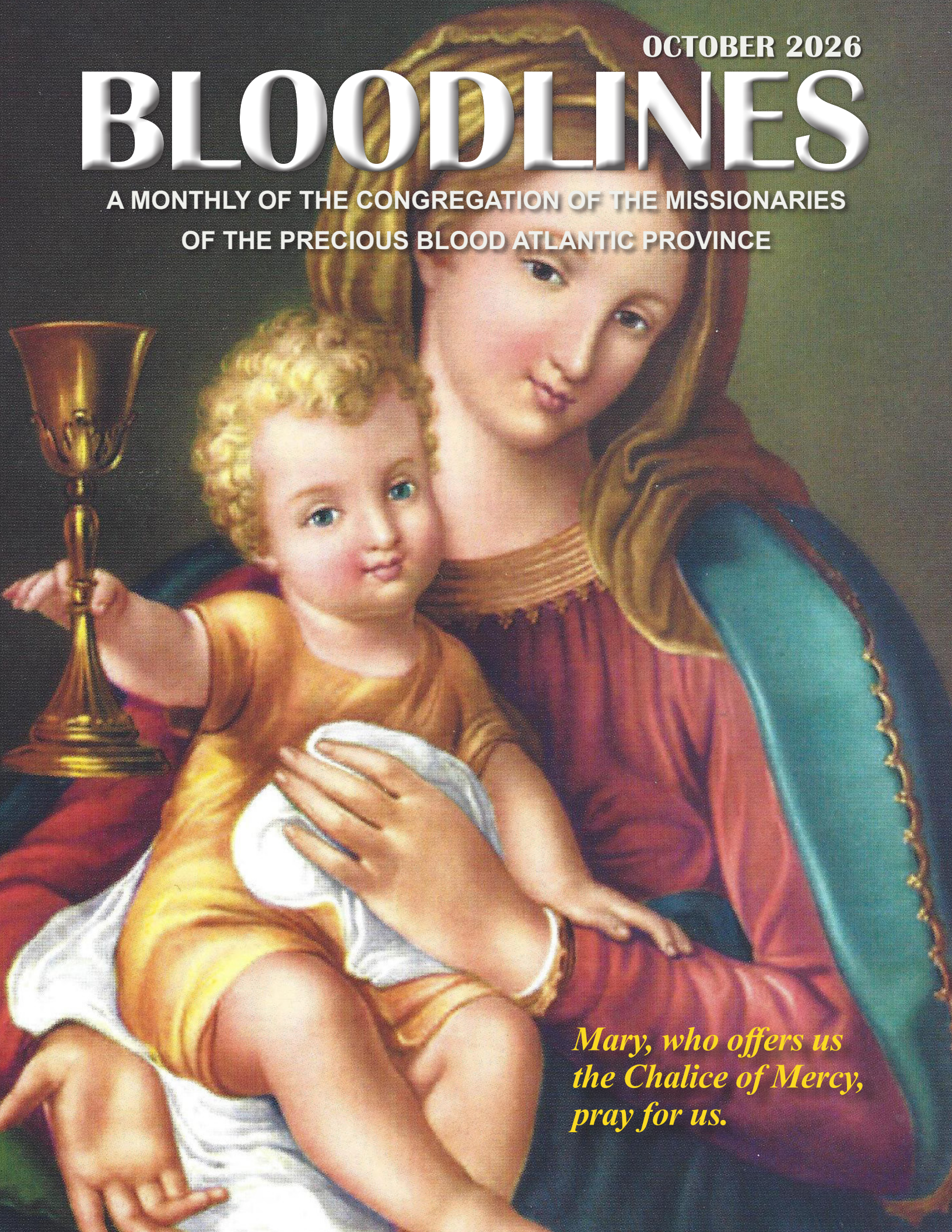


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*Mary, who offers us
the Chalice of Mercy,
pray for us.*



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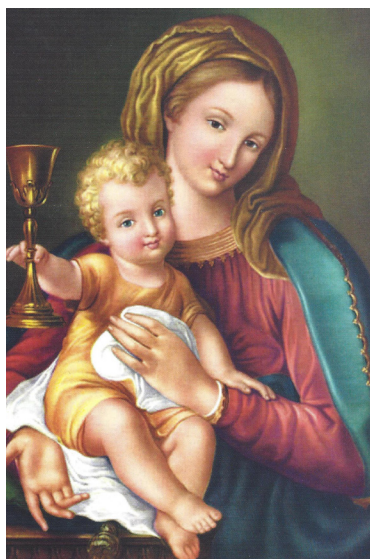
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OUR LADY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD: HEART OF OUR MISSIONARY SPIRITUALITY



As a member of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, I am always grateful to hear stories from people who have received favours through the intercession of Our Lady of the Precious Blood. For us missionaries, this devotion is not simply part of the spiritual heritage entrusted to us by St. Gaspar del Bufalo; it is an integral part of our spirituality and our way of life.

