

Palm Sunday 2017

“Whenever I think of Providence, I think of the rich history of how Sisters of Providence got their name — as caring, loving, and providing mothers to the marginalized, underserved people in the world. It is because the love of Christ impels us.”

Hon Nga Nguyen, SP

The feast of Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem when palm branches were placed in his path. According to the Gospels, Jesus Christ rode a donkey into Jerusalem and the celebrating people there laid down their cloaks and small branches of trees in front of him, and sang part of Psalm 118:25-26. “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.” The symbolism of the donkey may refer to the Eastern tradition as an animal of peace. Jesus’ entrance on a donkey would have portrayed him as the Prince of Peace.

As People of Providence, the love of Christ impels us to continue to be People of Peace for the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed and the underemployed wherever we find them in our rich, as well as, poor countries.

Through the years, the example of Jesus has impelled us to work for peace and justice, not only in war torn countries but also in our work places, our political and civil life, wherever there is strife or injustice between different genders, races or colours of people.

Through our history, as People of Providence, the love of Christ has called us to provide good health care to those suffering physically, emotionally and/or mentally. So many up-to-date treatments, equipment and procedures are now known to bring greater relief to the suffering. We are challenged to keep abreast of changing health practices and to give time, voice and money to provide what is best for them.

Likewise, as People of Providence, the example of Jesus impels us to continue to encourage and support educational advancements so that the minds and hearts of God’s people may be challenged and supported to take advantage of educational opportunities in order to experience greater fullness of life.

What a privilege to be called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, in this twenty-first century. Let us pray for the grace to do so with courage, peace and joy.

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