

# A NEW HEART FOR A NEW WORLD



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## Message from the Provincial

While at an airport recently, I happened to be in line behind a father holding his son. The father was a big man who looked like he could have been a football lineman. The son was a new-born who could not have been more than a month old. The baby was sleeping on his father's chest with his tiny head nestled in the father's neck. It was a peaceful scene, one which helps us realize that sometimes things are right in the world.

This scene led me to think about a book I had just read, "The Christmas Box" by R. P. Evans. The main character is challenged by his elderly landlady to think about what was the first Christmas gift. Through the course of the book he discovers that it is "a parent's love." The gift originates with the first Parent, the Father of all who loves the Son and sends him to share the light of love with a darkened world.

The first Christmas gift, the Father's love for the Son, is intended to be passed on to every child who is born. Because every human being has a father and mother,

God's gift of love is mediated through our human parents. That's why the family is such an important unit of society; it's the primary means through which God works to bring about salvation. When one of the parents isn't present to do this, other family or friends have to fill in. This is also one of the responsibilities of godparents.

This Christmas, above and beyond all the material things, let us remember to give the first Christmas gift: a parent's love. It's the gift that God gives us and the same gift that we are invited to give others. Parents, like the father at the airport, hug your children no matter how old they are. And children, hug them back.

Christmas Blessings from all the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart,

V. Rev. Raymond Diesbourg, MSC  
Provincial Superior  
Missionaries of the Sacred Heart



## Vocation Corner: Figuring Out My Call

Am I to live the Sacrament of Marriage? If so, when? Am I to live the Single Life? Live as a chaste single person? Am I to be a priest? Am I to be a Lay Minister? Part time? Full Time? Am I to be a Brother? A Sister? Am I to be a consecrated lay person? Is it time to make a first step to commitment? To this person? To the Church? To this Religious Order? To this organization?

When discerning about something, it is important to be a person of faith. Believe that God has a plan for you. Each of us does the hard work of dating, inquiring, studying, volunteer activities, prayer and searching. We must be engaged into the process. Passivity is not discernment. God will not spoon feed us into a life commitment. Yet, when we turn our action over to guidance from God, situations, persons and circumstances will be tools to illuminate the direction. Prayer is necessary. In prayer, mention the person or the actions or the circumstances around the process of one's search.

Talk with people. The Gospel uses the image of the lamp on the lamp stand which illuminates the entire room. We cast light onto our experience when we talk about it. Parish Marriage preparation or Engaged Encounter helps a person to see clearly that this person is choosing me as her or his life partner. Sharing our spiritual journey with a mentor helps to clarify God's will for our lives. A trusted friend or an experienced person can help clarify confusing experiences. Searching for a call to serve as a priest or a consecrated person is nourished by the lives of the Saints, involvement in ministries, making sacrifices, and living with Sisters, Brothers or Priest for a short time.

*Fr. Andrew is the Vocation Director for the USA Province of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart*



## Ways to Discern Your Calling

- Pray daily
- Volunteer to help people
- Read lives of the saints
- Involve oneself in parish ministries
- Learn more about the Church
- Visit a religious Brother, Sister or Priest
- Research Religious Orders online
- Participate in young adult activities in the Church
- If in college, take religious studies, theology or philosophy electives
- If in college, visit the campus ministry

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[www.faith.misacor-usa.org](http://www.faith.misacor-usa.org)
- Ask an MSC - Have questions?  
[www.ask.misacor-usa.org](http://www.ask.misacor-usa.org)



### Message from the Office of Development

As we celebrate the sacredness and joyfulness of this festive season, we want to thank you for your faithful generosity and support during this past year. We pray that your New Year will be filled with many blessings and much happiness.

The Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

### Shrine to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart



Whenever you send us a prayer request, our retired MSC priests and brothers pray for your intention at the Shrine to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Center Valley, PA. We also have an online shrine where you can share your prayer requests.

### MSC Spirituality Books



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### Please Remember Us in Your Will

How many times have you heard it said “You can’t take it with you”? Yet it doesn’t seem to be directed at us— we might feel it pertain to someone else, but not me! Deep inside, we know we have to leave all of our material wealth behind when we depart this life.

We hope to practice true and diligent stewardship and share or distribute our estate fairly and as we want. However, we might delay and put off deciding where we want our earthly treasures and possessions to go. We pray that you remember us as you create or update your will. Your estate will be the “gift that keeps on giving” and it will help us continue our ministries and service to the poor for many years.