St. Gaspar had a profound devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During his many missions and sermons, he used a special image known as the *Madonna of the Chalice* to teach about Mary's role in the mystery of salvation. Beginning with an earlier painting of Our Lady, Gaspar later had a chalice added to the hand of the Child Jesus. The gentle, smiling Madonna reveals the tenderness and mercy of a

mother's love, capable of touching even the hardest of hearts. This devotion opens our hearts to Mary, who in turn always leads us to her Son.

Having visited many of our missionary houses throughout the world, I have found great comfort in seeing this cherished image displayed wherever we serve. It holds a special place in churches in the remote villages of Tanzania and Brazil, in the chapels of our mission houses, in the parish churches of Europe, North America, and Latin America where our missionaries minister, in long-term care homes and hospices, and even in our own bedrooms. This image is far more than a picture hanging on a wall; it is a constant companion on our journey of faith, always leading us closer to Christ.

The Second Vatican Council beautifully describes authentic Marian devotion in *Lumen Gentium* 67: "This devotion proceeds from true faith, by which we are led to recognize the excellence of the Mother of God and are moved to filial love toward our Mother and to the imitation of her virtues."

There is something profoundly peaceful and inviting about this image. The Child Jesus holds out a chalice, offering it to all who come to Him, inviting us to drink from the Precious Blood that brings forgiveness, reconciliation, and new life. Mary's gaze is directed outward, drawing us into the mystery she contemplates and inviting us to welcome her Son.

She cradles Jesus tenderly with one arm, while her other hand is extended in a gesture of welcome. Her open hand is an invitation to approach without fear, for she is always ready to help, console, and lead us to Christ.

Our devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Precious Blood endures because we know her as our Mother and Protector, always attentive to the needs of her children and always ready to intercede for us. Our Lady of the Precious Blood is far more than the image St. Gaspar carried with him on his missions. She is a model of faith, fidelity, and loving attentiveness. She listened to the voice of the Father and faithfully followed her Son, Jesus, throughout her life. She continues to teach us what it means to trust, to listen, and to respond generously to God's call.

For the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, devotion to Our Lady of the Precious Blood is not merely a cherished tradition; it is an essential part of who we are and of the mission to which we have been called.

REV. LUIGINO SANTI

LIVING OUR CHARISM: A CALL TO ONGOING CONVERSION

At the XXII General Assembly, Core Values were promulgated to assist the members of the Congregation in deepening our understanding of our charism. These Core Values do not replace the Profile of the Missionary or the Three Pillars—Mission, Community, Spirituality.

CORE VALUE ONE:

The Gospel and the Spirituality of the Blood of Christ call us, individually and as a

Congregation, to witness a life of conversion, transformation, and renewal. Through a deep habit of prayer, sustained encounters with the Word of God, communion with the People of God, and lifelong formation in our charism, we become agents of conversion, transformation, and renewal.

How are you—individually or as a Unit—embracing conversion, transformation, and renewal?

MEETING OF MAJOR SUPERIORS (MMS)

The Meeting of Major Superiors was held at St. Charles Center, Carthagen, Ohio. Leaders from Vietnam, India, Canada, Croatia, Latin America, Poland, the Teutonic Province, Italy, Iberia, and the USA were present. During the gathering, the General Curia presented the 2027–2031 Agenda, outlining key initiatives for the Congregation over the next five years.

2027: Retreat in Poland for any members who wish to attend.

2028: Gathering of all candidates in formation in Tanzania for a two-week program.

MMS with Provincial and Provincial Council Members.

2029: Formators' Meeting.

Leadership Gathering focused on the Core Values, the Three Pillars, and the Profile of the Missionary.

2030: Merlap: Study and review of the Profile of the Lay Association in relation to the C.P.P.S. reality.

2031: General Assembly

CONGRATULATIONS! On August 29, Rev. Jerome Hologa was installed as the new pastor of St. Roch's Church. Most Rev. Ivan

Camilleri presided at the Mass and formally installed Fr. Jerome. A bountiful reception was hosted by the CWL of the parish, complete with three large and delicious cakes.

A JOYFUL DAY AT ST. ALPHONSUS At St. Alphonsus Church, the parish community welcomed Cardinal Frank Leo for a pastoral visit. The church was filled to standing room only. The music and participation during the liturgy were described as “awesome” by an altar server who was thrilled to meet the Cardinal. His Eminence arrived early and spent generous time with the Missionaries. He is very fond of our community, and we deeply treasured his visit. Fr. Alarey and Br. Anthony prepared a wonderful table of food, snacks, and refreshments.

WITH PRAYERFUL SUPPORT FOR THEIR ONGOING DISCERNMENT Recent visitors to the Community included Romel from Winnipeg, Christian from Calgary, and Kevin from Madrid. We hold these men in our prayers as they continue their discernment with us.

WARM THANKS FROM THE ITALIAN PROVINCE The Italian Provincial, Rev. Benedetto Labate, C.P.P.S., expressed his deep appreciation for his recent visit. He thanked all the members for the warm welcome and hospitality shown to him, and extended an invitation to visit Italy—“the doors are wide open... we are brothers.”

