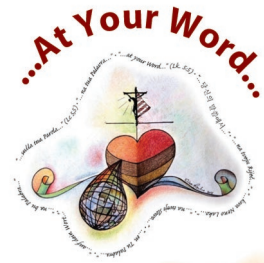


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A Special Day for ASCs



Editorial

Thursday, December 8, 2022, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, was a historic day for our congregation. Two important moments of our history were celebrated: the establishment of the first international community in the Casa Madre in Acuto and, in the afternoon, the entrance of the 9 postulants into the congregational novitiate.

The chartered bus with the novitiate community, the sisters from the generalate, some Croatian guests and the ASC delegates of the Regional Superiors arrived in Acuto on time for the 11:30 Mass with Father Oliviero Magnone, CPPS, presiding. Sister Nadia was at the entrance to the Casa Madre to welcome everyone with arms wide open, like the statue of St. Maria De Mattias at the entrance to the town. There was much excitement in the air. We have always known that the Casa Madre is the house of all of us, but today it truly became just that.

To witness to the Congregation's global reality, there are three Sisters (an Italian, an Indian and a Tanzanian) making up the international community, that reality of the Adorers that was always present in God's dream and, therefore, in Maria De Mattias' as well.

In her words of thanksgiving at the end of the celebration, Sister Nadia stated:

"On this day when we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the titular feast of this little church, we experience an important moment for our congregation: a new moment of sacred history.

We are moved and grateful for the grace of this holy time as a congregation: an international and intercultural community at the Casa Madre in Acuto.

I thank you, Fr. Oliviero, for your presence here and for the love you have for our Congregation. Your presence is a strong sign of communion that is good for us.

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I thank Fr. Fabio, pastor of Acuto, for his welcome and the openness he has shown to us –and for this new step.

Special thanks to our dear friend Augusto - the mayor of Acuto - for accepting our invitation. His presence, on behalf of the entire Acuto citizenry, reminds us of the sacred history of this place and the love the town has for our community and especially for MDM...

I thank each of you for accepting the invitation, your presence is a support.

I express words of gratitude for the sisters who are following us online, for the messages we have received and especially for the prayers supporting us.

Before sharing a few words for you - Teresina, Rani and Marta, key persons of this event, - I wish to continue to open my heart in gratitude:

- To all the sisters of the Italian Region who have lived, loved and served the Congregation by residing in the Foundation House, the place where the grace of our origins was incarnated. We thank them for their witness, for the welcome we have always experienced and above all for the simple style with which they have shared life highlighting the richness of our charismatic identity and keeping alive the missionary fire given to St. Maria De Mattias and shared with every sister in the world.*

- To those who, in a special way have lived most closely this most significant moment in our history as a Congregation welcoming this Paschal experience with faith and confident abandonment in God. This deeply moves and edifies: a great witness is given to us.*

- Every transformation generates suffering... albeit in the joy of a birth.*

- To God for the sacred story that has been embodied in this sacred place of our origins, the Foundation House of the Institute, an inspiring and inspirational place for every Adorer.*

It always moves me to remember Father John Merlini encouraging Maria to widen her gaze... beyond the small mountain town of Acuto ... because the institute would expand ... everywhere, ... he said.

Today we are here to once again reconfirm the intercultural nature of our Institute ... the worldwide embrace of our identity as Adorers. As an intercultural community, we start again from Acuto to walk toward that unity we hope for and seek, we start again from Acuto to live the inevitable transformations that history asks of us, beyond geographical and cultural affiliations. We walk together as one body.

There are ecclesial and congregational events awaiting us: the 2023 GA, the 190th Anniversary of foundation (on March 4, 2024), the 20th Anniversary

of MDM's Canonization on May 18, 2023.

These events that have encouraged us to open ourselves to the new that the Blood of Christ asks of us, return to reside in this house to continue to draw light and inspiration from it, and, in the chaos of this unique time that we live, from God's Kairos.

We thank you Teresina, Rani and Marta... for your openness to accept this ministry, the spirit of availability that is edifying all of us and the strong sense of belonging to the congregation that has become an obedient response to an invitation, to a call."

