

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless You, because by your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.

Missionaries of Mercy are priests who have been commissioned by the Holy Father to give particular emphasis to the duty of all priests to "hear confessions and preach on behalf of and promote the Sacrament of Reconciliation." They are to be an intentional, visible expression of the mercy of God that is at the heart of the priesthood. In addition, they have the authority, granted by the Holy Father, to pardon these sins reserved to the Holy See:

- Profaning the Eucharistic species by taking them away or keeping them for a sacrilegious purpose;
- Use of physical force against the Roman Pontiff;
- Absolution of an accomplice in a sin against the Sixth Commandment of the Decalogue;
- A direct violation against the sacramental seal by a confessor;
- The recording by means of a technical device of what the priest or the penitent says in a Sacramental Confession (whether real or simulated), or the divulgation of such a recording through social communication.

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