

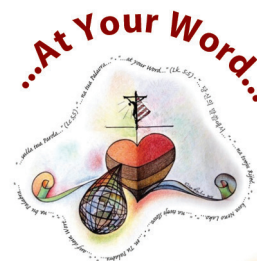
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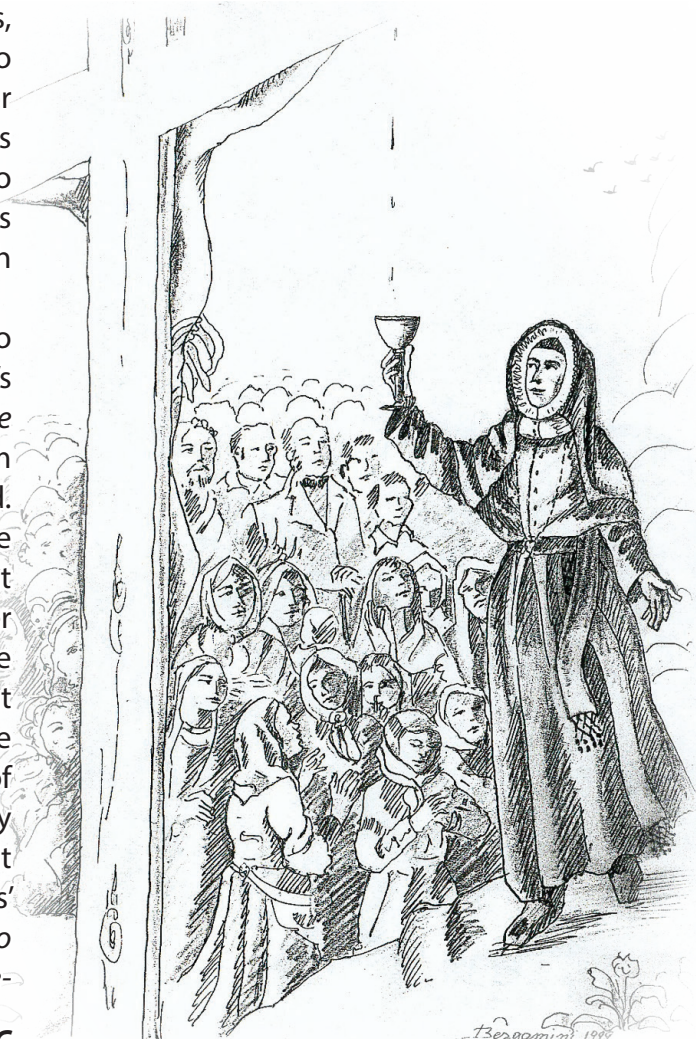
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The Cry of the Blood

When we entered into this pandemic crisis, we immediately wondered what we could do to deal with the ban on leaving our homes for infection control. As believers and, even more as Adorers, how could we remain near the people to support them in a time when physical contact has stopped? How can we help to continue nourish our faith?

The charism of St. Maria De Mattias, who was called to be a credible witness of God's tender love, does not change, and *the cry of the blood*, which at this peculiar time is rising from humanity, cannot remain unheard, unexpected. The creativity of charity in every part of the Congregation has given rise to simple but concrete endeavors which, supported by prayer and intercession for suffering humanity, have become a sign and seed of hope. It is said that hard times brings out the best in us. In this issue of the newsletter, you will find the experiences of various realities of the Congregation. What they have in common is the single desire, a single spirit – that of charity, of sharing the Mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection *which gives meaning to human suffering and makes it liberating and life-giving.*

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC



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A Special Gift

This time of crisis has forced all of us to stop. Therefore, the ministry programs and calendars have been blocked for the General Administration. A gradual stoppage, which, with the various notes from the government, changed the daily life of the community: from prayer to kitchen to cleaning to ways of working. The new daily routine allows us to experience collaboration and service, letting us deepen our knowledge of each other and discover new potentials.

"I stay at home" is the slogan that goes with us and certainly limits our movements, but not those of the heart. In fact, during these weeks, along with our offering of prayer for the suffering of the world, the community of the generalate has gotten organized with the St. Egidio Community to help the poor of the neighborhood. Each Thursday and Sunday, the Sisters take turns preparing a bountiful supply of sandwiches to be distributed among the homeless of the area. Many Adorers in community are keeping contact by phone with the elderly women who usually attend our church and with others we know are in this situation. For some it was necessary to buy their medicine, for others, doing their shopping.

