

LESSON 7

Means for Missionary Activities

I. Introduction

The basic and model of all the evangelization work of the church is the Apostolicity of Jesus. It is through prayer, preaching, service and suffering that the church carries out its apostolic mission. This lesson aims at helping the students to acquire the essential spirituality by introducing those who became saints through these four ways.

II. What children should understand

1. Conviction

The objective of all apostolic missions of the church is to establish the Kingdom of God to the ends of the earth.

It is mainly through prayer, proclamation service and suffering that the church carries out its apostolic mission.

There are many who became saints in the church through each of these ways.

St. Theresa and St. Euphrasia are known as the Apostles of prayer, St. Chavara Elias and Bl. Thevarparambil Kunjachan, as the Apostles of Proclamation, St. Mother

Theresa as the Apostle of service and St. Alphonsa and Bl. Mariam Thresia as the Apostles of suffering.

2. Attitude

- Desire to participate in the works of evangelization.
- Awareness that there are many ways of evangelization.

3. Habit

Will participate in evangelization mission by means of any one of the four ways as found suitable.

III. Teaching Aids:

Pictures of saints, their biographies, the Holy Bible, the documents of the Vatican Council.

IV. Presentation of the lesson:

Show the pictures of saints and discuss the areas in which they are most known. According to the discussions, group the saints into categories. Explain that evangelization work can be of many different types and all these ways are suitable for leading a saintly life. Show pictures or arrange visits to mission centres in order to create awareness about the charitable activities that the church is engaged in.

V. Activities related to the lesson:

As stated in lessons 1 and 2

VI. Correlated Activities:

Collect the names of those who became saints in each of the four ways.