



Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters

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Dear Friend,

Summer is upon us; it is a season that seems to suggest a sense of freedom: there is time to plan a vacation; there is time to play on the beach or go hiking and camping, take a trip to see friends or relatives or just go new places. I suppose this feeling is nourished or even invoked by the rhythm of the school year. It shapes family life to some extent.

The great family of the church is similarly “shaped” by the rhythm of the liturgical year of the church. We are living in the summer time of it right now: after Pentecost when the Spirit of life and creativity has been poured out on the believer, the ripening of God’s word in us and the “bearing of fruit” of the Spirit begins. We are sent on our

way, empowered and aware of being bearers of the Spirit to give on the message far and wide, generously like a good summer rain that soaks the fields, like a summer storm that clears the sky and reveals its vast blue dome. Jesus gave us freedom in the real sense and the Spirit wants to live it in us.

Today on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul we read in the Act of the Apostles about Peter being imprisoned and sleeping between two guards when the angel of the Lord came to free him from his chains and lead him out of prison into freedom. The Spirit led him to go on preaching the Good News with great courage, confidence, and commitment. The message of peace, justice, dignity and respect for all life is alive in us and wants to be proclaimed in our very way of living. May the Spirit drive you with His power and enliven you with joy and sweetness that has the taste of summer freedom in it.

Just a note on convent happenings: we have been celebrating and been quite busy with it lately. First there were Jubilees of 60, 70 and 75 years as Holy Spirit Missionary Sisters. Together the jubilarians had a total of 505 years of service! Wow!

We also celebrated with the Sisters who had their 50 and 25 year jubilees. Many friends and relatives came. And in between those two jubilees our youngest sister, Sr. Aprilia, made her first vows as a Holy Spirit Missionary Sister. It was a great joy for us to witness her offering in the company of her father who traveled from Jakarta and together with many of her friends.

Blessings of Peace,

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