Our days of Lent prior to Holy Week were spent attending the Eucharist on TV with Pope Francis at St. Martha's church and our afternoons with adoration. In a totally special way, this year Easter has become even more an occasion to express our mutual gratitude for the gift of life which the Lord renews in the celebration of the mystery of death and resurrection.

The truest sign of this paschal experience is that the suffering and precariousness of this situation called us to perform actions of solidarity.

The number of people knocking on the door to ask for a hot meal has been increasing during recent weeks, letting us know that many people cannot go shopping. The community decided to provide for these families. Thus, the General Administration and the members of the international community decided to use the money usually used for Easter gifts to offer the needy what they need. The exchange of gifts done with some friends, clergy and our personnel was converted to buying food for the families that had been reported to us. All the normal recipients of gifts received a card communicating the initiative realized also thanks to their contributions.

Each morning, during Holy Week, the community that usually gathered for the liturgy of Lauds and the Mass experienced a process of preparation for Easter, thanks to Sr. Nadia's creativity. This made the remembering of activities alive through signs in order to renew the mystery of Christ in our daily lives that calls us to transformation. Some of the signs were: the gospel of Mary Magdalen washing Jesus' feet and anointing them with perfumed oil, Judas' betrayal, Jesus' offering at the Last Supper, the gathering of the drops of our blood and that of humanity, prayer of intercession for unity, Jesus' passion and adoration of the cross, Jesus' tomb during the silence of Saturday and the lighting of the light of hope.

"Jesus is risen!" is Mary Magdalen's news to the apostles. It is the cry of all of us who, like the disciples locked in the cenacle, await the manifestation of the Risen One in signs of transformation of the heart: healing, reconciliation, peace and hope. The clarity of Pope Francis' messages already let us see the light and splendor of the resurrection, even though our lives are still punctuated by the numbers of new cases of coronavirus, deaths and recoveries from the disease.

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC



Trusting in God and in Solidarity with our Brothers and Sisters

At this time when all of us throughout the world are united by fears of sickness and death, pain and helplessness, we see that, despite the abandonment by the heads of government and lack of awareness of the commitment for life, the two foundations of our Christian life are the love of God, expressed in the various forms of prayer that many people have been using and continue to do so, and the love for our brothers and sisters, shown through the various acts of solidarity.

We Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Amazonia are responding to the needs of the needy through the "Puxirum Amazônico," which is a solidarity campaign promoted by the Archdiocese of Manaus through Caritas, Ministry for the Homeless, Migrant Ministry and the Brazilian Conference of Religious (BCR) which is gathering donations of food and cleaning supplies for personal hygiene and laundry. In addition to the donations given as a community, each Sister has also given personally.

Other communities of the Region have donated needed materials through their parishes and schools. To avoid the risk of infection, it was also necessary to suspend the contracts of our workers, but without

cutting their pay. We continue to do the work they usually did. While the government suspended the contracts of the teachers in the public schools, in the schools run by the Sisters, only the work hours have been reduced.

Through telephone and social media the Sisters are available to listen to the people and offer words of encouragement and hope. Those receiving this help are very grateful because many times, it is precisely at the time when they need this support that the contact is made!

Our entire Region is united in prayer for the Church and the world, through recitation of the rosary, a day or afternoon of adoration in the various life centers and mission centers of Para, in the regional house community, the recitation of the Blood of Christ chaplet on Fridays and through Facebook and other social media channels. Dear Sisters, we are sure that the merciful Father is continuing to take care of us, His daughters and sons. Through the help we offer, solidarity, the people can experience the Father's merciful love.

The Blood of Christ is all our hope!

Sr. Ana Jerusa de Castro Feitosa, ASC

The Easter Moon and the Virus Journey

The Easter moon did not want to show itself brightly,
during times of the Coronavirus.

The same shining moon of the Hebrew month Nisan,
which one night led the three Marys
and showed them the stone removed from the tomb
and the glorious face of the Risen One,
did not want to appear in 2020,
on the face of the earth.