Please contact your estate advisor, or your lawyer, and provide for a plan to help the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Feel free to contact us at [info@misacor-usa.org](mailto:info@misacor-usa.org) or (630) 892-2371. Let’s see what we can do to make a difference in the world.

*In your kindness, would you remember the MSC when making or changing your Will?*



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### Cruise with the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart!

**Join us on a Mediterranean/Egypt cruise! October 3-14, 2011**

Ollie’s Travel Desk and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart invite you to join us on an 11 night cruise next fall (October 3-14, 2011).

The cruise starts and ends in Rome, Italy and the itinerary includes stops in Alexandria (Egypt), Rhodes, Athens and Crete (Greece) and Kusadasi (Turkey). We will include a few extra days in Rome, after the cruise, for those interested.

For more information, please contact Ollie’s Travel Desk, at (610) 759-9546 or [Olliesnaz@aol.com](mailto:Olliesnaz@aol.com).

### Lucky Calendar Winners

In order to conserve printed materials, we are now posting Lucky Calendar Winners on our website at [www.misacor-usa.org](http://www.misacor-usa.org).

Winners are notified after the drawing. If you have questions, please call our office at (630) 892-2371.

*(Office hours are Monday to Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm, Central Time).*

# Christmas Greetings and Blessings from Some of Our Members

*Greetings from some of Missionaries of the Sacred Heart currently living and working in the United States*

## GREETINGS FROM THE MSC IN CALIFORNIA

“At this holy time of year, all of Heaven joins to sing: ‘Joy the the world, and peace on Earth.’ The Lord has come. May His peace reside in your heart and home.”

**Fr. Earl Henley at St. Joseph Church, Soboba, CA**

*Pastor/Chaplain, Native American Ministry - San Bernardino Diocese*

“My Christmas prayer and wish is that God will share his love and peace with all of you who so faithfully are the prayer-power of our missionary work. We thank you and we are in constant awareness of your prayers and your financial sacrifices that make you virtual partners in our every day’s work. May the child of Mary, Jeshua, our Lord and Savior increase your JOY this great season.”

**Fr. Tom Burns at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, Crestline, CA**

*Pastor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish in San Bernardino Diocese in Southern California.*

*Note: I am a 73 year old returned missionary with 32 years of service in the Church of Papua New Guinea. Now enjoying the changes of the seasons again ( I grew up in Chicago) in my parish in the mountains of San Bernardino.*

“Christmas Greetings and Blessings to Friends and Benefactors”

**Fr. John P. Kavcak at Our Lady of Solitude and Our Lady of Guadalupe Parishes, Palm Springs, CA**

*Pastor*

“May the Lord bless all Friends and Benefactors of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

May you all have a closer relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His mother Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.”

**Fr. Thomas J. Keller at Diocese of Orange, Orange, CA**

*Note: I am 80 years of age and a priest with 55 years of Ordination. I work at the Office of Canonical Services of the Diocese of Orange, California. I am an Adjutant Judicial Vicar and Defender of the Bond of marriage. I have worked here for 10 years. I help out with masses at St. Joseph’s Parish in Placentia, California on Sundays and Mondays. It is my residence place.*

## GREETINGS FROM THE MSC IN ILLINOIS

Christmas is a special time for all of us as we contemplate the love that God has sent into our world. I would like to remember all of our family, friends and benefactors who have given so much to assist us in our work and ministries. You are in my thoughts and prayers throughout the Advent and Christmas season. May God bless you abundantly in your lives throughout the coming year.

**Br. Jim Miller at Provincial Headquarters, Aurora, IL**

*Superior of Aurora Community, Formation Director, Provincial Treasurer*

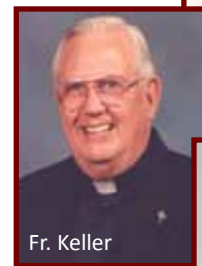
May this Christmas season help us to renew our focus on the poor and rejected of post-modern society and there bring the Lord’s presence.

**Fr. Joseph Jablonski at St. Joseph Parish Shrine, Chicago, IL**

*Participates in administering Life’s Healing Journey (LHJ) ministry and helps with creating new programs, editor for the MSC web and print pub-*



Fr. Henley



Fr. Keller



Br. Miller



Fr. Jablonski



Br. Perrotto



Fr. Burns



Fr. Kavcak



Fr. Torma



Fr. Ko



Br. Tesar

# Merry Christmas!

## Greetings from the MSC Continued...

lications, contributes to a video spirituality series on YouTube, conducts other retreats, provides spiritual direction, and helps Hispanic ministries (education, social justice issues), helps out in parishes with shortage of priests (especially Spanish speaking priests), member of the vocation team for the province, and directs a discernment group (the Seekers).

