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### I Am Christ's Hands

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours. No hands but yours. No feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which to look out Christ’s compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now.” (St. Teresa of Avila) We are all called to be missionaries of Christ. I am a missionary for Christ. I show I am a missionary throughout my whole day. I demonstrate it through my work, my behavior at home, and what I carry out on the sport’s fields. We all desire what we are made for and we are made to serve God, our Father, as Catholic missionaries of his love and mercy.

Being a missionary means following in God’s footsteps. I heed Christ’s decree by acting like a true Catholic and following His commandments. Because I am a Catholic, I display my faith in everything I do including how I dress, my language, and how I show Catholic virtue to my neighbors. As disciples of Christ I must be perceptive to His teachings but likewise I also must preach His Word to everyone. With the help of God I must be disciplined. I must be disciplined to preach Christ’s News. Discipline purifies my soul and body. By being disciplined I pray the rosary every night for the conversion of sinners and I follow Mother Teresa’s examples of humility, gratitude, and faithfulness to God.

I am a missionary at home, and at my school by showing virtuous examples. When I am with my family at home I am a missionary by obeying my parents' orders with a joyful heart and by carrying out their commands immediately. Obeying my parents is very crucial because Padre Pio once announced, "Where there is no obedience there is no virtue, where there is no virtue there is no good, where there is no good there is no love, where there is no love there is no God, where there is no God there is no Paradise." I am also a good example of a faithful Catholic to my siblings. I help them to get on the path to the gates of Heaven.

I bring my mission through volunteer work. I volunteer at a home for the elderly suffering with Alzheimer called Gianna Homes. While helping at Gianna Homes, I feeding them, clean, and keep them company. Because I am a missionary, I also volunteer by helping my neighbor. I sometimes bake for him and shovel his drive way. Volunteering is a special way of showing my love.

Missionaries are messengers of God's love and salvation. I am a missionary by following Mother Teresa's example who always extended her arm to help the poor, needy, and sick. Being a missionary is sometimes hard but with God's arm to guide us, we can do anything.