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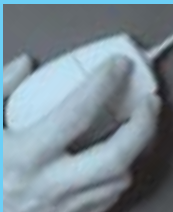


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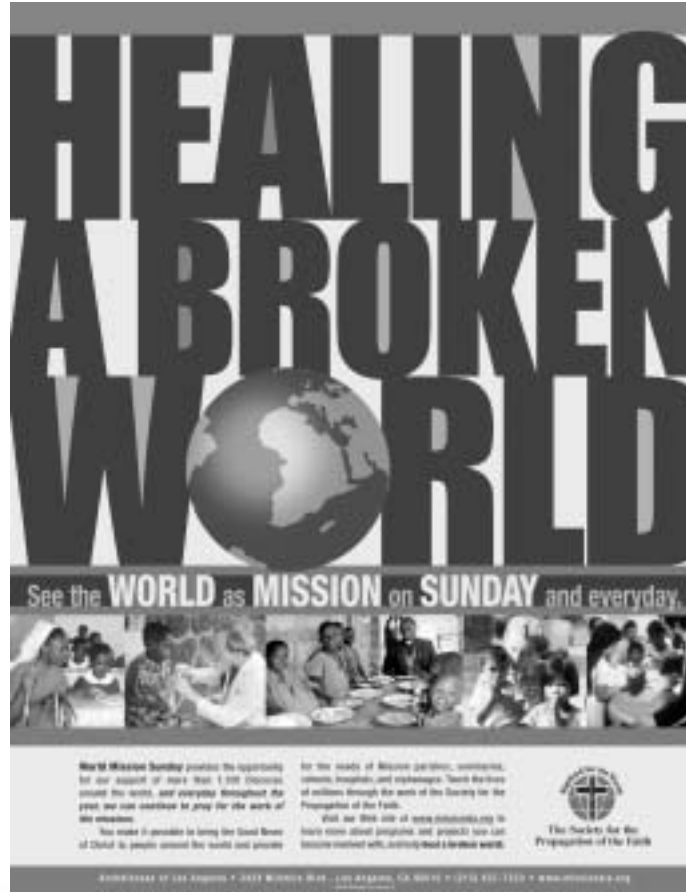


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www.missionsla.org

Or send us an e-mail regarding any of your concerns for the missions.

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World Mission Sunday Poster

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday, celebrated this year on October 19, 2003, is organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith as a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice.

In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope John Paul II reminds us: "Through baptism all believers are called to holiness... Holiness and mission are inseparable aspects of the vocation of every baptized person. The commitment to become more holy is closely linked to that of spreading the message of salvation."

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— Pope John Paul II
Message for
World Mission
Sunday

What can you do?

Your annual support of World Mission Sunday makes it possible for the Propagation of the Faith to respond to needs in more than 1,100 Catholic Dioceses around the world. Seminaries, schools, orphanages, hospitals and missionaries need your help. This annual appeal is an opportunity to join with the faithful around the world and really make a difference.

Thinking beyond Mission Sunday — we invite you to remember the missions everyday in your prayers. It is our prayers that unite us in faith.†



Pope John Paul II

David John Ayette

Fr. Dave

NEW SAINTS HAVE HEARTS FOR THE MISSIONS

This October, “mission month,” the Holy Father will proclaim Saints:

- **Bishop Daniel Comboni**, the Founder of the Comboni Missionaries;
- **Father Arnoldo Janssen**, the Founder of the Divine Word Missionaries; and
- **Father Joseph Freinadenmetz**, a Divine Word Missionary who served many years in China.
- **Mother Teresa**, the Foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, will also be beatified, a first step in the canonization process during this month of October.

A special mass of Thanksgiving commemorating the newly canonized Saints will be celebrated on Sunday, November 9, 2003 at 1:00pm at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Los Angeles. People from many different cultures and nations will gather in their traditional costumes to celebrate these newly canonized and beatified Saints with their native music and dancing.



The Mass will be followed by a solemn procession and will conclude with a fiesta that includes music, dancing, food, gift tables and displays. **All are welcome and invited to join the celebration.**

This is an important milestone in the history of the Church. The four missionaries that will be celebrated have a powerful message for the universal Church and particularly for all Christians and Catholics in Los Angeles. Comboni Missionaries, Divine Word Missionaries, and Missionaries of Charity all have communities who continue their Founders mission among the disadvantaged of our

city. Their message is “We are not true disciples of Jesus if we are not concerned with and involved in his mission to the world and particularly to the poor.”

