



Come, Holy Spirit,

show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

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Biblical Insights

«GIVE THE LORD GLORY AND HONOR»

by Pierrette MAIGNÉ

OCTOBER 18, 2020 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

PSALM

(Ps 96: 1.3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10) R/ Give the Lord glory and honor.

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.



This psalm that the liturgy offers us on this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time is the one that most expressly sings the Joyful News of the Kingdom. We find there all the theology of the 2nd Isaiah (40-55) called the «Book of Consolation» from which is extracted the 1st Reading of this Sunday. The context of this psalm is the return from exile to Babylon where the Lord by liberating his people unexpectedly proved more powerful than the Babylonian gods.





Let's get into this psalm:

The accumulation of verbs in the

imperative - sing, tell, give, worship, tremble helps to give this psalm the impression of excitement at the coming of the Lord ... because He is coming (v.13). This is not heard in the liturgy.

Sing, tell... but sing! We are invited to the party.

A new song: we find this expression elsewhere in the Bible (Ps. 32:3; 39:4; 143:9; 149:1; ls. 42:10; Jdt. 16:13; Ap. 5:9; 14:3).

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New: This adjective only applies to works of God. God alone can make something new, not man! We can only sing "a new song" about God's decisive intervention in history. For us too, it is only when we have had the experience of God intervening in our life that we can sing this new song that the Lord himself puts in our mouths. In the Old Testament the use of this word concerning salvation are concentrated in the period following the return from exile, for it is there that the people discovered the magnitude of the salvation intended not only for Israel but for all nations.

The 2nd Isaiah explicitly announces this novelty: here I am doing a new thing: Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? (Is. 43, 18-19). This novelty is that God will no longer remember sin, that he will manifest himself as a saving God, source of new blessings.

This is why the psalm invites us to proclaim the wonders that God works! What God does far exceeds all the works of idols because idols are nothing! (v.5).



Bring gifts: yes, before the work of God how to come to him with our offerings, that is to say all our life, this life that he has given us and that we come to give back to him as we do each time in the Eucharist. With the presentation of the gifts it is our life that we offer to the Lord so that he may unite it to his.

Let us get carried away in this impetus offered by the psalm and bless the Lord for all the wonders he still performs today in his Church and in each of our lives and let us in turn become a messenger of the Good News.





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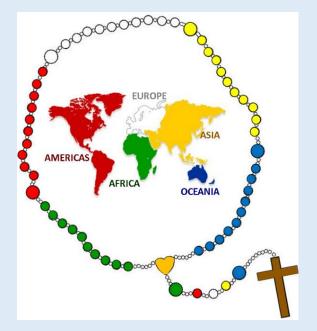
CHILDREN - ROSARY PRAYER - PEACE

by Donata, from Lunghezza, Rome



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ROME, ITALY - My name is Donata, born in Bari 64 years ago. I have lived in Rome since I was married to Angelo; the Lord has blessed us with the gift of 4 children and 2 grandchildren; we consecrated ourselves to Jesus through Mary in the Montfortian Family more than 20 years ago, in the house in via Prenestina ... From this consecration was born in our hearts the gift of volunteering to support the children of the Montfortian mission in Africa, first in Malawi and for ten years in Madagascar ... In the meantime, we had started to gather a cenacle in our house, praying the Holy Rosary with friends; some time later, Father Marco Pasinato gave us a more specific mandate: to pray the Rosary for vocations, and entrusted to us a Pilgrim Virgin of the "Consacratio Mundi"; It is in this movement that we also made our consecration, with Father Michele, from Zagreb.