At 4:00 in the afternoon, after a joyous midday catered meal, which Sr. Monica had arranged, the group gathered again for a second important event: the entrance of the 9 young candidates into the congregational novitiate. It was a joy for them to begin in Acuto, as have many other Adorers. The ceremony included the presentation of the candidates, a reading from the call of the prophet Jeremiah commented upon by Sr. Nadia on the topic of call and vocation. The Lord calls us and never leaves us on our own.

Then there was a welcoming dialogue and the presentation of the Constitution by the respective delegates of the Regional Superiors and a Cross by the General Superior. Following the ceremony was a party with the cutting of the cake and best wishes for the beginning of the novices' journey of discipleship.

The day was characterized by lots of joy, colors, dancing and singing in the various languages and cultural traditions. Providentially, almost all of the realities of the Congregation were represented for the day: Sisters from the United States, Peru, Bolivia, and the Philippines who had come to attend the CIS seminar in Rome.

On March 4, 1834, the ASC family was born, a family that, inspired by the charity of Christ poured out on the cross, was forever called to be the sign, expression, measure and pledge of this Love for the whole human family redeemed by the Blood of Christ.



Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC

“Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace.” (Lk 2:14)



A Christmas concert was held at the Generalate on Sunday, December 11, to celebrate the birth of the Child Jesus.

Local parishioners, members of women’s and men’s religious communities and nearby parishes, as well as some local communities from the Italian Region, Acuto, the Novitiate, the Generalate and the General Administration attended the concert.

It was a moment of grace, for the cultural diversity gathered with one purpose: to glorify, worship and contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation from the identity of each language group.

Faith, enthusiasm, joy, life, gifts, talent, identity and hope were shared. A candle was also lit, and shared with all a sign that God’s presence does not remain alone within each of us, but that his light enlightens us and at the same time illuminates “those on whom God’s favor rests.”

We thank God and the General Administration for this spiritually renewing experience and especially for their service to the congregation.

“Today in the city of David a Savior has been born, who is Christ the Lord.”

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Sr. Saida Pocoata, ASC



The River of the Blood of Christ in the State of Amazonas

A Page of ASC History: 75th Anniversary of ASC presence in Amazonas

When talking about Amazonia, we are speaking about a broad region including many states in Brazil: the state of Amazonas whose capital is Manaus; the state of Para with Belem as capital; the state of Acre with Rio Branco as capital; the state of Amapa with its capital in Macapa; the state of Roraima with its capital in Boa Vista and the state of Rondonia, with its capital in Porto Velho.

The first Adorers from the Province of Schaan arrived in Para in 1936 and served for 17 years in the cities of Porto de Moz and Altamira, from which they left in March 1953 when the first Brazilian Adorers arrived to take their places.

The mission of the Adorers in Brazil began in 1936 in the Prelature of the Xingu. But with the passing of time the few Sisters became sick and during WWII lost contact with their motherhouse.

The ASC Mission began in Amazonas in 1947 when 4 pioneer ASC Missionaries arrived from the province of Wichita, in the United States upon invitation from the Redemptorist Fathers.

The Redemptorists needed Sisters as catechists, teachers in schools and helping the sick. There were many vocations among the young women of their parish. The Fathers wanted to welcome congregations who would accept young Brazilian vocations. This was the request that Father John McCormick sent to Sister Aloysia Barthelme, Provincial of Wichita in August, 1946. In response to that request and to the letter received from Msgr. Joao da Mata Andrade do Amaral, Bishop of Manaus, the Provincial of Wichita and her Council decided to send two Sisters to visit the Redemptorist Missions along the Amazon River. Sr. Julitta Elsen went to Altamira, where the Adorers of the Schaan Province were located to encourage them and communicate to them that they would certainly open a mission in Amazonia. From Altamira, in Para, the two Sisters went to Manaus, also visiting the other Redemptorist missions of Coari, Codajas and Manacapuru. They returned to the U. S. in November 1946, taking with them the first Brazilian candidate, Noemi Cinque, the future Venerable Serafina, for her formation to religious life as a postulant and novice in Wichita, Kansas.

