

to be used, i.e., seminary training, orphans, evangelization, or general expenses. You might also think about having a monthly donation deducted from your checking or saving account. You might also ask your prayer group, Knights of Columbus, or any other church group to contribute. My Knights of Columbus Council in Guasti, CA donates \$100. per month towards the seminary training of Vasyl Mikula from Ukraine. I'm not asking for you to skip a pizza or a movie, i'm asking you to give till it pinches real hard. Ask your kids to give up part of their allowances. Everything we have is a gift from God and He will bless us abundantly when we give some of it back to Him.

You may also correspond to one of the seminarians by writing to Seminarians, Miles Jesu, C.P. 30096, Roma succ. 47, 00193 Rome Italy.

Finally, Miles Jesu has recently completed a wonderful free DVD about vocations which can be ordered toll free at 1-866-276-9159. Please do not hesitate to order one, especially if you have a prospect in mind.

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Pamphlet 117

Soldiers of Jesus

Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to tell you about a number of people who have an extraordinary love of Jesus and His Church; members of Miles Jesu (Soldiers of Jesus). These men and women have only one ambition in life and that is to spend themselves in the service of our Lord, Jesus Christ. They are willing to go anywhere in the world at a moments notice, and do anything asked of them by Church authority, all in the name of winning souls for Christ. They take vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and are at the beck and call of the Holy Father. These are the Church's elite evangelists. They have been likened to the Navy SEALs, the Army's Green Berets, or the USMC Recon Teams in the sense that they are well trained, dedicated, and willing to die for a cause greater than themselves. Miles Jesu is Jesus' army, willing to serve the poorest of the poor, and bring the salvation message of Christ to the four corners of the world.

I was blessed to be able to spend the last two days in the company of two Miles Jesu priests, and five consecrated MJ men and women. We set up a Vocation booth at the Catholic Family Conference in Anaheim, California, seeking extraordinary men and

women. Miles Jesu is looking for men and women of mental strength, intellectual integrity, high moral character, in short, selfless and dedicated. Miles Jesu's only qualification is the desire to serve the Church unconditionally. Some of the young men and women we spoke with had specific goals or demands, and I doubt they would be a good fit. On the other hand we spoke with a number of men and women who were excited about what they heard and reveled in the challenge. It would not surprise me if 10-15 of these will attend a discernment retreat in the next couple of months.

Let me give you a couple of examples of the dedication Miles Jesu is seeking.

The conference organizers set up six or seven confessional booths. As the hours passed and the lines never seemed to shorten, priest after priest left the confessionals. Perhaps they had something "more important" to do. In the end, it was a Miles Jesu priest who stayed. Hour after long hour he met the needs of the penitents. At 9 p.m. the lights were extinguished in the conference hall. As there were still people in line, Father picked up the kneeler and like the pied piper led the remaining penitents to the Blessed Sacrament reservation chapel in the conference hotel and remained, hearing confessions until the last person had been satisfied. He finally had a bowl of soup for

"lunch" at 10 p.m. That action is entirely typical of the priests of Miles Jesu.

I was fortunate enough to share a room with the priests, one each night. When I got up in the morning to shower, I found Father's underwear hanging on the shower rod. I thought that was bit curious until I found out that he only has two sets, one for today and one for tomorrow.

The other Miles Jesu members scoured the conference area seeking potential vocations. I didn't realize it until later, but not one of them spent a penny on refreshments. They drank water and ate with the conference helpers. They take their vows of poverty seriously realizing that every penny saved will go to feeding orphans, providing medical care of the poor, or the training of seminarians.

The reason for my writing is beg your financial help. We have many fine men ready and willing to undergo seminary training, but the coffers are empty. Miles Jesu has members in 22 countries and missions in 16. They host soup kitchens, and house and educate abandoned children in nurturing, loving environments. These kids come from the streets and in most cases would die of neglect or be murdered. In some countries cleaning up the streets means eliminating abandoned children. I know that

sounds unbelievable but it can easily be verified by an Internet search. One such site is:

http://pangaea.org/street_children/latin/brazil.htm

Many of you know that I owned a Catholic bookstore for 13 years. At times people would ask me if I could recommend good Catholic charities or organizations, as they did not believe their parish or diocese either needed the money or would use it wisely. Miles Jesu needs your financial help desperately. There is no middleman, taking a cut. Every penny will go directly to meet the needs of caring for the poor, training seminarians, or winning souls for Christ. In my humble opinion, Miles Jesu is one of the finest, if not the finest Catholic organization in Mother Church. It is the only Catholic organization I felt spiritually compelled to join and as a result have been blessed by four years of association with some of the finest Catholic men and women in the world.

Please take the time to check out the Miles Jesu website at <http://www.milesjesu.com>, pray about supporting these worthwhile endeavors and if and when the Holy Spirit leads you, your Tax-deductible donation may be sent to the Chicago Community : Miles Jesu, P.O. Box 267989, Chicago, IL 60626-7898 and designate how you want it