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Present Novices

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Our gratitude and hope for the future are based on the
knowledge of Your Love from the beginning,
through now and
into the designs of Your Heart and Will
bringing forth courageous and generous
Cabrinian missionary endeavor!
All to the Greater Honor and Glory
of the Sacred Heart of Jesus!"
Amen! Alleluia!



Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Present in Ethiopia

Sr. Ettorina Dolci
Sr. Francisca Coelho Silva
Sr. John Giani
Sr. Maria Regina Canale
Sr. Terezinha Esperança Merandi
Sr. Addise Agago
Sr. Alemenesh Badacho
Sr. Amarech Herego
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Sr. Hanna Dimma
Sr. Elfinesh Zergena
Sr. Asnakech Assefa
Sr. Aynalem Paulos
Sr. Berhane Ashebo
Sr. Meseret Nagamo
Sr. Shitaye Esayas
Sr. Ayantu Abera
Sr. Tigist Hailemariam

INTRODUCTION

Mother Lina Colombini, MSC

Founding General Superior of the Ethiopian Mission

My Dear Sisters and Cabrinian Laity in Ethiopia,
I greet you in the Sacred Heart of Jesus on this occasion of
the 25th Silver Jubilee of the Mission in Ethiopia. From the
time that we as a Congregation were preparing for the
great Millennium Celebration, Sr. Patricia Spillane, assis-
tant general at the time, made contact with Msgr. Silvano
Tomassi, the Papal Nunzio in Ethiopia. Msgr. Tomassi be-
gan inviting us to Ethiopia, and as a Council, we embraced
the invitation as our response to usher in the New Millenni-
um Year of 2000 by deepening our African presence.

Msgr. Domenico Marinozzi, OFM Cap, was anxious to have
the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Wolayta
Diocese at Dubbo.

From that time until the present, it has been a blessing, a
challenge, and now, a deep time of *recognition* and *gratitude*
to the early Sisters and Sister Raphael Sharkey from heav-
en, as well as all the good Ethiopian People and foreign
Volunteers, who rolled up their sleeves and put their
minds, hearts, and energies towards developing and ex-
tending the Mission.

A renewed commitment flourished with the freshness of
life and the gift of the Holy Spirit of our Ethiopian Voca-
tions, both Sisters and Laity. Let us rejoice, Good People,
and send up our "*Te Deum*" to God for all the marvels He
has and is working to the Glory of the Sacred Heart of Je-
sus! In the footsteps of Saint Francesca Saverio Cabrini,
may our Ethiopian People and Africa at large be encour-
aged in hope and advance in faith and joy in being "*bearers*

of the love of Christ" in our world.

Happy Anniversary! Loving prayers and deep gratitude from Codogno, Italy, from where the Cabrini experience all began. Let us carry good fruits of hope for and to the world!

Your sister in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Sr. Lina Colombini MSC

Get Up And Go

*You are the Way
our Life and our All,
let us get up and go!*

"Loving your people,
until the end!" (Jn 13, 1)

"Giving My Peace
which the world cannot give." (Jn 14, 27)

"Sharing My Joy
that no one takes from you." (Jn 15, 11)

"Mary, My Mother,
accompanies you." (Jn 19, 26-27)

"Francesca's freedom leads
through the open door." (The Heart of Jesus)

"My Heart lies open; it your Home." (Jn 14, 23)

"All in the Spirit
to the Glory of our Father." (Jn 7, 38 – 39)

Final Prayer

"You have called us, oh Lord,
to get up and go:
onwards to growth,
onwards to mission,
with our eyes fixed on You!
Your Heart's leading and mission
have been the reason and impetus.
of our coming to Ethiopia as MSCs;
for our growing in Ethiopia as MSCs and
for our being sent from Ethiopia as Your MSCs.

Sharing inspirations

What touched your heart in this prayer?

What echoes as you reflect on the experiences or readings?

What do you hope to carry with you from this time of prayer?

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DAY ONE

"Open to Love"

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Connecting experiences ...

What impacted me most on arriving in Ethiopia was the people's suffering. They seemed like sheep without a pastor, having no place, in such a miserable state, needing everything. This stripped me of any fear and put me into doing what I had never done – I became a nurse in and outside of people's homes, in the small clinic, doing what I had never done before. I became a mother in the Child Jesus Center of Life – a strength from within that went beyond all weariness.

I learned to love without asking "why," knowing I was being called to give my life to the fullest.

Sr. Francisca Coelho Silva MSC

"I have learned from the Sisters to listen with understanding if I am to help others. I should always understand the circumstances of other people and then use my gift of intelligent love to... "

Mr. Bongani Khumalo, St. Mary's Hospital

"I have learned a lot from my Sisters, who set a great example for all of us by living their lives for the service of others and to spread the love of Jesus to the world. These sisters whom I met and lived with were the beginning of my vocation. Today, I am also practicing and using what I inherited from them for the good of others in different ways and different services. I am so grateful to the Lord who loved me

and called me to labor with Him in His vineyard.”

Sr. Asnakech Assefa, MSC

“I am so thankful to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and those who started the Mission in Ethiopia with their presence and support, being testimonies of the love of Christ among the people through their selflessness, intelligent love, and life-giving services.

The dynamism of the Cabrinian Charism and the Heart of Jesus have inspired me, and today, I am an MSC Sister, grateful for God’s plan and love for me.”

Sr. Aynalem Paulos, MSC

With this Light

“You must love one another,
just as I have loved you.

It is by your love for love for one another,
that everyone will recognize you as My disciples.”

(Jn 13,34-35)

“The Missionary has been chosen by Him with a particular love to promote His interests. We shall do this by not placing limits on our love and sacrifices for Jesus because the Missionary never says that she has done enough. She never draws back in the face of difficulties – ‘I can do all things in Him who strengthens me.’”

