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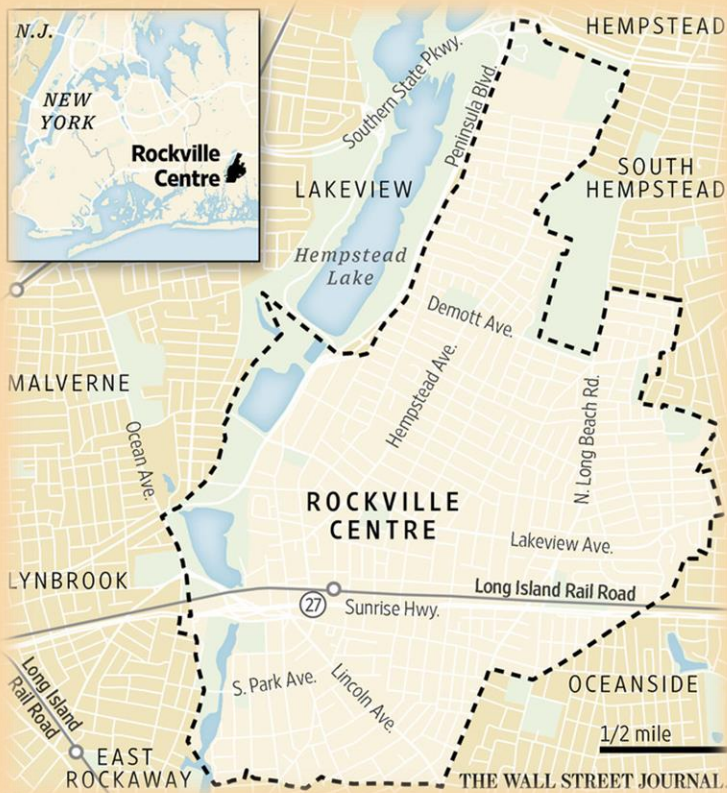
For more than twenty (20) years, the Montfortian Province of Haiti, thanks to various priests, has been in the Rockville Center diocese in New York, for doing mission or for further studies. The Very Reverend Father Wismick Jean Charles, SMM was the first to start this experience in Saint Brigid Parish, Westbury, Long Island.

By Fr Jean Jacques Nesly, SMM

Once his ministry began, Fr. Wismick immediately saw fit to lay the foundations for the growth of the Montfortian Family through the Montfortian Associates.

Thus, on December 8, 1999, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, 24 adults, men and women of the Parish of Saint Brigid, embraced the Montfortian Spirituality and consecrated themselves to Jesus through Mary. They made their choice in complete freedom, with love and said they were ready to cooperate more in making the Montfortian Family grow, to better deepen Montfortian Spirituality and to be more active alongside Father Wismick in parish pastoral care.





This first group was well prepared and has remained very active in the parish to this day. They are very cooperative and continue to show a great thirst for their continuing formation.

On August 15, 2008, on the feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, a new group of about 30 members consecrated themselves in the Parish of Saint Anne Brentwood **still under the initiative of Fr. Wismick, this tireless founder and ambassador of Montfortian Spirituality.** The first two groups of consecrated persons were recruited from among the most qualified, competent and committed faithful in the two respective communities. They are the lungs of both communities.

On April 28, 2010, a mixed group of 22 members, made up of faithful from the Parishes of Saint Brigid, Saint Anne, Saint Martha and Saint François of Assisi pronounced the same Consecration.

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They recognize themselves as an integral part of this beautiful family and have always shown themselves ready to participate, to help in the pastoral projects of the Province of Haiti.

On December 11, 2011, 57 faithful also made their Consecration in the Community of Saint Martha, which had shown itself to be very interested in embracing Montfortian Spirituality.

After each Consecration ceremony, the list of Consecrated persons, with the signatures of the members, is sent to the head of the American Montfortian Associates residing at Bay Shore.

From 2011 to the present day, we have no new consecrated groups. I had started by forming different groups but they were unable to receive all of the training that would lead to their consecration, due to lack of availability caused by the rigor of their workplace.

But in the four (4) respective Parishes, the members bear witness to unfailing fidelity to the Montfortian Family, to their Community and to each new Montfort Priest who arrives. They understood from the start that they are of service to the Church and continue to witness a great sense of the Church, of service and cooperation with the responsible leader.