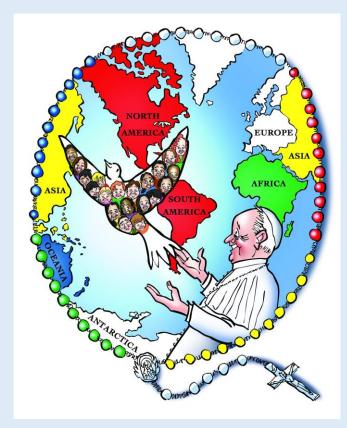




After starting to pray with Mary at home, the Pilgrim Virgin continued her visits to other houses, churches and shrines (note her constant presence at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in San Vittorino), in San Raffaele in the RSA (Residenze Sanitarie Assistite) department, (in English: Assisted Medical Residences), at the International Youth Center of San Lorenzo ... Everywhere, the invitation to pray together for vocations was honored.

Soon my heart as a mother and catechist, moved at the school of the Spirit by the exhortation of Jesus in the Gospel "that the children come to me ..." felt the desire to make the children pray with the Holy Rosary, aware of the power that could be their prayer for the purity of their heart ... This proposal has found consensus over time and the participation has been constant ... In the parish of the Most Holy Trinity, where I am serving, we have been praying with catechism groups for a few years and we have also been to the Porziuncola (in Assisi) and to San Gabriele. The pandemic stopped this momentum at first ...

But then, thanks to the use of virtual means, we were able to resume group prayer ... Now we are trying to resume walking; in particular our attention is turned to an initiative born from the Holy Spirit about 3 years ago; it advances slowly and will take shape according to God's will: it is the day of intercession for peace with children praying with the animated rosary, with the crown of the 5 continents, then young people, groups and schools, with an animation according to their own charisms ...



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The day of prayer for peace was born during the interreligious meeting between the different religious confessions in Assisi, and was instituted on October 27, 1986 by Pope John Paul II ... This desire to support prayer for peace is built in dialogue and may well continue with the exhortation to involve children and young people ...



With the invaluable and affectionate support of my husband who supports me by sharing many tasks (without his support most of my missionary commitments would be impossible for me ...), I make contact with the realities that I have known during these years of apostolate, including the head of Radio Maria, who enthusiastically welcomed the proposal to promote the Rosary prayed by children on the radio, in connection with the children of Syria and other countries...

Following other contacts made, we await a response, then a discernment ... The living hope in our heart is that the realities of Montfortian Spirituality can be a living part of this initiative ... Totus tuus ego sum, Maria!

Peace and good to you all, in Jesus, Mary and Joseph. ■



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«MONTFORT» FORMATION HOUSE OF BOMANA, PORT MORESBY, PAPUA NEW GUINEA (PNG)

by Bro. Nirina Regnier Philip



Left to right: Bro Nirina, Blessius, Godwin, Anselm, Steven, Clifford and Fr Moko Martinus (Parish priest of St Martin de Pores Parish in Morata).



Present with the Montfortian candidates at Bomana: (1) Fr. Aloisius Banggur (Superior Delegation of PNG and Cathedral Parish Priest in Kiunga) and (2) Fr. Mateus Juang, Montfort Missionary serving in the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga..





Fr Mateus (v), with the people and a church he is building. Currently he is actively building dozens of church buildings in various villages and is involved in various activities related to food security for the people in Daru-Kiunga diocese.

PORT MORESBY, PNG - My name is Nirina Regnier

Philip, a Brother of Montfort Missionary. I am happy to be here in PNG. I arrived here in the beginning of August 2019. This is the second time for me to be missionary in this country. I worked here a few years ago, for several years, before going to France and helping out at the Francophone International Novitiate in Montfort-sur-Meu.

I help Fr Roy Millano, who is currently on vacation in Manila, the Philippines, the one in charge of the Formation in General Delegation of PNG. As Brother, I assist for the practical things, manual work: maintenance, gardening... I do this along with the candidates. I give as well vocation session, introduction of the bible and breviary, Church history, good manner. I share the tradition and the history of Montfort Missionaries to the candidates of "Come and See" program. I do the shopping and other things relating to finance. The Covid-19 change many things. With lock down, we have to stay at home for more than one month. This is new experience for our candidates. "" Every Monday evening we have prayer and sharing on the montfortian spirituality. This time we read and share from the «Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary» with ourthe group of Montfortian Associates. Every Monday evening we have prayer and sharing on the montfortian spirituality. This time we read and share from the «Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary» with ourthe group of Montfortian Associates.

