus Christ – participated in the meeting of the CRB sub-nucleus of Santos. The gathering took place at São José Seminary, featuring a sharing circle led by Friar Carlinhos, OP, representative of the Regional Coordination of CRB São Paulo.

During the celebration, the São Miguel Paulista sub-nucleus passed the Jubilee Candle to the Santos sub-nucleus – transferring it from the Marcelinas Sisters to the sisters in Cubatão, who will now safeguard it until its next stage. Representing the Institute, Sisters Luna and Filotéia attended, the latter also serving on the coordination team of the CRB Santos nucleus.



## LAY FAITHFUL IN BELÉM AND CRATO RENEW MISSIONARY ARDOR AT RETREAT



On June 1st and 15th, the missions in Belém (PA) and Crato (CE) held the 'Go Forth' retreat, aimed at lay men and women who feel called to live the Gospel through the charism of the Poor of Jesus Christ. In Belém, the gathering featured moments of lively prayer, talks, and the celebration of Holy Mass—offering a space for reflection, discernment, and spiritual renewal. In Crato, the retreat—organized by the Lay Associates—included praise and lively worship, personal testimonies, prayer, and reflections centered on the missionary identity of the laity.

## EXPRESSION AND FAITH: ARACAJU MISSION HOSTS YOUTH ARTS RETREAT

On June 14th, fourteen young members of the communications, theater, and music ministries from the Aracaju, Sergipe mission took part in the Arts Retreat, held at the José Rollemberg Leite Center of Excellence. The retreat offered a space for spiritual renewal and deeper formation in the mission's artistic ministries. The day's program featured two talks, sharing circles, and hands-on workshops, concluding with a communal prayer that reaffirmed the participants' dedication to their ministerial calling.



## "I THIRST": A DAY OF ENCOUNTER AND PRAYER AT BELO HORIZONTE



On June 1st, the Itabirito community – part of the Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais mission – held the "I Thirst" gathering, a day dedicated to fraternity and the pursuit of God's presence. The program featured moments of praise and worship led by the 'Arca' Ministry, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, and various expressions of spirituality throughout the day.



# PILGRIMAGE RELICS VISIT MISSION IN JUAZEIRO DO NORTE, CEARÁ

On the weekend of June 20th and 21st, the sisters of the Juazeiro do Norte mission in Ceará welcomed the Vocational Reliquary Cross as part of an initiative of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Traveling through the Diocese of Crato, the cross carries first-class relics that honor distinct vocations within the Church: Saint John Paul II representing the priestly vocation; Saint Joseph of Anchieta symbolizing the religious vocation; and Blessed Benigna Cardoso exemplifying the lay vocation. This pilgrimage has energized the local Church's prayer efforts for vocations, including visits to seminaries and religious communities.



## SISTERS RESUME PRAYER MEETINGS IN THE CAPITAL OF MARANHÃO



On the evening of June 21st, the first Prayer Group gathering of the year took place at Mission House Divine Mercy in São Luís, Maranhão. Led by Sister Romária, the meeting brought together young people and mission friends for an evening centered on the parables of mercy, filled with lively worship music, attentive listening, and reconciliation. This biweekly activity serves as a regular opportunity for mission members and has established itself as a consistent space for ongoing evangelization.

## RETREAT DRAWS LAY FAITHFUL DISCERNERS IN RECIFE, PERNAMBUCO

On June 15th, the sisters of the Recife mission hosted the "Go Forth" retreat, designed for lay men and women discerning their call as lay associates within the charism of the Poor of Jesus Christ. The event took place at the Dom Helder Câmara Mission House and featured moments of prayer, interactive activities, and sharing among participants. The program concluded with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



## PASTA NIGHT FOSTERS FRATERNAL FELLOWSHIP IN VILA VELHA, ESPÍRITO SANTO



On June 21st, the traditional pasta night organized by the sisters of the Vila Velha mission brought together friends and mission members for an evening of fraternity and recreation. Held in Viana, Espírito Santo, the event featured live music and communal sharing, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere among attendees.



## PJC VISIT INDIGENOUS IN PERNAMBUCO FOR VOCATION OUTREACH

From June 12th to 18th, PJC members Sister Flaminia from the Crato Mission (CE) and Friar Dileto, Recife Mission (PE), traveled to Lameirão Village in Cabrobó, Pernambuco. During their visit, they engaged with the local youth, sharing vocational testimonies, the history of the Institute, and key elements of its Charism. The week included moments of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, and Celebrations of the Word as part of the vocational outreach.



