

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thes 5:16-18)

- So, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving (Col 2:6-7).

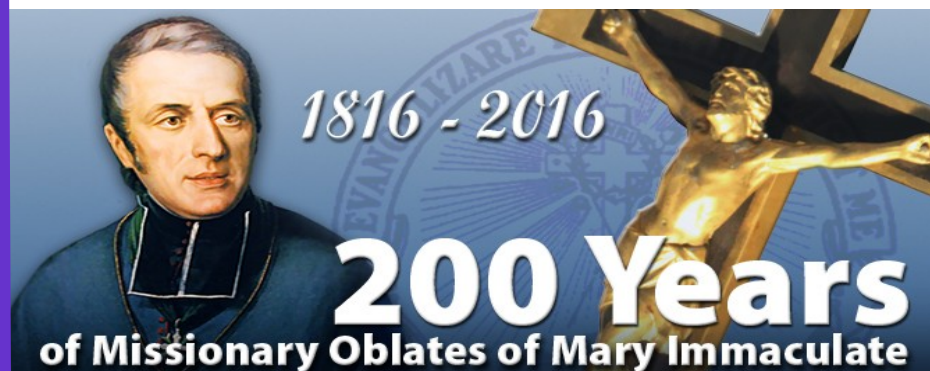
### 11. Personal and Communitarian Commitment

Now, let us take a moment to also acknowledge and thank God for the many blessings we have received through and from every member of this community. Let us take a moment to thank God for the gifts each one of us brings to the community and the Congregation. For each other, let us give thanks to God.

### 12. Final Prayer

God our Creator, who never cease to bestow your bounteous fruits, from the rains of the heavens and the riches of the soil. Fill the hearts of your people with gratitude, that from the earth's fertility, the hungry may be filled with good things and the poor and needy proclaim the glory of your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### 12. Closing Song: Now Thank We All Our God #197



# For all Blessings, Thanks be to God.

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**1. Introduction: A time to give thanks.**  
We have received wonderful gifts from God: His mercy, His love, His Son, and life itself. By our faith, we believe that everything we are and have comes from God, and so we are grateful.

When we recognize that everything is a gift from God, gratitude arises almost spontaneously. Today we are gathered here as a community to take a moment to recognize God's blessings on us and to express our gratitude.

**2. Hymn: All My Days #590**

**3. Prayer:**

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of bringing us together today, for this moment of prayer and sharing; thank you for the home we have, the food we eat. We thank you too for our Oblate brothers, our family and our friends. Thank you for our health, our ministry and our time together. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your Son.

#### 4. The Word of God – Luke 17:11-19

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

#### 5. Time for silent reflection

#### 7. Response to God's Word:

What is one thing that I want to thank God for today?

What act of kindness was done to me this year that made me feel grateful?

What is one thing I've found myself saying thanks for over and over?

What is something I struggle to thank God for?

#### 8. Oblate Text: OMI CRRR are approved and Eugene rejoices

...Is there not something supernatural here? When have popes ever taken such matters upon themselves? Usually petitions are presented to them that they do not even read;

(...) the Congregation decides and the pope approves what has been done, for or against. But in this instance it was the pope himself who said more in favour on our case than I could have done.

Rejoice with me and congratulate yourselves, my beloved, for it has pleased the Lord to grant us great favours. (...) What prayers of thanksgiving, in keeping with such a favour, can we possibly offer to God who is so great and good? It is not by being consumed by burning piety and by eagerly performing the duties of our holy vocation with more joy than ever? (Hubening, Alfred A. Pp115-116).

#### Invitation to thankfulness:

- All the people of Israel assembled before the king during the festival of the seventh month. (...) the trumpeters and singers were heard as a single voice praising and giving thanks to the LORD, and they raised the sound of the trumpets, cymbals, and other musical instruments to "Praise the LORD, who is so good, whose love endures forever." (Chron 5:3,13)

- You changed my mourning into dancing; you took off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness.  
So that my glory may praise you and not be silent.  
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. (Ps 30:12-13)

- And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17).