



TYBURN MISSION NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends

Pentecost is traditionally called “the birthday of the Church” because, empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Apostles came out of their Upper Room and began to announce the ‘good news’ of Christ’s saving death and resurrection. The story of Pentecost highlights the change in the lives of Jesus’ disciples from timidity to courage. It also marks the beginning of the Christian community. When the disciples came out of isolation with confidence to preach the Gospel, their hearers joined them in believing that

salvation had come to them through Jesus' life, death and rising from the dead.

In Acts 1:14 we read that, after the Ascension of Our Lord, the Apostles were in the Upper Room, "joined in continuous prayer, together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers". Pope Leo XIII wrote beautifully about this in his encyclical on the Rosary, *Adiutricem*, when he said:

With wonderful care she nurtured the first Christians by her holy example, her authoritative counsel, her sweet consolation, her fruitful prayers. She was, in very truth, the Mother of the Church, the Teacher and Queen of the Apostles, to whom, besides, she confided no small part of the divine mysteries which she kept in her heart.

May Our Blessed Mother continue to uphold us, encourage us, and prepare us, as we wait for the Holy Spirit — given at Pentecost, poured into our hearts and souls at baptism and confirmation — to mould us and shape us into the children of God, and send us out to preach the Good News to all nations.

NEWS FROM OUR MISSION FOUNDATIONS

El Monasterio del Sagrado Corazon, Sechura, Peru



New novice - Sr Maria Fe of the Holy Cross

It has been a joy to see our monastery in Sechura begin to take on life again, after the proposed closure we spoke of, following the General Chapter of 2024. There are now five sisters there, four of them Peruvian and one Ecuadorian. Sr Flor, our persevering postulant in unusual conditions, recently became a novice, taking the name of Sr Maria Fe of the Holy Cross. Fe is Spanish for the word Faith. And as we have already a Mother Caridad (Love) and a Mother Esperanza (Hope), it is very appropriate to finish the three

theological virtues with Faith! Please continue to keep her in your prayers so that her faith and vocation may remain strong.

The oblate family has also increased with the reception of Br Peter as a novice oblate and Br. John who, having completed his novitiate, made his oblation.



Oblate ceremony In December they held a Fayre to raise funds for the repairs needed on the monastery. It seemed to be a big success as it was given a lot of publicity in the media. The Sisters made various craft items, their friends came to help in cooking meals to sell, and the young people used their talents in dancing, singing and putting on a show for children. There was a raffle also, to raise funds for the repair of several roof areas that were deteriorating.



Among the prizes were a pair of ducklings! These were won by the

president of the support committee, who then gave them to the sisters.

Another special event for the Diocese of Piura was the ordination of Bishop Luciano Maza Huaman. Special, for this is the first Bishop in the history of the Archdiocese who was actually born and raised in the region of Piura. It was a huge event with hundreds of priests and thousands of faithful. The parish of Sechura assisted with the reception afterwards by providing 4000 turkey sandwiches!



Archbishop Luciano of Piura

The front wall of the monastery which had been crumbling to pieces has been repaired. But more than that, it has been decorated! As it is along a street, it has been beautifully painted with large



New monastery wall

images of the Sacred Heart, our Lady Rosa Mystica, as well as St Peter's miraculous catch of fish, since the town was originally a fishing village. It includes some local ports and a net full of Mackerel, since that is the most famous fish in Sechura. It's an amazing wall, and very likely will attract visitors just to admire the fine paintings.

The desert orchard is doing well and producing mangoes, dates, apples and guavas, some of which they can sell.



Tyburn Monasterio Puerta del Cielo, Vilcabamba, Ecuador



A joy for this community was the donation of a statue of our Lady Rosa Mystica as well as two stone angels. They were also able



Donors of Statue of our Lady

to find a sculptor from Peru who carved an image of the crucified Lord in cedar wood. The Sisters thank the benefactors - *"who generously helped us to buy the crucifix that came from Peru, God bless you all for your cooperation!"* This was installed above the altar and has much improved the dignity

of their small chapel. Due to the faith of the people, godparents are named for the statue! A sister writes *"December the 13th arrived and*



New crucifix above altar

the chapel was full of people, there was a lot of Marian devotion with Marian songs, and when Fr Alex blessed the images, all the people were moved, especially when the image of Jesus crucified was raised above the altar. The people began to applaud with great joy!"



The community continues to reap much fruit from the property: *Heavy rains have been unleashed...the river has risen a lot and that is why the whole landscape is green and the fruit plants have given sweet oranges, jackfruit and avocados, while the greenhouse has produced chard, celery, spinach and cauliflowers. Our goats have grass and there are many small goats...*

Ecuador still needs many prayers however, 2025 being the most violent on record in Ecuador. Ecuador - which is located between Colombia and Peru, the world's two largest producers of cocaine - has become a key transit country for illegal drugs.

Yet the faith remains strong in many of the local people as can be seen in our little chapel at Vilcabamba. On each First Friday



Easter Vigil

dedicated to the Sacred Heart, more people are attending the Holy Mass and Adoration and there are many who attend the regular Holy Masses there. May the Sacred

Heart triumph in this Catholic country.

