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WHEN HEAVEN TOUCHED EARTH.....



Dear Friends in Christ,

December draws us into one of the greatest mysteries ever told—the moment when the Eternal chose to step into time, when heaven bent low and touched the soil of our world. Christmas is not merely the memory of a holy night long ago; it is the invitation to recognize the God who still enters human history with unimaginable tenderness. The story of Bethlehem is not far away. Its echoes live in the world around us today.

Across our earth, we witness deep beauty and painful brokenness side by side. Wars displace families; hunger steals the strength of children; loneliness hides behind busy streets; and many walk through life carrying burdens no one sees. The noise of distress often overwhelms the quiet hopes of the human heart. And still—between the cracks of a wounded world—compassion rises, forgiveness is practiced, peace is sought, and love refuses to die. Even in the darkest corners of the earth, a gentle light persists. It is into this very reality that the first Christmas unfolded.

Not long ago, in a refugee camp far from celebration, a newborn baby cried out into the night. There were no decorations, no festive songs—only the cold air and the rustle of worn blankets. Yet when that child cried, people around the camp turned toward the sound. Something in them awakened. A fragile warmth spread through the silence, and someone whispered, “A child changes everything.” In that simple moment, heaven touched the earth again—quietly, humbly, just as it did in Bethlehem. And those present understood in their hearts that God still enters human suffering, still chooses forgotten places, still comes in ways the world does not expect.



When heaven touched the earth at Bethlehem, it happened in a way no one imagined. God arrived not as a warrior or king, but as an infant who needed to be held. The Almighty chose vulnerability. The Creator entered creation through the womb of a humble maiden. The One who formed galaxies opened His eyes to the dim light of a stable. Divinity wrapped itself in humanity so that humanity could be wrapped in God's love. The birth of Jesus was not a poetic gesture—it was God stepping fully into our story, embracing our poverty, our fears, our fragility, and transforming them from within. In that manger, heaven kissed the earth and nothing remained the same.



May your heart this Christmas become a small Bethlehem—open, humble, ready to receive the One who still comes in every moment of grace. May heaven touch your home, your family, your struggles, and your hopes. And may the miracle that began in a manger continue through you, bringing light to a world still longing for the sound of hope breaking through the night.

With blessings,
Fr. Veigas Dominic, SVD

2 Minutes of Divine Wisdom

REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

Verse: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” — John 1:14

Exegesis & Reflection

The opening line of John 1:14 — “And the Word became flesh” — is the heart of the Christian mystery. In Greek, Logosmeans more than “word.” It carries the sense of reason, meaning, wisdom, divine order, the very mind and heart of God.John is declaring that everything God thinks, desires, and loves has taken human form in Jesus Christ.

God does not remain theoretical, distant, or abstract. He becomes touchable.



When John adds that the Word dwelt among us, he uses the verb ἐσκήνωσεν (eskenōsen), meaning “pitched His tent” or “tabernacled.” This evokes the Old Testament image of God’s presence dwelling in the desert tent of Israel. But now, God no longer dwells in a structure — He dwells in a person. He walks our roads, breathes our air, shares our tears, eats at our tables, and carries our humanity.

The Incarnation reveals something astonishing:
Heaven does not overpower the earth — it enters it gently.
God does not shout — He whispers in a manger.
Eternity does not stay far away — it becomes a child we can hold.



This verse calls us to look for God not in the extraordinary but in the everyday. In the kindness of others, in quiet moments of prayer, in acts of forgiveness, and in small sacrifices made for love’s sake. Wherever love becomes real and concrete, heaven touches earth again.

Examine

- Where in my life do I need the Word to become flesh—where love must move from intention to action, from silence to presence, from thought to compassion?
- How is the Incarnation inviting me to respond differently this Christmas—less from fear or habit, and more from trust, gentleness, and the courage to love like Christ?

