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Dear Friends,

The time of our celebrations that helped us to grow in faith slowly came to an end. We are in ordinary time of the Liturgical Year celebrating some of the holy people who came before us and spent their lives for God's honor and benefit to the neighbor. Some of them were proclaimed saints by the Church and are well known. However, many of them were quietly following the voice of God with great zeal for the reign of God.

Isaiah, one of the great prophets in the Old Testament followed God's calling. That calling oftentimes was against his culture and challenged his courage as God's representative. Through our baptism we were also chosen to be prophets, to tell God's message to those who come in contact with us. Sometimes the message might be popular and easily accepted but oftentimes it conveys challenges that, as we know and have experienced many times, are not always easily acceptable. Isaiah was able to fulfill his calling because of the constant tugging in his heart that he felt and that gave him courage to respond. This inner voice gave him confidence that no one could have given to anyone but the Creator of all.

As we reflect on the lives of those who are considered great prophets and saints we know that there is much we have to learn from them. They listened to the voice of God and were convinced that what they heard in their inner soul was undoubtedly coming from the Holy One with some very important purpose. Despite the fears and hesitations that are part of our human nature they made efforts to spread the message they received with trust in the providence of God.

When we think and feel that God has chosen us to fulfill something that has a counter cultural connotation, like taking a stand against prejudice or making sacrifices to help the poor, our response seems to be filled with hesitation and wavering. We fear because we lack faith assurance that the voice deep within our being actually comes from the Almighty. We hesitate because we are afraid that some of the tasks are beyond our capability to handle forgetting the fact that the same God Who calls us to undertake this special mission is with us in the same way He was with the great people before us and always will be in our midst till our life's journey on earth is completed.

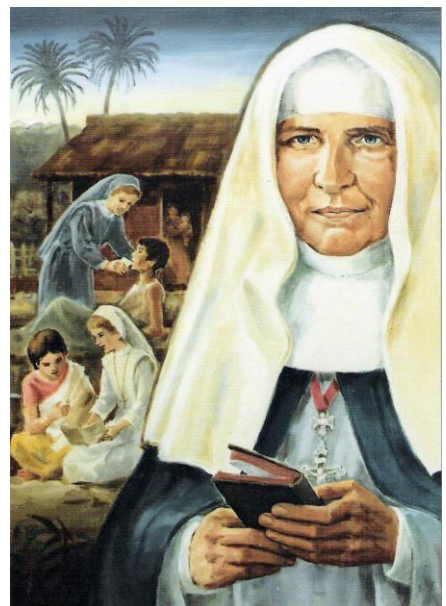
There is only one thing that is needed in order to undertake the tasks that God has entrusted to us. That undertaking takes some of our efforts. It means opening our hearts to closer fellowship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. A heart that has met with God becomes sensitive to God's voice and will go forth in certain faith.

I would like to encourage you to take some quiet time during this summer to think about your relationship with God.

Is your heart attuned to God's voice?
How do you respond to everyday situations?

In the love of the Holy Spirit wishing you beautiful summer,

Sr. Veronica Marie and Sr. Elwira



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