As soon as I arrived in the Parish of Saint Brigid as spiritual leader of the Haitian Community, the Montfortian Associates of this said Parish and those of the other parishes warmly welcomed me and were open to any collaboration.

So far, my collaboration with them has been very cordial. The “Montfortian Associates of New York” is a very beautiful movement.

They show at all times their great desire to be better informed about the activities of the Province of Haiti and of the Congregation in general. They recognize themselves as an integral part of this beautiful family and have always shown themselves ready to participate, to help in the pastoral projects of the Province of Haiti.



Fr. Nesly Jean Jacques et the Associates of New York in front of Montfortian Novitiate, Montfort-sur-Meu (birth place of Montfort)

Structuring of Montfortian Associates in the different Parishes

In each Parish, the group of Associates is very well structured by a committee made up of very competent members who are very committed to the local community.

1- The Committee of Associates of the Parish of Saint Brigid

is made up of: **Saintanie Laroche, Alourdes Augustin and Judith Torchon.**

2- The Committee of Associates of the Parish of Saint Martha is made up of: **Marlène Jean Baptiste;**

Jean Louis Michelle and Ingrid Lamour.

3- The Committee of Associates of the Parish of Saint Anne

in Brentwood is made up of: **Margarette César, Odéa Lévesque and Carnola Pérrard.**

4- The Committee of Associates of the Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi, Hungtinton is made up of: **Marie**

Lunette Cantave and Judith Maitre.

It should be noted that each group is autonomous. Ms. Yolette Salnave coordinates the groups in the four (4) Parishes. As Coordinator, she has worked with Montfortian Priest on a study mission in the Parish of Saint Brigid since the departure of Father Wismick.

Ms. Yolette Salnave has always done her best to ensure very good coordination between all the groups and to maintain their unity. So far, everything is going very well. Doing things together is for us our «raison d'être» and the reason of our survival.

Currently, we have a membership of 140 active Associate members spread across four Parishes.

About 10 members moved and 8 more in the whole group returned to the Heavenly Father's house. Peace to their soul!

Spiritual resourcing of Members

Each year, all New York Associates are convened regularly to participate in two Retreat sessions lasting three (3) days.

The first gathering is a Triduum as a prelude to the feast of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, led by a Montfortian Father, on a mission not far from New York, passing through New York.

Most often, the animators come to us from Haiti, chosen by mutual agreement with the Montfortian Provincial of Haiti. On several occasions, I invited the Provincial Father of Haiti in order to solidify the relationship between the Associates of New York with the rest of the Associates of the different Communities of Haiti.

The second Retreat is usually offered at the end of August, beginning of September, during the Labor Day weekend.

We have also organized days of Recollection in the Bay Shore and other places of a spiritual nature.

Each Parish hosts the two Retreats in turn, each year. The travel expenses of the Montfortian Fathers who are preachers have always been assured without difficulty by a contribution from the Members.

At the end of each Retreat and feast of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, a big supper is organized by the Parish which welcomes with the contribution of the other Parishes, thanks to the good relationship provided by the Coordinator and the various Committees.



The Associates in Lourdes



The Associates during the processional song of the offerings, during the ceremony of the feast of the Tercentenary of the death of Father de Montfort, in the Basilica of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort in St Laurent-sur-Sèvre.

Spiritual, Social and Missionary Activities of the Associates

- 1- Family prayer during the months of October and May.
- 2- Celebration of Mass every first Saturday of the month, for more than 14 years, at the Shrine Our Lady of the Island of the Montfort Missionaries of New York.
- 3- Organization of International Pilgrimages every two years with all the Associates and some friends.
- 4- Contribution to "Fecaget" in the project to build a school for the poor in Grande Saline.

5- The Associates of New York work jointly with the various Provincials of the province of Haiti. They support Montfortian works in Haiti, namely: Computer Lab at the College Notre Dame de Lourdes in Port de Paix, Water system at the CNDL, Food Program, Grotte Mariale at the Provincial House, Sapotille, Freezer and dry battery at the Center Jean Marie Vincent, Grépin, Gros-Morne.

6- They participate in large numbers (38) in Montfortian events in France: Tercentenary in France, Lourdes, Novitiate of Montfort sur Meu, Pont-Château, Le Marrilais and St-Laurent-sur-Sèvre.



The Associates in Lourdes with Fr. Santino.

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The joys

1- The Members are very happy and proud to be part of a big, beautiful family. They want to know and learn more through our Spirituality.