We have contact outside through those spiritual groups in the St Martin de Pores parish, in Morata, like the Legion of Mary, Divine Mercy Group, Men's Group... and many of the parishioners... The parish priest of this community is Fr Moko Martinus.

Here, in Bomana, we have good contact with the eight different communities belonging to eight different congregations since we live togheter in same coumpound: OFM, Capuchin, Domican, MSC, SVD, Salesien, Passionist, Michaelite Fathers and the Diocesan seminarians under the care of Lazarist priests.

The following is a presentation of the candidates of Montfort Missionaries formed in Montfort Formation House of Bomana.



My name is **Blessius KAMBANDUO**, I am from the diocese of Weweak, 25 years old. I am with the Montfort Missionary for the "Come and See" program this year 2020.

I'm **Godwin DALE**, 32 year old, from Vokeo Island, East Sepik Province, St Theresia Parish of Wewak diocese. I'm postulant of Montfort Missionaries. I've finished two years of study in Philosophy, and now I'm doing my first Year of Theology. Every Sunday I assist the meeting of the Divine Mercy spiritual group at St Martin de Pores Parish in Morata.

My name is **Anselm WAHINEJAUSE**, 23 years old. I am postulant candidate of Montfort Missionaries, this is my 3rd year with them. I study Philosophy first year at the Catholic Theological Institut, Bomana, Port-Moresby. At the parish I take care of the Sunday school in collaboration of the parishioners.

My name is **Martin Steven HIAMANGI**. I come from of the Diocese of Weweak, Negrie, St Arnold Jansen Parish. Currently I am 20 years old. This year I come to the Montfort Missionaries Community in Bomana, for the "Come and See" program.

My name is **Clifford KIBINEIK**, 25 years old, I was born on 14th October 1995. I am from West Sandawn, in the diocese of Atipe. I become candidate of Montfort Missionaries and doing the "Come and See" program.



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Currently we are waiting for the arrival of **Bros. Michael, Bienvenu and Majoric from Manila, with Fr. Roy**. Bro. Michael, who was doing his novitiate in Manila, has just taken his first vows. While, Bro. Bienvenu and Majoric are two confreres from the Francophone African entity who will continue their theological formation in Port Moresby in order to become missionaries here and become part of the PNG entity. They have already improved their English in Manila. Our community will be very happy to have them with us. Hopefully this Covid-19 will go away soon, so that their journey to Port Moresby is possible.

RENEWAL OF CONSECRATION TO JESUS, IN THE HANDS OF THE VIRGIN MARY AND OFFICIAL WELCOME TO MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION MARY QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS

by Fr. Jean Claude RAMANDRAIVONONA, smm



TAMATAVE, Madagascar - September 1-2-3, 2020, are the days chosen to better prepare for the renewal of the Consecration to Jesus in the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for 6 members and the official welcome of the 29 brothers and sisters . For that, they were preparing themselves with a three day retreat. It was Father Jean Claude, smm, who preached the retreat.

During this retreat, the reflection is centered on "Consecration". They reflect on the very meaning of consecration with the act of consecration, its renewal, its content, what leads the person and the reason why we go through the Blessed Virgin Mary. We have underlined in all senses that consecration is a perfect renewal of baptismal vows and promises. It leads us to perfection (to holiness), as Montfort teaches us: "That is why perfect consecration to Jesus is but a perfect and complete consecration of oneself to the Blessed Virgin, which is the devotion I teach; or in other words, it is the perfect renewal of the vows and promises of holy baptism" (TD 120). When we go through this «mold» to be renewed, as sinners, in order to be able to consecrate ourselves to Jesus Christ, there is the effort of each one to live well the baptismal promises, but also her mercy and her intervention, as Mother: "Now of all God's creatures Mary is the most conformed to Jesus. It therefore follows that, of all devotions, devotion to her makes for the most effective consecration and conformity to him. The more one is consecrated to Mary, the more one is consecrated to Jesus" (TD 120).

