



Friends of Fr. Joseph Aveni

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Fr. Aveni teaches on “Love for the Missions”

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The month of October is dedicated in a particular way to the missions. The Church is missionary in itself. We too are a part of this mission. The blood of the martyrs is the seed of new Christians. To be a missionary and to do missions is a divine work. It needs great faith. We are not alone in our missionary activity. God is with us. However, after 2000 years of our Redemption, there are still vast areas in the world which have not yet heard the Good News, but no one goes to tell them. A person who has experienced the joy of knowing Christ cannot help but want to share the Good News. The Church wants to open to all peoples the prospect of becoming divinized. We must be generous and enthusiastic. Each one of us must cooperate for the missions. Even if not all of us go for the missions, we are all obliged to pray for the missions. Jesus promised that He will be with us always. In God we can do everything. No one is so poor that he has nothing to give. We all share in the Church's missionary activity, first of all, through prayer and sacrifice, by offering up our suffering to God. This kind of cooperation, everyone can offer. We must increase our apostolic zeal and pass onto others the light and joy of the faith. We must share our faith and our love for Jesus. The Spirit of God is our strength. We must ask Mary [in this month of the Holy Rosary] to help us to repeat her “Yes” to God's plan of salvation. (Excerpt from a Conference given by Fr. Aveni to the Sisters of Sacred Heart of Ragusa, Merville-Parañaque City, October 2000)



Fr. Aveni with Fr. Cifuni (L) & Fr. Barbangelo (R)



LET US PRAY FOR...

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TESTIMONIALS

Fr. Aveni through the eyes of those who knew him..

"Now, I'am a Filipino!"

The sense of the missions was very strong in Fr. Aveni. Did he miss Italy? "No" he says. "Sure, I desire to see my brother and my sister. But no nostalgia, no homesickness for Italy. I'm a religious and we, as religious, are cosmopolitan - we are everywhere. Now, I'm Filipino. Tomorrow if my Superiors will ask me (although maybe it's impossible because of my age) to go back to Italy or to America or to Africa, no problem for me. Thank God, no problem". (From an interview by **Orlando Oliveros**, September 2000)

"When I was in the Philippines, at the beginning of our mission there, my biggest problem was finding an Italian spiritual director, because I did not know the English completely. Fortunately, I came to know Fr. Joseph Aveni, through the help of good friends of mine, two Italian sisters who were likewise missionaries in the Philippines. They told me: "There is Fr. Aveni, he is a holy man. We will introduce you to him. An so I started to go to him for spiritual direction."(**Sr. Rita, APSS** - Rome)

"With his exemplary life, Fr. Aveni has conquered the hearts of the simple and all those who have had the opportunity to encounter him during spiritual direction. Even those who just met him occasionally have preserved a high esteem and considered him a commendable person of reference for his evangelical and religious witnessing. Consistency has been and will remain the authentic stamp of his holiness ... Sometimes I prayed to him, and with special intensity, I invoked him during the acute stage of my sickness and until now, I still turn to him, whom I consider worthy, esemplar and holy." (**Fr. G. Ciutti** - Rome)

PRAYER TO OBTAIN GRACES THROUGH FR. AVENI

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gifts you granted to your priest, Joseph Aveni, configuring him to Jesus, the Master who is gentle and humble of heart. With trusting humility he found in your merciful love the joy of his life, the zeal for the salvation of souls, and the light for his service of spiritual guidance. He loved You in his neighbour and his neighbour in You, and dedicated his life to obtain holy workers particularly to the Asian continent. Glorify, O Father, this zealous priest, for the praise of your Name so that he may be for the Church an effective sign of your Kingdom. Through his intercession, grant light to the young people, health to the sick who turn to him, and to us, grant the grace we long for (*mention your personal intention here*), so that we may also find our joy in fulfilling your Will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(With ecclesiastical approval)

Copies of Fr. Aveni's prayer cards are available upon request.