2- They continue to frequent Montfortian places in the United States where they feel very welcome and at home.

3- Their participation and visit to the high places of Montfort in France are expected when it is necessary to go to the following places:

- a) The tomb of Father de Montfort in Saint Laurent-sur-Sèvre
- b) The Montfortian Novitiate in Montfort-sur-Meu
- c) The visit to the Calvary of Pont-Château
- d) Dinner at the Mother house of Saint Laurent-sur-Sèvre
- e) The visit to the house of the Daughters of Wisdom and the College-High School of the Brothers of St Gabriel.
- f) The offering procession, sung and danced by the Montfortian Associates of New York in the Basilica of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort during the celebration of the 300 years was a very great joy. It was a memorable pilgrimage in the footsteps of our holy Founder.

4- The Associates are delighted to see the spirit of Montfort through the various Fathers on mission-study in New York from Fr. Wismick to myself. They feel confident and accompanied. And they are eager to collaborate with us as leaders to move groups forward. Since the structure has been well worked out by Fr. Wismick, the rest of us just make our personal contribution and the group grows stronger.

5- They feel welcome and animated by the various Parish Priests of their respective Parishes.

6- A good relationship remains among us, Montfort Missionaries who worked in this pastoral mission-study in the Diocese of Rockville Center, who accompanied the Associates and continue to guide them on the right path.



Celebration during Mass at Mont Saint-Michel, with the Associates

Challenges

1- I would like to see more people come and embrace our Spirituality.

2- That the Associates have their financial autonomy.

3- That they be better involved in Montfortian Projects in Haiti.

4- Make mission trips to Haiti when the climate is right.

5- Meet and fraternize with other Montfortians in other countries.

6- During our visit to the Italian Novitiate, Fr. Marco, former Novice Master, was very interested in establishing a connection between our group in New York and the Associates who are in Loreto, Italy. The group of 38 members that were in France welcomed this news with open hearts and thought they would be preparing for the trip over the next two years. Unfortunately, the pandemic has ruined this beautiful project.

So, let's stay informed that the Associates in New York would like to be in closer contact with Associates from other countries, especially those from Loreto.

7- Participation in the celebration of 150 years of presence of the first Montfort Missionaries in Haiti. Again, a project failed because of the pandemic and the insecurity that reigns in Haiti.

8- A concern! If one day the Montfort Missionaries no longer worked in the Diocese of Rockville Center, this could cause the total disappearance of all the groups in the different Parishes. ■



The Associates in Marillais for Sunday Mass, with the Community

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The Associates of New York in the Chapel of Pont-Château

«With joy you will draw water from the fountains of salvation»



Brother Albino, Monfortian, is a member of the Community of the General Curia. Here he serves in many aspects related to carpentry and gardening, performing some small services in the field of electrical, plumbing and masonry.

This smiling Brother who is full of joy, lives a spirit of brotherhood and simplicity. Prayer is considered by him to be very important. What follows is a testimony of his life path and of his service.

Interview with Brother Albino Crescenti SMM

I am **Brother Albino Crescenti**. I was born on February 23, 1950 in Oppeano, Verona. I am the third child of three boys and a sister. In my village there is a 17th century church dedicated to Saint John the Baptist and there is a tower that once belonged to the parish. This used to be a place where young people played various sports. My hometown located about 22 km from the city of Verona, is also known as a producer of tobacco, apples, pears and corn.

I was baptized 7 days after my birth, that is to say on March 1, 1950. My faith developed so well that over time, the desire to join a religious congregation' to become a brother, was born deep in my heart. At the age of 24, I met Father Domenico Di Liberatore, Monfortian, around February or March 1974. He belonged to the Montfortian community of Arbizzano. He came to my parish to preach and help our parish priest.

During this chance of meeting Father Domenico, I expressed my wish to him. He told me about the Montfort Missionaries. Thanks then to this meeting, I went to Arbizzano where I met Father Gino Viscardi. I often went there to speak with these two fathers, especially to Father Gino who was then the vocation coordinator. I went there for a few months and soon I was considered a Montfortian aspirant.



During this period of discernment, I continued my usual work as a carpenter. I wanted to become a carpenter and that I immediately became by working in this sector. At night I went to an evening school in Bovolone for practical refresher courses. I wanted to be a religious brother because I wanted to help the community in manual services. It is an expression of my total gift to God who loves me and calls me to be with him.

