May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved. Forever!

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Dear Associates,

Spring is here again with its usual capricious weather, but it also brings us in abundance the many wonderful signs of new life. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited us to new life also, by proclaiming an Extraordinary Jubilee year of Mercy beginning on 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Lady. With these words he inaugurated this very special spiritual journey:

*“Dear brothers and sisters,*

*I have often thought about how the church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy.*

*It is a journey that begins with a spiritual conversion.*

*For this reason, I have decided to call an extraordinary Jubilee*

*that is to have the mercy of God at its centre.*

*It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy.*

*We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord’s words:*

*‘Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful’ (cf. Lk 6:36).*

*This Holy Year will begin on this coming*

*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception [Dec. 8, 2015]*

*and will end on Nov. 20, 2016,*

*the Sunday dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe — and living face of the Father’s mercy.”*

What a blessed year this will be! As members of the Chevalier Family we are so attuned to “mercy”, the Mercy of Jesus, and our imitation of His mercy as we try to be His Heart to the world. During 2016 let us explore together the riches of God’s mercy, revealed in Jesus’ Heart. In this way we may each become more merciful in our dealings with ourselves, one other and with our world, which is begging for mercy on all sides.

Jubilee Year in the Church has a wonderful history. The Old Testament tells the story of the Chosen People and of God’s dealings with them. God loved them so very much. After their escape from slavery in Egypt and as they were settling into the Promised Land God introduced to them the idea of the 50 year Jubilee.

*“You are to count seven weeks of years – that is to say 49 years – and on the Day of Atonement you shall sound the trumpet throughout the land. You will declare this 50th year sacred and proclaim the liberation of all the inhabitants of the land. This is to be a Jubilee for you: each of you will return to your ancestral home, each to your own clan. This fiftieth year is to be a jubilee year for you: you will not sow, you will not harvest the ungathered corn, you will not gather from the untrimmed vine. The jubilee is to be a holy thing for you; you will eat what comes from the land” (Lev 25:8-12).*

 This Jubilee injunction to cease sowing, reaping and harvesting was not an invitation to laziness. Far from it! Instead, it was an invitation to be involved in matters of the spirit, in relational matters, in heart connections. These injunctions that Yahweh gave the Chosen people can be summed up:

* The Jubilee Year was to be celebrated every 50 years

* The liberation of all the inhabitants of the land was to be proclaimed –

all slaves and prisoners were to be released.

* All had to return to their ancestral home, to their own clan -

they had to reunite with family members, revisit their birthplaces,

ponder their roots.

* They were to refrain from sowing and reaping, from gathering what was left of crops and fruits. These were to be left for the poor, the ones who had no farms, crops or herds of their own.

*There is a depth to and a challenge in these injunctions that is timeless. How could they be translated into our modern 21st Century living?*

In our New Testament Church a Jubilee Year is a special year called by the church to receive blessing and pardon from God and remission of sins. The Catholic Church has called Jubilee Years every 25 or 50 years since the year 1300 and has also called special Jubilee Years from time to time, known as *Extraordinary Jubilee Years*. The last Jubilee Year was held in 2000 during the papacy of Pope John Paul II and was known as "the Great Jubilee" - in preparation for the new Millennium. The last *Extraordinary Jubilee Year* was held in 1983 to celebrate 1,950 years since the death and resurrection of Jesus. This upcoming celebration will also be an *Extraordinary Jubilee Year* – ***Holy Year of Mercy.***

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On 11th April this year Pope Francis issued what is called “Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy: this date being the Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter when Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated. This little booklet of 40 pages is called, ***Misericordiae Vultus,*** (MV) which means ***The Face of Mercy***. Just “google” its name on the internet and you will have access to the complete text.

A major aspect of any Holy Year is a pilgrimage to Rome to make reparation for sin and to renew the conversion of one’s life. A very important symbolic act performed by each pilgrim is to pass through the Holy Door. At the beginning of the text Pope Francis talks about the opening of the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica which will occur on 8th December, the 50th anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council and the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Pope Francis goes on to say:

*“In the following weeks the Holy Doors of the other Papal Basilicas will be opened. On the same Sunday I will announce that in every local Church, at the cathedral – the mother church of the faithful in any particular area – or, alternatively at the co-cathedral or another church of special significance, a* ***Door of Mercy,*** *will be opened for the duration of the Holy Year. … a similar door may be opened at any Shrine frequented by large groups of pilgrims , since visits to these holy sites are so often grace-filled moments, as people discover a path to conversion. Every Particular Church, therefore, will be directly involved in living out this Holy year as an extraordinary moment of grace and spiritual renewal. Thus the Jubilee will be celebrated both in Rome and in the Particular Churches as a visible sign of the Church’s universal communion” (Misericordiae Vultus, par 3).*