Chosen from among the many volunteers for the mission in Amazonas, Brazil were Sr. Georgiana Heimermann and her sister Sr. Marciana Heimermann, as well as Sisters Julitta Elsen and Jane Frances Baalman (Sr. Joana Francisca, as she was known in Brazil).

On September 26, 1947 Pope Pius XII warmly approved the idea of the Mission in Amazonia and gave his apostolic blessing on the missionary work of the Adorers during the General Chapter of the Sisters in Rome, where the Provincial of Wichita and Sister Julitta Elsen were present as delegates. The four missionaries appointed for the Brazilian Mission received their mission crosses in Wichita on November 23, 1947 from the hands of the Bishop Mark Carroll, Bishop of Wichita. Father Fagan, Redemptorist Provincial of St. Louis, gave a touching homily. A Pan American flight took the four pioneers to Manaus on November 30, 1947 at 11:00a.m. Father Joao McCormick, Sister Cornelio and many parishioners were at the airport to welcome the Sisters and went to the Bishop's house where the official welcome was given. The following day they visited the governor of the state, Loepoldo Amorim da Silva Neves, and then the North American Consulate in addition to visiting churches, schools and hospitals. During the two weeks spent in Manaus, they studied Portuguese with great commitment, helped by their teachers Lucinda and Lili Azevedo, who hosted them in their home. At midnight on December 21 the Sisters, accompanied by Father Jose Elworthy, left on the industrial motor boat from Manaus to Coari, where they arrived at 4:00p.m. on Saturday, December 25. Father Joao Maria Kreuzer had gathered the whole town, which was very small, to welcome the first Sisters that would work in Coari.

On the Sunday after Christmas, December 26, Father Jose Elworthy, the pastor, celebrated a High Mass of Thanksgiving for the arrival of the Sisters in Coari, in Amazonas.

Thus, the Mission of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ was born in the state of Amazonas, Brazil.

Sr. Clara Albuquerque, ASC



Sojourners Act to Help People of Kentucky

Sojourners are a group of laywomen in the United States who live the spirituality of the Blood of Christ and collaborate with the ASCs in ministry.

“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary, use words.”

Saint Francis of Assisi

Two of our sister Sojourners took this quotation to heart and acted on it. After listening to a description of the wretched conditions in Kentucky, both Kathleen (Flanagan) Nissley and Michaelene (Mickey) Willy decided they had to do something to help the people of Hazard and Harlan, KY. Father Michael Flanagan, Kathy’s brother, was the contact.

Both Sojourners approached their local pastors and asked if they could alert their parishes through pulpit announcements and bulletins about the tremendous need of their brothers and sisters in faith. St. Peter’s and Holy Trinity, both in Columbia, PA, with the approval of their respective pastors, Fr. Augustine and Fr. Daniel Mitzel, responded generously to the plea. Together they sent supplies and almost \$2,000 in relief funds. Hearing about the plea for help,

the Saint Vincent DePaul Society (Holy Trinity Chapter) was inspired into action, and it sent gas money for the truck to transport the supplies, bringing the monetary relief up to about \$2,000.

The conclusion to the story: The Most Reverend John Stowe, OFM Conv. (Bishop of Lexington) sent this letter of deepest appreciation and said that our gift ...“is a beautiful testimony to the true meaning of stewardship that you are providing support for those in need; I offer my deep gratitude for your financial gifts and ask your continued prayers to keep the presence strong and vital throughout our diocese.”

**Michaelene Willy and Kathleen Nissley, ASC
Sojourners**

Proud to Observe and Help

By Election Day - November 8, 2022 - nearly all the Wichita area ASCs had cast their ballots either by mail, days earlier, or on the day itself. The volunteers at the polls were quite friendly and helpful...even Sr. Bo Hui Kang. What? Her? Seriously?

One of her social work instructors at Newman University asked her to do it as a class assignment and then write a reflection paper on the experience. And so, our very own Bo Hui was an official “election protection volunteer” at New Life Covenant Church here in Wichita. When a few issues came up with voters, she had to call the “hotline” to remedy the situations before they became bigger issues.

She wrote in her paper: “I was so excited about this opportunity to observe the U.S. election. I am also fascinated by how many people want to

vote for their rights...Even though I do not have a voting right here in the U.S., I am so proud of myself to volunteer for the election.”

