

***St. Martin de Porres
and
Fr. Hofstee:
A Legacy of Love***

Dear Mission Friends:

As we prepare to celebrate the feast of our Dominican patron St. Martin de Porres on November 3, I wish to share with you the ministry of a group of Dominican brothers who, on a daily basis, tirelessly carry on St. Martin's works of mercy. The Martinian Brothers chapter, based in our Tala Leper Colony mission in the Philippines, was founded because of a concern of our first missionary to the lepers, Fr. Anthony Leo Hofstee, O.P., that lepers who had a call from God to a religious vocation might be rejected by religious orders. Still today many of the brothers are lepers themselves.

The following pictures offer just a glimpse of their ministry: conducting prayers, bringing Holy Communion to the bedridden, counseling the despondent, cleaning leprous wounds, and even giving shaves and haircuts.

At this moment, the Martinian Brothers are in a desperate financial situation. They receive a small income from the Holy Rosary Foundation, which receives funds for the various ministries at the leper colony from our office, thanks to your generosity, but they have no other stable source of revenue.

When Fr. Antoninus Wall, O.P. and I first visited Tala after Fr. Hofstee's death, we met the Martinian Brothers, who live in Fr. Hofstee's old house. I remember being struck by the degree of poverty in which they lived, spending most of their income on the poor of the leper colony. **I now hear that they are living on one sparse meal a day.**



Fr. Martin with two Martinian Brothers.







If any of you would like to make a contribution to the brothers, I can assure you that we will send your gift on to them with haste and they will receive it with joyful appreciation. Upon learning of some possible extra relief coming their way, Br. Florencio Penaroyo, O.P., the group's Brother Guardian General Superior, wrote that the news "enlivened our weakened enthusiasm and inspired our weary bodies and spirits to move on despite our many limitations."



In this season of Thanksgiving, may we be grateful for all that is good, including such selfless servants of the Lord as the Martinian Brothers.

Blessings of joy and peace upon all of you, our mission friends.

Fr. Martin de Porres Walsh, O.P.



**November 3 is the
Feast of
St. Martin de Porres.**

Our beloved Father Joseph Asturias, O.P., the late, long-time director of the Dominican Mission Foundation, had a special devotion to St. Martin and considered him to be the patron saint of our Missions. On November 1, 2, and 3 a Triduum of Masses will be offered at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco, invoking St. Martin's intercession for all of your needs. We invite you to join us in prayer by reciting the following Triduum prayers.

Also, November is the month for us to remember our loved ones who have died. If you have sent to us the names of your departed loved ones, they are being remembered this month at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco.

If you would like to remember our missionary work in your will, our legal title is:



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St. Martin de Porres Triduum

First Day: *St. Martin, you always had sympathy for the poor and those who were suffering. I need your help and now ask for it with great confidence in your goodness and power. Please remember me, as you adore God. Amen.*

(Mention your petitions, followed by the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Closing Prayer.)



Closing Prayer: *Dear St. Martin, I turn to you in my sorrow and anxiety to seek your friendly protection. Please intercede for me with our merciful Father in heaven so that I may be truly sorry for all my sins and be freed from the evils that shackle me. Ask that I might have something of your spirit of love and self-sacrifice, and so be at all times reconciled to God's holy will. Oh heavenly Father, in the name of your Son and of His Blessed Mother, and by the merits of your faithful servant Martin, help me in my trouble and do not forsake me. Amen.*

Second Day: *St. Martin, we praise God for the manifestation of His love. The favors you received from God encourage us now to seek your intercession and help. We ask you most humbly to befriend and assist us from your place in heaven; but most of all, we beg you to commend us to our beloved Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

(Your petitions, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Closing Prayer.)

Third Day: *Brother Martin, when you were here on earth, you spent your life loving God and your neighbor. This we know from the testimony of your own Dominican brethren. Now that you live in the presence of God in paradise, intercede for those who stand so much in need of the healing help of God and beg the Divine Physician to give us health of the soul and body. Amen.*

(Your petitions, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Closing Prayer.)