



A Power for Good

# Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity

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The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor...

Spring

Dear Friend:

**May the Grace and Peace of the Holy Spirit be with us forever!**

What comes to your mind when you think of spring - - or when you reflect on the Easter season that has just passed?

I know when I think of these things the first thing that comes to my mind are the words "hope" and "rebirth". I am sure for most of us there is a clear connection between the hope and rebirth that we sense as the cold of winter melts away and the warmth of spring blossoms all around us and the feelings of hope and rebirth that we feel deep in our souls as we celebrate the glorious mystery of Easter Sunday! I pray that the Lord fills your heart with the same feelings and thoughts when you think of these things too!

As missionaries, we are drawn by the Father's will to places where the poor and abandoned need our help the most. Our sisters often find themselves in the midst of people where the words "hope" and "rebirth" have no meaning. It is the passion of each of our sisters to bring the light of Christ into these areas of hopelessness and plant the seeds of rebirth in the hearts of those willing to listen and accept. Often times the seeds that are planted take on the form of programs offered by our sisters and volunteers in these desperate areas. In the poignant passage listed below, Sr. Chris recalls her experience involving an R.I.C.A. program she ran in an area of despair that brought hope and rebirth to a missionary area where she faithfully served; she writes:

*"As we celebrate 50 days of the Easter season, I rejoice with so many who received the sacraments of initiation during the Easter Vigil and who are now the newest members of our Catholic Community. This led me to remember my first experience as coordinator of an R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation) team in South Central, Los Angeles.*

*Among the Candidates and Catechumens in our group were several from an oral rather than a literate tradition. Since some were unable to read, I wondered how the "breaking open of the Word of God" would be. I soon discovered the richness of those who carry their understanding in their minds and hearts, memories and voices rather than being able to read from the Bible directly.*

*In addition, all of us at Ascension Parish shared the common bond of living in an area of Los Angeles that was known for its gangs, drugs and drive-by shootings. To receive God's Word through the perspective of those who must live daily in fear is to hear hope and faith in a way that happens only when that is all one has to hold on to.*

*Finally came the Easter Vigil. The Easter fire was lit by the curb of Figueroa Avenue to conquer, or maybe the better word is to embrace, all the pain, anguish and killings that happened there. (over)*

**We are having a Food Event, "an Evening with Master Chef Joe Poon". It will be a four course meal with wine tasting and a pastry chef. It promises to be a night of delicious food and good company. Please, email or call for tickets.**

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**Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity** Prayer Requests

This slip will be placed in the Chapel at our Motherhouse

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## The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor... Somewhere in US, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and Mexico

*The parishioners gathered outside the church along with those to be received that very night into full communion in our Catholic Church. The police and ambulance sirens mixed with Fr. John's prayer. The lights from helicopters flying overhead in search of gang disturbance mingled with the Light of Christ.*

*That Easter Vigil night, we were immersed in the life and death of Christ in the literal dyings and risings of our neighborhood. The newly baptized taught me to see through their very own eyes and to hear through their ears. I was so blessed."*

Your generous support makes it possible for our sisters to continue to plant the seeds of hope and rebirth into the hearts of those they serve. You have provided the warmth of sunlight and the drink of rain that will help the seedlings grow in the hearts of those who believe. We as a community are truly blessed to have your constant support both spiritually and financially to help us carry the word of the Lord to those who need it most. We carry your spirit of hope and rebirth with us as we serve those you may never know, but whom you have helped to grow in Christ.

Spring is also the season of mothers and fathers as we celebrate their very special days in May and June. I just wanted to add my blessing for all of you on your special days. You will be remembered in my prayers, as well as the prayers of all of our sisters on those days. The prayer slip that I have enclosed is a small thank you for all that you have done and all that you continue to do.

Thank you! On behalf of myself, all of our sisters and the people that you help us serve - - a thousand times, thank you! You, and all of our benefactors, are remembered in the daily prayers of our senior sisters in the Ministry of Prayer. May the Risen Christ rain down blessings upon you and your loved ones always!



With deep gratitude  
In the Trinity,

*Sr. Marie Frechette, MSBT*

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Director of Mission Advancement



Don't forget the Donor Mass of Appreciation on May 2nd.  
Liturgy will be at 11 am and lunch with the sisters to follow.

### Electronic Funds Transfer

By my signature I give permission for monthly donations to be transferred from my bank to help the Sisters respond to the 'Cries of the poor'. I know that I can cancel or change this arrangement at any time by simply contacting the Sisters at 1-877-626-6728. My Monthly donation will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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