Action Step

Choose one concrete way each day to “make the Word flesh” through love. This week, practice an Incarnation-inspired habit: Speak a word of peace where tension exists.

Prayer

Pitch Your tent in my heart today.
Open my eyes to recognize
You in ordinary moments,
in the people around me,
and in the quiet movements of Your grace. Amen.



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pope Leo XIV: Christian Identity Is the Compass of Education

Vatican City — Vatican News

Pope Leo XIV has reaffirmed the central role of Christian identity in education, calling it the “compass” that guides both teaching and character formation. His message was delivered in a video address to participants of the conference “Sin identidad no hay educación” held at Colegio Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo in Madrid.

Speaking directly to educators, Pope Leo XIV expressed gratitude for their dedication, especially amid the growing challenges of modern educational environments. He praised their work as “living leaven” within the Church, shaping new generations and offering communities a reliable point of reference.

The Pope highlighted the conference’s theme—without identity, there is no education—insisting that Christian identity is far more than a symbolic label. “It is the very core that gives meaning, method, and purpose to the educational process,” he said.

Christ as the Compass

Pope Leo XIV emphasized that Christian educators must consistently return to Christ as their point of orientation. “Just as sailors rely on the North Star, in Christian education the compass is Christ,” he insisted. Without this foundation, he warned, education risks becoming routine, losing its depth and transformative strength.

He also stressed the harmony between faith and reason, noting that the two are not rivals but complementary avenues of truth. Authentic education, he said, must embrace sciences, history, ethics, and spirituality, all within a communal environment that resembles a home. Collaboration between families, parishes, schools, and local communities is essential in accompanying each student on their journey of faith and learning.



The Church's Maternal Role

Recalling teachings from the Second Vatican Council, the Pope underscored the Church's maternal vocation in the sphere of education. "The Church is the mother generating believers, the spouse of Christ," he noted. She safeguards the mission entrusted to her by Christ himself—to form, guide, and sustain the faithful throughout their lives and across societies.

Gravissimum educationis at 60

Marking the 60th anniversary of the conciliar declaration *Gravissimum educationis*, Pope Leo XIV invited educators to rediscover the profound ecclesial nature of their work. Education, he reminded them, "is not merely a social service, but an expression of the Church's identity and vocation." With this message, Pope Leo XIV once again emphasized that the heart of Catholic education is not just the transmission of knowledge, but the shaping of persons anchored in Christ.

4-Week Advent Challenge

WEEK 1 — HOPE

Light a candle and name one hope you carry this season.
Choose one person to encourage with a message or smile.
Pray: "Lord, awaken hope in our hearts."



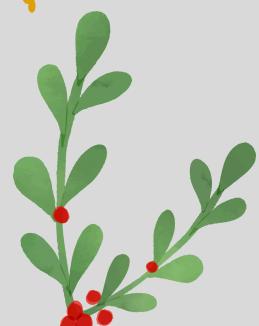
WEEK 2 — PEACE

Create five minutes of quiet in your home each day.
Offer forgiveness where tension lingers.
Pray: "Jesus, be our Peace."



WEEK 3 — JOY

Do one joyful act for someone secretly.
Reduce complaints and increase gratitude.
Pray: "Fill us with the joy of Your coming."



WEEK 4 — LOVE

Perform one generous act each day—big or small.
Make room in your heart for someone who needs patience.
Pray: "Let Your love be born in us, Lord."



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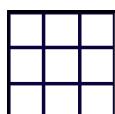
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St. Francis Xavier

Early Life

Francis was born on April 7, 1506, in the castle of Xavier in Navarre, Spain. He belonged to a noble Basque family, wealthy and influential. However, political conflict between Spain and France brought sufferings to his family—property lost, influence diminished, and uncertainty looming. His mother was deeply religious, but Francis initially dreamt of worldly success. He was intelligent, athletic, and charming—a young man destined for prestige rather than priesthood.