## 'RESCUE ME' RETREAT DRAWS 75 PARTICIPANTS IN SANTA CRUZ, RIO DE JANEIRO



On June 21st and 22nd, the Santa Cruz mission (RJ) hosted another edition of the kerygmatic retreat Rescue Me in the Paciência neighborhood. Centered on the theme "Behold, a new work arises" (Isaiah 43:19), the event gathered 75 participants—both youth and adults—for two days of profound spiritual encounter. The program featured moments of praise, preaching, and prayer, offering attendees a personal encounter with God.

This retreat, unique to the Institute, serves as an evangelizing initiative aimed at restoring identity and renewing hope for those seeking a fresh start in the light of the Gospel.

## SISTERS CELEBRATE RESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY IN THE BOM RETIRO MISSION

On June 1st, the sisters of Mission House Nazaré in São Paulo celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving for Cleusa's 50th birthday. Cleusa, a resident of the house and affectionately called the Institute's "daughter" – a term used to describe those in vulnerable situations – has lived with the sisters for 19 years and is an integral part of the life and mission of Mission House Nazaré.



## 8TH COUPLES RETREAT STRENGTHENS MARITAL BONDS IN MANAUS, AMAZONAS



On June 28th and 29th, the Manaus mission hosted the 8th edition of Resgate-me Conjugal (Marital Rescue), an event dedicated to nurturing conjugal life and spirituality. Held at the Redemptorists' Crostarosa Retreat House, the retreat welcomed 12 couples. Supported by members of the PJC friars and lay couples united with the mission, the gathering offered moments of reflection, sharing, and renewal of marital commitment.



## PJC SISTERS HONOR THE EUCHARIST WITH DEVOTION AND REVERENCE

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, observed throughout the Church with deep reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, was joyfully celebrated by the Poor of Jesus Christ sisters across Brazil and abroad. Between June 19th and 22nd, the sisters actively engaged in local programs organized by parishes, dioceses, and communities where they serve, contributing to celebrations, processions, moments of adoration, and related pastoral initiatives.

### MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY



### SÃO LUÍS, MARANHÃO, BRAZIL

At the mission in São Luís, Maranhão, the sisters participated in the Holy Mass celebrated by Archbishop Dom Gilberto Pastana at Castelão Stadium. The event brought together more than 40,000 faithful from the 59 parishes of the Archdiocese of São Luís to celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi as one united Church.



### EL SALVADOR

At the mission in El Salvador, the sisters actively participated in the liturgy by leading songs during the celebrations at the Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. The preparation included 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, concluding with a Mass presided over by Father Fernando Cuevas, who led the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament at the close of the celebration.

The Eucharistic presence—central to the spirituality of consecrated life and the Charism of the Institute—was profoundly experienced through the sisters' participation in various liturgical and communal expressions, adapted to local traditions and contexts. In some locations, the sisters contributed by preparing decorative carpets, coordinating liturgical arrangements, and providing musical accompaniment; elsewhere, they collaborated closely with pastoral, vocational, and social outreach efforts.

### SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL



### RECIFE, PERNAMBUCO, BRAZIL

At the mission in Recife, Pernambuco, the celebration took place at the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, in the San Martin neighborhood. Sisters, lay associates, and vocations gathered together, emphasizing the unity of the community and the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist as the heart of their communal life.



### WATERFORD, IRELAND

At the mission in Waterford, Ireland, the sisters organized an evangelization event on the Saturday before the Solemnity, engaging neighborhood children with prayers, games, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On Sunday, they participated in the grand procession of the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore, accompanying the Eucharistic Jesus through the city streets with songs.





### HEREDIA, COSTA RICA

At the mission in Heredia, Costa Rica, the celebration took place at the Immaculate Conception Parish. The program included Holy Mass followed by a procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the city's central park. Faithful, pastoral workers, and religious communities accompanied the Eucharistic procession, publicly proclaiming the kingship of Christ in the Eucharist through a gesture of testimony and adoration in the urban space.

### TORO PAMPA, PARAGUAY



### SANTIAGO, CHILE

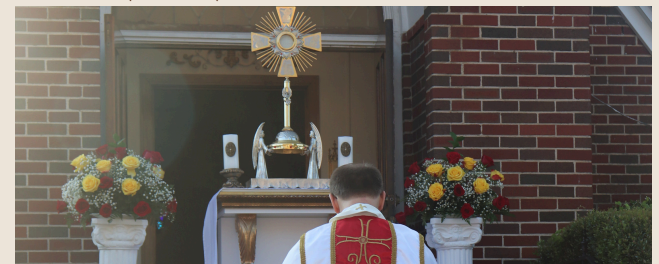
At the mission in Santiago, Chile, the sisters participated in the procession held on Sunday, June 22, which took place between the Seminary of Saint Peter the Apostle and the Cathedral of Saint Bernard the Abbot. The event concluded with the solemn blessing of the Blessed Sacrament by Monsignor Juan Ignacio.