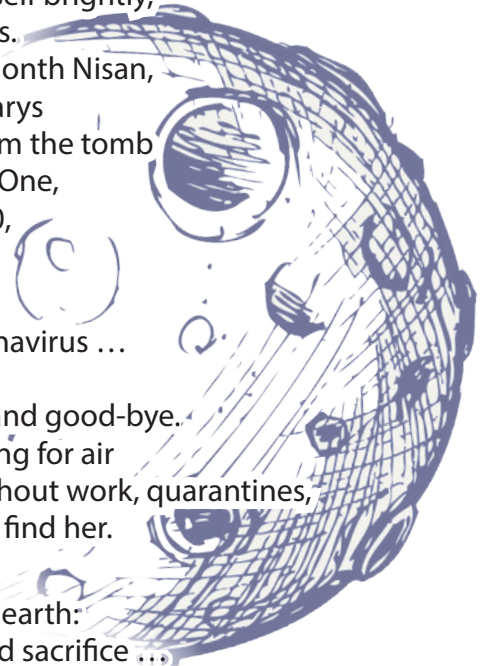
As it circled, with dark eyes,
and saw the consequences of the Coronavirus ...
it looked down, saddened.

Dead bodies in a shallow grave, only tears and good-bye.
Hospitals filled, suffering faces searching for air
You saw the closed churches, you saw the people without work, quarantines,
You searched for Veronica and did not find her.
And the moon did not shine.

Meanwhile it heard voices from the earth:
Healthy people, and so much good will and sacrifice ...

Many people of faith shouting,
All this will pass away. LIFE HAS A PLACE.
Science, hope will conquer.
And you, Easter moon, again,
You're going to shine again.

Sr. Marília Menezes, ASC



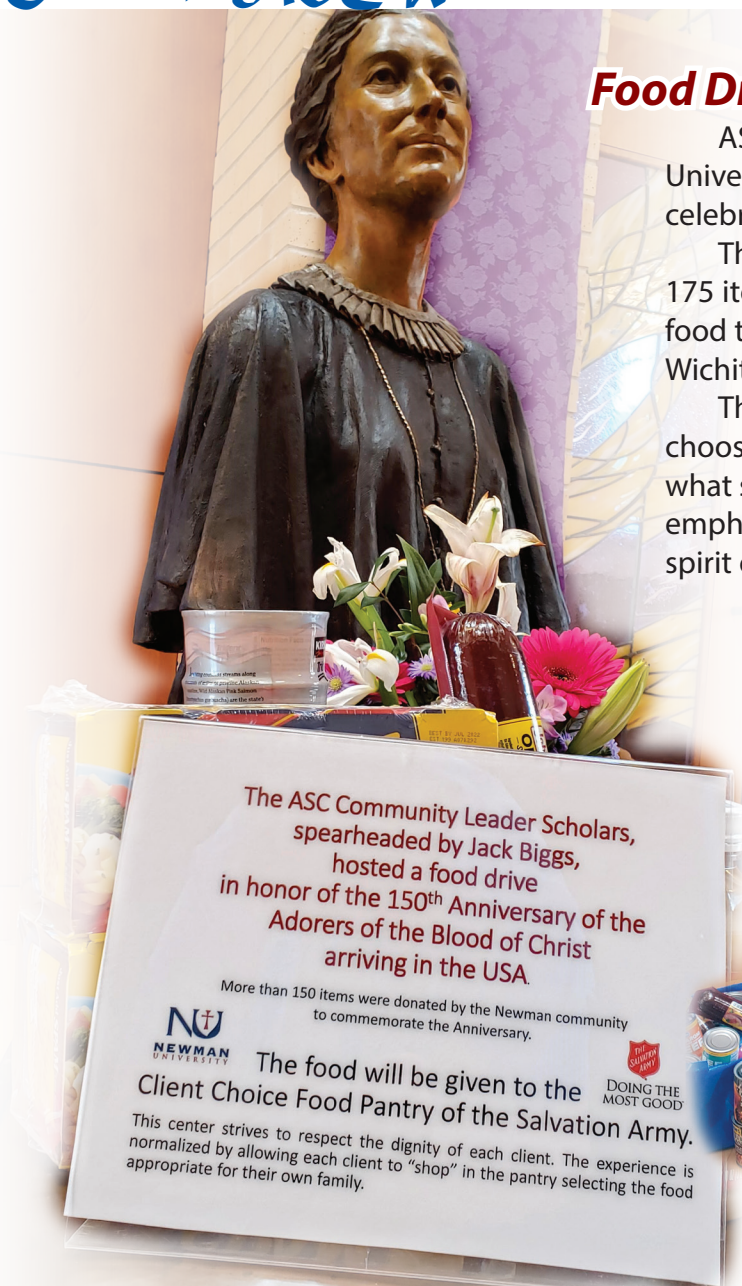
Food Drive

ASC Community Leader Scholars, Newman University, had planned to collect 150 food items to celebrate the Adorers' 150 years in the U.S.

