

APRIL

1. "He (Jesus) really wants to become a man like us. He becomes man to wipe out sin and save sinners. He comes down from heaven to save people, and so He becomes a man like us, and in a humanity like ours He suffers and dies as we suffer and die. What love of God!"

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 37

2. "The spirit of prayer is indispensable for standing. When faith is clouded, zeal diminishes, dissatisfaction appears, discouragement comes."

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 121

3. "The missionary saints bear fruit of souls because they give themselves to prayer and their word has the fruitfulness, the virtue of the Word of God."

Virtù apostoliche, Milan 1944, p. 194

4. "Before speaking of God to people, the good missionary, in his prayer, speaks to God about people and tells them what He has heard and drawn from God."

Virtù apostoliche, Milan 1944, p. 194

5. "Is it any wonder that people do not listen to us, if we do not know how to listen to God, and if we are bored with His company in prayer and do not know how to remain an hour before the Most Holy Tabernacle?"

Virtù apostoliche, Milan 1944, p. 195

6. "The more we work, the more we pray, the richer will be the shower of blessings that He will send down on us and on the poor disinherited!"

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 315

7. "The missionary priest is a man filled with the spirit of Jesus Christ, clothed with his virtues, imbued with his sentiments, animated by his zeal, inflamed by his love, a man of the highest evangelical perfection."

"Il Vincolo", (January 1933), n. 11, p. 1

8. "Whoever wants to be a priest and missionary must make Christ the center of his life and an example to follow."

Esortazioni agli aspiranti missionari 1924-1950, in: *Scritti*, vol. 68, p. 26

9. "Preachers who do not pray do not convert, because prayer is an essential means to convert souls."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 271

10. "The faithful, in general, are unaware that they have a duty to propagate the faith. They ignore it, so it is necessary to instruct them, educate them, shake them up, it is necessary to discipline their energies so that they serve this great cause. Who can this, who must do this? None other than the clergy. The clergy holds the key to the missionary problem!"

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 215

11. "There is no more legitimate means of getting a truth to the minds and hearts of the faithful than through the priest, who alone has the authority to teach and influence over them."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 217

12. "The missionary spirit of priests will transfuse into the faithful. (...) The weak point in the work of evangelization does not lie in the missionaries, it does not lie in the unbelievers or even in the faithful ... the weak point lies in the pulpit."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 217

13. "When the missionary idea has conquered the pulpit then a great step forward will have been made in missionary cooperation."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 217

14. "The faithful must be instructed on the mission of the Church and on the needs of all missions. Priests can and must speak about this, since, being ministers of the Gospel, they are also the natural ministers of this preaching. Oh! For this there is no need for priests to have been on mission. No priest who preaches about heaven, purgatory, hell has ever been there, and even what good preaching they can do there!"

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 218

15. "Priests, pastors of souls here at home, are the natural ministers of missionary preaching."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 218

16. "Give me a priest who is inflamed with zeal for the propagation of the faith. He speaks of it often to his faithful, especially to the young. He spreads the missionary news.. He prays and fervently recommends prayer for the conversion of non-believers and the multiplication of evangelical workers. He poured his Spirit into the souls he guided..."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 223

17. "The Apostle, the Missionary, is Jesus Christ who goes from land to land, from country to country to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom (...) Jesus Christ is not dead: He lives in heaven, He lives on the altars".

Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 13

18. "Jesus Christ is not dead: He lives in heaven, He lives on the altars, He, although in a different way, lives and walks through the world in the apostles, spreading His light among the darkness."

Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 14

19. "Make sure that a hundred, a thousand priests embrace this cause of God, and speak about it appropriately from the pulpit with regular instructions when the occasion is most suitable, and you will have a hundred, a thousand more communities collaborating with the Church in the great work of the apostolate."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 217

20. "Just as the Apostles, in a remote corner of Galilee, one day received from Our Lord the divine mandate to go and preach the Gospel to the nations, so you, my beloved, in this solemn hour (ordination) will receive the mandate to continue the work of those first fortunate ones."

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 235

21. "Not only must we learn to live as worthy ministers of the Gospel: we must also strive to make ourselves as equal as possible to the immense task which our Lord has entrusted to us through his Church."

Virtù apostoliche, Milan 1944, p. 194

22. "As every captain needs subordinate officers, so the missionary needs catechists."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 177

23. "The catechist in his state is a true missionary. He is an explorer, a sentinel, a teacher, a guardian: he opens paths, points out the opportunities and dangers, he prepares the conquests of faith".

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 177

24. "How much good these obscure apostles (catechists) have done and continue to do. the doors of heaven would not have been opened to so many children. How many Christians, without them, would have returned to their original errors."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 178

25. "New converts are weak in the faith and need constant presence, instruction, support and practical guidance in their new Christian life. Missionary priests, however animated by an extraordinary apostolic spirit, cannot be everywhere. There are too few to meet all the apostolic needs. For this reason there is a great need for catechists."

"Le Missioni Cattoliche", September 28, 1915, p. 369

26. "The presence of catechists is as necessary for the faithful as mother's milk and her presence are necessary for the child."

"Le Missioni Cattoliche", September 28, 1915, p. 369

27. "The presence of catechists is an indispensable condition for preserving the faith in missions."

"Le Missioni Cattoliche", September 28, 1915, p. 369

28. "If a priest had been more zealous in the confessional, if he had had more patience and charity... how many fewer sins!... Some priests are bothered by people... the souls understand this, they come less often and sin triumphs".

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 138

29. "But what about priests who live in darkness, in fatal blindness? It is frightening to think about it. As long as the patient does not know his illness... there is hope of recovery, but if he does not know it and not even the doctor who is supposed to treat him takes much notice of it, the case is desperate."

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 137

30. "Are you missionaries? Then you must have this spirit of detachment from all earthly things, and you must regulate your life according to this spirit."

Virtù apostoliche, Milan 1944, p. 113