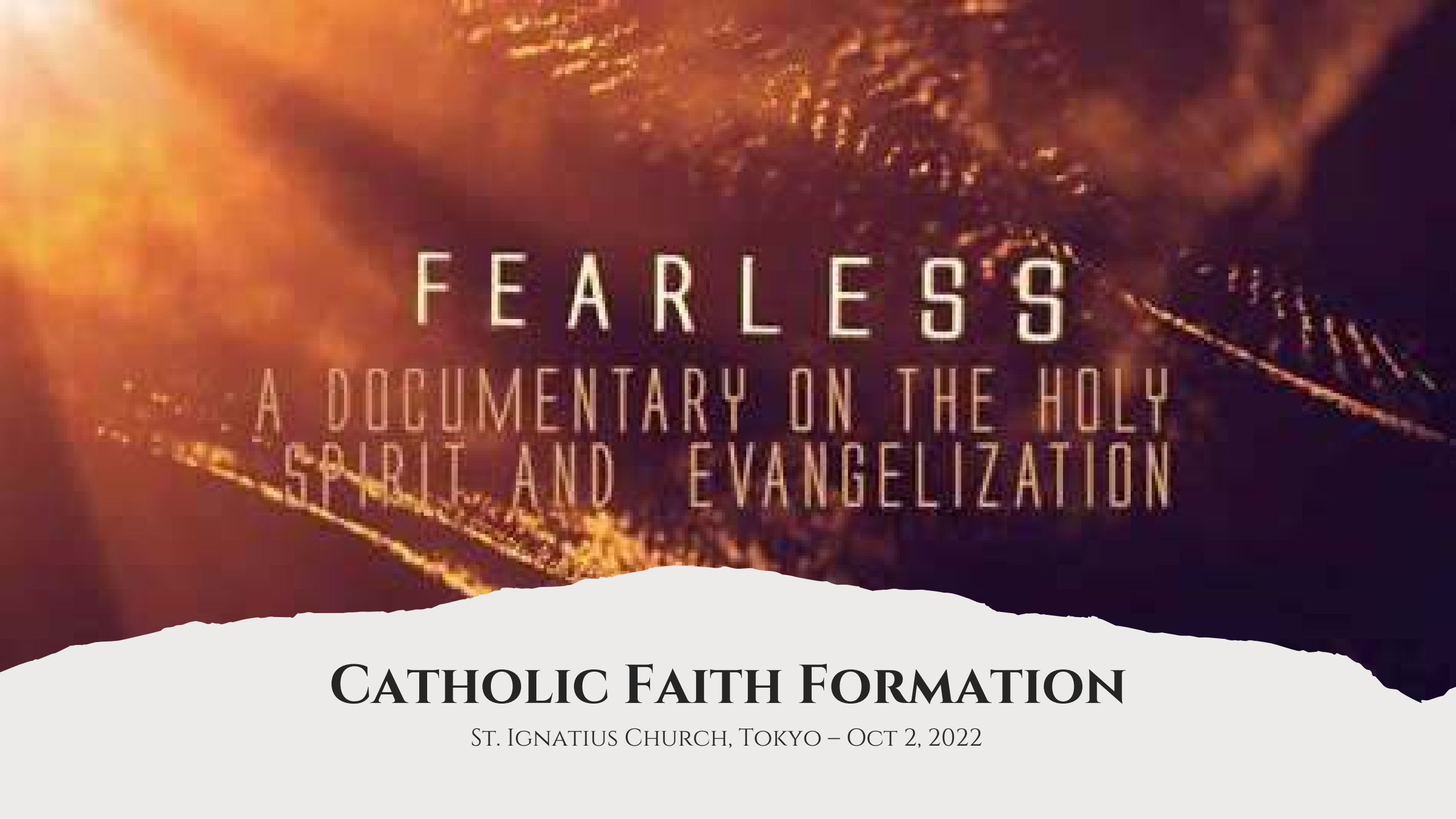


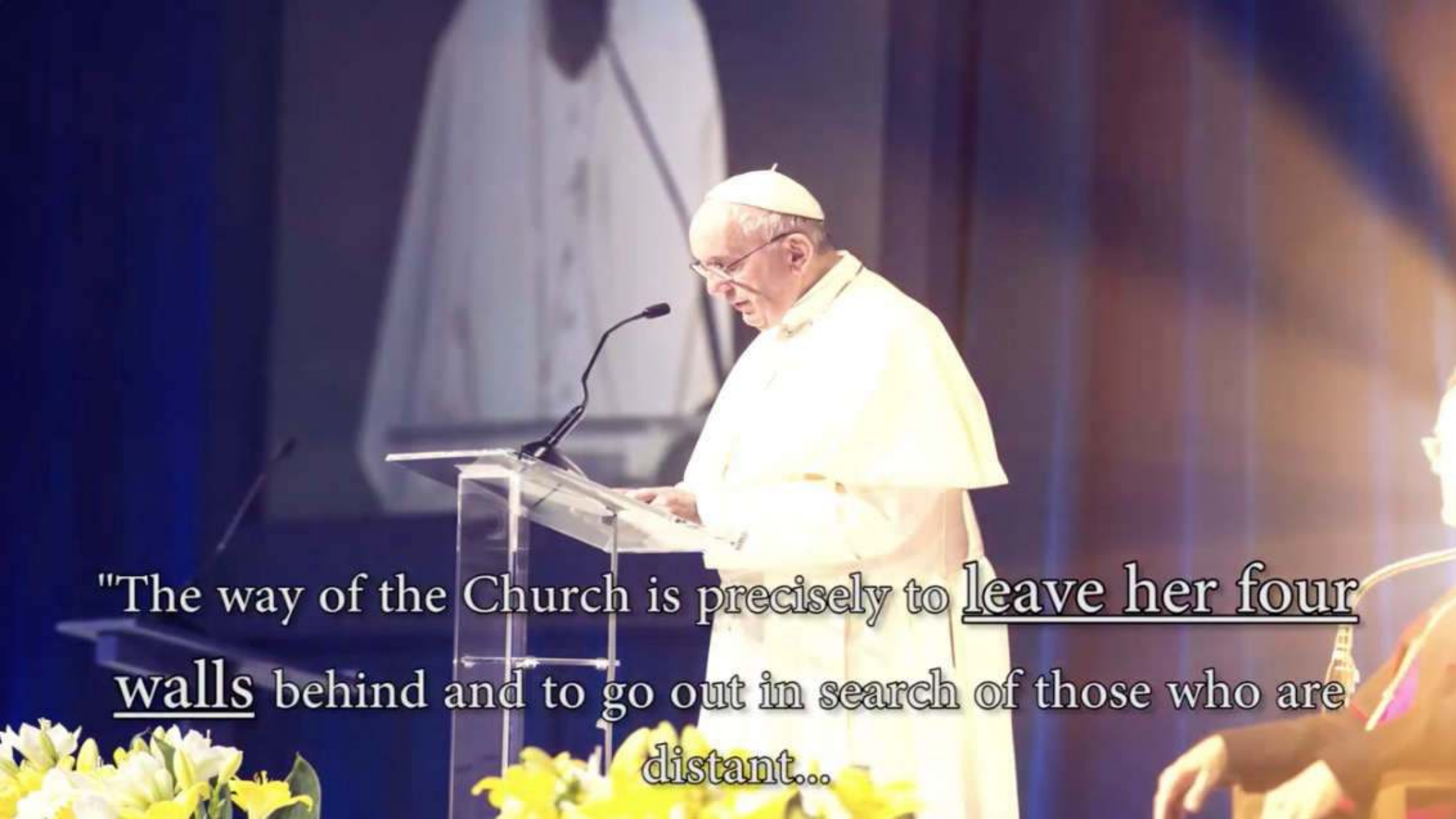


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CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH, TOKYO – OCT 2, 2022

A photograph of Pope Francis speaking at a clear acrylic podium. He is wearing his white papal attire, including a zucchetto and glasses. He is looking down at a book on the podium. The background is a dark blue stage with a large, faint image of a religious figure. In the foreground, there are yellow flowers.

"The way of the Church is precisely to leave her four walls behind and to go out in search of those who are distant..."

A photograph of Pope Francis speaking at a wooden podium. He is wearing his white papal attire and glasses, with his mouth open as if in the middle of a speech. His right hand is raised near his face, and a microphone is positioned in front of him. The background is blurred, showing an indoor setting with large windows.

