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**MISSIONARY**  
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To Love Is Our Mission!



## ***GFASC – Missionary Year – Reflection 11*** ***To love is our Mission***

**“For with you is the fountain of life”** *(Psalm 36: 10)*

### **From the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel (47:1-9, 12)**

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and there! I saw water flowing out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east. The water flowed out toward the right side of the temple to the south of the altar. He brought me by way of the north gate and around the outside to the outer gate facing east; there I saw water trickling from the southern side. When he continued eastward with a measuring cord in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and had me wade through the water; it was ankle-deep. He measured off another thousand cubits and once more had me wade through the water; it was up to the knees. He measured another thousand cubits and had me wade through the water; it was up to my waist. Once more he measured off a thousand cubits. Now it was a river I could not wade across. The water had risen so high, I would have to swim—a river that was impassable. Then he asked me, “Do you see this, son of man?” He brought me to the bank of the river and had me sit down. As I was returning, I saw along the bank of the river a great many trees on each side. He said to me, “This water flows out into the eastern district, runs down into the Arabah and empties into the polluted waters of the sea to freshen them. Wherever it flows, the river teems with every kind of living creature; fish will abound. Where these waters flow they refresh; everything lives where the river goes. Along each bank of the river every kind of fruit tree will grow;



their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fresh fruit because the waters of the river flow out from the sanctuary. Their fruit is used for food, and their leaves for healing.”

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## REFLECTION

The Temple is the image of Christ's body. The water that flows from the right side of the Temple is the water that springs from Christ's right side, pierced by the lance, the water of grace that He gave as He was dying for us.

*Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." (John 4: 13-15)*

Water is the sign of salvation. From the side of Jesus comes a torrent of water that gladdens our deserts and transforms them into gardens: the deserts of our solitude, our inability to love, our selfishness.

*All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost. (Is 55:1)*

It is from the Heart of Christ, **Holy Temple of God and Tabernacle of the Most High**, that this river of living water springs and flows. When that Heart was pierced, blood and water flowed, symbols of the Sacraments of the Church. It is not by chance that Ezekiel speaks of a river that flows into the sea and refreshes its waters. The very life of Jesus is a constant flowing of this river of refreshing water: how many sick persons cured, possessed ones freed, human evils healed, poor people enriched by His presence!

Christ's Heart, which ceased to beat on the Cross, that Heart pierced by the lance, that gave all even up to the last drop of blood,

is the inexhaustible font of the living water that purifies and heals. Above all, it is the font of the water that gives true life, life eternal.

**The mystery of the water, then, is cause for our joy; with the psalmist we too can rejoice and be glad. The Heart of Jesus, from which flows living water, is already with us.** We find it present in the Eucharist, where we encounter the “Eucharistic Heart” of Jesus; we find it in the other Sacraments, where we always go to be “cleansed” by His water that refreshes and quenches our thirst for true love.

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**MOTHER CLELIA**



Certainly, I can't go to church every day nor do I have the possibility because of my poor health, but who keeps me from being transported in spirit before the Tabernacle where Jesus resides, staying there to adore Him? From now on, I promise You, O my God, to come daily in spirit to visit You and to remain in Your company to vent the feelings in my heart, to plead for graces for myself and for all to whom I am most indebted for reasons of gratitude. (*Diary*, p. 50)

Bless me, all my Daughters, and in a particular way those I have here with me. Bless my relatives and those of the sisters who are here. Bless my endeavors, my desires, my words, my heartbeats, my actions, whether good or selfish. Purify these latter ones, through the merits of Your most precious Blood. (*Diary*, p. 52)

Mother Clelia saw the wound in Christ's Heart as the door to eternal happiness. She perceived in it a love without limit that wants every creature, even the most distant, to participate in His joy. (*Diary Introduction*, p. 19)

Suffering was an opportunity for Mother Clelia to grow in her faith. ... The Heart of Jesus thus has the power to transform every sorrow into an occasion for redemption and blessing. His mercy gave His people the possibility of transforming their sins into a means of sanctification if, after committing them, they would they would

throw themselves with penitence into the flames of divine love.  
(*Diary Introduction*, p. 32)

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**POPE FRANCIS**

In the biblical tradition God is the source of living water: as it says in Psalms and in the Prophets: distancing oneself from God, the source of living water, and from his Law, leads to the worst drought. This is the experience of the People of Israel in the desert. During their long journey to freedom, as they were dying of thirst, they cried out against Moses and against God because there was no water. Thus, God willed Moses to make water flow from a rock, as a sign of the Providence of God, accompanying his people and giving them life ... Christ, in fact, is the Temple from which, according to the prophets, flows the Holy Spirit, the living water which purifies and gives life. Whoever thirsts for salvation can draw freely from Jesus, and the Spirit will become a wellspring of full and eternal life in him/her. (*Angelus, March 15, 2020*)

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**PLEDGE**

The Heart of Jesus invites us to toss our old habits so far away from us that we will be unable to retrieve them, and then begin a new life in Christ. He invites us to drink the water that flow from His Heart. He invites us to go to His fountain so that we ourselves may become springs of water for others. This is our mission!

**PRAYER:** O Lord, let the living water of your Spirit flow abundantly in the hearts of your sons and daughters, especially those who suffer, who are desperate or doubtful, or whose hearts are gripped by resentment and hatred. Put an end to every war and give us peace. Amen!