They exceeded their goal, however, with more than 175 items collected in the outreach. They donated the food to Client Choice Food Pantry of Salvation Army in Wichita.

The organization allows clients to come and choose their own food items rather than accepting what someone has selected and bagged for them. This emphasis on client choice reflects Maria de Mattias' spirit of focusing on the needs of the individual.

Sr. Diana Rawlings, ASC



Masks Made by ASCs

The Sisters in Wichita have been busy making masks for health care co-workers and others during the coronavirus crisis. To date, the Sisters have made more than 150 masks.

Some, but not all, of the masks have been made to include a slot for special filters that give added protection.

They have made them for Caritas, Villa Maria and Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice.

The Sisters are still making masks to keep these three places supplied.

Sr. Diana Rawlings, ASC



Empty Streets

Streets are empty
Parks are chained
Stores shuttered
and doors shut

A lonely dog walking his man
Birds circle around in the sky
in silence
searching for people
and their crumbs.
Clouds hang low and heavy.
Streets unusually clean
a slight breeze sways the tree limbs.

Traffic lights
slowly changing
Green to yellow to red to green to yellow,
signaling to
No one.
An eerie silence,
an eerie sight.

Is it Chernobyl?
Is it war?
Repression?
Persecution?
Fear?
Caution?
Precaution?

Is it a dream,
A movie?

It is Coronavirus!



Sr. Marcia Kruse, ASC



Frontliners of Faith

It was towards the end of 2019 when the outbreak of N-corona virus started to kill many in Wuhan, China. The news brought worry to the whole world, but the impact of its implication was not yet felt. February of 2020, Italy's cases surge to thousands, news of death especially of priests was all over. The world became alarmed.

In the beginning of March, cases were confirmed in the Philippines. The Philippine government immediately acted on measures to prevent the spread of the disease. Fear is felt everywhere. Community quarantines were ordered, from a simple quarantine, to enhanced, to extreme. Only one person from each family is allowed to go out and provide for basic needs, all establishments are closed except for those related to basic necessities. Social distancing is strictly observed.

Despite the preventive measures, numbers of afflicted are increasing day after day. Doctors die in service, a lot more are infected. It is the time when discernment is not anymore needed. St. Maria De Mattias Mission Clinic is a place where sick people can go for refuge especially when hospitals are more focused on the Covid 19 cases. Fear and care for families kept the collaborators at home for their safety.

As long as there are doctors committed to save lives, the Mission clinic will continue its operation with the 3 Adorers as its frontliners. It was not an extraordinary move, it was not even a fruit of a long discernment. We just find ourselves united in a natural response of being Adorers who heard the cry of the blood.

It is a risk for we never will know if one of our patients is infected with the virus, but risk is a path which St. Maria De Mattias took a lot of times to collaborate with Christ in His work of redemption. Risk is our path too, but in taking this risk, we are also in the stance of protecting ourselves with necessary precautions to be as safe as possible. We cannot stop living out our charism and spirituality especially in times when it is most needed. We only die once; what matters is how we lived.

We are blessed that daily Eucharistic celebration is held in our chapel as Masses in parishes are suspended. We are blessed that the tasks for the coming Holy Week celebration is given to us Religious in our parish for the online viewing of the people. "Frontliners," this is our identity, not only in witnessing our faith but acting on it. We are the frontliners of Christ, vaccinated with His precious Blood according to Pope Francis.

We continue to be united in prayers for the healing of the world. We, Adorers, continue to be frontliners of the Church in our own little ways; in our own given realities and circumstances.

Keep safe everyone.

Sr. Flor Manga, ASC



To the Least of my Brethren...

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in time of trouble.” I firmly believe COVID -19 has taken all of us a flight to God for the cleansing power. Without cost, without rest as an alert Adorer to be washed in the in the Blood of lamb. Though we are corrupted yet purchased by the precious Blood of Jesus. **“Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.”** (Ps.46:1-2).