*To the Ends of the Earth
Missionary Travels of Francis X. Cabrini
Denver 1902, p.251*

Sharing inspirations

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and education of young and children as well the healing ministry of Jesus beside women promotion.”

Sr. Hanna Dimma, MSC

“It is amazing to see how our Sisters have been using their creativity to serve the poor and needy. The Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have blessed the Southern Region of Wolayta. I feel so grateful to be a part of this great work that has brought new life to His people for twenty-five years. Let us pray that we get more missionary vocations for the Church to continue to grow in faith, hope, and love while serving others.”

Sr. Tigist Hailemariam, MSC

With this Light

“Jesus Himself came up and walked by their side...

He explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about Himself.

He took the bread and said the blessing, then broke it and handed it to them; their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him.

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. they found the Eleven assembled, who said to them, ‘The Lord has indeed risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized Him at the breaking of bread.”

(Lk 24,15.27.31.33-34)

“Truly generous People will come forth, to take to heart the interests of the poor and direct them conscientiously when they land on these shores.

We, as women, help solve grave social ills making it possible to do immense good through the relationships we develop.”

*To the Ends of the Earth
Missionary Travels of Francis X. Cabrini
Chicago, February 1906, p.277*



DAY THREE

"Pathways of Hope"

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Connecting experiences

"We were united; that was our strength, and we soon started to understand and address the critical problems of the community. Sr. Maria Regina remained in St. Mary's, organizing the adoption project; Sr. Francisca was taking care of abandoned children because, when moms died, babies were denied care by the rest of the family, abandoned, and died. Sr. Ettoreina was doing a little bit of everything... she was with the youth and driving priests everywhere to say mass for the people because most were so old and could not drive. They used to stay all day in the communities..."

Sr. John Giani, MSC

"The People of Ethiopia have walked in darkness and have seen a great light: it is the light of their faith; it is the hope of their survival from ancient times and bare subsistence living. It is the love of Family, tribe, culture, and nation binding wounds in the Holy Cross of Meskal!"

Sr. Terezinha Esperança Merandi MSC

"I am so grateful to the Lord for sending our MSC sisters to Ethiopia, particularly to Dubbo, because I have seen and experienced the life of many young and old people being changed through our sisters' presence and dedicated service through teaching of catechism, fulfilling physical needs



DAY TWO

"Furthering Faith"



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Connecting experiences

"Being missioned in Ethiopia was a gift for me. Difficulties that I met never diminished the enthusiasm I felt in serving. Beyond their great poverty, the children's smiling faces gave me much joy.

What sustained me was the grace and help of Jesus and Mary, who especially accompanied me when I needed to take the car to get to some distant villages, passing risky bridges and roads that seemed impossible. Still, fears were placed in the right spot with Jesus and Mary."

Sr. Ettoreina Dolci MSC

"The rays of a brilliant sun filled the portholes of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 731 as it was landing in Addis Ababa Airport; everywhere there was Light!!!

It was true the first group of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus "were arriving in a Country that would become their homeland" (Travels of Mother Cabrini, October 1881)

Praying Psalm 86,4, our hearts sang: "I remember Rahab and Babylon... Tyre, Philistia, and ETHIOPIA: all were born there." (Providentially from the Liturgy of that precise day.)"

Sr. Maria Regina Canale MSC

"The MSC Sisters were a wonderful example for me, and they played a significant role in shaping my vocation. Sisters John, Maria Regina, Francesca, and Therese Merandi worked tirelessly to help the poor and the sick, leading vocational groups, catechists, prayer groups, and more. From my experience with them, I learned how to be an MSC.

They were responsible and hard-working and set excellent examples among the community, laity, and poor people by serving with kindness, love, and generosity. [...]

The MSC Spirit inspires me to use my talents to grow myself and others and calls me to live freely while staying open to my charism. The Spirit encourages me to accept challenges, to have lively confidence, and to trust in the Heart of Jesus, according to the Cabrini Charism."

Sr. Addise Agago, MSC

"I joined the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 2003. Since then, amidst challenges and with the support of my sisters, I have dedicated my life to continuing Mother Cabrini's missionary legacy, serving children, women, and youth, and spreading hope and love to those in need. I have discovered my true calling throughout the years and witnessed God's love and grace in every step of my journey. Today, I continue to follow in the footsteps of the Heart of Jesus as His missionary, tending His people with His Love in full responsibility and commitment as our Blessed Mother did."

Sr. Elfinesh Zergena, MSC

"I am grateful for my Sisters who were willing and started the mission in Ethiopia. As MSC, we are doing the mission of Jesus as He did, humble and simple with the poor and needy ones with great love and care, according to our charism. Following His example, we present Jesus, spreading His love, helping people experiencing poverty spiritually and materially, and building their future to have a better life for their children and themselves. All this impacts me to love my mission, continue to give myself totally to Jesus, and continue to be one of the bearers of the love of Christ in the world, a humble, simple instrument of Him."

Sr. Shitaye Esayas MSC

With this Light

"...Whoever believes in Me will perform the same works as I do Myself, and will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

(Jn 14,12-14)

"They believe with simplicity; they may be uneducated but possess within themselves good reason for their beliefs. The faith of the People is not to be despised. They may not be able to express the reasons for their faith, nor can they always defend it, but these reasons which they possess are deeply felt in their hearts, as though they had studied much. Faith is the heart's highest good; the heart is judge of what is for its benefit, not the intellect. Because they are mysteries of love, the heart of one who has the gift of faith feels, rather than understands them," putting them into practice."

*To the Ends of the Earth
Missionary Travels of Francis X. Cabrini
Genova to Buenos Aires, December 1900, p.213*

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