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This Awesome Mystery

Surrounded by a million pliant forms,
each carrying a million scaven signs,
I'm inundated by a million storms,
each ferrying a million bright designs

up to my waiting dock of consciousness
to be offloaded as and when I need
to stoke insatiable desire with less,
far less, than it should take for me to feed

my yearning, yawning mental maw, my soul,
and savor salient symbols simmering
as kindled by one great linguistic whole,
a menu varied, listing, shimmering

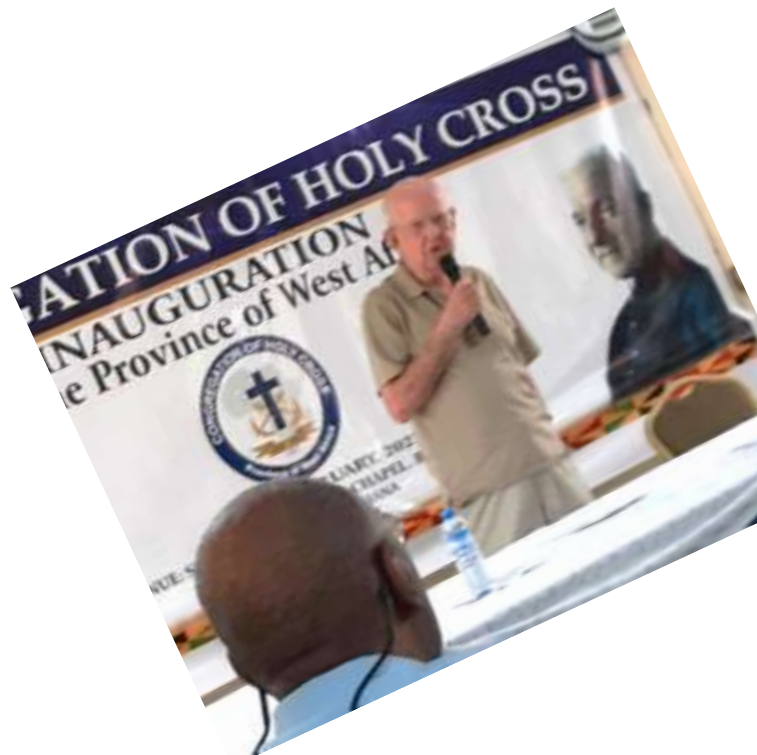
ideas, challenges, plus all that undergirds
this awesome mystery that we call words.

—**Brother Philip Armstrong, CSC**
October 19, 2001



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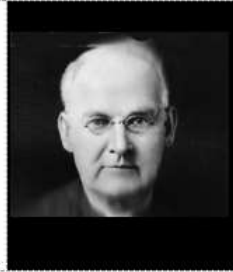


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Writings for the Journey

Labels

In many movies, not only in old westerns but also in the latest blockbusters, there are the good guys and the bad guys. The plot involves eliminating the bad guys in various ways.

We too have become comfortable with the labels we assign to groups of people. Does God see them this way? Would not God be aware of certain flaws in the “good people” and some good qualities in the “bad people?” Maybe it ultimately is not up to us to judge. What does seem important to God is that we love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus adds that this is especially true for those who are marginalized in our society. Only then can we ever hope to arrive at a level of peace which allows us to comprehend the unity of all peoples even within the diversity that we experience. It requires a spirituality that goes beyond our limited capacity and relies on grace to begin to see with the eyes of God. Then labels would start to fade away as we become aware of the unique beauty of each person reflecting the goodness of the creator.

- Is it difficult for you to avoid labels for certain groups?
- How would Jesus relate to people from different races, cultures, religions, sexual identities?
- Would taking the opportunity to get to know a person different from you help in avoiding labels?

O God, help me be an instrument for extending your love to all.



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Reflection
Sent in by Brother Thomas Maddix, C.S.C.



World Day of the Sick

February 11th, 2023

Illness is part of our human condition.
Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation
And abandonment,
Unaccompanied by care and compassion,
It can become *inhumane*.

Pope Francis



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