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS: THE TURNING POINT (1525–1534)

At age 19, Francis left for the University of Paris, the finest educational center of Europe. His goal? Achieve academic greatness and secure a comfortable future.

But God had other plans.

At the university, he met Ignatius of Loyola—a former soldier recovering from a battle injury who was now fervently living for Christ. Ignatius recognized Francis' potential, but Francis resisted him for years. Ignatius famously told him:

“What does it profit a man to gain the whole world, but lose his soul?”

Those words slowly shattered Francis' worldly ambitions.

In 1534, Francis joined Ignatius and five others in taking vows of poverty, chastity, and a commitment to serve the Church. This small group became the Society of Jesus—the Jesuits.

THE CALL TO INDIA (1540–1542)

The Portuguese king requested Jesuit missionaries for his colonies in the East. Ignatius wanted someone strong, adaptable, courageous—and chose Francis.

Francis obeyed instantly.

He left Rome in 1540 and travelled for nearly two years by land and sea, enduring storms, disease, and tremendous hardship before reaching Goa, India, in 1542.



MISSION IN INDIA: THE APOSTLE BEGINS (1542–1549)

In Goa, Francis found a city morally and spiritually in ruins. Many Portuguese settlers lived far from the faith. Francis began by caring for the sick, visiting prisons, teaching children, and preaching in marketplaces. Then he moved to the southern coast of India, especially to the Parava fishing communities. For months he walked village to village, ringing a small bell to gather children and adults for catechism. He converted and baptized thousands, often baptizing entire villages in a single day. He lived extremely simply—sleeping on the ground, eating little, and giving away everything. Francis wanted the Gospel to reach everyone. His missionary horizon never stopped expanding.

FINAL DREAM: ENTERING CHINA (1552)

Realizing that Japanese culture was shaped by China, Francis felt the Gospel must enter the Chinese empire. China, however, was closed to foreigners. Determined, he set out in 1552.

He waited on the island of Sancian (near modern Hong Kong), hoping for a secret entry into China. But weakened by exhaustion, exposure, and sickness, he fell gravely ill.

He died on December 3, 1552, alone on the beach, gazing toward the Chinese mainland he never reached.

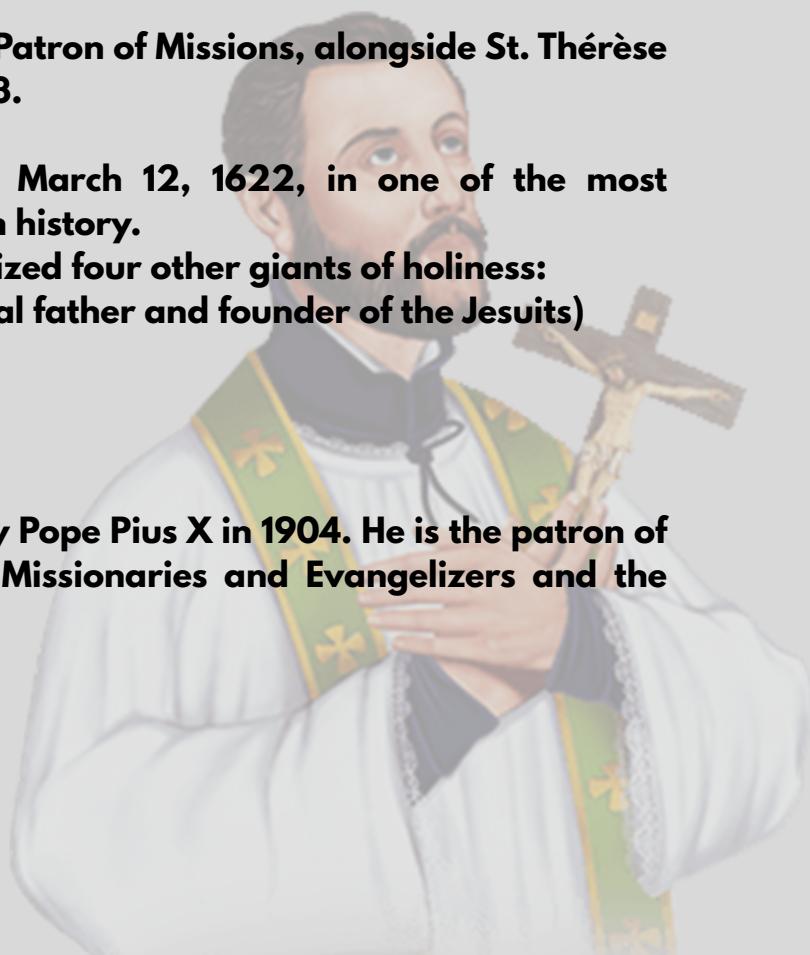
He was only 46 years old. He is the Patron of Missions, alongside St. Thérèse of Lisieux. His feast is on December 3.