A few months later, more precisely in June 1974, I left for Santeramo in Colle where I entered the postulancy and the novitiate. I was 24 years old. For that, I had to quit my carpentry job.

My novitiate master was initially Father Fenili Giuseppe, later elected provincial. He was replaced by Father Claudio Cantù. In the novitiate I continued my work as a carpenter for the maintenance of the house. For me, becoming a Montfortian Brother meant living together, helping the community, praying together.

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I made my first vows on October 3, 1976 and my final vows on May 2, 1981, at the age of 31.

My parents, Marcello and Palmira, and my relatives participated in the liturgy of perpetual profession. I was of course very happy and so was my family.

Montfort is for me the "father of the poor", the missionary who prayed and preached for the renewal of the Church. For me above all, Montfort is a master of prayer. His writings, such as The Treatise on True Devotion, The Love of Eternal Wisdom, The Secret of Mary, The Burning Prayer for Missionaries have helped and support me to become a good disciple of Jesus.



On obedience to the wishes of my superiors, I, first of all, can mention the community of Via Prenestina, from 1977 to 2009. By saying so, I want to underline the long years.....for 32 years, I have been in this community of formation with scholastics. Then I was sent to serve in the missionary community of Reggio Calabria, from 2009 to 2013, so for 4 years. In 2013, I arrived at the General Curia of Monte Mario, where I am now. **I am happy and I feel very comfortable, like in a family.** While I was in the community of Via Prenestina, with Brother Ernesto Zanga, I also lend a hand in the community of Reggio Calabria, for a year, and in that of Via Romagna, in Rome for two years.

In 2019, I was invited by Brother Désiré to Madagascar. I accepted this invitation and when I was there I was very well received, not only by the confreres but also by the family of Brother Désiré. There was a lot of joy. During this visit, I remember there was death in Brother Désiré's family. It was an incredible experience for we cried, we laughed, and we danced. If Madagascar is a country with serious economic difficulties, it remains to me a nation full of very visible joy.

The letters of Father Luizinho addressed to each of the Brothers, March 19, on the occasion of the feast of Saint Joseph, encouraged me. I now turn to my brother priests for this message: In your pastoral care, try to promote the vocation of the brothers in our Congregation. The Brothers are important because, among other things, they can bear witness to the simplicity and the joy of offering oneself to God. **We live this simplicity and this joy also in the experience of the Cross, as disciples of Montfort: «With joy you will draw water from the fountains of salvation» (Isaiah 12:3). ■**



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Missionary Availability for Papua New Guinea (PNG)



By Fr. Rikard Nsalu,
Montfort Missionary

Information regarding my mission to PNG began on December 4, 2018, coinciding with my 33rd birthday.

I am **Rikard**, Montfort Missionary, originally from Indonesia. On August 15, 2015, I made my final vows and on June 17, 2016, I was ordained a priest.

After two and a half years of service in the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua, Mbeling, Diocese of Ruteng, the Congregation sent me to Papua New Guinea (PNG).

At that time, Father Anton, the Provincial of Indonesia, called me. After wishing me a happy birthday, he said that the Indonesian Provincial Council was planning to send me to PNG.

He then added: "This is preliminary information. During the next few days, you should take the time to think about this possibility and then ask yourself if you are ready to be a missionary in PNG."

Without thinking for a long time, I immediately said to him: "I am ready to go on a mission for PNG, dear Father!"



This availability led me to various preparations. On April 6, 2019, I went to Malang and I stayed at the Montfort Seminary. Throughout the month of May 2019, I took an English course at "English Progress" in Malang. In addition, from June 12 to August 8, 2019, I took another English course at "Indonesia Australia Language Foundation (IALF)" in Surabaya.

At the end of the course, I risked taking the "IELTS (International English Language Testing System)" test in order to obtain a certificate which is one of the conditions for obtaining permission to enter PNG.

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After obtaining my IELTS certificate, on September 2, 2019, I went to the Community of the Provincialate of Bandung to prepare my travel documents (passport, visa) and various other documents: I was going to become a missionary in PNG.



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After going through a long process of waiting, finally, on February 23, 2021, I truly left my homeland, the Republic of Indonesia. I arrived at “Jacksons International Airport” in Port Moresby, PNG at 4:10 am. At the airport, I was warmly welcomed by Father Aloï and Brother Nirina who had been waiting for me for a long time.

