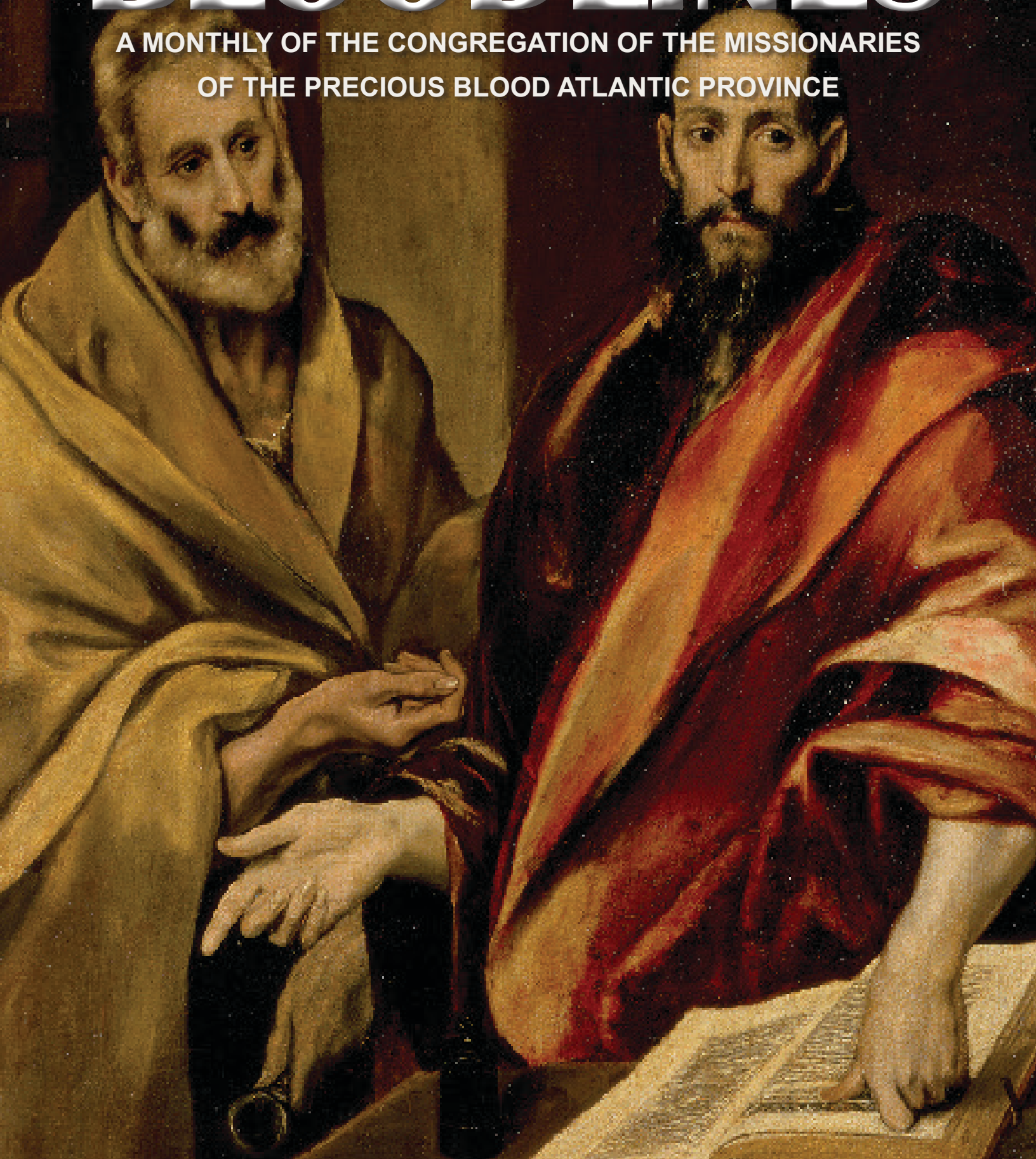


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PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE



BOUND TOGETHER BY LOVE AND RESURRECTION

What do Peter and Paul, Mary and Martha, Simon and Jude have in common?

Each of these biblical figures possessed strong personalities, distinct reasoning, and unique perspectives on how best to remain faithful to Jesus' teachings and live out their discipleship. Though their approaches differed, they were united by a common thread: a deep love for Jesus, a steadfast commitment to proclaiming the Gospel, and an unwavering belief in the Resurrection.

In the same way, the Church—and our Province—embraces many individuals and ministries, each with their own gifts, insights, and ways of serving. At times, we may not see eye to eye; at other times, we experience perfect harmony. Yet what binds us together is our shared love for the Lord, our devotion

to the spirituality of the Precious Blood, and our desire to live out the Bond of Charity.

It is a beautiful witness when this unity takes shape—when we honor one another's differences, recognizing that we are all striving toward the same purpose: to love God and to be faithful missionaries. Our unity grows stronger whenever we pray together, gather for fellowship, and support one another in joys, struggles, hopes, and dreams.

Take time to reflect on how you are both similar to and different from others, and how you can better honor their convictions and their love for our Lord and the Precious Blood. Just as our biblical fathers and mothers lived their faith with conviction and compassion, may we, too, strive for unity in diversity—the true hallmark of our Church and our Province.

FR. LUIGINO SANTI, CPPS

BLOOD OF CHRIST: HOPE FOR THE WORLD FINAL REFLECTION ON HOPE

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Much has been shared about the gift and virtue of hope. In this final reflection, let us hold fast to a simple yet profound truth: God loves us so deeply that He gave us His only Son—to forgive us, to reconcile us to Himself, and to make us brothers and sisters in one family.