THANKSGIVING DAY LUNCHEON Fr. Jerome Hologa extends an invitation to attend our annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon on Monday, October 12.
12:00 noon: Social, appetizers, antipasto
1:00 p.m.: Luncheon, accompanied by Canadian apple pie and seasonal pies and tarts.

WELCOME, SR. MARIE THÉRÈSE, S.O.L.I.

We warmly welcome Sr. Marie Thérèse, who will be dedicating a few hours each month to organizing and arranging the Archives at Gaspar House in Niagara Falls. She works part-time in the Archival Department of the Diocese of St. Catharines and is a member of the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate.

A SPECIAL GATHERING Please mark your calendar for the Missio Dinner on October 24, at 6:00 p.m. The Knights of Columbus, St. Gaspar Council, are hosting a semi-formal dinner in support of our missionary activities within the C.P.P.S. family. Let us show our support by attending this special event.



Fr. Samuel D'Angelo shares his latest work of art, entitled 'Our Lady of the Modern World'.

Every Monday, Fr. Samuel sets aside the burdens and worries of parish life for a few hours to devote himself to his gift for painting, creating works in both watercolor and oil.

The parish office, hallways, and rectory are filled with his many beautiful pieces, each reflecting his creativity and his deep faith.

IN EVERY HOSPITAL ROOM, A PLACE OF MINISTRY



HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY IN HIS BLOOD

Whether I'm in Oncology, the ICU, the ER, a hospice, or a general medicine unit, I feel very much at home. Sitting with patients and listening to them, as well as supporting their family members, brings comfort and hope during some of the most difficult moments in their lives.

Recently, Fr. Lui was called to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto to baptize a newborn baby. During pregnancy, doctors determined that the

baby's heart was weak and that blood flow was inadequate. To give the child the best chance of survival, the baby was delivered prematurely at seven months. The medical team expected the infant might not survive long after birth, making the baptism especially meaningful.

The following day, Johanna underwent life-saving heart surgery to correct the condition. Happily, this adorable little girl is recovering well and continues to make encouraging progress.



PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

FOR THE CARE OF WATER. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

FOR MENTAL HEALTH MINISTRY. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the

Church, helping to overcome stigma and discrimination toward persons living with mental illness.

MEMORARE TO OUR LADY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

REMEMBER,

*O Lady of the Precious Blood,
the sorrowful Sheddings of the Blood of thy Jesus
and the most bitter tears thou didst mingle
with His Redeeming Blood.*

*In the name of the Blood of the Victim of Reparation
and of thy holy tears;
in the name of the seven swords
which pierced thy heart,
by which thou didst become
the Mediatrix of all graces
for the human race and the Queen of Martyrs,
have pity on my soul and on all its miseries;
have pity on sinners and on the innocent souls
they seek to pervert;
have pity on the poor, the sick, the infirm,
on all their sufferings, both physical and moral;
have pity on the agonizing,
especially upon those who,
except for thine intercession,
would leave this world without being purified
in the Blood of the Lamb.*

*It is by the Blood of thy Dying Son,
by His inexpressible Sufferings,
by His last plea to His Father in favor of mankind,
by His ignominious Death and by the perpetuation
of His Sacrifice on Catholic Altars,
that I beg thee not to reject my supplications,
but graciously to hear them.*
Amen.

DATES TO REMEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OCTOBER 19: Brendan Doherty

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

OCTOBER 7: John Zywolewski

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 21

**Feast of St. Gaspar del Bufalo
St. Alphonsus Church**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24

**Missio Fundraising Dinner
St. Roch's Parish Hall**

WORDS OF OUR FOUNDERS



**After all, this is why
we are missionaries:
to apply the merits
of the Divine Blood.**

**Our houses are open missions.
ST. GASPAR, LETTER 1123**



**Who will obtain pardon for our sins,
grace in this life,
and glory in the next?
The Blood of Jesus.
May the Blood of Jesus live then,
now and forever.
BLESSED GIOVANNI MERLINI**

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

15

PETER NOBILI

16

AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS

17

LUIGINO SANTI

18

GERMÁN SANTIAGO ESTÉVEZ

19

RON WIECEK

20

USC MEMBERS

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DECEASED CPPS MEMBERS

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OUR BENEFACTORS

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FAMILY MEMBERS OF CPPS

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THE SICK

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OUR BISHOPS

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POPE LEO XIV

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CANCER PATIENTS AND
THEIR CAREGIVERS

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THE LONELY

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WORLD PEACE

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CANDIDATES IN FORMATION

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THOSE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL
HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Prayer for Precious Blood Vocations

*St. Gaspar and Blessed Giovanni Merlini,
models of great holiness,
help me to live as a true Christian,
faithful to the promises of Baptism
and to my commitment to the Congregation.*

*You know how great are the dangers
and difficulties of my life;
grant that I may overcome all temptation
and pettiness, and have the courage to witness
to the Bond of Charity.*

*Obtain for me a heart capable of
loving God above all things,
ready to accept his holy will.
Open my soul to a generous and sincere love
for my brothers in community;
make me willing to serve and console
anyone in need.*

*Sustain me with your spirit,
so that I may be worthy of God's friendship.
Amen.*