

Intercessions

Let us invoke Christ, joy of all who desire to follow him with a sincere heart, as we say:

Father, listen to our prayer.

You who sent the disciples to preach the Gospel,
-never cease calling men and women to continue announcing your Word.

Lord Jesus Christ, listen to us who pray that there be new vocations,
-grant us perseverance in prayer and endless blessings.

Give to young people an open heart to the needs of all people,
-and grant that they know how to respond with open hearts to your call and that they may feel the need to announce the Gospel everywhere.

Lord, be mindful of all families,
-may they instill and welcome with joy the possible vocation of their children.

Lord, take care of those in formation,
-that their time in formation be an opportunity to identify with Christ who offers himself for the salvation of the world.

Father, generously receive the prayer we humbly present to you and grant us the Oblate Missionaries you wish, who are willing to give their lives entirely for the salvation of the world. Through Christ, our Lord.



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4. Missionary Dedication



Preface



Go out: *The missionary thrust supposes that we recover what I like to call the mystical gift of oneself. When we enter the Oblates, we choose to make our life a living gift for the glory of God and for the service of humanity. We are a dedicated life. We are Oblates. Let us not forget it!*

Evangelize: *The missionary thrust to which the Pope invites us is the bearer of a message, (the Gospel) and a name (Jesus Christ). As an Oblate, I am not a member of an NGO, or a professor, or a philosopher, or a know-it-all...as an Oblate, above all, I am the bearer of the Good News of Jesus Christ through my life and through what I live in my particular mission.*

The Fringes: *Evangelizing implies an apostolic zeal for the fringes. As a religious family, we were born because of the fringes and for the fringes. St. Eugene allowed himself to be touched by seeing the face of the agonizing Church because of the revolution, the face of prisoners disfigured by their suffering, of young people with no orientation, and the abandoned poor in the fields. The poor signed our birth certificates. From this point, an Oblate ministry that does not consider the poor and does not seek to include them is simply not Oblate!*

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Prayer for Oblate Vocations



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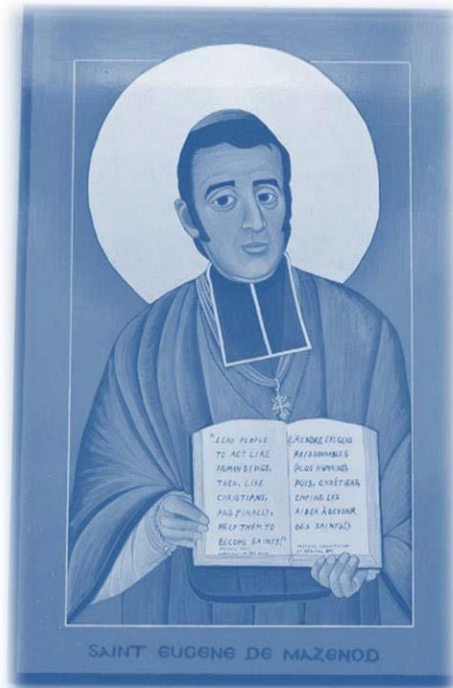
Mt. 9: 35-38; 10:1

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness.

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.



From the Constitutions and Rules of the Missionary Oblates

We are a missionary Congregation. Our principal service in the Church is to proclaim Christ and his Kingdom to the most abandoned. We preach the Gospel among people who have not yet received it and help them see their own values in its light. Where the Church is already established, our commitment is to those groups it touches least.

Wherever we work, our mission is especially to those people whose condition cries out for salvation and for the hope which only Jesus Christ can fully bring. These are the poor with their many faces; we give them our preference.

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