**When the Church
is closed off, it gets sick.**

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**LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER
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PASTORAL VISIT OF
CARDINAL FERNANDO FILONI,
PREFECT OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THE
EVANGELISATION OF PEOPLES***
(17-26 September)

Dear brothers in the episcopate,

The pastoral visit of the Prefect of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples offers me the opportunity to convey to you my cordial greeting, recalling our meeting during your *ad Limina* visit in March 2015.

I wish to confide to you that, every time I think of the Church in Japan, my thoughts turn to the witness of the many martyrs who offered their life for the faith. They have always had a special place in my heart: I think of Saint Paul Miki and his companions, who were sacrificed in 1597, faithful to Christ and to the Church; I think of the innumerable confessors of the faith, of the Blessed Justus Takayama Ukon, who in the same period preferred poverty and the life of exile to abjuring the name of Jesus. And what can we say of the so-called “hidden Christians”, who from 1600 until the mid-1800s lived clandestine lives so as not to abjure, but rather to preserve their faith and whom we recently commemorated on the 150th anniversary of their discovery? The many martyrs and confessors of the faith, diverse by nationality, language, social class and age, have in common a profound love for the Son of God, renouncing their civil status or other aspects of their social condition, “in order that [they] may gain Christ” (*Phil 3: 8*).

Remembering such a spiritual heritage, it is dear to me to address you, Brothers who have inherited and with such delicate care continue the task of evangelisation, especially taking care of the weakest and favouring their integration in the communities of the faithful of various origins. I wish to thank you for this, and also for your commitment in cultural development, interreligious dialogue and care for creation. I wish, in particular, to reflect with you on the missionary effort of the Church in Japan. If “the Church was born catholic, that is to say she was born ‘outward-bound’, that she was born missionary” (General Audience, 17.9.2014). Indeed, “the love of Christ controls us” (2 *Cor 5: 14*),

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教皇フランシスコ、日本の教会への親書
福音宣教省長官、フィローニ枢機卿来日に際して

親愛なる、兄弟である司教の皆さん、

福音宣教省長官の司牧訪問は、わたしの心からのごあいさつを皆さんに届けるよい機会を与えてくれました。2015年3月の「アド・リミナ（教皇庁定期訪問）」の際の皆さんとの出会いは鮮やかに記憶に残っております。

日本の教会について考える度に、わたしの思いは信仰のためにそのいのちをささげた多くの殉教者たちに向かいます。日本の殉教者たちはいつもわたしの心の中に特別な位置を占めております。1597年、キリストにあくまでも忠実に従った他の殉教者たちとともにそのいのちをささげた聖パウロ三木、多くの証聖者たち（信仰のあかしびと）【証聖者とは？】、さらに、同じころイエスの名を拒否することよりも、貧しさと国外追放を選びとった福者ユスト高山右近などのことをわたしは思っています。またさらに1600年から1800年代中ころまで、キリストを否定することなくその信仰を密かに守り抜いた、いわゆる「隠れキリシタン」はどうでしょう。ついこの間、わたしたちは信徒発見150周年を記念したばかりです。国籍も社会階級も年齢も異なる多くの殉教者や証聖者たちは、皆同様に神の御子への深い愛をもっていました。社会的な地位も何もかも、ただ「キリストを得るため」（フィリピ3・8）に捨て去ったのです。

兄弟の皆さん、わたしは数多くの霊的遺産に思いをはせながら、それらの遺産を受け継ぎ福音宣教に専心し、とくに弱い人々の世話に励み、さまざまな国々から来ている信者たちが日本へ融和するよう助けている皆さんを大切に思っています。文化の発展や諸宗教対話、また自然環境保全などに対する皆さんの働きにも感謝いたします。日本の教会がもつ福音宣教の使命についてともに考えてみたいと思います。「教会はその起源から普遍（カトリック）であり、『出掛けて行き』、宣教する存在です」（2014年9月17日、教皇、一般謁見演説）。事実、「キリストの愛」は福音のためにいのちをささげるよう、わたしたちを後押しします（二コリント5・14参照）。このダイナミックな傾向は宣教熱のないところでは死んでしまいます。ですから、「いのちは与えることで強め

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