Jesus said, ‘I am the door’ (John 10:7) in order to make it clear that no one can come to the Father except through Him.  This designation which Jesus applies to Himself testifies to the fact that He alone is the Saviour sent by the Father.  There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into this life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation.  To Him alone can the words of the psalmist be applied in full truth: ‘This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter’ (Psalm 118:20).

Therefore to pass through the door from the outside into the basilica/ cathedral/ church/shrine etc is to pass from this world into the presence of God, just as in the old Temple of Jerusalem, the High Priest on the Feast of Yom Kippur passed through the veil covering the doorway of the Holy of Holies to enter into the presence of God to offer the sacrifice of atonement. Moreover, to pass through the door is to confess with firm conviction that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Lord, and the Saviour who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation.  With great courage, a person freely decides to cross the threshold leaving behind the kingdom of this world so as to enter the new life of grace of the Kingdom of God.

What a beautiful symbol the Holy Door is! In the preparation time for this special year perhaps, each time we go through the door of our Church, we could say a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of faith and renew our sorrow for sin and our resolve to become more like our merciful God.

Pope Francis calls upon Mary, our Mother, she who “treasured divine mercy in her heart in perfect harmony with her Son, Jesus.” (MV par 24). Just as she sang her song of praise at the threshold of Elizabeth’s home, may she teach us that same song as “we cross the threshold of the Holy year to experience the fruits of divine mercy” (MV 24).

Blessings and union in the Loving Heart of Jesus with Mary,

**Sr Ancilla olsh 3.**

***JOURNEYING DEEPER INTO THE HEART OF OUR CHARISM***

**Session 15 – Chapter Final: Pages 117-125**

***TO END WITH …***

*This is the final section of our journeying book,*

***Jules Chevalier’s Charism and the Identity of the Chevalier Family,***

*by Father Hans Kwakman msc.*

*As we said at the beginning of this Journey we want the book to go through us,*

*not us through the book!*

*And so, Groups are reflecting on different sections of the book at any one time.*

*There is no time limit to the journey. Let the Holy Spirit lead you and/or your group where he will. Thank you for joining us on this pilgrimage of discovery and love.*

*We thank Fr Kwakman for giving us permission to use his book as we have.*

*May he be blessed for the inspiration and information*

*that his words have given to so many.*

This final section of the book beautifully sums up the preceding eight chapters and also presents us with the challenge of giving voice to what we have read, and for those who are fortunate enough to have a group with whom to share, what we have discussed.

Father Kwakman tells us at the beginning of the final section that “the main purpose of this book was to show that a clear understanding of Chevalier’s charism may make us more aware of our identity as the Chevalier Family” – a **family**, rather than various religious and lay members of several congregations.

**The Identity of the Chevalier Family:** **pp117-120**

The following question was posed: *“Who is or was Chevalier?”* Our Journeying book supplies a comprehensive answer. If we were asked this same question it is probably unlikely that we would give such an in-depth response, unless the situation was one where the questioner was seeking a fairly full answer with a view to investigating further.

Let us take up the challenge and, in a sentence or two, give the person our personal response to “Who is or was Chevalier?” Write you response below and reflect upon it and/or share it with the group if this is possible.

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The next question that may come from your answer could be:

Well, what is the Chevalier Family? What do its members do or represent? How would you respond?

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If we have included “love” as a means of overcoming the problems of the world in an answer, it may well be asked how this is possible, especially when so much of the world seems to be troubled and in a state of turmoil?

How would you respond to this criticism?

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The next question is one that we could ask of ourselves. It is probably one that we have covered several times in the course of “journeying deeper into the heart of our charism” but let us take a few minutes to write down our response.

“What is the source of our own inspiration?” Fr Kwakman offers some thoughts but let us make this our own ***personal*** response.