However, the welcome conversation with them was short as I had to follow the Covid-19 protocol, i.e. start a 14-day quarantine. So, from the airport, I was escorted to the “Holiday Inn” hotel and stayed there for 14 days (February 24-March 8). After that, I really felt ready to go on a mission to this land of Papua New Guinea.

After the quarantine period, I spent a few days with the Confreres of the Formation House of Bomana and of the Parish of Morata, still in Port Moresby, the capital of the country.

After that, I flew to Kiunga, where I am now, for an adjustment period, before heading to my assignment. **I have already visited villages and am happy to meet the people here.**





In the “Burning Prayer for Missionaries”, Saint Montfort asks God for the presence of missionaries who are “liberos” and free as clouds that fly wherever the wind blows, symbol of the Holy Spirit. I truly believe that God is always with me in this mission land. May the Lord, who calls me, also always give me mental and physical health in this service for the glory of His name. *Deo Soli, Ave Maria.* ■



CONSECRATION AT THE DIOCESE OF TAMPICO, MEXICO

By Margarita Flores Orduña

On March 25, 2021, feast of the Incarnation of the Word, several people from different Parishes of the Diocese of Tampico, Mexico, celebrated their first Consecration to Jesus through Mary, always carried out as part of a Celebration of the Eucharist.



In the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Tampico, took place the Consecration of Katheri Natalie García Vargas, Santa Florina Vargas Prado, Teresa San Juan Flores, during a Mass presided over by Fr. Jorge Orizaga.



In the Parish of San Martín, the Consecration of Beatriz Zúñiga and Beatriz Pelayo took place during a Mass celebrated by Fr. José Luis Villanueva Hernández.



In the Parish of Nuestra Señora del Rosario, there was the Consecration of Jorge Alberto López Melgarejo and Marcia López Russel. The Mass was presided over by Fr. Guadalupe Enrique Fernández Coronado.



In the Parish of Buen Pastor, Ma. Cecilia Gámez Zamarrón made her Consecration. The event was chaired by Fr. Zeferino Acuña Betancourt.



Meanwhile, in the Parish of San Esteban, three other people celebrated their Consecration, namely: María de la Luz Aguilera Pérez, Andrea Guadalupe Díaz Aguilera and Carlos Alberto Olivo Bahena. Their celebration was chaired by Fr. Jorge Bernardo Cruz Garza.



Apart from these Consecrations for the first time, several people made the renewal of their Consecration. Fr. Martín Rodríguez, of the parish of San Luis Gonzaga, presided over the renewal of the Consecration of a dozen members. The same process was carried out by a dozen other members of the parish of Nuestra Señora del Refugio led by Fr. Jorge García Guevara.



Fr. Jorge Orizaga, from the Cathedral of Tampico, also presided over the renewal of the Consecration of several people from different Parishes.



In the Parish of San Martín, in the presence of Fr. José Luis Villanueva Hernández, two people renewed their Consecration.



The Consecration took place for the first time, not only in the Diocese of Tampico. There are also people who made their Consecration for the first time in two other Dioceses.

The first person is Selene Salazar Sánchez in the Parish of El Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Diocese of Culiacán; and the second is Maslova Ibarra Campos whose Consecration took place in the Parish of San Judas Tadeo y de la Santa Cruz, Diocese of Queretaro. ■



DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND CONSECRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION MARY, QUEEN OF ALL HEARTS, PUTUSSIBAU, INDONESIA

By Fr. Martin, SMM

On March 24, 2021, the Association Mary Queen of All Hearts (AMQAH), in Putussibau, held a day of recollection. This Recollection took place in the recreation room of the House of Mission, Deo Soli. The preacher was Father Rafael Lepen, SMM who presented the theme "Mary at the foot of the Cross". This Theme was drawn from the nuances of the Lent period which was to be at the same time the spiritual preparation of the members of the AMQAH who would consecrate themselves the following day, the day of the feast of the mystery of the Incarnation (March 25, 2021). Mary's "yes" at the time of the Annunciation resonates again in her "yes" to becoming a mother in the Church: "Woman, here is your son".



In his teaching, Father Rafael encouraged the members of the Association to learn a lot from the Virgin Mary who stood at the foot of the Cross of the Lord Jesus. The presence of Mary in this tragic event of the Son was an active presence: Mary suffered with Jesus.