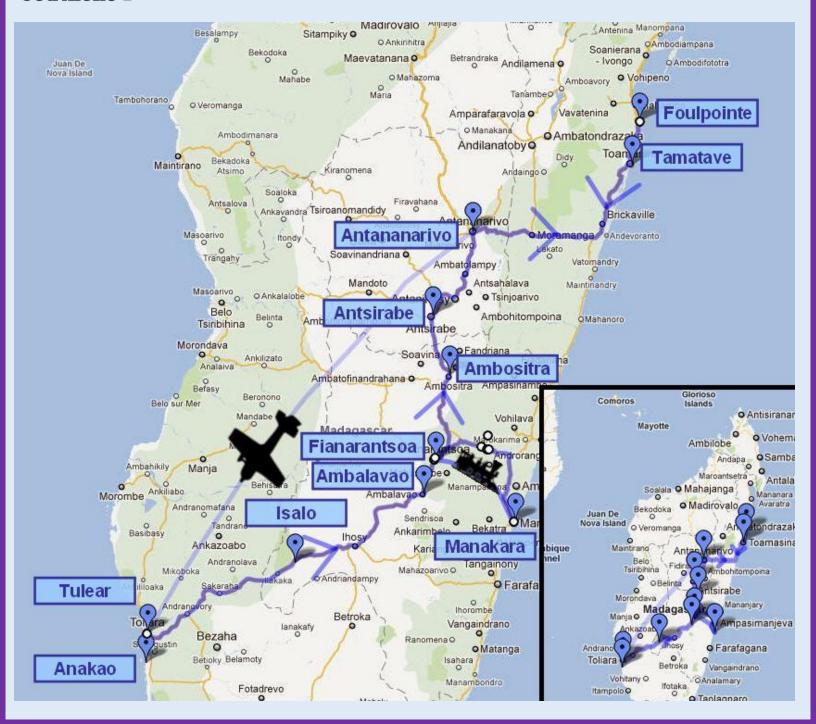


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To put it simply, number 120 of the Treatise on True Devotion to Mary is very important. Montfort even asks us to make efforts to live our consecration to Mary until the end, so as to belong entirely to Jesus Christ through her.

On Friday September 4, the renewal of the Consecration to Jesus Christ in the hands of Mary and the welcoming of the new members, officially, in front of Father Jean Claude and Father Paul, were a privileged moment of commitment in the faith that everyone does. The liturgy was celebrated, during the consecration and the reception, in the form of dialogue, with questions and answers. After the celebration, we lived a fraternal moment in the cocktail party during which we were able to share and get to know each member, numbering 35 people and the two Fathers.

All this lived moment took place in joy, in total brotherhood and love. **God Alone**



Hymn of Montfort

OBLIGATIONS OF GRATITUDE

I sing and sing again
 Always and everywhere,
 Regardless of anyone,
 The charities of my God.
 He is here, listening to me; sing louder, my tongue.
 Chosen soul, sing with me,
 Let us sing, and renew our faith,
 It is love that moves us.

Leave aside, I beg you,
 All ungrateful sinners,
 Flee their company,
 They are but fattened swine,
 Gulping down our master's riches
 And do so with a hardened heart,
 Without giving Him any thanks.

3. What gratitude
To offer the Lord?
Everything is in His power,
Everything is for His grandeur;
Though man has nothing, the Lord seeks an offering:
Man must recognize
His gifts And always bless Him for them.
That is all He asks.

4. He knows our weakness,
Our inability,
Our pettiness
Our poverty;
He wants as gifts nothing extraordinary,
He wants us to bless Him for them.
And to acknowledge them:
That is what we can do.



5. In justice, man owes
His generous God
The perfect sacrifice
Of a grateful heart:
Offer to Him in sacrifice the purest praise,
Fulfill one's vows to the Most High,
Adore God as we should
And as the angels do.