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**Continuing along the way of the heart: pp120-121**

The words in these paragraphs remind us that Chevalier’s devotion to the Sacred Heart was not formed and then fixed for his lifetime. It grew and was transformed; it became an holistic vision

*“not only the revelation of God’s compassionate Heart*

*but also the qualities poured out in every human heart*

*with its gifts and talents for love”.*

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Throughout the time of immersing ourselves in this book we have entitled the process as *“journeying deeper into the heart of our charism”* but in so doing we have also journeyed deeper into our own hearts. Our whole life and our spirituality, which is an integral part of who and what we are, have been and continue to be *“formed by our life’s experiences”.* It is only

when we take time to look (”revise”) and allow ourselves to become even more *in touch* with our hearts that the Holy Spirit/Jesus will be able to *“enkindle in us the passion that also inflamed Chevalier’s heart”.*

The *“story of our hearts”* is created through a growing awareness that asks for nourishment in prayer, formation, personal reflection, journaling and accomplishment. Then “*the Spirit might be able to heal our inner wounds, while empowering us to take part in the mission of embodying God’s love in family and community life, in Church and society, no longer hindered by inner obstacles, but wholeheartedly”.*

* What forms of *nourishment* do you find most helpful?
* Are there others that you would like to pursue at greater depth?

**…guided by the Spirit: pp121-122**

We are blessed in the development of theology since Chevalier’s time which for him *”lacked a more integral vision of the role of the Holy Spirit in the heart of creation and in God’s work of redemption and regeneration”. “Spirituality of the Heart only becomes a real* ***spirituality,*** *in the full sense of the word when explicitly paying tribute to the Holy Spirit as its primary source.”*  In living a *“way of the heart”* we are called to be consciously relying on the Holy Spirit along the way.

When, in your own personal experience, have

you been conscious of the presence or “intervention” of the Holy Spirit?

**Towards a civilization of love: pp 122-123**

It is interesting that in these paragraphs the words *“the work of reparation”* is the focus. For those who grew up in pre-Vatican days *“reparation”* was often a significant factor of our faith life. It emphasized *“making amends”, “restitution”* and *“atonement”,* often through penance, self-denial, special prayers and practices.

For Chevalier “reparation” was not merely a form of prayer, or penance, but a way of life. It involved, he said, *“deepening our knowledge of, and love towards, the Heart of Jesus, as well as adoration, thanksgiving, and supplication, together with the practice of carrying out our mission in union with Jesus”.*

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In a more modern context Fr Dennis Murphy msc describes reparation as a way of living, *“a life transformed by love, a life participating in Christ’s own redemptive love, a life of service instead of selfishness”.*

Does this explanation of “reparation”

change your view? How?

**Some further perspectives: pp123-124**

“A Spirituality of the Heart” makes us aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. The call to live this Spirituality of the Heart is not something that has to be over and above what our daily lives already encompass*: “by performing our normal occupations or services in daily life, we actually carry out tasks entrusted to us by the Spirit”.* Our daily life **becomes** the creative work of the Spirit in the whole of creation, not just in our immediate circle but also to all people. By being compassionate to one another we embody the gifts of the Spirit who makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled (Galatians 5:22). “In the Spirit we strengthen one another through our prayers.”

* Do you find that you are also strengthened by the contact and companionship of other Associates? How?
* Do you see this as also the “work of the Spirit”?

We are assured that Chevalier’s motto “May the Sacred heart of Jesus be everywhere loved”, that inspires us, will finally come true …

“In God’s good time the omnipotent love of God will have its way” (Cuskelly).

**The fire within: pp 124 -125**

Fr Kwakman tells us that he has been seeking to identify *“the charism of Chevalier, the gift of the Spirit, the fire that kept burning in his heart during all his life”.* That fire never went out until the end of his life when *“like a flickering out of a flame he fell peacefully asleep in the Lord”* – Fr Piperon msc.

As we have journeyed through this book and discovered and shared the life and charism of Chevalier we are now called, even more deeply, *“to keep the fire aflame in our hearts”.*

We could adapt the final words of Chevalier (quoted on page 125) into a prayer, not to conclude out “journey” with the book, but for renewed purpose and commitment. May what we have read “become” what we seek to live each day.



Holy Spirit, Burning Fire,

cleanse our hearts of all that is not You.

Enlighten our minds and dispel the darkness.

Healing fire, move gently into our hearts,

penetrate, warm and inflame them.

Come to us, O Spirit of God.

Come and inflame us with the fire of your love

so in all things, at all times, we may seek

 **To be on earth the Heart of God”.**

Perhaps you might like to write your own prayer. It could be based on what you have read or it may be entirely from your heart, your own personal response to the Spirit.

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Would you be prepared to share this prayer with others? Maybe each month, or meeting, your group would like to use each person’s prayer as the conclusion of the meeting before the Closing Prayer.