"I always appreciate your prayer and love for our community during this year.

Wishing you and your family a joyful holiday season and a new year filled with happiness.

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### Fr. Ben Ko at St. Joseph Parish Shrine, Chicago, IL

*Studies in Catholic Theological Union, Ministry of Korean Catholic Community in Milwaukee*

"You will be remembered in my thoughts and prayers at Christmas. May the peace of Jesus reign in your hearts at this time and throughout the New Year 2011."

### Br. Warren Perrotto at Provincial Headquarters, Aurora, IL

*Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation (JPIC) and Lay Coordinator for US Province, Life Healing Journey Retreat Ministry, Newsletter for MSC-USA, JPIC Corner Editor, English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutor at Wau-bonsee Community College*

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year"

### Br. Joe Tesar at Provincial Headquarters, Aurora, IL

*Note: I write a few letters for the vocation department, take some pictures for our website, I spend a couple hours a week with the poor, and I give a little spiritual direction. I also help with the dishes at our community house in Aurora*

"The ministry of the priest is to lead the Church by orchestrating the gifts of the people of the Church. The Religious is to build community, a unique gift to the Church today. May you be blessed with strong faith and courageous hope and unconditional love."

### Fr. Andrew Torma at St. Joseph Parish Shrine, Chicago, IL

*Vocation Minister for the USA Province, Presents Life's Healing Journey Retreats, Developing Parish Vocation Committees in MSC Parishes, Contributes Vocation Culture video series on Youtube*

## GREETINGS FROM THE MSC IN NEW YORK

"May God bless all of you for the sacrifices you make in order to share the Joy of Christmas with those numbering in the billions who are still waiting to hear the Good News."

### Fr. Pierre Aubin, Watertown, NY

*Father Pierre is our local superior, a member of our provincial council, a member of the Ogdensburg diocesan council of priests representing religious clergy, a member of the diocesan college of consultors, and pastor of three faith communities which he has consolidated into one parish without loss to their respective identities. Fr. Pierre is best known here for his work in founding the Sacred Heart Education Foundation, and he*

*is better known around the world for helping to create and then manage for many years the Mission Project Service, an agency which continues to help missionaries secure grants-in-aid by providing them with the where-with-all to prepare and submit grant applications. Now a retired director, Fr. Pierre continues to lend his expertise to this global missionary work as time allows.*

"May Christmas bring joy to your hearts as you see in the Infant Jesus the unmistakable proof that God loves you."

### Fr. David DeLuca, Watertown, NY

*A veteran missionary from Papua New Guinea, Fr. Dave now brings his passionate love for the Gospel to the faithful in the North Country, chiefly by taking the place of pastors who are in need of periodic assistance. In keeping with the character of MSC priests, he is always available for every good work.*

## Correction Notice:

In the article "New York: Parish Ministry at a Glance" on page five of the September 2010 issue:

Fr. Aubin has lead one mission trip to the Dominican Republic. He has not lead such a trip "every couple years".



# Christmas Greetings from the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

*“May Jesus fill your hearts and homes with the radiant light and transforming love of his Most Sacred Heart!”*

**Fr. Vincent T. Freeh, Watertown, NY**

*When here in Watertown, Fr. Vince is taken up with research and development in family evangelization—a pressing concern for both Church and country. He keeps in touch with lay MSC in Ohio and spends free time writing to promote the restoration of family as an essential cultural value.*

*“Merry Christmas to all of you!”*

**Fr. Richard E. Huber, Watertown, NY**

*Father Richard is on call as needed for pastoral ministry in our own and other parishes, and also as a chaplain in a local hospital and in two nearby state prisons.*

*“May yours be a Blessed and Merry Christmas—all to the glory and praise of God our Father!”*

**Fr. Richard Kennedy, Watertown, NY**

*“Father K” is in his second multi-year term as pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish. He also provides religious instructions for high school students at Immaculate Heart Central, operates a faith-based daycare center for children, serves as moderator for our Lay MSC, draws up our monthly calendar for community and*

*ministerial commitments and keeps us informed of doings in Papua New Guinea where he was in charge of a secondary school in the Rabaul Diocese in East New Britain.*

*“May God bless all of you with good health and good friends!”*

**Br. Peter (Pierre) Marceau, Watertown, NY**

*Br. Peter is in active retirement, monitoring maintenance needs in our residence and acting as caretaker at the MSC summer camp on Lake Ontario.*

