

Young People Witnessing Christ Through Acts of Charity!

**ADVENT
2022**



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Welcome all Missionary disciples to this opportunity of service given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ during this Advent season! I ask God the Father, during these weeks of preparation to receive his Son Jesus, to allow you to find and grow your faith. Above all, to grow in your call to be a Missionary Disciple from your home. These will be four inspiring weeks, where you will discover how you can be a Day Laborer and build the Kingdom of God through Acts of Charity.

I invite you to participate in Mass, meditate on the Word of God, read your journal, answer the questions, and choose a day of the week to carry out your action, then take time to meditate on what you learned from your action. We hope that this Reflection Journal will help you grow in your experience. God bless you!

We Seek: Young Day Laborers, Imitating Jesus, Doing Charity, Changing the World!



ABOUT THE SOCIAL DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH ?

Discovering that they are loved by God, people come to understand their own transcendent dignity, they learn not to be satisfied with only themselves but to encounter their neighbour in a network of relationships that are ever more authentically human. Men and women who are made “new” by the love of God are able to change the rules and the quality of relationships, transforming even social structures. They are people capable of bringing peace where there is conflict, of building and nurturing fraternal relationships where there is hatred, of seeking justice where there prevails the exploitation of man by man. Only love is capable of radically transforming the relationships that men maintain among themselves. This is the perspective that allows every person of good will to perceive the broad horizons of justice and human development in truth and goodness.

Love faces a vast field of work and the Church is eager to make her contribution with her social doctrine, which concerns the whole person and is addressed to all people. So many needy brothers and sisters are waiting for help, so many who are oppressed are waiting for justice, so many who are unemployed are waiting for a job, so many peoples are waiting for respect. “How can it be that even today there are still people dying of hunger? Condemned to illiteracy? Lacking the most basic medical care? Without a roof over their head? The scenario of poverty can extend indefinitely, if in addition to its traditional forms we think of its newer patterns. These latter often affect financially affluent sectors and groups which are nevertheless threatened by despair at the lack of meaning in their lives, by drug addiction, by fear of abandonment in old age or sickness, by marginalization or social discrimination ... And how can we remain indifferent to the prospect of an ecological crisis which is making vast areas of our planet uninhabitable and hostile to humanity? Or by the problems of peace, so often threatened by the spectre of catastrophic wars? Or by contempt for the fundamental human rights of so many people, especially children?”

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ABOUT ADVENT

DARKNESS AND LIGHT from the [catholiccompany.com](https://www.catholiccompany.com)

Advent candles readily demonstrate the strong contrast between darkness and light, which is an important biblical image. Jesus referred to himself as the "Light of the World" that dispels the darkness of sin: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Human history spanned long ages shrouded in the darkness of sin before our prophesied Savior would finally make his appearance to free us from its dominion. As the Messiah's "Advent" (or "coming") draws nearer another candle is lit, with each candle dispelling the darkness a little more.



Thus, the Advent wreath helps us to spiritually contemplate the great drama of salvation history that surrounds the birth of God Incarnate, who comes to redeem the human race and make all things new (Rev. 21:5).

It also reminds us that, as Christians, we're meant to shine the light of Christ in this world. As Jesus tells us,

You are the light of the world ... let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:14-16)

Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."

WORDS FROM THE HOLY FATHER"

The Pope underscored that "God conceals Himself in the most common and ordinary situations in our life," and we need to be constantly aware of this reality, not awaiting extraordinary events. This can be when we face someone in need, a chance encounter, or even in what might seem quiet or dull moments of daily life. "It is right there that we find the Lord, who calls to us, speaks to us, and inspires our actions." - Pope Francis Angelus November 2022



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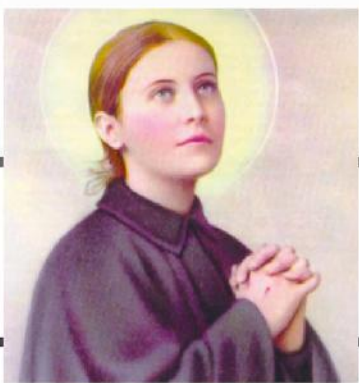
- Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018

First week of Advent

A smile or a friendly touch to someone can make them feel loved. Charity is also smiling at those in need.

Who around me lives in loneliness and needs a smile or a friendly touch?

Saint Gemma Galgani



"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Mt. 24 : 37-44



What did I learn about myself through this service experience?

**Sacred Heart
of Jesus**



Change my heart Lord so I can be a person of hope. Amen

Second Week of Advent

**Our words have power. With one word we can bring comfort
and hope to those in need.**

**Who around you need to hear a word of encouragement?
Perhaps a word of hope?**

**San Jose Luis
Sanchez del Rio**



**"A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the
Lord, make straight his paths". Mt 3:1-12**



What did I learn about myself through this service experience?

**Our Lady
of Mercy**



Change my heart Lord so I can be a person of hope. Amen

Third Week of Advent

Giving of ourselves to those in need bring joy and renew the hope of those we serve. We are the image of God's love they will ever see. What can I do to help someone around me? What is my parish community doing that I can join in bringing charity to those in need?

**Blessed Chiara
Luce Badano**



"...the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them". Mt 11:2-11



What did I learn about myself through this service experience?

**Sacred Heart
of Jesus**



Lord Jesus, help me have a heart full of Joy like yours. Amen.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sharing our goods is very difficult for many people. I invite you to share your material goods with your parish and with an organization that seeks the good of the community.

**Blessed Carlo
Acutis**



"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory". Mt 1:18-24



What did I learn about myself through this service experience?

**Our Lady
of Mercy**



Mother Mary, help me be a channel of pece like you. Amen



Encuentro

Seven Principles of Christian Social Justice

- The Dignity of the Human Person
- The Call to Family and Community
- Rights and Responsibilities of all
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation



Prayer for Generosity—St. Ignatius of Loyola

Lord, teach me to be generous.
 Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
 to give and not to count the cost,
 to fight and not to heed the wounds,
 to toil and not to seek for rest,
 to labor and not to ask for reward,
 save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen

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What did I learn about myself through this Advent?

**Our Lady
of Mercy**



**Come and be born again in my heart Lord Jesus. Mother Mary guide me so I
can always be close to Jesus your son. Amen.**



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