

WEEK 4

October 19th - October 25th

OCEANIA

Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores:
Missionary to the Pacific

October 6 (optional memorial in Guam)



Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores (1627–1672) was a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary who brought the Catholic faith to the island of Guam, part of the Pacific Islands. He arrived in 1668 and founded the first Catholic mission there. He baptized many people and taught them about Jesus with love and respect.

Even when faced with danger, he continued to preach peace. He was eventually martyred for his faith but is still honored today in Guam and throughout Oceania.

Like members of the Missionary Childhood Association, Blessed Diego believed in sharing the Gospel with joy, especially with children and families. His mission reminds us that even remote places are deeply loved by God.

Mission Prayer Inspired by Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores

God of All Nations,

Thank You for the courage and love of
Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores.

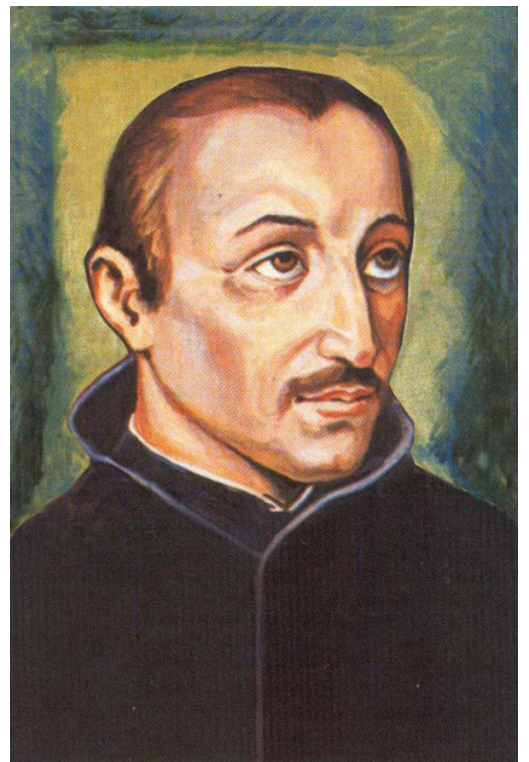
Help us to be faithful missionaries like him —
peaceful, prayerful, and brave.

We pray for the children of the Pacific Islands
and all those in mission lands.

Bless the work of the Missionary Childhood
Association and help us grow in faith and love.

Blessed Diego, pray for us!

Amen.





Mission Inspiration

DIOCESE OF WABAG PAPUA NEW GUINEA



High up in the mountains of Papua New Guinea, there is a special Diocese in Wabag. Many children here live in far-away mountain villages where it's hard to get to school or see a doctor.



This is where MCA steps in to help. Supporting MCA provides funds to help build schools where children can learn about both regular subjects and about Jesus who loves them!

The diocese creates many fun activities for children:

- They have Sunday School where kids learn about Jesus and pray together
- They hold special church services just for kids
- They host competitions of storytelling, drawing, drama, singing and questions for the children and distribute gifts to encourage them
- They teach about MCA and it's motto "children helping children" and paying it forward
- They make sure to include everyone, especially disabled children who might need extra help or care

The best part is that more than 3,875 children get to join in these activities, thanks to the help of missionaries, teachers, priests, and other grown-ups who work together to make all this happen.



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**Every day,
children gather
to pray for peace
in their villages.
They learn that
they can make
their world a
better place by
working
together and
caring for one
another.**

The diocese would like to continue these activities in the future, in training children in the Christian faith and in living the values of the Gospel, because they will be the future leaders of the Church and their country. As members of the **Missionary Childhood Association**, young people are called to make sacrifices for children in communities just like this one. Take time to reflect on how you can help the children in the Diocese of Wabag.

- **Just \$1 can help support this diocese and contribute to continuing these programs**
- **\$5 can support the local church and school structures where they host their education programs**
- **\$25 can help provide safe transportation to the children attending these activities**

Dear God,

Please watch over our friends in the mountains of Papua New Guinea. Keep the children safe as they walk to school and play with their families. Help them learn and grow strong. Bring them joy in their daily adventures. Guide their teachers and caregivers who work so hard to help them.

We are thankful for their beautiful smiles, For the songs they sing and the stories they share. Help them always feel loved and cared for, And give them peaceful days in their mountain homes.

Please help all children around the world To be kind to one another, To have enough food to eat, Good schools to learn in, And safe places to sleep.



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