*“May you all have a Joyful Christmas and countless blessings in the New Year.”*

**Br. Jean-Paul Paradis, Watertown, NY**

*Brother Jean-Paul, known to us as Br. John, has retired from his long term ministry as Catholic chaplain at our city hospital. Now our house manager, he is in charge of rental properties that provide income for the MSC, acts as porter, receptionist and bursar, serves on the house council, takes care of routine shopping and household chores, makes lunch for us each day and often prepares those evening meals which are not on the schedule of our part-time cook. In keeping with his compassion for the*

*sick, Br. John still does volunteer work at the Samaritan Keep, a nursing home for the elderly and infirm.*

## GREETINGS FROM THE MSC IN PENNSYLVANIA

*“Thank you so much for your generosity for the compassionate care of all our retired and infirm MSC priests and brothers who reside here at Sacred Heart Villa, the largest MSC Community in the USA Province. These veterans of MSC ministry depend entirely on your thoughtfulness and charity to live out the remainder of their lives in dignity. In return, their golden years are now spent in continual prayer for you and your loved ones. This Christmas we especially wish you God’s special blessings for inner peace and good health. A blessed Christmas and grace-filled 2011.”*

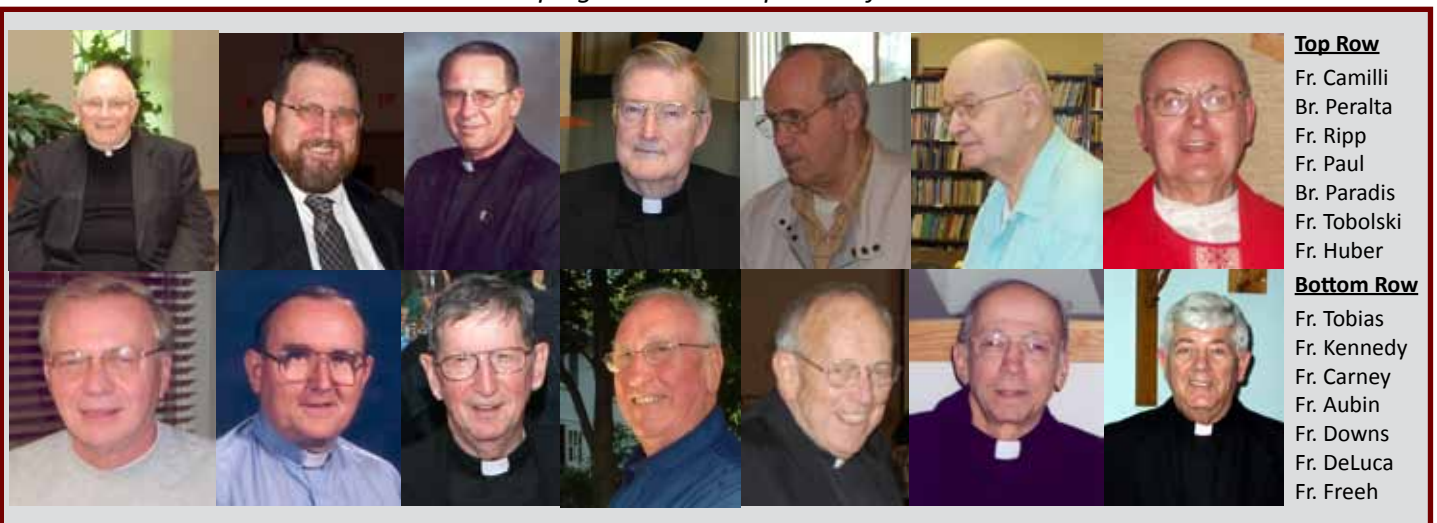
**Fr. Mike Camilli at Sacred Heart Villa, Center Valley, PA**

*Rector / Superior of Sacred Heart Villa, Assistant to Development Director in Donor Relations for the MSC*

*“Merry Christmas”*

**Fr. Thomas Carney at Sacred Heart Villa, Center Valley, PA**

*Sacramental Minister*



## Greetings Continued...

"Merry Christmas"

**Fr. Walter J. Downs at Holy Family Parish, Nazareth, PA**

*Senior Priest at Sacred Heart Villa, Center Valley, PA*

"May the Blessing of the Season Fill Your Life"

**Fr. John J. Paul, at Sacred Heart Villa, Center Valley, PA**

*Judicial Vicar of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Allentown, PA*

"May the Love of Christmas be in Your Heart"

**Br. John S. Peralta at Sacred Heart Villa, Center Valley, PA**

*Working with the elderly priests and brothers*

"May the Lord bless you abundantly at Christmas and throughout the New Year."