Discipleship means learning to accept one another fully as brothers and sisters in Christ. God offers this gift to all who believe in His Son's saving act of death and resurrection. It empowers us to set aside animosity and division so that we may love one another as Jesus loves each of us.

God does not measure us by success; rather, He calls us to love—without exception and without condition.

Blessed Giovanni Merlini, acclaimed as a builder of peace and a messenger of mercy, is our model. Through his example, we ask for an increase in our love for the Blood of Christ, so that we too may be willing to risk our lives for love—to witness forgiveness, understanding, and compassion.

Can you name one way that you can witness to the gift of hope? Each of us bears the presence of Christ. Each of us brings His love and grace to one another.

How, then, will you thank your brother or sister for being hope made visible—for being hope for you to see?

ANCIENT PRAYER FROM UPPER CANADA

*Precious Blood of Jesus,
shed to reveal your mercy to all humankind,
as we draw near, we pray:*

*Flow over us in abundance—over our head,
our hands, our will, our mind, our memory,
our thoughts, our desires, our inclinations,
our actions, and our innermost being.*

*Wash away all that is stained within us,
blot out every impurity,
heal whatever is wounded,
convert us and transform us
by your adorable power,
so that we may abide in you forever.*

— FROM AN OLD MANUSCRIPT, DATED 1724,
MISSION CHURCH OF MICHILLMACKINAC
IN UPPER CANADA

LIVING, LOVING, AND SERVING

The life and teachings of Blessed Giovanni Merlini stand before us as a radiant example, guiding and strengthening our daily efforts to remain faithful to the call of discipleship under the banner of Christ's Precious Blood. Merlini cherished with profound devotion the Blood of Christ, poured out upon the Cross—the supreme sign of the Father's boundless love for humanity.

Marked by patience and compassion, Merlini reached out to all who suffered, offering encouragement, fostering reconciliation, and inspiring hope. He often counseled his confreres to “ponder all things well, so as not to act prematurely; to keep the well-being of all in view, making proper distinctions from the first to the last, for the glory of God.”

*May Blessed Giovanni Merlini's example draw us, too,
to the foot of the Cross, where love is revealed
and where our hearts are transformed.*

In the spirit of St. Gaspar, who urges us to contemplate the Cross—the great book of life—Merlini spent countless hours in prayer before the crucifix. There, in the silent school of Christ's sacrifice, he learned to esteem every person redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb.

May his example draw us, too, to the foot of the Cross, where love is revealed and where our hearts are transformed.

HOPE FOR THE WORLD: THE USC IN MISSION

The Union of the Blood of Christ at St. Charles Church has begun a new ministry to the sick and homebound. Its purpose is to bring Holy Communion to those who, because of illness or other limitations, cannot participate in the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. After a period of training and commissioning, ministers carry the Body and Blood of Christ to these brothers and sisters, ensuring they remain connected to the spiritual community.

This apostolate is carried out by four to five teams, each with three to four members, and takes place every second and fourth Sunday of the month. In the spirit of St. Gaspar and Blessed John Merlini—who reached out to the poor and those on the margins in Rome—this ministry is a tangible expression of Christ's presence. It extends the Eucharistic community to those unable to be physically present and serves as a sign of care, support, and love from the parish family.

As Gloria Marasigan notes: “Those who are homebound receive spiritual nourishment from the Body and Blood of Christ, which we believe brings comfort and healing.”

Glory to the Blood of Jesus, now and forever.
Amen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER 22
Alarey Abella

INCORPORATION

DECEMBER 3
John Colacino
Mario Cafarelli
Samuel D'Angelo
Brendan Doherty
Gerardo Laguartilla
William Mnyagatwa
Luigino Santi

REQUIESCENT IN PACE

DECEMBER 19: Richard Masciangelo
DECEMBER 28: Gaspar Del Bufalo

WORDS OF OUR FOUNDERS

*May your spirit always remain calm,
your trust in God most vibrant,
and forgiving your brother
in keeping the law of charity.*
*Do not forget to work hard, be active
and to stimulate everything through prayer.*
— ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO *Letter 2732*
*The works of God are the fruit of
prayer and patience.*
— BLESSED GIOVANNI MERLINI *Letter 341*

Vocation Calendar

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ALAREY ABELLA

2

MARIO CAFARELLI

3

BROTHER ANTHONY CANTERUCCI

4

RENÉ CERECEDO

5

JOHN COLACINO

6

SAMUEL D'ANGELO

7

BRENDAN DOHERTY

8

JOSEPH GRASSO

9

JEROME HOLOGA

10

DOMINIC JUNG

11

GERARDO LAGUARTILLA

12

GARY LUIZ

13

RON MAHON

14

WILLIAM MNYAGATWA

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PETER NOBILI

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LUI SANTI

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YOUNG PEOPLE AND CHILDREN

Prayer for Vocations

*LOVING GOD,
the needs of your Church in our day are many.
The workers in your vineyard are few,
while the challenges she faces are great.*

*We ask you to raise up missionary vocations—
young men and women who will courageously extend your kingdom
and live by the merits of the Precious Blood of your Son.*

*Strengthen all Christians everywhere,
that through the genuine witness of faith and love,
they may spread the truth of the Gospel.*

*May the message of your love reach to the ends of the earth.
And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
unite us in one faith and one mission.
Amen.*