We were confounded for a while as the Corona outbreak made the global scenario more complex. While the world faced many challenges add to the epidemic, the recent virus outbreak in China has claimed numerous lives.

We wasted no time. In full swing we reached out to God on our knee and pleaded to heal the world with peace. God whispered, “Ask and keep on asking, seek and keep on seeking, knock and keep on knocking.” Yes, we never gave up our prayer, we gladly armed ourselves with Rosaries, continuous Adoration, the Chaplet of the Precious Blood and Divine Mercy, Stations of the Cross daily, sacrifices, almsgiving, ejaculatory prayers, lighting the lamp in the dark world on 5th April at 9 pm, online Eucharist, movies on Saints. These spiritual exercises helped us to be women at the cross like Maria De Mattias, and turn, to be a dear neighbor to our sisters and brothers who are dying and grieving for their beloved ones. Being thankful to the Lord for the life that God has given us and his continued protection.

As our mission we responded to the cry of humanity around us with intercessory prayers, especially praying for the tireless work of doctors, nurses, polices and public, who render their service tirelessly at their risk.

As Adorers we tried to reach out to the poor, the lonely, and marginalized by providing food in parcels, provisions, masks, hand sanitizer, and providing necessary things of daily life to different slum areas and to the Parishes, individual families and

construction workers who are held in the campuses, due to Covid -19 and lock down, risking our own lives in spite of dangerous situations. **“Whenever you did this to one of the least of my sisters and brothers, you did it to me.”** (Mt:25/40)

We also reached out to the needy and lonely, by contacting them through medias like phone calls, SMS through which we could console and assure our closeness in this moment of pandemic, uncertainties and sufferings.

“Nothing is impossible with GOD,” “A seed of faith can move mountains.” Yes, trusting in the power of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, we believe and experienced deeply the grace of God. God who is ever merciful who walked with and lead many prophets like Moses, David and Ezekiel, will also walk with us in all our strength and weaknesses, especially at this dark moment, with the hope of the resurrected Christ. Mary, our Mother, intercede and protect us!

Sr. Jaya Sentile Mary, ASC



Prison in the Heart

During this time of lockdown when visits to the detainees at the Rebibbia prison a place I have served as a volunteer for a number of years are impossible. I cannot keep my thoughts "staying at home." "Knocking down" walls and iron bars, and "shattering" bans, I continually run to them, people deprived of every comfort, of everything that could make their days less gray, cold and dark, the restrictions imposed by the terrible pandemic less burdensome.

Try to imagine what it would mean to hear it said that this coronavirus could become deadly and not have anyone to comfort them, reassure them. Think about what it would mean to hear that physical and private dialogues and even packages coming from family are cancelled, to have a life with few relationships and see all the volunteers "disappear," suddenly no longer authorized to enter the prison. Think of the few opportunities of formation gone and suddenly having to fill the days with nothing and fear.

I certainly do not justify what is happening in the prisons, but I would invite each of you to put yourselves in the prisoners' shoes in order to understand the desperation, the fear that is behind certain actions. To think that they might act sensibly is just an illusion. You just lose your mind. The desire to be done with life becomes the only solution, the only way out. In a locked place like a prison, where everything is bullet-proof and under security, where the restrictions adopted to contain the pandemic do away with any relationship with the outside, where even the mind is forbidden to roam freely and the heart to beat, desperation occupies their entire day.



One horrifying, surreal scene I imagine today in that place that is so dear to me but unknown to the many and abandoned by everyone, in first place by the institutions that should have expressed their closeness in the darkest time of their families and do all they could to help them to shed light on this endless drama.

"I am at home" is the mantra of these days. Yes, I, too, am at home, but my thoughts go to the families who are worried, if not desperate, for the safety of their dear ones. I try to express my nearness with my phone calls and messages and reassure them with words of comfort and hope, that "everything will be all right." Finally, I implore the power of the Blood of Christ upon my detained brothers and beg the Lord to go and comfort them in my place. And the miracle happens.

They reassure me by email, "Dear Sr. Emma, I recommend you take care of yourself and know that we all need you and your support, because, for the little ones, you are the hope that makes our hearts light." And in another, "Who knows, perhaps one day I will get out, I will look at myself without a grudge and I will feel capable of finding reasons to continue living again and know in my punishment the forgiveness God wanted to give me."