Visit our web site to learn more about the lives of these saints: www.MissionsLA.org †

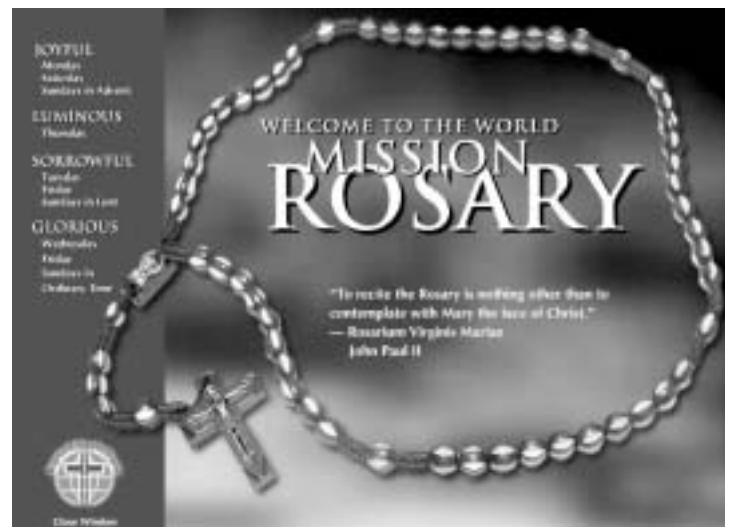
UNIQUE WEB ROSARY FOCUSES ON MISSION

In the Holy Fathers message for World Mission Sunday he calls on all the faithful to pray the Rosary.

“Last October, when I entered the 25th year of my Petrine ministry, I announced a special Year, almost as a spiritual continuation of the Jubilee Year, to be dedicated to the rediscovery of the prayer of the Rosary, so dear to Christian tradition. It is a year to be lived under the gaze of the One who, in accord with God’s mysterious plan, with her “yes,” made possible humanity’s salvation and who continues from Heaven to protect those who turn to her...”

If the World Mission Sunday, which takes place right at the end of the special Marian year, is well prepared, it will give a more generous thrust to this commitment of the ecclesial community. Confident recourse to Mary, with the daily recitation of the Rosary and the meditation of the mysteries of the life of Christ, will emphasize that the Church’s mission must be sustained first of all by prayer...”

Our Los Angeles Mission Office has added a special section to our Web site for a World Mission Rosary. (This will also be available on CD). Images of missions and missionaries punctuate our reflections on the life of Christ lived throughout the world. We offer this to the community of faithful as a way to pray the Rosary daily or anytime, as a



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people reminded that our baptism unites us — we remember always that we are **baptized for the world.** †

“...I would like to suggest to all of you that you intensify your praying of the Rosary, privately and in community, to obtain from the Lord those graces that the Church and humanity especially need. I invite everyone to do this: children, adults, young and old, families, parishes and religious communities.”

— Pope John Paul II
Message for World Mission Sunday



Visit the new Mission Rosary on-line web site:

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HCA OCTOBER 2003 MASS

The Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels will again be brimming over with more than 3,000 children from every corner of the Archdiocese, coming together on Wednesday October 29, 2003 to celebrate their commitment to the missions and their support of the Holy Childhood Association.

"As an adult it is such an inspiration to see the spiritual way in which these children approach this celebration. We are anticipating another wonderful liturgy!"

— John Perez,
Archdiocesan Director of the
Holy Childhood Association

This will be the second year that the celebration will be held in the new Cathedral, and children and teachers remembering last year's celebration are looking forward to the opportunity to again gather in prayer for children all around the world.

In the Los Angeles Archdiocese children in Catholic Schools and Religious Education programs learn about children around the world. They pray for their brothers and sisters and seek ways to offer support. Throughout the year these children take part in walk and dance-a-thons, popcorn sales, poster contests, and find many other creative ways to support children living in the missions. †



Photos from 2002 Mass at
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

FIVE MISSIONARIES IN FORMATION / LMH / MDA

The formation program for Lay Mission-Helpers and Mission Doctors began in August, and will culminate with the commissioning at the Cathedral on December 14, 2003.

Continuing their formation, candidates have been informed of their three-year assignments at a ceremony on September 26, 2003. Members of Mission Doctors Association, Tim and Sheila Cavanagh are being assigned to St. Theresa's Hospital in Zimbabwe. Jill and David Kalinski, with their two sons Samuel and Peter, will be assigned to the Marshall Islands. Vicki Smith, an engineer will begin an assignment in the diocese of Kumbo in Cameroon.

