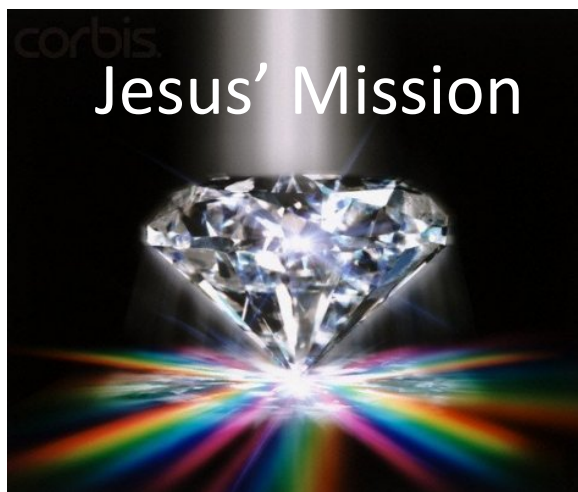


Lay Associates: Notes on Anne Walsh's video (#13):



Particular religious orders identify with one or more aspects of Jesus' mission – e.g. healer, teacher, prophet, friend, servant ... proclaimer – which imparts a particular 'spirit' or '**charism**' to an order.

Characteristics of **charism**

1. **Seeing/ perceiving** - What do we see? Who do we see?
2. **Responding** - How do we live differently because of what we see?
3. **Mission** – How do we orient our activity in the church in accord with what we see.
4. **Fruitfulness** – How do our activities grow?

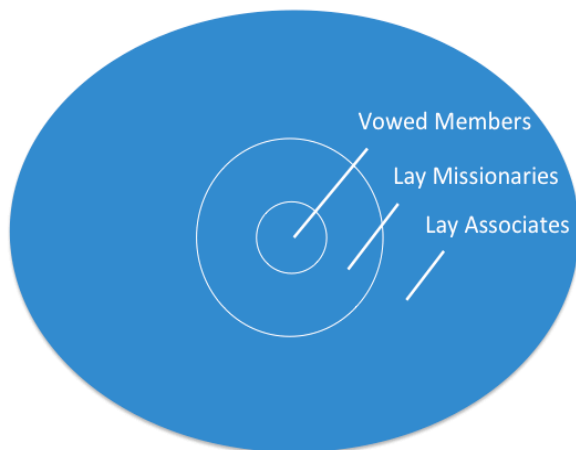
The **Redemptorist charism** flows from St Alphonsus' focus on Jesus' mission to **proclaim the good news of plentiful redemption to the poor and abandoned** as expressed, for example, in **Luke 4:16-20**:

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.

Redemptorist Circles of Belonging:



- Are basic Redemptorist associates mission communities
- Meet regularly for the purposes of fostering a stronger spiritual growth and a more explicit commitment to the evangelization of the poor and exploring Redemptorist charism and spirituality.
- Bring coherence and support to what associates are already doing individually – particularly among the abandoned.

Lay Associates:

- Are partners with professed Redemptorists in the mission of proclaiming plentiful redemption, the good news of Luke 4:16-20, to the most abandoned, particularly the materially poor.
- Live out their commitments in independent lifestyles, answering the call to proclaim the Good News of plentiful redemption within the context of their daily lives.

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