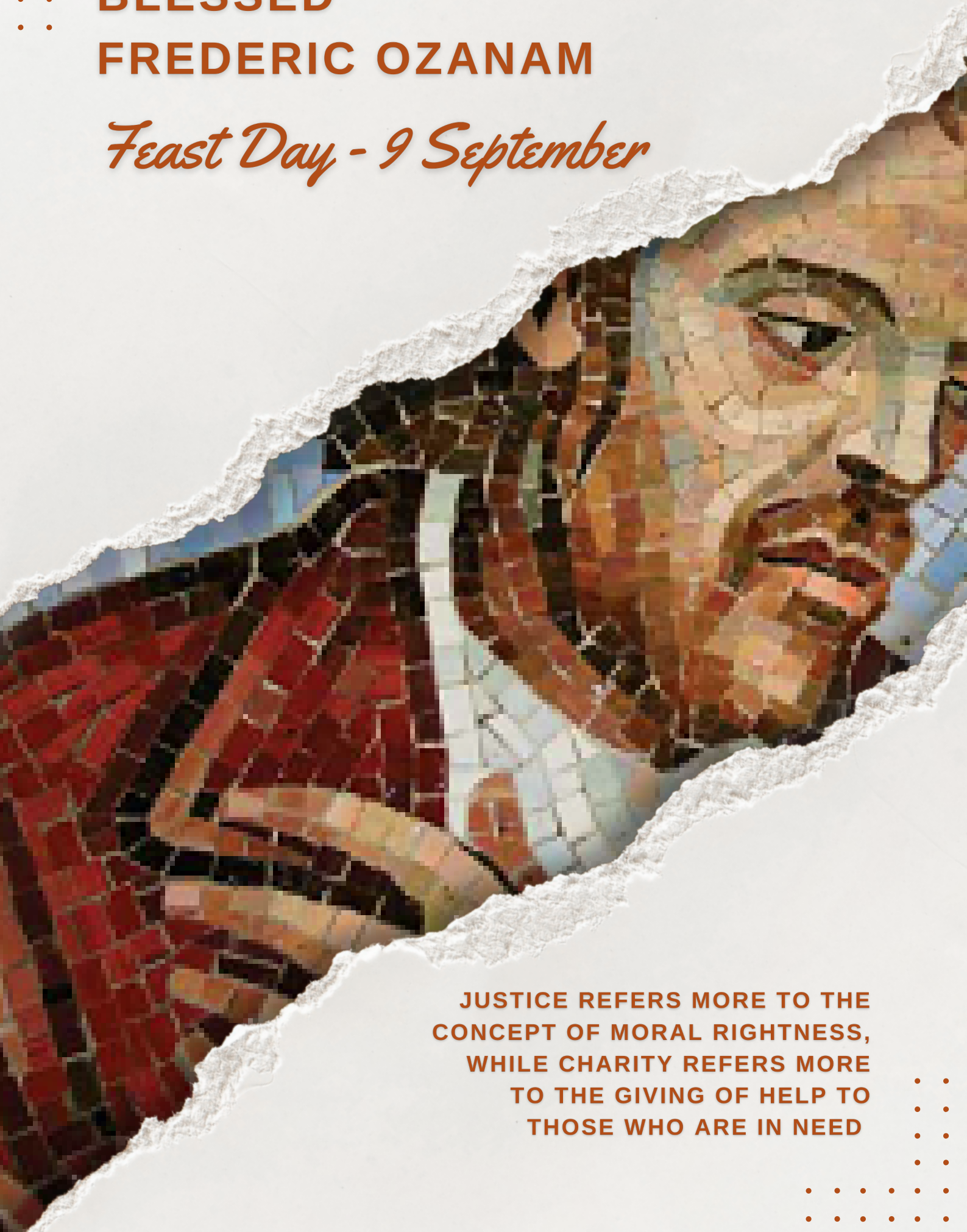


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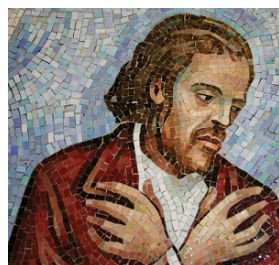
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Charity is the Samaritan who pours oil on the wounds of the traveler who has been attacked. It is justice's role to prevent the attack. The problem which divides people today is not a political problem; it is a social one. It is a matter of knowing which will get the upper hand: the spirit of selfishness or the spirit of sacrifice; whether society will go for ever-increasing enjoyment and profit, or for everyone devoting themselves to the common good. Many people have too much and still want more. Others do not have enough, or do not have anything at all, and they want to take by force what is not being given to them. A war is threatening between these two groups.

The order of society is based on two virtues: justice and charity. However, justice presupposes that one already has a large portion of love already, for one needs to love others a great deal in order to respect their rights and liberty. One means of salvation remains to us; that is, that Christians, in the name of love, interpose between the camps of the rich and poor, passing like beneficent deserters from one to the other, communicating mutual charity to all; until this charity, paralyzing and stifling the egotism of both parties, and every day lessening their strong hostility towards each other, shall bid the two camps arise and break down the barriers of prejudice, and cast aside their weapons of anger and march forth to meet each other, not to fight but to mingle together in one embrace, so that they may form but one fold under one Pastor.

(Blessed Frederic Ozanam)



Justice refers more to the concept of moral rightness, while Charity refers more to the giving of help to those who are in need