Janice England, Director of the Lay Mission-Helpers, said of the class: They will bring their talents and faith to serve the people of Zimbabwe, Cameroon and the Marshall Islands.

Each will now also begin to learn more about the specific country where they will serve, in addition to the scripture, spirituality, and theology classes that fill their days.

Individuals who are considering this type of commitment are invited to contact Lay Mission-Helpers Association, lmh@la-archdiocese.org and/or Mission Doctors Association, missiondrs@earthlink.net †



New LMH/MDA class
learn assignments

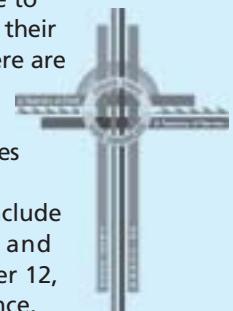
Catholic Network of Volunteer Service to Hold National Conference in Santa Monica

The Catholic Network of Volunteer Service (CNVS) will hold their annual national conference in Santa Monica, November 13 – 16, 2003.

CNVS is a national association of faith-based volunteer programs providing marketing, training, networking and technical assistance to help member programs accomplish their individual missions. At this time there are more than 10,000 volunteers serving with member programs in all 50 states and more than 70 countries around the world!

Keynote speakers this year include Terry Hershey, Megan McKenna, and Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. On November 12, 2003, prior to the annual conference, a volunteer fair will take place at Loyola Marymount University. For additional information on the volunteer fair or the conference contact Elise Frederick: efrederick@la-archdiocese.org

For more information about CNVS visit their web site: www.CNVS.org †



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! TO OUR LAY MISSIONARIES IN THE FIELD

OCTOBER

17 BEV THORNBURG

17 LINDA TUCKER

NOVEMBER

03 WALTER BIRCHALL

05 CATHY MEDINA

24 GRACE GONZALES

DECEMBER

03 ED MEDINA

11 WARREN BOWERS

18 MEGAN MEDINA

There is another way to share your blessings with the
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This is a unique way to give to the Church and insure that your desire to help the Missions continues.



Msgr. Anthony A.F. Leuer REMEMBERED

Funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 23 at Holy Trinity Church, San Pedro, for Msgr. Anthony A.F. Leuer. Msgr. Leuer held many positions throughout the Archdiocese, most recently as the chaplain at Marymount College.

Msgr. Leuer served as the Associate Director of the Mission Office from 1972-1979, and continued to teach the formation program of Lay Mission-Helpers through 2001. During his time with the Mission Office he visited many lay missionaries around the world, and will be remembered for his intelligence, kindness and smile.

Born in Long Beach, Msgr. Leuer made his theological studies at North American College in Rome where he was ordained a priest in 1961 for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Niederauer noted during his homily that the biggest thing about Msgr. Leuer was his heart, something anyone who knew him would certainly agree with. †

JENNIFER NEIL...

...officially joined the Mission Office staff on September 15th to coordinate the Crossing Borders Program. As a recent graduate of Providence College in Rhode Island, Jennifer comes to the office as a Notre Dame AmeriCorps volunteer. For the next year she will volunteer with the Mission Office while living in a community of five other volunteers in the Los Angeles area.

Originally from the Boston area, Jennifer graduated Providence College with a BA in Psychology and Philosophy with a minor in Spanish. While at Providence College she always involved herself academically as well as socially. She never believed that "service" was something you did once in a while, but rather was a way of life. This attitude attracted her to organizations such as Student Government, Admissions Ambassadors, and Urban Action. Therefore, her decision to join the AmeriCorps / Notre Dame Mission Volunteers felt as natural as her decision to go to college.

"I always wanted to devote a year or two to focus my energy on volunteering with other people who have similar motivation. At school it was difficult at times to wholly dedicate myself to service because of the distractions," she explained.

Not only her love of volunteering, but also her love of travel has brought her to the West Coast. As a junior in college she spent a semester studying in Spain, she has lived in the DC area interning with a NGO for the UN, and she has also volunteered in an Orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

As the coordinator for the Crossing Borders Program, she will be taking high school students to Tijuana. She is looking forward to the challenge, not only to educate the participants about globalization, migration and international policy, but also to cultivate a strong sense of social and moral responsibility in the participants and in herself. †



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