

SEPTEMBER (A thought for each day)

1. "The most sacred duty of the Church is precisely this, to go and preach always, until it obtains the conversion of all non-believers."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 22

2. "The history of the Church is nothing but a magnificent realization of those words of her Divine Founder: instruct all peoples."

Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 11

3. "The Church's evangelizing work is a great battle against the spirit of darkness and error. And wars are not fought only by kings and generals, but above all by nations, which provide soldiers and equipment. So in this war of spiritual conquest, the faithful must offer the men and other necessary aid."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 203

4. "The faithful of the first centuries of Christianity understood well this duty to cooperate in the spread of Christian truth and zealously worked not only to help the preachers, but they themselves became propagators of the faith."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 206

5. "It is most necessary that the faithful understand that the obligation to convert the world to Jesus Christ weighs solidly on the whole Church."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 213

6. "The Church is not an ideal and abstract organization, but a body of living and active members, all of whom have, although in different degrees, their share of obligation and responsibility for the common cause."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 213

7. "Today the greatest progress in the work of the missions depends on the faith and generosity of our Catholic regions, which are the only sources of the strength of the apostolate."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 212

8. "It is the priest, the parish priest who must tell his faithful that Our Lord came into the world and died for the salvation of all people, that the purpose of His life and His death was the establishment of His kingdom over all the earth."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 219

9. "Through the activity and zeal of good ladies it should be easy to organize from time to time in every city and town charity fairs, lotteries and entertainments for the benefit of the Missions."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 243

10. "The poor non-believers are generally forgotten in the prayers of Christians. And this is a serious oversight, indicative of the general ignorance of the subject, and even more of the weakness of our faith."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 265

11. "Our Lord, having given a formula of prayer to those who followed Him on earth, and to those who would follow Him throughout the centuries, did not fail to introduce into it the words necessary for the great cause of the mission: *Thy Kingdom come.*

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 266

12. "The coming of the Kingdom of God on earth, among all peoples, in all souls: this is the mission of the Catholic Church, this is the whole reason for its existence."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 266

13. "There is no human mind that can measure the immense value of the help of prayer, because it is something of an entirely supernatural and divine estimation."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 269

14. "God always answers the prayer made for the propagation of His Kingdom and for the salvation of souls, because He promised it, because there is nothing that is more dear to Him than this."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 270

15. ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH – Naples 1952

"Father Paolo Manna is the Christopher Columbus of missionary cooperation."

John XXIII, V Missionary Congress of Seminarians, 07.09.1960

16. "Prayer for the Missions, fervent and well done, has an irresistible force on the heart of God."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 270

17. "With your fervent prayers you can be an effective instrument of salvation for many unfortunate people, whom you may never know on this earth, but who will owe you eternal gratitude in heaven."

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

18. "Man left to his own devices is weak and incapable of even naming the Holy Name of Jesus, but assisted by divine grace he becomes an instrument capable of moving the world."

La conversione del mondo infedele, Milan 1920, p. 273

19. "Only one thing is necessary: that God conquer, reign, and triumph on this earth as in heaven. May He therefore be known, loved, and served by all people, and not, as now, only by a privileged few."

Osservazioni sul metodo moderno di evangelizzazione, Bologna 1979, p. 37

20. "Woe if the apostolate were to become an end in itself and not examine day by day whether what it does is all it can do, and the best it can do for the cause of God!"

Osservazioni sul metodo moderno di evangelizzazione, Bologna 1979, p. 37

21. "We need missionaries. People are hungry for truth, they are thirsty for love."

Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 46

22. "May the desire to save souls, which cost all the blood of Jesus Christ, inspire you too!"
Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 61
23. "Oh! When you love Jesus Christ, you also love his souls, and to save them, it is nothing to go to the ends of the earth."
Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 84
24. "The vocation to the missions has nothing truly special about it. It is nothing other than a greater love for Jesus Christ, which compels one to make Him known and loved by those who do not yet know and love Him."
Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 86
25. "The intellect is the principle of love, and nothing is loved or desired that is not first known and esteemed."
Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 95
26. "Prayers must be prayed for the multiplication of evangelical workers; this noble purpose must be prayed for by all true Christians."
Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 102
27. "There is no pride or presumption in this prayer when we offer ourselves entirely to God, so that He may freely dispose of us. There could be selfishness and cowardice in not doing so."
Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 105
28. "You are not worthy [of being a missionary], that is certain, there is no one in the world who is worthy of such grace as to become an apostle of Jesus Christ. But this is not your business, but rather all the good pleasure and mercy of God."
Operarii autem pauci!, Milan 1960, p. 106
29. "We are Apostles! The Apostles had no other interests to serve, but served only and exclusively Jesus Christ. We are Apostles and we work generously, selflessly only for souls, only for the Church, only for Heaven!"
Virtù Apostoliche, Milan 1944, p. 12
30. "My person meant nothing, I was just one of many Europeans... But those men, those women, those children told me a world of things, they said that they were creatures of God, with an immortal soul like mine... redeemed like me... even in them the Son of God had become man. They were not strangers to us, but had been entrusted to us by God for our salvation."
Chiamati alla santità, Naples 1977, p. 65