Father Rafael invited the Associates to interpret their Consecration to Jesus through Mary from a missionary perspective: to imitate Mary in their struggle for life as lay people, members of the Church and people of God, in the parish.

On March 25, 2021, we celebrated Mass for the feast of the Annunciation in the chapel of the Mission House, Deo Soli. Mass was presided over by the main celebrant, Father Jack, SMM. The concelebrants were Father Rafael, SMM and Father Martin, SMM. The Mass on the day of the Annunciation was special because it was marked by the celebration of the Consecration, for the first time, of a member of the Association.

At this Mass were present the Confreres of the Communities of Putussibau, Mendalam, Siut and all the members of AMQAH, both those who have made their Consecration and those who were preparing themselves with the "Totus Tuus Journey" program. Other people also attended this mass.



The AMQAH members were very happy because this year they were able to celebrate the feast of the Incarnation of the Word, within the great Montfortian Family, in the region of Kapuas Hulu, Putussibau.

Mr. Antonius Baring Tandto, the only AMQAH member who consecrated himself that day, said he was very moved and happy because he was finally able to pronounce his Consecration: "I am very moved, Father. thank you... I have been involved in AMQAH for a long time, but it is only now that I can give myself totally to God, renewing my Baptism in the hands of the Virgin Mary. I am happy that everyone is there to support me". Mr. Baring Tandto is the former President of the Pastoral Council of the Parish of Saint Mary Immaculate in Putussibau. He hopes that at his retirement age he will be able to serve God in the Parish and the basic Communities. ■

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"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

JUNE 20, 2021

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark (4: 35-41)

By Pierrette MAIGNÉ

*On that day,
as evening drew on, he said to them,
"Let us cross to the other side."
Leaving the crowd,
they took him with them in the boat just as he was.
And other boats were with him.
A violent squall came up
and waves were breaking over the boat,
so that it was already filling up.
Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion.*

*They woke him and said to him,
"Teacher,
do you not care that we are perishing?"
He woke up, rebuked the wind,
and said to the sea,
"Quiet! Be still!"
The wind ceased and there was great calm.
Then he asked them,
"Why are you terrified?
Do you not yet have faith?"
They were filled with great awe
and said to one another,
"Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"*



The liturgy of the 12th Sunday in ordinary time (June 20) offers us this well-known Gospel of the tempest appeared in Mark's version.

The whole story culminates in this question: "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

At the end of a tiring missionary day, Jesus orders his disciples to cross to the other shore. Crossing the lake is a perilous adventure because storms are frequent there, moreover it was already dark. The 'other shore' is referred to the shore of the pagans, therefore it is a hostile territory. The 'sea' is referred to the place of the forces of evil and at nighttime unlike the day, is conducive to the forces of darkness. Through all of these elements, Mark wants to lead us to a revelation: Jesus is the one who fights the forces of evil and is the conqueror.



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JESUS IS SLEEPING: This is the only time in the Gospel where we see Jesus sleeping. Faced with the unleashing of the elements and the sleep of Jesus, the disciples are terrified. They wake up Jesus who reproaches them for their lack of faith: «Why are you terrified?»

What provokes their fear is the feeling of being abandoned, alone to face the raging elements and Jesus is found sleeping. Their lack of faith is therefore that lack of trust in Jesus. Through this passage it is our trust in God that is questioned. We all go through different storms in our lives and we can allow ourselves to be questioned.

When everything is dark, even a dead end, what is usually our attitude? Do we believe that we are disciples abandoned by God: **“TEACHER, DO YOU NOT CARE THAT WE ARE PERISHING?”**

The difficulties reveal our weaknesses, our vulnerabilities: “Do you not yet have faith?” To have faith in God is not only to believe that He exists to have faith is to go to him and trust him; be assured that he takes care of us: The Lord is my light and my salvation whom I should fear (Ps. 26).

To be afraid is to lack faith and to rely on our own strength. We are called to reposition ourselves in the faith. Let us take Jesus in the boat of our lives and live this total confidence in him.

Saint Peter exhorted the first Christians, thus: **“CAST ALL YOUR WORRIES UPON HIM BECAUSE HE CARES FOR YOU”** (1Peter 5: 7) Saint Paul in the 2nd letter to the Corinthians shares with us his experience of the response received from the Lord : **“MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU, FOR POWER IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS”** (2Co. 12: 9).



By his cross the Lord has saved us and nothing can separate us from his redeeming love, so trust and breathe in the breath of the Spirit. ■



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