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Missionary Fraternity of Mary

Newsletter



As we read in Mathew 9:37, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers to His harvest".

This article is about 6 Young men who have answered the Lord's call to make that first, small step into becoming one of His beloved laborers. It is about the Aspirancy step in the multi-step formation program practiced at our seminary in Guatemala City.

We are happy to report that 6 Young men have committed as Aspirants, a critical first step in discerning their call to the priesthood. It is their "yes" to his call to spread the Gospel message to all peo-

The Holy Spirit works in different ways in the life of young people. The attractions and distractions of this world are many but the Lord will always be their strength.

It is our joy to have these young men join our seminary and commit to following Jesus. At this stage of their formation, the aspirants start a year of discernment on their vocation, receive spiritual guidance, and human and doctrinal formation. They begin to embrace with love and commitment their desire to live a life of sanctity as Missionary priests. One of the most important points in this year of formation is their encounter with Jesus Christ. As the late Pope Benedict XVI stated: "Only through the experience of a personal encounter with Jesus will the young truly understand His will and their own vocation. The more you know about Jesus, the more you will be looking for Him". By praying for these Young men who have answered the call we truly become part of God's plan.



The love for our Mother Mary is essential in our formation program. During spiritual formation each aspirant makes himself in the limage of our Mother Mary as she becomes their role model to follow as God’s instrument. When they leave home they embrace our Marian spirituality, making it the way they commit to follow as they start out on their missionary journey.

The year of aspirancy, it is also the ideal time to explore and use their talents and gifts received from God. Many play musical instruments of various kind and use their talents to praise God in our liturgical celebrations particularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. A sense of brotherhood and fellowship are cultivated as we rejoice with our brothers in praising God.

At the Photo, aspirants participating at the Eucharist’s celebration



Every moment is an opportunity to share the joy of one’s vocation, and living a life of “Fraternity” nurtures our friendship with each other and with the Lord.

In this photo our aspirants support each other as they hike to the top of a mountain in San Lucas Sacatepequez, Guatemala. This activity taught them to help each other on their journey to the top and overcoming multiple challenges.

We view the Missionary Fraternity of Mary as the “good soil” in Jesus’ parable where the seed fell and yielded abundant fruit. Each aspirant encounters a unique experience of God’s love which they now express in their own words.



Pablo Gerardo Charuc Sian, 18 years old, from San Pedro Yepocapa, Chimaltenango, Guatemala.

I joined the Fraternity when I decided to answer God’s call with wisdom and charity, and I know, God wants me to be a channel to bring comfort to those in need worldwide. What makes me to be happy in my vocation is that in the Fraternity I am spiritually growing and have a desire to serve others without limits, guided by the Holy Spirit. The Fraternity gives me the opportunity to develop in myself a sense of belonging to God’s plan of salvation. In serving others I find the meaning of my life. Please keep me in your prayers.



Eddy Wilfredo Tubac Sal, from San Juan Comalapa, Chimaltenango, Guatemala. Since my childhood I started thinking about becoming a priest, a missionary priest. Through my aspirancy journey at the Fraternity I know that God has a plan for each one of us. I am full of joy because at the seminary I have a daily encounter with Jesus, I am very much attached to Him and our Mother Mary. Participating in Eucharistic Adoration is a treasure for me.

Personal as well as communal prayer affirms in me the belief that I really enjoy my vocation and life in fraternity and I share that joy with my fellow aspirants as often as I can.



José Santos Pacheco, from San Juan Argueta, Sololá, Guatemala.

I joined the Fraternity in 2021 at the minor seminary and it has been a journey for me to decide to follow Jesus through the priesthood. I want to be a priest because I see that the Church needs priests to accomplish its task of evangelization. I am sincere in my vocation but know that the journey to ordination is a long road but am confident that with your prayers God and the Fraternity will make me a good servant of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Rogelio Chuy from Comalapa



Geovanni form Antigua



Juan Bulux from Patzun, Chimaltenango

We are happy to be in the Missionary Fraternity of Mary, as aspirants. Please support our formation program which provides opportunities to young men like us to become missionary priests for the service of the Catholic Church throughout the world. Dear benefactors, please pray for us and be assured of our prayers for you. God bless you!!!

Other News

United States—Fr. Milton Herrera and Fr. Carlos Perechú were appointed as Associate Pastors at St. Anthony and St. Hyacinth Parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Panama—We are opening a new mission in the District of San Miguelito in the Province of Panama.

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