Sr. Emma Zordan, ASC

Message from the Postulants

Dear ASC Sisters,

In this particular time for everyone, during this particular Lent for us Christians, we felt the desire to write you. In spite of everything, this time is a time of grace and salvation.

We are fine, thanks be to God. We admit we are suffering a bit keeping our distance. But we feel close through prayer and we thank you for this.

We want to be near you with this little thought.

We are becoming ever more aware of how important relationships are and how fundamental it is to live the Paschal Mystery in our daily lives. Each day it is possible, together with Him, to go through death and rise again. It is possible! Christ makes us able to live as risen women!

We are experiencing that the more we fill our hearts with this hope, the more we will be able to give it through simple phone calls, messages or an Instagram post (for those who use it!), shortening the distances.

We just began Holy Week and our community is preparing to live the Triduum. Palm Sunday we watched the Mass celebrated by Pope Francis. His invitation during the homily struck us: "During these holy days at home, let us be before the Crucified One, the measure of God's love for us. Before the God we serve to the point of giving our lives, let us ask for the grace to live to serve."

We heard the words of our Foundress, the apostle of Crucified Love, in these words.

We hope we can live this Easter Resurrection, though different in the way it is done, but nonetheless in great depth!

We are sending a hug that goes beyond any national boundary!



Bari, Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7, 2020

**Federica e Marika,
ASC postulants of the Italian Region**

Our World is Sick

*Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you,
everything passes.*

God does not change, with patience everything is possible.

Those who love God need nothing.

God alone is enough.

Saint Teresa of Jesus

The reality we are experiencing at this time is very worrisome. We are all suffering, some from illness, others from the consequences.

The situation in Spain is very troubling; many people are dying and family members are suffering because they cannot be with their loved ones in their final moments. At times, they do not even know where they are being taken. It is a very upsetting, concerning and painful reality. Like everyone else, we are locked in our house, not a very pleasant situation, but we are trying to be near others by remembering those suffering directly from the disease and their families in our prayers.

In our neighborhood of Extremadura, it seems the data about the infected and the deceased are going down. The Sisters in Castuera are very near to the elderly in the Retirement Home. The home has been closed since the first moment we received the news that lockdown was urgent because of the risk of infection from coronavirus.

Family members understood the situation

and stopped going to visit. Now no outsiders can enter the home. Each day Sr. Isabel gets the elderly in contact with their family members through video calls. They are very happy. Thanks be to God everyone is fine. We are living in fear, but trusting that the Lord will always be with us.

The personnel working there, 10 women and 3 men, live with the elderly. They are all young, but very responsible. The community offered them a place to sleep and they are truly very dear. We Sisters are with them to encourage them with our words, prayers and in whatever is possible for us to do, giving them a hand in their needs. This is a way to be near, not just to the elderly, but also to the workers who have put their lives in service to the people in need.

We are happy and we thank the Lord because, even though the situation is very painful, there is much solidarity. The human heart knows how to love.

Sr. Francisca Lafuente Hidalgo, ASC

Region of Schaun

Corona in St. Anna, Steinerberg

Actually we are two sisters here in Steinerberg, S. Edigna (95) and S. Johanna (77). Both of us belong to the group of persons in special risk. We live and serve in the nursing home of St. Anna. For the last three weeks, the home is locked down. Our residents cannot leave the house and no visitors can enter. We share this restrictive situation with our residents, trying to assist them by listening, praying and sharing. Until now everybody is doing well. We are lucky to have the possibility to celebrate Eucharist, because our priest is living in the house and doesn't have to come from outside.

At this moment (April 1, 2020), we two and the priest are in quarantine. One of the nurses had to undergo a test, and it was positive. This

means that all the persons with whom the nurse was in contact have to stay in their rooms for 10 days. This is especially hard, because Holy Week and Easter is at the door. It means that we cannot just celebrate the paschal mystery, but we have to live it.

We see also, how much this pandemic situation is changing our society and world. More essential values of human life are surfacing, like solidarity, helpfulness, reconciliation, respect between young and old... NEW LIFE – RESURRECTION!

Sr. Johanna Rubin, ASC

With the Sisters of Schaan During the Coronavirus!

