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Food for Thought

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Two thirds of the Catholics in the world live outside Europe and North America. At the dawn of the 20th century there were 266 million Catholics in the world, concentrated in Europe and North America. Just a century later, there were 1.1 billion Catholics in the world, with two-thirds living in the global south. The projection is that by 2050, three quarters of all Catholics will reside in the Southern hemisphere.

Is Toronto the most multicultural archdiocese in the world?
40% — Catholics in Toronto born outside the country
37.6% — Toronto’s share of Canada’s Catholic immigrants
721,065 — number of immigrant Catholics in the Greater Toronto Area.
Filipinos are the top new group.
36 languages — Mass is offered every Sunday.

Wisdom is often discovered at the edge of familiar worlds. As we cross boundaries and engage with other people and other worlds we carry some wisdom with us and share some of their wisdom. Wisdom-exchange is intrinsic to mission. The more we encounter people different from ourselves, the more we will be enriched. The more we respond to people different from ourselves the more we will be surprised by the many faces of God.

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Mission involves a certain self-emptying in order to identify with those to whom we are sent. Become Black with the Blacks. Don’t form them according to European ways. Leave them what belongs to them.

Francis Libermann CSSp