

JUNE (A thought for each day)

1. “Childhood is a period of formation: in it are formed the habits that accompany us throughout life. If a greater missionary spirit is to pervade all Christian people, to become a force for the expansion of the Church, the hearts of young people must familiarize themselves with it.”

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 248

2. “Christian teaching without missionary instruction does not give the child a complete idea of religion, and damages the Church and deprives itself of the noblest elements of education.”

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 248

3. “In youth there is the hope of missions, therefore we should consider this subject from a double aspect: what must be done to educate youth in missionary duty, and what youth itself can and must contribute to the great cause”.

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 247

4. “It is our duty to give young people an education in missions. They must be taught that the last will of Jesus is part of our faith and the duties of our life.”

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 248

5. “In the life of clubs and youth organizations, the missionary idea inspires a ferment of life and sympathetic and fruitful action.”

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 251

6. “If you want to reawaken the life, the action of a club, of a community, try to raise the missionary question and the outcome is certain”.

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 251

7. “The Mass! This word alone reminds us of the purest joys of our life; it reveals to us the source of all our goodness and happiness for our time here and for eternity.”

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 163

8. “In prayer God communicates his gifts, under certain conditions. In the Eucharist it is God, it is Christ himself who gives himself to us.”

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 158

9. “The fire that you light in the morning at the altar, during the Holy Mass, keep it alive throughout the day and especially on long journeys, across plains and mountains, in the solemn quiet of the forests, keep your spirit recollected”.

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 199

10. “This physical intimacy, which we have through Holy Communion, should make us tremble... You, Jesus, the omnipotent, the thrice holy, in me, and I, misery, in You...”

Esortazioni e conferenze ai missionari del PIME 1924-1952, in: Scritti, vol. 69, p. 96

11. "Jesus could not have come closer to us, could not have given himself more, could not have made himself more ours than by instituting this Most Holy Sacrament through which he places himself entirely at our disposal."

Esortazioni e conferenze ai missionari del PIME 1924-1952, in: *Scritti*, vol. 69, p. 90

12. "Jesus in the tabernacle, oh! How close he is to us! We know that behind that little door is the Savior of the world in person. We know that from the ciborium he sees us with his eyes and listens to us with his ears, always ready to welcome us. No antechambers... Always ready to answer our questions..."

Esortazioni e conferenze ai missionari del PIME 1924-1952, in: *Scritti*, vol. 69, p. 89

13. "Jesus' love for the Father is at the root of all the mysteries of his life."

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 27

14. "Our Lord Jesus Christ himself based his teaching authority on the mission he received from the Father."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 14

15. "By founding the Church, Jesus Christ instituted the Apostolate. The Savior placed his heart and his whole self in this institution. 'As the Father has sent me, even so I send you'".

Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 13

16. "The apostolate is the continuation of the work of Jesus Christ, it is the channel through which the Christian faith flows and spreads throughout the world."

Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 13

17. "The greatest religious mission entrusted to people took place when Our Lord, shortly before ascending to heaven, sent His Apostles throughout the world to continue His redemptive work."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 15

18. "The great and sublime mission that Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the point of returning to the Father, entrusted to his disciples (...) did not end with the death of the Apostles, but rather continues, through their successors, until the end of time".

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 18

19. "The Holy Church of God, mindful of the divine mandate, throughout the course of the centuries, has never ceased to send everywhere heralds and ministers of the divine Word who would announce the eternal salvation brought to the human race by Jesus Christ."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 18

20. "The mission that Christ has given to His Church is great. It is so great that the Divine Savior has put His whole Heart into it."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 19

21. "The history of the Church is nothing but a magnificent realization of those words of her Divine Founder: 'Go and teach all nations.' This command, with the passing of the years, has

lost none of its original force: it is urgent even today in all its fullness and will be urgent for as long as there are people to teach, to baptize, to save.”

Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 11

22. “The missionary is the person who finds in Jesus Christ the reason for being, support, and happiness.”

Esortazioni e conferenze ai missionari del PIME 1924-1952, in: *Scritti*, vol. 69, p. 102

23. “All the perfections of the Father are in Jesus, translated by Him into gestures, into human language.”

Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 25

24. “The first mission was entrusted by the Eternal Father to His Only Begotten Son, when He sent Him from heaven to redeem the world. Our Lord always speaks to us of Himself as a “Sent One” from the Father.”

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 15

25. “This power of propagating the Christian religion to all peoples is also universal in regard to the times. Until the great plan of God has been accomplished, until all peoples have bowed before the Cross, until Christ is the recognized and beloved King of all, the apostolate will always continue alive in the Church.”

Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 16

26. “It is because Jesus Christ is not perfectly portrayed in many missionaries of the Catholic Church that the infidels do not convert.”

Circular letter no. 6 of 15.09.1926, in:
Virtù Apostoliche. Lettere ai missionari, Bologna 1997, p. 90

27. “Whoever has Jesus has everything, whoever does not know him knows nothing, even if he were the most learned person on earth.”

Esortazioni e conferenze ai missionari del PIME 1924-1952, in: *Scritti*, vol. 69, p. 106

28. “Working continuously to form Jesus Christ in you means living, implementing in you, the great maxims of the Gospel.”

Donne senza paura, Naples 1976, p. 24

29. “The task of sending missionaries and directing the work of the apostolate belongs to the Supreme Pontiff and to those to whom He has entrusted it. The task of going and preaching belongs to the Bishops and Missionaries. The task of providing people and the assistance of spiritual and material aid belongs especially to the faithful, instructed and guided by their pastors.”

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 214

30. “Christ is everything and outside of Him, without Him, we have nothing.”

Esortazioni e conferenze ai missionari del PIME 1924-1952, in: *Scritti*, vol. 69, p. 104).