### CRATO, CEARÁ, BRAZIL

At the mission in Crato, Ceará, the program began at the Eucharistic Sanctuary with the presence of the Year of Hope relic. In the afternoon, Holy Mass was celebrated, presided over by Bishop Dom Magnus Henrique Lopes, followed by a procession through the city streets and concluding with a musical presentation. In the community of Moreilândia, Pernambuco, members accompanied by sisters from the Crato mission also gathered to celebrate Holy Mass, commemorating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ locally.

### CEDARTOWN, GEORGIA, USA



### NÎMES, FRANCE

At the mission in Nîmes, France, the celebration was held at the Cathedral of the local Diocese. Following Holy Mass, the faithful processed with the Blessed Sacrament to a nearby chapel. Presided over by parish priest Father Nicolas, this celebration is the only Eucharistic procession in the diocese, gathering faithful from across the region.



### TETE MISSION'S CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM BRINGS JOY TO NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS

On June 1st, the sisters of the Tete mission organized activities to celebrate Children's Day. The local community of Sukamiala, together with the sisters' project called "Escolinha Avó Ângela," hosted a program for neighborhood children that included moments of prayer, praise and lively worship music, games, and gift-giving.



### CANADA SISTERS HOST SUMMER BARBECUE MINISTRY FOR THE MARGINALIZED



On June 6th, the sisters of the Canadian mission launched their first summer ministry. Taking place every Friday throughout the season, the event involves preparing a traditional Canadian barbecue in Wellington Park. Held in front of the First Place Supportive Housing building—a residence for seniors in downtown Hamilton—the ministry brings together residents, homeless individuals, and low-income community members to share hot dogs and pray.

### SISTERS IN CHILE COLLABORATE ON EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH WITH CARITAS

Since March 2025, the sisters of the Iquique mission in Chile have been actively collaborating with the San Lorenzo del Boro Refectory, an initiative of the Social Ministry of Caritas Chile. Held monthly in the Alto Hospicio commune, the project provides children and adolescents with opportunities for learning, evangelization, and social development.

On June 7th, the Refectory hosted an educational workshop focused on emotional awareness. The sisters explained that the initiative "arose from the need to provide children with tools to identify and manage their emotions, build self-esteem, and, above all, develop social skills rooted in respect, empathy, and collaboration."

The session included storytelling, games, group dynamics, and open dialogue, encouraging participants to cultivate self-awareness, active listening, and a spirit of teamwork.





## FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION WELCOMES 250 HOMELESS IN EL SALVADOR



In celebration of Father's Day—commemorated in El Salvador on June 17—the sisters organized a special gathering on June 21 at the Divine Mercy Shelter. With the support of Santa Elena Parish, approximately 250 homeless individuals were welcomed with a shared meal and cake.

The initiative forms part of the sisters' weekly street ministry with the "sons and daughters," a term used by the Institute to refer to those in situations of extreme vulnerability, in accordance with its Charism.

## CENTRAL AMERICAN REGION GATHERS FOR FIRST "RESCUE ME" IN EL SALVADOR



On June 7th and 8th, the mission of the Poor of Jesus Christ in El Salvador hosted the country's first edition of the Rescue Me kerygmatic retreat, under the theme: "But we had to celebrate and be glad, for this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" (Luke 15:32).

The retreat was held at the Faith Center (MDF) in Los Planes de Renderos and welcomed approximately 45 participants from El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Guatemala. The sisters were supported by the Fraternitas from each of these countries, along with visiting friars from the Gileade and Nazarene fraternities of the Paraguayan mission.

The retreat concluded with the celebration of Holy Mass, presided over by Friar Cristóbal Díaz, OFM. In his homily, he reflected on the action of the Holy Spirit made manifest at Pentecost, emphasizing that "it acts in each person, granting the ability to lead every Christian to the goal: holiness." He also encouraged participants to share the fruits of their experience with others.

Although this was the first edition held in El Salvador, 'Rescue Me' has previously been carried out in other parts of Central America, including Guatemala and Nicaragua.

## FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES EXTEND FRUITS OF RETREAT IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Following the first Rescue Me Retreat in El Salvador—which brought together members of the Central American missions—the sisters in Honduras organized a post-retreat gathering on June 14th in the village of San Antonio. The event welcomed the Honduran youth who had participated in the retreat. On the same day, a smaller post-retreat meeting was held in El Salvador with seven local youth, as many of the participants had already returned to their respective countries. Both gatherings included moments of prayer, recreation, and artistic presentations featuring dance, music, and theater ministries.





# CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS AND FAITH UNITE AT ARGENTINA MISSION'S FESTIVAL



On June 21, the sisters of the Argentina mission hosted the Feast of Nations, an event that brought together members of the mission to celebrate the cultural diversity represented across the Institute's evangelizing fronts. The gathering featured artistic presentations—including dance, poetry, and other cultural expressions—that underscored the centrality of Christ in the richness and plurality of peoples. The sisters' participation also reaffirmed the mission's integration with the local Church, respecting regional calendars and cultural traditions.

## FAITH IN ACTION: PJC LOS ANGELES MISSION CELEBRATES 8 YEARS ON THE STREETS

On June 19, the Los Angeles mission celebrated eight years since its founding in the United States. The occasion was marked by a Mass of thanksgiving presided over by Father Nicol, OFMCap, at the men's Mission House Saint Junipero Serra. To continue the celebration, the community held an outreach gathering on June 21 in the Skid Row area, where the friars and sisters regularly carry out their apostolate. The event was supported by volunteers who prepared a special lunch for those served by the Charism—the poor “in their many faces” (NF, §§ 59–60)—in one of California's largest urban centers.



### 'GO FORTH' RETREAT OFFERS LAY IMMERSION IN PJC SPIRITUALITY AND CHARISM IN LOS ANGELES



On June 28, the sisters of the Los Angeles mission held the “Go Forth” retreat, designed for lay people seeking a deeper understanding of the Charism and spirituality of the Poor of Jesus Christ. The gathering brought together six participants who devoted the day to formation, prayer, and immersion in the local missionary reality. The retreat concluded with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer.

### ANAWIN MISSION PROCESSION PHOTO WINS NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEDIA AWARD



A photograph captured during the Eucharistic procession of the Anawin Mission in Skid Row, Los Angeles—an area deeply impacted by homelessness—has received national recognition in the United States. Taken by photojournalist Victor Alemán, the image earned second place in the Best Photograph category at the National Catholic Media Conference, held in June in Arizona.

## KANSAS CITY MISSION HOSTS MONTHLONG DISCERNMENT EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG WOMEN

In June, the sisters of the Kansas City mission welcomed 12 young women from across the United States and Canada for a month dedicated to vocational discernment.

Throughout the experience, participants engaged in prayer, spiritual accompaniment, service to the poor, and personal reflection on God's call. The immersion also offered a deeper encounter with the daily rhythm of religious life—its schedule, community dynamic, and the Charism and spirituality of the Poor of Jesus Christ.



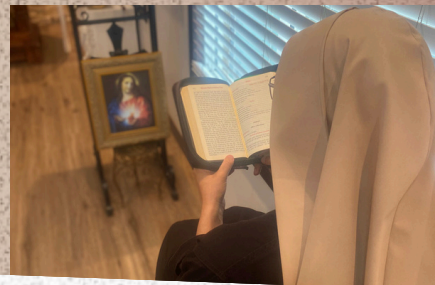


## SANTIAGO, CHILE

The sisters in Santiago participated in the Eucharistic celebration presided over by Monsignor Juan Ignacio at the Sanctuary of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, located in the Metropolitan Region of Santiago.



## LOS ANGELES, USA



# Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, observed liturgically on the Friday following the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, holds significant importance for the Poor of Jesus Christ. In preparation, the sisters engaged in a novena, and on June 27th, across missions in Brazil and internationally, they participated in Holy Mass and various activities coordinated with local parishes, dioceses, and ecclesial communities. The solemn occasion was marked by reverent celebrations, liturgical reflections, and symbolic acts of consecration to the Heart of Jesus, reinforcing the spiritual identity and mission of the Institute.



## CAMPO MOURÃO, PARANÁ, BRAZIL

At the Cenobium of the Heart of Jesus—a contemplative branch of the Poor of Jesus Christ dedicated to the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—and at the Mission House Ancilla Domini, both located in Campo Mourão, members participated in a solemn Mass presided over by the Institute's founder, Father Gilson Sobreiro. In his homily, Father Gilson emphasized that celebrating the Heart of Jesus is a celebration of Christ in His entirety, as the Heart symbolizes the whole person.



## SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

The missions of El Salvador and Honduras gathered in San Salvador to celebrate the Solemnity with a Mass presided over by Friar Estuardo Pérez, O.P., at the Mission House Saint Rose of Viterbo. The homily focused on the pursuit of virtues emanating from the Heart of Christ. The following day, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary was observed with a Mass presided over by Father José Ángel.



## MOGI DAS CRUZES, SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

The sisters of the Mission House Sacred Heart of Jesus in Mogi das Cruzes, São Paulo, participated in the solemn Mass presided over by Bishop Dom Pedro Luiz at the city's Sacred Heart Sanctuary. During the novena leading up to the solemnity, the sisters—engaged in early childhood education apostolates—organized community activities at the Benedicto Sérvulo de Sant'Anna Community Center, including special tributes by children honoring the Sacred Heart.

