



Sisters of Charity
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*"I wish you all a time of grace
with the faithful God who has regenerated us
in the risen Christ
"For a living hope"
(cf. 1 Peter 1:3-4)"*

Dear Sisters and Lay Brethren,

As we begin this month of October, the missionary month par excellence, we joyfully welcome the motto which Pope Francis proposes for us this year:

"Missionaries of hope among peoples".

From our charismatic-missionary identity, we turn our gaze to our Founder, Father John Bonal, whose life was a gift to others. He was not only a missionary, but he knew how to open himself to God and find Him in the people he met on his paths. From the Salz he traced paths of encounter, filling with life and passion, and bearing witness to the God of love. He also knew how to discern the need for Our Lady of Grace Hospital, and collected alms for his needy patients.

In this month we gratefully remember his passionate surrender, and we allow ourselves to be inspired by his legacy to enliven our **being mission**. We are called and at the same time a living proposal, we **are all mission**.

Pope Francis reminds us that, as a Church, we are called to be messengers and builders of hope. In his message, he underlines several aspects of the missionary identity that we want to incorporate into our reflection and action:

1. **In the footsteps of Christ, our hope.** Christ precedes us as the missionary par excellence, who cared for the most vulnerable, touched human wounds and did not allow Himself to be overcome by the shadows, but placed his trust in the Father.

2. **Christians as bearers and builders of hope among peoples.** It is not enough to proclaim the Gospel from afar, we Christians are called to share the concrete conditions of life of those we meet, being in solidarity with their joys

and sufferings. The Pope also makes a special appeal not to forget that the mission is not only for countries in need, but also in developed nations, where the spiritual misery of individualism and isolation can be hidden.

3. **Renewing the mission of hope.** Mission is not a static project, but a continuous dynamism nourished by prayer, formation, sacraments and ecclesial communion. Francis insists that evangelization is always a community process, not the task of a few, but demanding communion and synodality.

Proposals for this missionary month

- **To read, reflect and share the** Paths (Veredas) of Father John as a missionary lifestyle.
- **Reflect and work** with the materials that the Church proposes to us, accompanied by the motto "We are all mission".
- **Watch video** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lozHV84d-Nk&t=34s>
- To promote in our communities spaces for **missionary gatherings** (a coffee, a meeting) where experiences may be shared: those of the people who have dedicated their lives to the missions, inside or outside the country.
- **Pray** for missionaries and for our local mission, asking the Lord to grow in us a stronger missionary vocation.
- **To elaborate** in our communities a local **missionary motto**, arising from the feelings of the members, so that it may be a concrete stimulus during this year.
- To invoke especially St. Therese of Lisieux as intercessor to help us offer our lives in the mission, and to ask the Lord to grant us new missionary vocations to make the Gospel known.

Thus, by uniting our charism with the universal call of DOMUND 2025, we can affirm with renewed commitment that our missionary identity is a living hope for peoples.

An embrace

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