Francis Xavier was canonized on March 12, 1622, in one of the most extraordinary ceremonies in Church history.

On the same day, the Church canonized four other giants of holiness:

- St. Ignatius of Loyola (his spiritual father and founder of the Jesuits)
- St. Teresa of Ávila
- St. Philip Neri
- St. Isidore the Farmer

Named Co-Patron of the Missions by Pope Pius X in 1904. He is the patron of Asia, Navigators and Sea Farers, Missionaries and Evangelizers and the state of Goa in India.

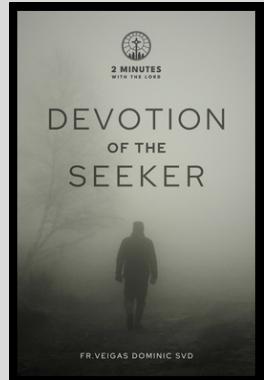




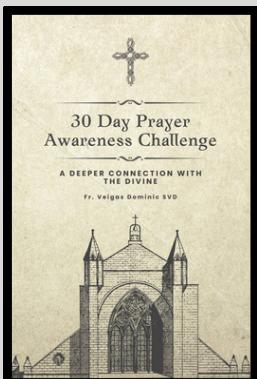
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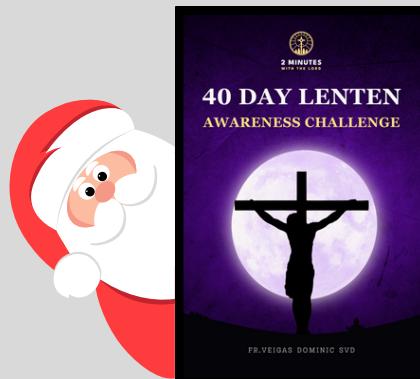
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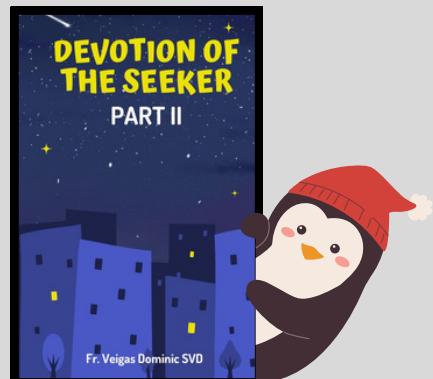
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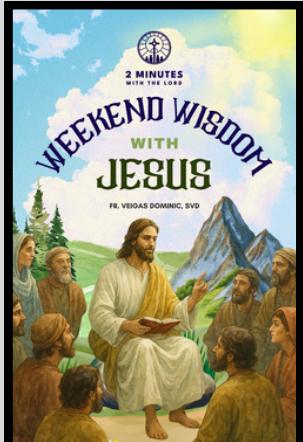


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Dream bigger than comfort.
Begin before you're ready.
Fall without shame, rise without fear.
Celebrate progress, not perfection.
Make space for joy. Leave room for serendipity.
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