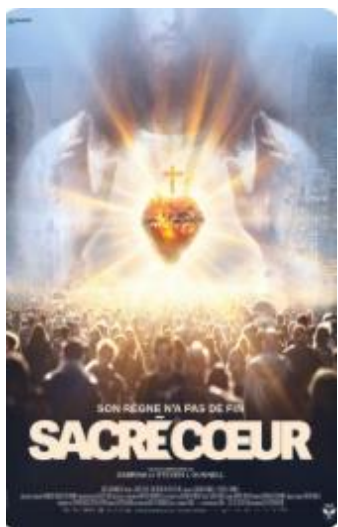
Tyburn Monastere du Coeur Eucharistique de Jesus, St Loup, France



The Diocese of Langres has a rich history and dates back to the first century to Roman times and is one of the oldest Diocese in the world. Originally, the See of Langres was in Dijon, then down through the centuries, after much deliberation and political turmoil, Langres Cathedral was built in the 10th century. During the Renaissance two statues measuring 2 metres were made - Our Lady and St Jean and these beautiful statues were placed in the sanctuary of the Cathedral. However, during the French Revolution when many Churches were destroyed, the statues were hidden for a number of years, until 1830's when this Monastery of St Loup was being built. The chapel façade was built to accommodate the two statues, and they have remained here since

then. Now the two statues are on loan to Langres Museum .

Again, this year we are hearing good news about the Church in France with 21,400 teenagers and adults being baptized this Easter. Even at our rural monastery in St Loup sur-Aujon there was quite a crowd for Palm Sunday and they ran out of palms for the first time, a happy problem!



Also of particular interest for us was hearing about the documentary film on the Sacred Heart which was screened in movie theatres. To everyone's surprise, it was quite a success.

“With more than 400,000 viewers since its release as of Nov. 14 and counting, a new film about the Sacred Heart of Jesus has become an unexpected box office hit in France — and a lightning rod for controversy.

“Sacré Coeur” has completely exceeded initial expectations — with lines to theatres unseen in years — at the same time causing major controversies in France, including cancellation of the film's public transportation promotional

campaign and its screening in France's second biggest city — all citing the secular nature of the country.

For many, however, the popularity of the film proves that France's Catholicism is back in the public square.”

The Community was blessed with an unexpected visitor last Christmas. *A lady, the great niece of Sr Felix, who was the last superior here before we took over in 2013. Her name is Marie Angele and she truly was an Angel! Why? Because when she mentioned that she was an architect I asked her for help with one of our broken stain-glass windows, and she promised she would do what she could to help us...and she did! A job which had been hanging over our heads for years!!* A wonderful Christmas gift...



Sr Marguerite-Marie with her first harvest of potatoes!

Tyburn Monasterio del Paraclito Divino, Guatape, Colombia



While our community in Colombia is doing well and continuing their work of prayer and adoration, the country is suffering some unrest from terrorism at this time. Our Holy Father Pope Leo has sent a message of support to the people. Rebel groups have carried out at least 26 attacks against civilians and military bases since last Friday, killing dozens of people. The spate of violence comes ahead of Colombia's presidential elections, which are scheduled for May 31. Let us pray that peace will soon return.

The main project of this monastery now is the construction of a proper road leading up to the monastery and a bridge over the stream. The latter is important because recently a car was damaged when crossing, and one time a motorcycle overturned in the

stream. There has been some progress: In December a private donor paid for about 10 meters of road to be built where the track was almost impassable due to damage caused by heavy rains.

Then the council also helped - the sisters wrote: we

made a little pilgrimage to the grotto of St Joseph to entrust to him the road and soon after the offer came from the local council

to complete 100m of the road for free.

And it is the part directly below the statue, so St Joseph was overseeing the work, which we pointed out to the workers!

The work was done to a very high standard and took about 6 weeks. It had to be left for a month to

harden. The *New 100 metres of road* guests,

tradesmen and chaplains were all very cooperative about abandoning their vehicles and



Grotto of St Joseph



walking the last 15 minutes of the distance up to the monastery. There is still quite a lot of road to complete.

The Prioress continues: *We have had an ongoing problem with a hole near the chapel roof which has been discovered by a swarm of bees. They*

enter the chapel and then do not know how to leave, making a huge racket trying to get out through the sealed windows and eventually dying. The Sacristan has had to sweep up hundreds of dead bees from the floor daily. To prevent this happening, we need to rent a lot of scaffolding to get up to the roof and fix the problem. There are various small repairs also that need to be done on the roofs.

This year our big focus has been on publicity, to make our vocation better known. We designed a flyer and a 16-page information booklet. This has already borne fruit, and two young women are currently experiencing our life, with 8 others expressing an



Reception of an oblate

interest. However, our printer has now reached the end of its printing capacity and is not functioning properly, so we need to purchase a new one. We have also collaborated with Radio Maria, taking part in a series of short videos entitled "the Virtues of Mary" which will go live shortly. Our video was entitled "the virtue of prayer" and showed footage of our community at prayer, and Sisters prayerfully carrying out their various activities.



The Tyburn Monks with community

On the 27th June the Tyburn Monks will come to give a Day Retreat open to the laity on the theme of the Eucharistic Heart.

THANK YOU for your continued prayer and generous support for our Mission Foundations.

The Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions on Pentecost Sunday.

May God bless you and your loved ones, pouring out the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit upon you abundantly.

With affectionate greetings and earnest prayer for all your needs and intentions. The Tyburn Nuns.