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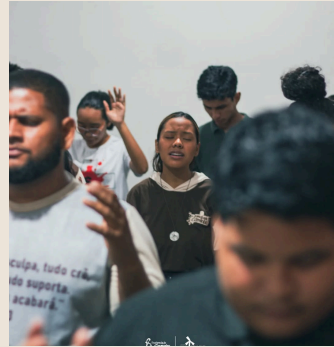
Consecration

A FRESH START: RENEWING VOWS
AND TAKING THE FIRST STEPS OF
CONSECRATED LIFE

“REVIVAL” SIGNALS THE RESUMPTION OF MISSIONS’ ACTIVITIES

"Revival" is an event usually held at the beginning of the year for all mission members—religious, lay associates, youth, sons and daughters, and friends—and marks the resumption of activities after a break.

On January 19, all members gathered at the sisters' convent in Belém for a revival that included moments of engagement, prayer, and talks centered around the theme “Learn from me” (Mt 11:28-30).



On January 31st, the “revival” of the members in Moreilândia, PE happened in Caririmirim, PE. Following moments of prayer and worship, Sister Cirila led the participants in a talk, drawing upon the passage from Hebrews 6:10-17 as the central theme.

The revival for the members of the Vila Velha, ES mission took place on January 26th and featured talks by Deacon Arthur Christi and seminarian Victor Hugo, on the theme “A faith revived by love” (Gal 5:6).



SISTERS PARTICIPATE IN TEMPORARY PROFESSION OF VOWS IN VILA VELHA, ES

On January 18, the sisters of Vila Velha, ES gathered with the nuns of the Discalced Carmelite Order to commemorate the temporary profession of Sister Alana Maria of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, OCD. The ceremony was held at the Carmel of Nazareth in Cariacica, Espírito Santo.



SISTERS IN SIRINHAÉM, PE AND MACEIÓ, AL ATTEND TO EVENT “MARAGOFÉ”



On January 17, 18, and 19, the sisters from the missions in Sirinhaém, PE and Maceió, AL took part in "Maragofé," an outreach event organized by St. Anthony Parish in Maragogi, AL. This event, which drew thousands of faithful from Alagoas and visitors from across the country, aims to lead participants to an encounter with God's love through evangelization.

HEART OF JESUS CENOBIMUM CELEBRATES 1ST ANNIVERSARY



On January 17, the Memorial of St. Anthony, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cenobium celebrated the first anniversary of its founding in Campo Mourão, PR. The Holy Mass in thanksgiving was presided over by Friar José Alegria do Menino Jesus, with Friar Tarcisio, General Superior for the male branch of the Institute and Father Leandro as concelebrants. The Cenobium is currently composed by Sisters Agnes, Hóstia, Geane, and Salomé, who, after a year of experiencing cenobitic life, are now preparing for the Rite of Investiture.

MISSIONS THROUGHOUT BRAZIL RESUME STREET MINISTRY SERVICES

On January 20, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission House sisters in Aracaju, SE, held their inaugural street ministry of the year.

"We had the opportunity to walk the streets once again, encountering Christ in the lives and stories of those we met. Once again, we engaged with those who embody the heart of our Charism: the beloved children of Our Lord," the sisters shared.

In Belém, PA, the ministries resumed on January 27. Every Monday, the sisters of Saint Clare Mission House and other mission members go out to engage with the homeless population in the capital of Pará.

In January, street ministries also resumed in the missions of Vila Velha, ES, and Foz do Iguaçu, PR.



NINE FORMANDEES TRANSITION TO THE POSTULANCY STAGE IN BELÉM, PA



On January 17th, nine aspirants from Saint Clare Mission House were sent to the mission in São Luís, MA, where they advanced to the second year of initial formation at the Institute of the Poor of Jesus Christ—the postulancy stage. Their send-off was celebrated with a Holy Mass, presided over by Fr. Erick Araujo.



JUNIORATE SISTERS RENEW VOWS OF EVANGELICAL COUNSELS

In the early days of the year, the juniorate sisters of the Institute of the Poor of Jesus Christ, serving in various regions across the globe, renewed their vows of poverty, obedience, chastity, and complete availability to serve the Kingdom of God. This annual celebration is a reaffirmation of the sisters' lifelong commitment as they dedicate their talents and gifts to the service of the Church and the mission of welcoming and aiding the poor. The renewal of vows marks a significant moment in which each sister reaffirms her dedication and the

personal commitment to follow the path of Christ with radical generosity. More than just a symbol of surrender, this moment serves as a tangible testimony that, even amidst challenges, it is possible to persevere in the pursuit of higher ideals, as expressed in Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians (cf. Col 3). Ultimately, it represents a wellspring of hope, showing the contemporary world that true joy is found in dedicating oneself to a cause greater than oneself, in trust and surrender to Divine Providence.



KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, USA

On January 11, the sisters reaffirmed their vows in the chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission House during Holy Mass presided over by Father Aaron Waldeck.



FRANCA, SP



SANTA CRUZ, RJ

On January 6, Father Renan presided over the Eucharistic Celebration for the renewal of vows.



HAMILTON, CANADA

In the presence of Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger and the community assembled in prayer and gratitude, the sisters reaffirmed their vows to the Lord.



TETE, MOZAMBIQUE



CIUDAD DEL ESTE, PARAGUAY



ARACAJU, SE

At the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Child, Holy Mass was celebrated by Father Roberto Benvindo, with Father Wesley as concelebrant, during which the sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Mission House renewed their vows.