6. Jesus was faithful
In fulfilling this duty,
He is the best model
We could ever have;
Night and day He gave thanks to God His Father
By the oracles He spoke,
By the miracles He worked;
They were His prayer.

7. The more a soul is favored,
The more it must make return.
We see that in Mary
Brimming over with love;
Night and day she was filled with gratitude.
She blessed her Lord,
Proclaimed His kindness
And His immense power.

8. The faithful Virgin
Encouraged everyone
To praise with her
Their common benefactor:
Deo gratias was her ordinary greeting;
Many saints, following her example,
Often said: Deo gratias.
O most salutary word!

9. The Church militantWith the Church triumphant,The Blessed in heaven,Sings in joyful tones:Thanks to our God whom we adore and bless,Praise to our Creator,Praise to our Redeemer.Oh! holy practice!

10. Both grace and nature Inspire this return, Everything mutters If it does not happen.The river runs to the sea as if it were its parent, The flowers turn to the sun, As the author of their being, As their own father.

11. Everything returns to the earth
That produced it,
Even the thunder
Returns with a loud bang
Teaching mortals to receive and give back,
To give back to God, as their end,
The gifts received from His hand,
Not keeping or taking anything.

12. Everything here below leads usTo this heartfelt return.All land providesFruit for the laborer;To the one manuring it, it says silently:"For your manure and for your toilI give you new fruit;It is my thanks."

13. Animals are wise,They are grateful,Even the wildestAnd the most voracious;How well they remember favors.We see this loyalty in dogsAnd even in lions and bears,As we read in history.

14. To love and give thanksAre proper to all mortals;Perhaps nothing in the worldIs as natural.Our hearts are touched by another's kindness,But for the kindness of the LordWe have neither tongue nor heart.O horrendous ingratitude!



15. We recognize gratitude
In the humble of heart,
But ingratitude
In the pride of the sinner;
A grateful heart avoids all the wrongs
And misfortunes of thankless people,
It wins victory in its combats,
And obtains sublime gifts.

16. The ungrateful person wastes his efforts
And the Lord's favors.
He dries up the fountain
Of the Savior's graces;
God withdraws from him His grace and justice
And he falls into blindness
And then into obstinacy
And then into the abyss.

17. A good heart, on the contrary,Always grateful,Obliges God to give himSome new gift. Since he returnsWhat he gets, God always gifts him;He loses nothing of what he has receivedHe advances from virtue to virtueEven to the crown.

18. Sinners resemblingThe ill-fated Judas,Despite their innumerable gifts,Are always ungrateful.But chosen souls are full of gratitude,They do what they will do in heaven,They imitate the blessedIn their beatitude.

19. There is no small grace,God's gifts are great,The wise man profitsFrom the least talent.We must not use our gifts of grace and natureTo offend His Majesty,That would be blasphemous,A cruel insult.

20. Give praise and glory To God for His favors, Remember them, Reflecting on them peacefully. Let us glorify everywhere His paternal goodness Not with pride and vanity But with the simplicity Of His faithful children.

21. What shall I render, holy angels,What shall I render to the Lord?I have no praiseWorthy of His greatness.Oh! Would that I had your purest flamesTo render Him a worthy return,To praise Him night and dayIn the name of all creatures!

22. Praise God, all my faculties,Bless God, my heart,A thousand thanksTo our Creator.Oh Christians, bless with me His tenderness,It is He who made us Christians,It is He who fills us with good things.So let us praise Him constantly.



23. How many unfaithful men,How many wretched ungrateful peopleHow many rebellious sinnersAre found everywhere!Oh! we receive from God all the goods of this worldBut without praising our benefactor,Without regard for the giver,Like a vile beast.

24. Let us praise God, I beg you,
Both for ourselves and for all people,
Though Jesus and Mary
Let us calm His anger
And sincerely say: Deo gratias,
As many times as drops of water in the sea
As atoms in the air
As grains of sand. ■



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Here I am, Send me!

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