Our prayers and thanks are with Father Hans Kwakman msc for his book *“Jules Chevalier’s Charism and the Identity of the Chevalier Family”.* Through his writings he has opened to us a fuller meaning and deepening of what it is to live “Heart Spirituality” in the Chevalier Family for each other and for the world.

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 Editor’s Note: Our deep gratitude to Jan Clark, leader of the Hartzer Park Associates’ Group, who, as a result of her own prayer and reflection on Father Hans’ wonderful book, has prepared these guidelines for us. Thank you and God bless you, dear Jan.

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**MEETING REPORTS**

**ALICE SPRINGS:** As the Priests and Religious in the parish were to celebrate a Mass for the Year of Consecrated Life, Sr Kathleen told us her life story and her decision to become a Daughter of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. She shared various aspects of her life, including some very funny stories. We concluded with Lynda Wright’s “A Blessing as You Journey.” We are looking forward to our September Meeting and our retreat in October with Fr Raass SVD. **Paula Thornton**

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**BENTLEIGH:** Sr Robyn Reynolds spoke to us at our July meeting about her recent trip to a Christian indigenous conference in Darwin. Aborigines from the churches around Australia came together to talk about their lives and faith under the theme, “The Heart of Jesus beats within us all”. The non-indigenous participants were observers. Robyn showed us lovely art from Miriam Rose and we read a blessing by Auntie Betty Pike. We ended with the Aboriginal Our Father and quiet prayer for all indigenous people. **Patricia Mirabile**

Since the 141th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was to be celebrated the day after our August meeting (30th) Sr Elaine talked to us about how this came about. Fr Jules Chevalier had an idea of how he envisioned this group of Sisters but it took several years to find the right leader. He finally found Marie Louise Hartzer who had a wealth of life experience and shared Father Jules’ vision. She went on with Father Jules to establish this wonderful missionary order we have today. Sr Elaine then read us a letter from Sr Marife Mendoza, the Superior General, praising the pioneering work of the very early Sisters in Papua New Guinea. We then discussed the latest Ametur and the theme of Mission in our lives. **Patricia Mirabile**

 **BOWRAL**: During our August meeting we looked at the*Ametur*article on the encyclical ***Laudato Si – On Care for our Common Home.*** We were very moved by Pope Francis’ words and especially the need to care for our environmentand the effects that negligence and greed have on individuals and our society. So the question arose as to what we, as individuals, could do to care for our common home. There was much discussion and we realized that our efforts are small compared to the global need to act. But we can do our slight but important part as we are aware of our actions in our everyday life. Our prayer for reflection was the beautiful prayer of Pope Francis at the conclusion of the Encyclical – “*A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation”.* **Sr Therese McNamara**

**CALLALA:** Our August meeting was held at Mary Borg’s home with Sr Annette as our welcome guest. Sister brought with her a reflection on Pope Francis’ Letter, “Laudato Si”, which we prayed and then discussed our place in God’s world “in union with Creation”.

In September we met at Gabriella’s home and continued our sharing and discussion on the Ametur article about Pope Francis’ letter. **Ann Collier**

**CANBERRA:** The group discussed pages 5-6 of the Ametur, especially how our lives have been shaped by God. As missionaries we reflected that when we were young we were too busy to examine this issue, and it is only on looking back now that we see how our lives have evolved and we reflected on this. Ros Sexton had prepared a meditation for us based on a talk by Fr Paul Stenhouse msc – to be an Associate of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart is to join forces with God’s love in his will to save all people; to build up the Church so as to change the world; to support one another in the community of the baptized with each praying for the other.

We met at St John’s Kippax on 5th September. Annette led the meditation with the theme of great love for all no matter who we are. We must love God and love one another. Let us pray to God to help us overcome our fear of those poor people who have had to flee their own countries. We then turned to

our Ametur and discussed pages 103-107 from our Journeying book.