SÃO CRISTÓVÃO, RJ



SÃO LUIS, MA



PORTO ALEGRE, RS



CORONEL OVIEDO, PARAGUAY



MANAUS, AM



SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA, BOLIVIA
In the chapel of Fraternitas Santa Beatriz de Silva, the sisters reaffirmed their vows before God, the regional minister, Sister Ester, PJC, and the entire assembled community.



TORO PAMPA, PARAGUAI



PERPIGNAN, FRANCE



WATERFORD, IRELAND
A Holy Mass for the renewal of vows in Waterford took place at St. Saviour's, presided over by the diocesan bishop, Alphonsus Cullinan.



SAN ANTONIO, HONDURAS



TERESINA, PI



CEDARTOWN, GEORGIA



GUATEMALA CITY, GUATEMALA
the sisters of the Guatemala mission reaffirmed their vows at the Church of Our Lady of the Angels during the Eucharist celebrated by Father Joaquín Mejía, OFM.



IQUIQUE, CHILE



CANAS, YANAOCA, PERU



BELÉM, PA
The celebration was held at Holy Trinity Parish, and was attended by the Archbishop Alberto Taveira.

"To live the consecration is to follow Christ with a pure and faithful heart."

Pope St. John Paul II

THIRTY-TWO NOVICES COMMIT TO GOD AT THE PJC INSTITUTE



On January 5, during the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the Institute of the Poor of Jesus Christ joyfully celebrated the first profession of vows by 32 novices, a major milestone in their vocational journey. The ceremony, held at Vila Franciscana in Campo Mourão, PR, Brazil, united family, friends, and the local community, as well as those who joined through the live broadcast. In the days leading up to the event, each novice was given a new name and mission, with some assigned to Brazil and others sent abroad to spread the Institute's Charism across the globe.



Following the celebration, the Holy Mass in Thanksgiving was presided over by the founder, Father Gilson Sobreiro, who emphasized: "It is an Epiphany to witness so many young women dedicating their lives to the Lord. In each of our hearts, we pray that they remain steadfast in their commitment. Their consecration stands as an epiphanic testimony, a light that illuminates the world."



NOVITIATE: POSTULANTS BEGIN NEW PHASE IN FORMATION



On January 25, 16 postulants began their canonical novitiate at the Saint Mary of the Angels Novitiate in Corbelia, PR, Brazil, coinciding with the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, one of the patrons of the PJC Institute. After a weeklong retreat led by Sister Socorro, the postulants were warmly welcomed by Vice-Minister General Sister Agape, Novice Mistress Sister Letícia, the formation team of the canonical novitiate, and Friar Tarcísio, PJC, Friar Antônio, PJC, and Father Leandro

from the Diocese of Crato-CE, along with others, participated in the entrance ceremony, which concluded with Holy Mass on Saturday morning. This new phase is of great significance for each postulant's vocational journey, as they will dedicate the year to a more introspective experience focused on deepening their understanding of consecrated life, the Institute they belong to, the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and their inner spiritual life.



SISTERS TAKE PART IN THE FIRST NATIONAL YOUTH DAY IN CHILE



From January 21 to 26, the sisters of the missions in Chile joined the first National Youth Day (JNJ) in La Serena. The opening ceremony was a powerful and spiritual experience that set the tone for the following days, showing the energy and commitment of thousands of young Chileans from all over the country. Over 5,000 people took part, including bishops, priests, and religious leaders.

The event included meetings, hopeful discussions, acts of kindness, and cultural celebrations in the cities of La Serena and Coquimbo.



START OF THE NATIONAL JUBILEE YEAR MOVES THE FAITHFUL IN EL SALVADOR

On January 31, the Archdiocese of San Salvador celebrated the beginning of the National Jubilee Year. The event was honored by the presence of His Excellency, Archbishop Edgar Peña Parra, Substitute for General Affairs of the Vatican Secretariat of State.



A part of the celebration included a gathering of all priests, seminarians, and religious members of the Archdiocese of San Salvador at the San José de la Montaña Seminary. The meeting was guided by reflections on the Holy Father's latest encyclical, *Dilexit Nos*. The day concluded with the Eucharistic Celebration, followed by a procession from the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary to the Metropolitan Cathedral of San Salvador.

PJC FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES JOIN THE "MARCH FOR LIFE"



On January 24, sisters from the missions of Baltimore, Kansas City, Georgia, and Canada joined the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States.

This march is the world's largest annual pro-life event, drawing thousands of participants, including clergy and Catholic faithful from across the nation.

The event seeks to unite all those who actively advocate for the sanctity of life, particularly for the unborn.



CANADIAN MISSION WELCOMES APOSTOLIC NOVICES FOR THE FIRST TIME

On February 11, the Hamilton mission in Canada welcomed apostolic novices Kelly, Mariela, and Melissa. After completing their canonical novitiate in Brazil, the American candidates returned to continue their formation in Canada. This marks the first time the Poor of Jesus Christ has received a group of novices in North America.





Solemnity of Saint Paul the Apostle

"As a man chosen to proclaim the Gospel of God (Rom 1:1), Saint Paul stands as an exemplary model of evangelization for us. His unwavering commitment to spreading the Gospel and his total devotion to Christ inspire us, along with the many challenges he faced: persecution, risks, and suffering." (NF123-124)



SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA, BOL

In this apostolic spirit, the Conversion of Saint Paul, one of the patron saints of the Poor of Jesus Christ, was commemorated on January 25. Reflecting on the moment when Christ's encounter transformed the persecutor of Christians into a bold preacher of the Gospel also reminds us of what God can accomplish in the lives of all who embrace His transformative grace. The solemnity was observed with deep devotion in the various locations where the Institute is active.

PORTO ALEGRE, RS



SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR



VILA VELHA, ES