**Fr. Tony Ripp, St. John the Baptist Parish, Ottsville, PA**

*Parochial Vicar at St. John the Baptist parish.*

"Wishing you and your loved ones the peace and joy of our savior's embrace!"

**Fr. Joseph Tobias at Holy Family Parish, Nazareth, PA**

*Pastor of Holy Family, Allentown Diocese---Council of Priests, Member Moravian Hall Square (Retired Health Care), Board Member*

"May you and yours have a truly blessed Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year."

**Fr. Robert Tobolski at Sacred Heart Villa, Center Valley, PA**

*Retired Priest*

## Novena Prayer Intentions

Each month, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in the United States pray a novena for one of the intentions set forth by the Holy Father. To join us in the novena, simply set aside time to say the rosary each day during the dates below, for the intention listed for that month. If you're not sure how to pray the rosary or if it has been a while, email us at [info@misacor-usa.org](mailto:info@misacor-usa.org) and we'll send you a step by step guide.

### December

That the peoples of the earth may open their doors to Christ and to His Gospel of peace, brotherhood and justice.

*Novena Dates: December 17-25*

### January

That the riches of creation be preserved, valued and made available to all, as a precious gifts from God to mankind.

*Novena Dates: January 21-29*

### February

That in the mission territories where the struggle against disease is most urgent, Christian communities may witness to the presence of Christ to those who suffer.

*Novena Dates: February 18-26*



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## Foundation Scholarship Dollars at Work

Father Hugo Londoño, MSC, an MSC priest who was educated in his native country of Colombia with the assistance of scholarships from the Sacred Heart Foundation, was the guest speaker at the Foundation's 37th Annual Benefit Dinner. Fr. Hugo, who is the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Chicago, Illinois, shared his love of being a priest and how blessed he feels to be a priest. Even though his parish is in gang territory in Chicago he never feels in danger. He is grateful for the scholarship he received from the Foundation that enabled him to become a priest and encouraged the membership to continue their support.



At the Sacred Heart Foundation our only mission is to educate future priests. Unfortunately, we have very few students from the United States. Each year we assist more than 60 seminarians from 10 different countries. As it is in Fr. Hugo's case and will be again in the future, a priest we help education there, may one day be leading our parish here.

The Sacred Heart Foundation is a membership organization. You can support the Foundation by becoming a member for only \$10 per year. Donations can be sent to the Sacred Heart Foundation, 668 Thompson Street, Watertown, NY 13601. For further information visit our website at [www.sacredheartfoundation.com](http://www.sacredheartfoundation.com) or contact the Foundation at [mail@sacredheartfoundation](mailto:mail@sacredheartfoundation) or 315-782-3344.



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*May you know peace and live it, understand love and give it,  
 have happiness and share it.*

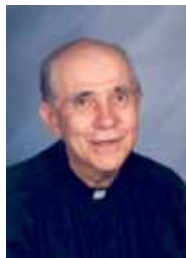
### MARY AND THE FAMILY OF JESUS

*excerpts of an article by Fr. Ronald Leinen, MSC*

Mary, whom we venerate as Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, had a central role in forming the family in her household at Nazareth. She brought her spirit of abandonment to the will of God into its midst. For her there was only one question, "Lord, what would you have me be and do." From the very beginning, she saw the call as God's will. Later, in the Temple, when Simeon predicted that a sword would pierce her soul, Mary was completely abandoned to God's plan for her. Mary and Joseph both took the task of educating Jesus very seriously. He was in every way a normal boy, and he learned from them in the gradual way of every little boy.

Then and now, Mary fosters an attitude of total surrender to the will of God among the disciples of her Son because she is mother of all of Jesus' disciples. She gave birth to Jesus in us, who are his members. She nurtures us, leading us so that we gradually become what Jesus wants for us, individually and as a family of believers. She once grieved over the folly of those who rejected her Son. She now sees the follies in the world in the persecution of his Church. Just as she prayed with the other disciples in the Upper Room, she accompanies us now in our prayers, and she continues to intercede for us as her children....

Let us pray that Mary, the capable wife of Joseph and dedicated mother of Jesus may assist every Christian family to create a home filled with God's peace. Let us hope that holy families may foster a better world.



*Fr. Ronald Leinen, MSC*



*Above: Image of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
 More images of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart  
 are available on our Online Shrine to Our  
 Lady of the Sacred Heart*