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Pope Francis

Dear Columban Friend,

**'Priests should be shepherds living with the smell of the sheep',
Pope Francis**

Columban Fr Leo Donnelly SSC from Ballarat worked and lived with the people in Peru for over 50 years. He died peacefully on the 4th February, 2014.

In the homily at Fr Leo's funeral, Columban Fr John Hegerty, said, "Leo wore 'the smell of the sheep', be it the sacristan or the mayor, the catechist or those who attended him in the parish house or the hospital."

With your support Columbans will be able to fulfill the message of Pope Francis to be shepherds living with the smell of the sheep.

There are many Columbans like Fr Leo who work tirelessly with the poor and suffering. In Taiwan, Fr Peter O'Neill SSC works with victims of labour trafficking, who are given shelter and assisted with legal advice. In the Philippines, Fr Dan O'Malley SSC, provides daily assistance to the poor through many outreach programs in the Malate parish, Manila.

We ask you to remember all Columbans in your prayers. In particular, Fr Leo, who in the last few days of his life was moved from the comfort of the Columban House, to a crowded clinic, where he died in a public ward with 30 other patients. He lived to the last drop his priestly missionary ministry with and as one of his adopted people.

We seek to raise much needed funds through our Mid-Year Appeal.

To make a donation to the Mid-Year Appeal, please return the coupon below. Your donation will be put to work by Columbans reaching out to those in need.

We thank you once again for your concern and care and reaching out to those in need.

With every blessing

Fr. Gary Walker
Regional Director - Australia/New Zealand Region



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