



# XAVERIAN MISSIONARIES

Join us for a special Novena for Our Faithful Departed  
beginning November 2<sup>nd</sup>!

2025

*“We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,  
about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if  
we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who  
have fallen asleep”*  
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 -



Dear Mission Friend,

**Anticipation and confidence are the two essential marks of genuine Christian hope.** Like faith, hope is both a desire for things not yet possessed and the confident assurance that what has been promised will one day be fulfilled.

Throughout this year, we Catholics around the world are celebrating the **Jubilee of Hope**—a sacred time to proclaim the Divine nature of Jesus Christ and its profound implications for all believers: *“For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.”* (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

We live in a world shaken by calamities, wars, and deep divisions. These harsh realities often make us question what the future holds—for ourselves and for the world. Yet, Saint Paul urges us to stand firm in the saving power of Jesus’ death and resurrection, which has triumphed over all things.

Through baptism, we have entered into the mystery of the Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection. We are now called to live with the firm hope that our redemption will be made complete at the end of our earthly journey.

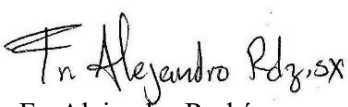
With confidence and expectation, we are commissioned to be **witnesses of the things above**—bringing meaning where there is distress, peace where there is anxiety, and hope where there is despair. We live our lives trusting that what the Lord has promised will indeed be fulfilled, according to His divine and loving plan.

Therefore, with hearts full of gratitude, we pray without ceasing for all that God continues to provide. We ask that He may confirm us in His love and give us the strength to persevere in hope, until the day we are reunited with those who have gone before us, to eternally praise Him in His presence.

I invite you to join us in a **Novena of Prayer** for our friends, relatives, and loved ones who have gone before us. We will remember them during the celebration of the Eucharist, in the Divine Office, and in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament from November 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please write their names on the enclosed slip and return it to us. Your generous gift will help our missionaries continue their work of evangelization and outreach to those in need. We remain deeply grateful for your ongoing prayers and support. **May the Lord bless you abundantly with faith, peace, and lasting hope.**

In Christ,

  
Fr. Alejandro Rodríguez, SX

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