

# Missionaries of Joy!



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## Introduction

**L**ast year's guidelines helped us relive the first steps of the Faith and Light adventure and we were invited to start writing the second volume of these adventures and to ignite the second stage of the Faith and Light rocket!

This "big bang", which resulted in the creation of communities all over the world, must not be allowed to fizzle out! Also, as we embark on our "mission" this year, we will be accompanied by some great witnesses of this joy that we want to continue announcing, this treasure that we don't want to keep just for ourselves... The main tool at our disposal will be a net, the net that Peter and Andrew, James and John left on the shore so that they could follow Jesus, using a different type of net, a net to help them become fishermen of people! Over the course of the three years when they were following Jesus on his travels through Galilee, Samaria and Judea, the nets filled up well. However, after Easter, after Jesus' death and resurrection, the same apostles recast their nets, but they caught nothing and were discouraged to find their nets empty! It was then that a man on the shore told them: "Cast the net to the right of the boat and there you'll find some". And the nets filled up with 153 large fish!

Are we continuing to cast out our nets? Or are we saying to ourselves: "It's not worth it! It won't work?!" It's very discouraging to make an effort and then to see that the fruits just aren't there... However, there are still many families that are waiting for Faith and Light! The apostles have caught 153 big fish, so why not imagine 153 Faith and Light countries? Nowadays there are only 80...

With the help of our twelve great witnesses, it's time to cast out our nets again; these people have never been discouraged, so with them our mission will be fruitful!

**In September**, together with Father Alexander Men, we will find the right words to speak about Faith and Light to everyone, young and old, to call upon them to follow Jesus.

**In October**, together with Sister Emmanuelle, we will see that there is no right age to start being a missionary and for doing good around you.

**In November**, together with Father Jerzy Popieluszko, we will not be afraid of announcing God's reign, of proclaiming the Gospel and tending to wounded hearts.

**In December**, together with Takashi Nagai, we can transform lives with very little things, changing the world, one heart at a time.

**In January**, together with Charles Lwanga, we will be unified by offering our hands to the littlest ones amongst us to give them courage.

**In February**, together with Pier Giorgio Frassati, we'll know that young people's enthusiasm and subtle imaginativeness can radiate in an extraordinary way, bringing the Good News to others.

**In March**, together with Marthe Robin, we will understand that the world can be changed without leaving your little village; we just need to take up your cross and follow Jesus.

**In April**, together with King Baudouin, we will build a better society by welcoming the most fragile amongst us.

**In May**, together with Sister Lucia, we will be witnesses of the wonders of God for those whom God has chosen, the simple and the weak.

**In June**, together with Cicely Saunders, we will take care of the weakest and won't be afraid of all sharing our joy in the Lord.

**In July**, together with Archbishop Oscar Romero, we will listen to the real law of God, the Beatitudes.

**In August**, together with Martin Luther King, we will joyfully share the feast of the freshly grilled fish with everybody, on the banks of the Sea of Galilee.

These twelve characters will become increasingly familiar to us over the course of this year. They are all very different: Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican or Baptist. Their lives have varied in length (from 21 to 99), there is a king and a shepherd, five were married, six were priests/monks... But they all had in common a love for Jesus, which made them achieve extraordinary things! Let's follow behind them into the deep waters and cast out our nets! Let's not be afraid!

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