It was resolved by all that we need to spend more time in the prayer of thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us since we became Associates. We have all grown in our spiritual lives since our interaction with the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. We are most grateful to them. **Christine Casey**

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**CORINDA:** The Associates met in the Convent on Sunday 26th July. We had a small but very vibrant group present. The meeting began with a prayer and led into listening to part of the story of Mother Marie Louise using the CD of her life, with each Associate having a copy of the words of the hymns to follow as they came up. All found the story and the presentation of the story very interesting and helpful in their learning about the life and times of Mother Marie Louise Hartzer. An interesting discussion followed and it was decided to continue with the story at our next meeting in October. **Sr Evelyn Page**

**HARTZER:** Sr Ancilla presented a beautiful reflection on the lives of Jules Chevalier and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop whose feast we had celebrated the day before. Both had much in common, especially their love and devotion to the Sacred Heart that inspired and motivated all they undertook, and the way in which they lived and passed on their charism and spirituality in very different countries and cultures. Our “Journeying” centred on “Mission Everywhere”, discussing the questions posed in the Ametur for the first half of Session 13, especially our personal experience of “mission” both received and given. **Jan Clark**

We met on 13th September and celebrated in prayer with the Sisters and people of South Africa the beatification of Benedict Daswa. This, combined with Reflection and Prayer for the Birthday of Our Blessed Lady and a time of silent prayer, commenced our meeting. As we “Journeyed Deeper into the Heart of Our Charism” with Session 13 on “Formation” it was also very appropriate that we look more closely into what the Ceremony of Commitment has meant for both those who have made this Commitment and for the six members who are about to do so at our Annual Retreat at Douglas Park in late October. **Jan Clark**

**KILBURN:** There were 9 Associates present at our September meeting. Sr Mary Stevens from Darwin gave us an inspiring talk on our mission in Ofcolaco (South Africa) and her own experiences there at Holy Family Care Centre for vulnerable children. On 21st November we will have a Reflection Day beginning with 9am Mass in St Brigid’s Parish Church. **Sr Patricia Smith**

 **NOTRE DAME (Kensington):** We began our meeting reflecting on Sunday’s Gospel so beautifully prepared by Judith. John’s Gospel is a gospel of the Eucharist; Jesus is the Word, the ultimate nourishment received through the Eucharist and through His Word. It is only through faith that we can believe in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We discussed the journey of the Israelites through the desert and the manna which fell; manna is still collected today and kept in jars.

It was St Mary MacKillop’s feast day and we went to the Prayer Room where Sr Marilyn played hymns reflecting St Mary’s spirituality. We then experienced the most beautiful paraliturgy of praying both with Mother Mary and Father Jules Chevalier. We looked at some of the similarities of their wonderful and holy lives – humble beginnings, the crosses they endured, their complete surrender to the will of God, their devotion to St Joseph and the great virtue of forgiveness that they both practised A wonderful example of Father Founder’s forgiveness was that he treated his enemies better than his friends, welcoming them with charity and kindness. **Maureen Maher**

**RANDWICK/MALABAR:** Our June meeting was led by St Theresa Coleman and began with the Associates’ Prayer followed by the mantra, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord”. After a short period of private prayer, centred on Jesus, the Gospel for the coming Sunday was read and discussed.

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Mark’s Gospel, recounting Jesus the calming of the storm, raised the question of the faith of the

disciples and also led to their query as to the identity of Jesus, and the source of the power he displayed over the forces of nature. It was a divine power possessed only by God and revealed to the disciples in the person of his Divine Son. The very beautiful reflection written by an Associate in the June/July Ametur was read and discussed. We then proceeded with our on-going study of Fr Jules ad his developing concept of the Third Order, or Associates. St Theresa read to us from the Sisters’ Constitutions which emphasise the fact that the Associates are not separate from but are an integral part of the Chevalier Family. She also spoke about how, over the years, the MSC and OLSH constitutions had dealt with the Associates who had not always been incorporated into the Constitutions. **Pauline Roberts**

The July Meeting opened with the Associates’ Prayer and the hymn, “Come to the Water”. After a short period of private prayer we read and discussed the Gospel for the following Sunday – John’s account of the feeding of the five thousand. Then some time was spent discussing Sr Ancilla’s article and the question: “What can I do, I am only an individual?” - a question especially relevant today. We spoke of the “silent majority” who need to speak out especially in light of the current issues being debated in our Australian society.

