

**YOUNG PEOPLE, CATECHISTS,  
ALL WHO WISH TO BE SPIRITUALLY REFRESHED**  
*You are Invited to Attend a Retreat Given by Fr Giuseppe Cardamone  
of the*  
**Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World**



Through missions to remote villages in the mountains of Peru and the founding of schools and orphanages, the Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World (Opus Christi Salvatoris Mundi) bring Christian faith, hope and love to the poorest, to the terminally ill and handicapped, and to the abandoned children of the high Andes.



“Father Giovanni Salerno arrived in Peru in 1968 to take care of the spiritual and medical needs of the poorest of the poor. Priests, brothers, religious sisters, and lay families have responded to his call to care for the most abandoned and forgotten in the unforgiving altitude of the Peruvian Andes Mountains. Over the years, he and the many who have followed his invitation to serve the poor, have encountered Christ in those who are forgotten and living in the margins of society. This movement strives to go where nobody else goes to seek the poor and the marginalized, children, elderly, so that they may reach a condition that is in accordance with the dignity of the children of God.”

**Retreat Theme: “Catholic Identity”**

**When: Saturday, June 24, 2017**

**Where: St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 118 N. New St., Staunton, VA**

Retreat Schedule

8:00 Holy Rosary

8:30 Break for Coffee and light breakfast

9:30 First Talk “*Protestantism vs. Sacramentality*”: There are some who have described a “protestantisation” of the Catholic Church after the Second Vatican Council while others have considered this to be a consequence of the Council itself. We will explain the reasons for the former position and see the fallacy of the latter position, by using the concept of sacramentality.

11:30 Second Talk: “*The Sacramental Identity of the Early Church: Letter to Diognetus*”: By examining one of the most inspiring Early Christian apologetics, “The Letter to Diognetus” we will recognize the sureness and meaning of the Early Christians’ identity – by unfolding the meaning of sacramental identity.

1:00 Lunch; Break time for personal prayer and confessions

3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:15 Third Talk: “*A Church for the Poor: A Path to Rediscover our Identity*”: The third talk will reveal Pope Francis’ vision of the Church, highlighting the perfect continuity of the Magisterium and the *great gift* that is the challenge of the Catholic’s present-day temptation: what the Pope calls “spiritual worldliness”.

4:00 DVD about the Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World

5:00 Vigil Mass

**Free will offerings on behalf of the work of the Missionary Servants of the Poor of the Third World will be accepted. For registration information please call Carol Long, Religious Education Leader at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 540-886-2262.**