As in most places in the world, all events, meetings and also all church services were cancelled in our regional house in Schaan. Almost all the sisters in our region belong to the risk group with regard to an infection with the Coronavirus. So we first try to protect our own sisters from an infection with all the necessary measures.

For example, we started to offer the sisters once a week exercises for the body in order to remain healthy and movable in this lockdown situation.

On Sundays we participate in the services offered on television and project them onto a big screen in the chapel. In this way we can all pray and sing together in the chapel. As a community with elderly members, we see our main task during this terrible pandemic in daily prayer for the affected people all over the world, for the doctors and nurses who are doing incredible things during these weeks, and for the researchers and scientists who are working on vaccines or protective medication at high pressure. Whenever possible, we also maintain contact with people who we know are in particular need.

As a community in Schaan, we have chosen to give a small sign of solidarity with the people in this difficult situation. Since all Easter services this year, including the one on Palm Sunday, are cancelled, we will bring blessed palm branches to the people in our country who otherwise regularly come to the services in our chapel, in front of the doors of their houses and apartments. On Palm Sunday, the younger sisters will set out by bicycle and on foot to bring peace, joy and God's blessing into the families with the palm branches.

Together with our collaborators we will revise and adapt the already prepared services for Holy Week and Easter to send them by mail or email to many people, who normally participate on the services in our chapel, to associates and friends of our community.

Sr. Elisabeth Müller, ASC



Sr. Bärbl Aichele is working in the parish and contributes the following from her perspective:

The Corona pandemic has turned everything upside down. From one day to the next, all services and church events in the parish had to be cancelled, even over the Easter holidays. First Communion and Confirmation had to be cancelled, until now indefinitely.

For me, since I am responsible for the parish, this means that I make sure that our parishioners are always informed about the latest directives from the bishop. It is important that they learn that they are not alone, even though we cannot celebrate services together and are not allowed to visit anyone. Our church may still remain open; so people can come to the church at any time for a personal prayer or to light a candle. I printed various "Prayers in the Corona Crisis" which can be taken home. People come and write down their prayers in the book of intercession. During the day the big Easter candle burns in the church, a sign that Jesus, the light, is with us even in these dark times. Also for the Holy Week and Easter we decorated the church according to the day; the big cross on Good Friday and then flowers and an Easter candle for Easter. I believe that especially at this time these signs speak more for themselves.

In these weeks I have planned to call people from our parish to let them experience that there is someone with an open ear and heart for them. For the people it is also a help if they know that they can call in the parish at any time with their worries and fears. I can hear how good it is for the people when I say that we support them in prayer, that prayer connects us with each other. And people appreciate this very much and are happy about it.

Sr. Bärbl Aichele, ASC



Time for Special Spiritual Retreat

In these days we experience strongly that the hope we place in Christ is our strength. The time we live in can be defined as a time of special spiritual retreat. We are committed to respond to the call of the Holy Father Francis and the bishops. In response to the call of the Church in Poland, as a gesture of solidarity with Italy and Germany, we have joined in common prayer and recommending the needs of the whole world.

Ordinary Archbishop Jozef Kupny of Wrocław has asked that the Fifth Sunday of Lent be a Sunday of adoration, asking for an end to the coronavirus pandemic in the world. Above all, we accompany Sister Jolanta Chojnowska with prayer and heart, who as a doctor works in the hospital and with sacrifice helps the infected people. We pray for all the doctors, nurses, police, army and all those involved in the fight against the pandemic.

We are involved in many ministries in compliance with safety standards: we help homeless people who come to us, there is a canteen in Żagań and we give several hot meals to the poor. Also in the Social Care Home for the Elderly in Grójec, the recommendations of the authorities

regarding visits of relatives are observed, the sisters with the co-workers take measures and thanks be to God no one got sick yet. The sisters continue their work in the parish office and in the sacristies because the churches are still open (only 5 people can attend Mass). All educational institutions are closed and therefore the catechist sisters transmit the materials to be studied online to their students. Sr Lucja Lis as a psychologist serves people who are in therapy over the phone, giving them psychological support. It helps them to deal with problems that already exist and those that have emerged because of the current reality.

In Belarus, where our sisters work, schools and other institutions are still functioning, although there are already coronavirus deaths. Despite the lack of special recommendations, the Sisters comply with safety standards when dealing with children. They plan to break off the meetings with the children and young people as soon as possible.

