

Challenges to Missio Ad-Inter Gentes

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Missio Ad-Inter Gentes

- Today, acknowledging ad gentes, but going beyond this,
- working **WITH** and
- **AMONG** and **BETWEEN** religions and cultures.
- Actualizing spirits' presence in them and recognizing God's presence.
- Mission inter gentes



1. Cultural Orientation

- Learning culture
- Learning the language
- Entering into the process of interculturalisation



2. Identification with the Poor

Challenge to enter into the ‘culture of poverty’

“Poor evangelize us and we evangelize poor”



To Enter into the Pathos

To respond to the suffering ?



Kevin Carter's Pulitzer Prize winning photo taken in 1994 during the Sudanese famine. The picture depicts a famine stricken child being stalked by a vulture. The child is crawling towards a United Nations food camp, located a kilometer away.

No one knows what happened to the child, including the photographer who left the scene as soon as the photo was taken. He later confided to friends that he wished he had intervened. Journalists at the time were warned never to touch famine victims for fear of disease.

Three months later, and only weeks after being bestowed with the Pulitzer Prize, Kevin Carter committed suicide.

3. Fundamentalism and Witness



Fundamentalism and Witness

- Fundamentalism
- Terrorism
- Hatred and division among the people
- Mindless violence
- Fear
- **How to be a
Witness in this context?**



❑ Boldness of faith and martyrdom

- Are there martyrs in our Society?
- How many?
- Are religious ready to be martyrs?
- Calls for radical living



4. Establishing Solidarity

Solidarity among people

- to defend their rights
- To work for freedom
- Political participation

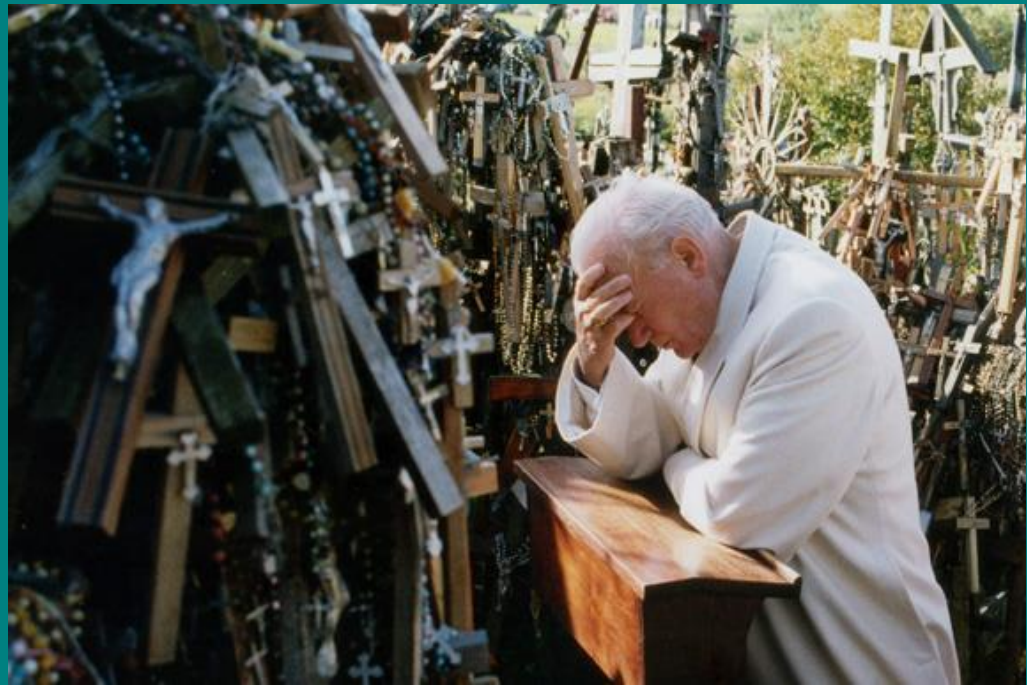
Net working with other Agencies / groups

Lay groups and missionaries

Media and reaching out to poor



Solidarity
slogan?



☐ Solidarity with and compassion

St. John Paul II's Legacy in Pope Francis

Solidarity + compassion = Mission

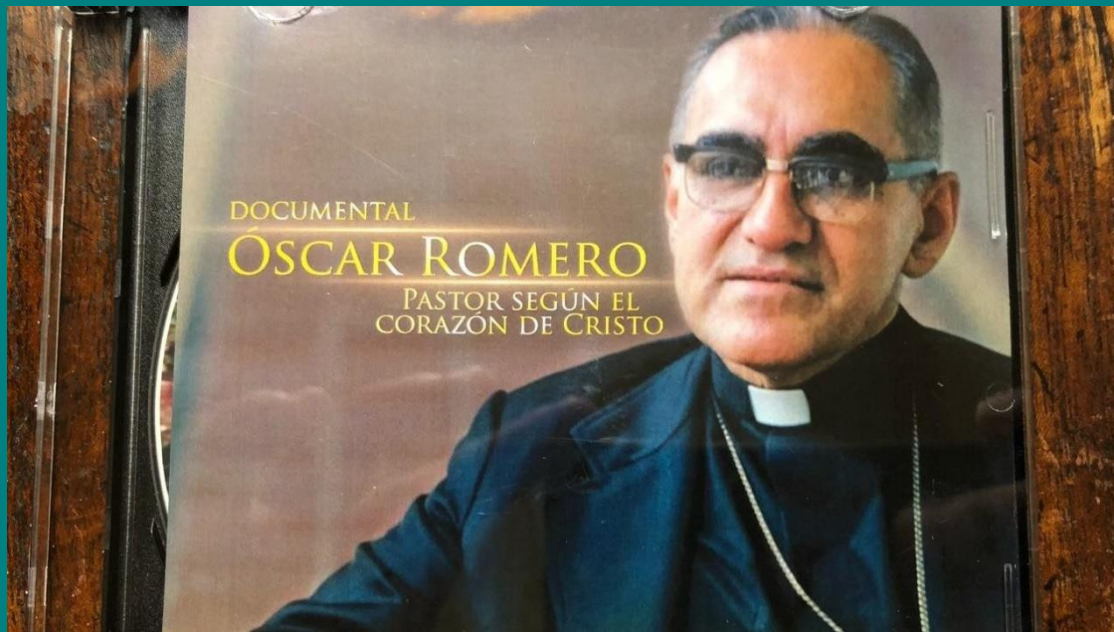
Misery + Mercy = Mission

5. Prophetic Role of the Church

“Prophets are lived parables in Asia”

Prophets - Protest

- Indicate a change



6. Recognize the collective energy of the people

- It can be assimilative and institutionalized
- People have positive energy





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7. Questioning the unjust customs among the people

- Traditions that dehumanize
- Customs that oppress the weak
- How to challenge the unjust cultural system?



Masai Tribe - Tanzania



8. Being Counter-cultural

How to form a counter-cultural community?

Intercultural community



9. Establishing relationship with people of Other Religions

Can we develop a common program to keep up the relationship with other religions?



10. Enter into civil society

What is our involvement in the civil society?

Can the religious take some responsibilities in civil society?

Christifideles Laici, no.60 – “participation in political parties is reserved to the lay people.”



❑ Church “goes forth” – to periphery

Implementing the action plan
with creativity

The present methodology, aim
is to be in front, and ACTION

Being Missionary Church

Mission Mindedness among the Religious

- Year of Consecrated Life (2014-15)
- Pope Francis, “I am counting on you to wake up the world”