We then continued with our study of Fr Jules Chevalier’s Charism and Chapter 7, “Mission Everywhere” and dual concept of “missionary”. Jules developed his ideas and they were incorporated into the Constitutions. Much of Jules’ later writing was on spirituality of the Sacred Heart and how to integrate devotion to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart into that Spirituality. Fr Jules was also concerned about the role of the laity and this concern was evident in his writings. Formation was and is very important if the laity are to fully understand and live out Spirituality of the Heart in their daily lives. **Pauline Roberts**

**ROSELANDS:** We started our July Meeting with a prayer and music. We discussed the Gospel of Matthew 10:34, 11:1 which speaks of compassion. We then discussed the article from the *Ametur*. God is the God of life. We can make a big difference in breaking down barriers between people with simple things such as a smile, visiting the sick, enjoying time with the family. We reflected on our mission as Associates – it is a calling through which we can give service to our Lord and to our society. **Myrna dela Pena**

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**BEATIFICATION OF BENEDICT DASWA**

Tzaneen, South Africa, Sep 14, 2015 / 03:03 pm ([CNA/EWTN News](http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/)).- “Benedict Daswa, a South African catechist whose Christian opposition to witchcraft led to his murder in 1990, was beatified on Sunday as Catholic leaders praised his heroic witness to the faith. Pope Francis in his beatification decree described him as ‘a zealous Catechist, all-round educator who gave heroic witness to the gospel, even to the shedding of blood’.

“When Daswa was declared blessed at the Sept. 13 Mass, the crowd applauded and blew traditional animal horns to celebrate, Vatican Radio reports. About 30,000 people, including Blessed Daswa’s eight children and his 91-year-old mother, attended the beatification at his shrine in his home village of Tshitanini, more than 100 miles northeast of Tzaneen. Cardinal Angelo Amato, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, concelebrated the Mass with many bishops and priests. “Millions of Catholics in Africa are believed to have followed the ceremony on television. Daswa is the first South Africa-born Catholic to be beatified.” 11.



**We Remember Our Beloved Deceased**

***Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart:***

Sr Huberta and Sr m Louisiana van de Ven (Holland)

Sr Edith Guibé and Sr Blanche-Marie Buzelay (France)

***Missionaries of the Sacred Heart :***

Father Tyson Doneley , Bother Stan Neisson, Fr Tony O’Brien (Kensington)

***OLSH Associates :***

Eileen Fitzpatrick (Randwick), Evelyn Guy (Cairns), Aileen Foley (Bentleigh), Jeanette Carew and Sheila Wigham (Canberra), Mel Fouhey (Merrylands), Keith Crittenden (Bowral)

***Relatives and Friends:***

Patrick McCarthy, Elizabeth Carey (aged 13), John Derham, Michael Moses, Mary Breen, Mary Simpson, Eileen Maloney, Angela Capalso, Adam Weaver, David Barker, Andy McCarthy, Pat Mulheron, Kaye Kliche, Joan Farrell.

**We Remember Our Sick and Those in Need of Our Prayers**

Kate Zamudio, The Crittenden Family, Elizabeth Addison, David Richards, Ange, Mark, Kim, Trees Stockley, Pauline Woodruff, Kath Myers and Family, Little William (14 months) and his parents David and Lunin Pearce, Sr Margaret Kennedy, Sr Noelle Albert, Sr Anne Manning, Br James Maher msc, Sr Merrilyn Lee, Sr Marilyn Knolder, Jenny Schenko, Eileen Linegar, Christine Baker, Phyllis Clancy, Marcia Nolan, Jonathan Basby, Sr Bridie O’Connell rsj, a mother with Muscular Dystrophy, Joanne De Sueur, Hazel Bailey, Margaret Keen, Grace Corbitt, Adrienne Hemsley, Lesley Cheeseman, Gennelle McCarthy, Kathleen and Matthew Casey, Laura Hinds, Norma Baker, Bernadette Farrugia, Paul (living in his car), Brenda Stewart, Maria Hribar, Veronica Brennan, Joyce Harper, Jeremy Keen, Kathryn O’Brien, Cathie Lillis, James Coreoian, Caitlyn McCarthy, Zachary Johansan, Hazel Murphy, Adam Kirby, Una Hill, Celine Doherty, Carol Butler, Bran Barker, Veronica Howard, Brain Trone and his Family, Joyce Lumberio, Esme Elefante, Helen DiVinenzo, Yolanda Aquino, Loretta Ramon, Jhenalyn and Lilebeth Ulep, Mona Liza Casco, Jacqui, Anna & Giovanni Tomc, Kirk Jones, Michael Maubbay, Henry Harubod, Antonietta Pantuousco, Danial Chung, Aderada Casco, Florence Lumberio, Abby & Allan Cosgrove, Ruth Kelly, Bryan Butler.

 **We pray in Thanksgiving For:**

* The Beatification of Benedict Daswa
* Safe return from holidays
* Employment as a teacher
* Clear results after chemotherapy

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