Thank God we weren't personally affected by this virus. The sisters who have returned from abroad are in quarantine and are respecting it. We try to live quite normally. Some Adorers go out for daily shopping, the main marketing is done over the phone. We observe the recommendations and do not leave home unnecessarily. Every day at 8.30 p.m. we unite with all Poland to pray the rosary and a special prayer for this time asking for the end of the pandemic.

We ask that faith in God and interpersonal relationships be revived in people's hearts, because we place our hope in God not only in these difficult experiences. Let us pray for all who have died from the coronavirus receive eternal life from the Savior and obtain eternal joy. We entrust to the Blessed Mother all the sick, our communities, our Congregation, and the Universal Church. May the Blood of Christ become a blessing for that, heal our wounds, comfort us in our worries, protect us from danger and truly make us witnesses of Jesus obedient to death.

Sr. Elżbieta Kurnatowska, ASC

Lock down!
YOU?



Quarantine!
Him/her?

Them?

Empty roads, silent parks, closed clubs shuttered shops. Every corner of the world is lonely, silent, fearful, anxious, no noises are heard, no traffic and no pollution. *Where are we?*

All the other creatures of the world are happy, pleasant, relaxed. Birds fly higher and higher, sun shines brighter and brighter, animals jump up and down, flowers are blossoming... everything is in its own rhythm, because they breathe well, have no fear, no hunters, no enemies. All of those are locked down in their houses or hospitals.

I remember a poem, which expresses the cruelty which people do to God's creation. Men and women, for their comfort and enjoyment and as the ornaments for their homes, have caged pretty birds, glassed in lovely fishes and chained dogs or other animals according to each one's taste.

What an injustice we do the honey bee. Many bees together construct their comb and segregate sweet and tasty liquid but we chase all of them or destroy the bees and squeeze the honey combs and enjoy their hard work. We men and women are very selfish and cruel. Because of the chemicals we use abundantly bees are disappearing in some parts of the world! We are killing the biodiversity on earth. Scientists have no doubt about these facts.

Corona, a small element or a tiny creature which is not even able to be seen with the naked eye, is able lock down all of us in our homes. Where is our power? *Where is our science?* **All the science and intelligence of human beings bent down before Corona Virus.** We have no freedom to walk on the street. We need to keep distance between ever family members.

What does Corona Virus tell us today? Science, Power, money are nothing before the power of God. The Corona brings to our awareness that there is only one Almighty Power above all creatures, and also our need to surrender to God all our weapons of anger, selfishness, hatred, jealousy, pride, manipulation, possessions etc..

Since the beginning of creation, was it not a man's wrong decision to destroy the happiness of Paradise? The chosen people of Israel suffered hunger and failure only when they moved away from Gods ways. This is what science is doing today. Pride in humanity's ability to grow often leads to our destruction. Does science go the way of "resist rather than cure?" Isn't that the attitude of the fisherman catching fish? The attitude of giving up a small prey or showing a plastic fish and catching a big fish!

Jesus said that if you want to pray, go into your room and close your door. This is an opportunity for us to look at our lives and family relationship to recognize our own shortcomings and make changes; to build up joy, love, fun and unity among the members of our family; to identify and fulfill the good that is done to others and to the community. May we respond positively to the evils found in society, the country, and the Church. Whatever we say, whatever pains or humiliations we may endure, let us pour out our last drop of blood toward eradicating evil. May we too be resurrected by the courage, hope and fidelity of the Risen Christ.

Sr. Rani Padayattil, ASC

General Administration Calendar



May 7: Canonical visitation to the Region of Italy begins

Birthdays: Let's celebrate life

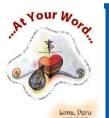
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Sr. Nancy Hanes	05/02/1950	USA
Sr. Sharon Van Horn	05/14/1950	USA
Sr. Raffaella Cotugno	05/24/1950	Italy
Sr. Emilia Pacifico	05/28/1950	Italy
Sr. Augusta Cimarelli	05/29/1950	Italy
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Sr. Maria De Cesare	05/09/1930	Italy



They have returned to their Heavenly Home

03/31/2020	Sr. Pasqualina Masciotra	Italy
04/02/2020	Sr. Mary Perpetua Gusić	USA
04/09/2020	Sr. Assuntina Iannucci	Italy
04/27/2020	Sr. Celeste Greco	Italy

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