



A weekly reflection by members of the Precious Blood Community

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“We are ambassadors of Christ” (2 Cor 5:20)

We begin our Ash Wednesday journey today; we hear in the reading from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians (2 Cor 5:20-6:2), “Brothers and Sisters: We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” This is an unmistakable Precious Blood call! Can’t you just hear Mother Theresa Weber, Mother Maria Anna Brunner, St. Maria DeMattias or St. Gaspar imploring us to heed these words?

What better way to begin Lent than to meditate upon the meaning of these words and their impact on our life. Each of our foundresses/founders proclaimed or witnessed to the saving power of the Precious Blood of Christ which was appropriate to her or his own vocation. Some were called to preach, teach, and proclaim; others were called to quietly witness or to be a reconciling presence.

How is God speaking to you today as a daughter or son of Theresa, Maria Anna, Maria, or Gaspar? What do you hear God saying to you in prayer? How are you living as an ambassador for Christ? How is God calling you to look at reconciliation in your own life? What are some ways you can help others be reconciled to God? Pray for the grace and courage to follow and enact God’s words to you this Lent.

May we as members united in the Precious Blood family draw upon the examples of Theresa, Maria Anna, Maria, and Gaspar as support for our Lenten journey and renew our commitment to follow the will of Christ in our life. A Blessed Lent to each of you!

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