

INVISIBLE MONASTERY NOVEMBER 2026

ONE IN CHRIST,
UNITED IN MISSION

Dear friends,

Only a few days ago we celebrated the 100th World Mission Day, and for this reason we thought we would pause to reflect on the meaning of mission and on being “missionaries together”.

Mission is not a task reserved for a few, nor does it concern only those who leave their own land to proclaim the Gospel in distant places. Every baptized person is called to be a witness to Christ wherever they live, through words, choices, gestures of care, and the ability to draw near to others.

But no one is a missionary alone. It is Christ who unites us, makes us brothers and sisters, and invites us to walk together in the richness of our diversity. Communion is not only the fruit of mission: it is its condition and its most authentic witness.

Fr. Anthony and Fr. Mark Cavanis, too, lived out their mission with their gaze turned toward th youth, recognizing in the education, accompani-

ment, and care of the new generations a privileged path for proclaiming God's love. Their charism continues to challenge us and reminds us that educating, supporting, listening, and loving are concrete ways of making the Gospel present.

In this Invisible Monastery, united in prayer though living in different places, let us allow ourselves to be reached by the Word of God. Let us ask the Lord to renew in us the joy of the missionary calling and to make us able to bear witness together to the hope that is born from being one in Christ.

From the first letter of the Saint Paul to the Corinthians (1 Cor 12:12-14, 27)

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

One in Christ, together in proclamation

Before we are called to do anything for the Lord, we are called to be with Him, to let ourselves be met by His love, and to recognize one another as brothers and sisters. Christian mission does not arise from our skill, our abilities, or our plans: it arises from the encounter with Christ, who calls us and sends us.

Saint Paul reminds us that we are members of one body. No one is useless, no one can be self-sufficient, no one can think of themselves as the sole custodian of the mission. Each of us has a gift to offer, a

responsibility to take on, a presence that can become witness.

Being united does not mean being all the same. It means learning to put our differences at the service of a greater good, without rivalry, without self-importance, without the pretense of always being right. When our energies are divided, our witness grows weaker; when we learn to walk together, the Gospel becomes more credible.

But what does it mean to be a missionary today?

It means bringing Christ to the places where hope seems to be fading, to families going through difficult times, alongside young people searching for a path, close to those who feel alone or forgotten. It means not being afraid to approach fragility, to listen without judging, to offer our time without expecting anything in return.

The Cavanis brothers made educational care and love for young people their life's mission. They believed that caring for the young meant collaborating in God's work, helping each boy discover his own dignity and build his own future.

Their example reminds us that mission is not measured only by the distance traveled or the great results achieved. Sometimes it takes shape in a simple gesture, in an encouraging word, in a faithful presence, in the patience of one who keeps believing in a person even when that person struggles to believe in themselves.

And what about us? Perhaps we are not called to leave for distant lands, but we are certainly called to go out of ourselves: out of our habits, our securities, the boundaries we sometimes build between those close to us and those we feel are different.

The prayer of the Invisible Monastery is also mission. In silence, we bring before God the people, the communities, the youth, the families, the consecrated, and all who proclaim the Gospel. With our prayer we support those who are on the journey, those who are weary, those who live in difficult situations, those who need to find the courage to begin again.

We will not always see the fruits of our prayer, just as we will not always know the effects of an act of love. But we can trust: what is entrusted to God with a sincere heart is never lost.

To be one in Christ means, therefore, to recognize that mission belongs to everyone and that no one carries it out alone. Christ is the center that unites us, the Spirit is the one who sustains us, the Gospel is what we are called to witness.

Let us ask the Lord to make us a community capable of communion, a fraternit y that does not close in on itself but becomes a welcoming home and an open door. So that the world may recognize, also through our lives, that we are His disciples and that His love continues to reach every person.

One in Christ. United in mission: not because we all do the same things, but because, with different gifts, we all bring the same love. The passage from Corinthians, with its image of the body and its members, expresses very well both unity in Christ and shared missionary responsibility, “each according to their part.”



Lord Jesus,
you have called us to follow you and gathered us into one body,
despite the diversity of our paths and our gifts.

Teach us to recognize one another as brothers and sisters,
to walk side by side, to overcome divisions and closed-mindedness,

to build communion where there is distance, to bring hope where there is discouragement.

Make us missionaries of your love, not only with words but with our everyday lives:
in our families, in the communities where we live,
in the places of work and encounter,
beside those who are alone, who suffer, who seek a reason to hope.

We entrust to you the youth,
their questions, their dreams, and their fragilities.
Let them meet adults who are able to listen to them, to accompany them with patience,
and to believe in them even when everything seems difficult.

Bless those who have consecrated their lives to mission,
those who educate, who proclaim the Gospel, who care for the smallest and most fragile.
Bless the Cavanis family, that, faithful to the charism of its Founders,
it may continue to witness to your love through service to young people and families.

And bless us too, who in the silence of prayer
desire to support your Church and her mission.
When we cannot depart, teach us to pray; when we cannot do much, teach us to love;
when we feel alone, remind us that we are united in you.

Let our differences become riches, our hands instruments of good,
and our hearts the dwelling place of your presence.

So that, through each one of us and through the communion we will be able to live,
the world may encounter your face and recognize the power of your love.

One in Christ, united in mission,
today and every day.
Amen.