Sr. Marsha Wilson, ASC



Through Us

On Nov. 30, the atrium of Luzzati, a part of the Eliano Luzzatti Institute in Palestrina, hosted the unveiling of an impressive mosaic work created during the past school year by the students participating in the "Colors on the Road" project. The event was the culmination of two different projects, having as a common denominator the focus on emotions: the aforementioned art project, and the course "A Duet between Words and Emotions: The story is Us," which engaged the children in writing poetic essays and comic strips, collected in the book "The art of knowing how to listen, with the gaze of words," presented on the same day. The reading of the poems by the writers themselves was very engaging and enabled us to understand more deeply the meaning of their words and their need to put in writing that abstract something that lived uniquely in their souls.

The morning was a veritable explosion of emotions, which easily emerge through any form of art. The same surfaced even more directly from the words of those who spoke during the event: among them, our Headmistress Rina Montanarella, who expressed her admiration of the results obtained thanks to the commitment and hard work of the students assisted by Professor Rita Grassotti, with the fundamental help of artist Vera Iagnocco for the mosaic

making, and Professor Antonella Carpentieri for the poetry course. Without them it would not have been possible to do all this, but, above all, with this course, they gave us some serenity in a period that was not very easy, allowing us to spend time together and give vent to all our feelings and thoughts. We would like, therefore, to thank them in a special way.

The event was, moreover, run by the 4th B Classical students, some of whom were in charge of musical accompaniment, others of book sales. Surprising and impactful, however, were the ballets that opened and closed the opening, prepared in a very short time directly by the students. The event was particularly powerful, as the Mayor of Palestrina, Mario Moretti, also pointed out, and for this very wonderful reason: an emotion, a feeling or a state of mind, in order to be fully experienced, must be shared with others. We think we have achieved this goal, and we hope to have reached straight to the hearts of those who were present, "Through Art, Through Us."

4th B Classical students



VIVAT Spain Workshop

In line with our program, the Vivat Spain group organized a training day on October 22 to raise awareness and knowledge of the mission of VIVAT International and VIVAT Spain.

It was a day spent with Andrzej Owca, CSSp, who is currently working at the Geneva headquarters, and listening to the videoconference talk by Carlos Ferrada SVD who spoke to us from Austria.

The first topic, what VIVAT International is and its mission, was developed by Carlos in a video conference, and the participants were also able to ask questions on critical issues such as the credibility of the United Nations and the sense of participating in these spheres that also have their bureaucratic and functional limitations. Nevertheless, Carlos motivated and encouraged us to learn about and use this space where we need to be and from where we can slowly achieve long-term goals that can change and improve the lives of the most vulnerable.

Next, the VIVAT Spain group presented how VIVAT Spain was established in 2015 and, since then, has sought to promote collaboration between our institutions and involvement in the field of immigration.

Our VIVAT group has been a venue for sharing and encouraging each other in working with immigrants and refugees in concrete activities of welcoming and denouncing abuses. It has also allowed us to go beyond with participation in the 2020 Universal Periodic Review (UPR), presenting a critical account of the inhumane and violent treatment of people in CIEs (Centros de Internamiento para Extranjeros or detention centers for foreigners awaiting deportation in Spain). The group also affirmed its willingness to continue to denounce the violation of human rights and to present it in the spaces offered, especially in Geneva, through an "oral statement" and reporting for the 2025 UPR.

The second topic was covered by Andrzej, who shared in his introduction some information showing the historical context and development of what we commonly define as human rights. The definition of these rights has been improved and expanded, not to go beyond the 1948 Declaration as a starting point, and since then there have been several declarations at the regional level in various

parts of the world that have also offered other perspectives.

From civil rights we have expanded to economic, social and cultural rights; also to rights from different cultural and religious perspectives, from Africa, the East, etc., and to the rights of various special categories such as children and adolescents, or international treaties against torture and deprivation of liberty, against disappearances.

He also looked how we can understand our action starting from the concepts of CHARITY and JUSTICE.

There is no doubt that we are called to charity, which leads us to care for the fallen, to redress the effects of injustice and bad policies. But if we stop to reflect, we must also look at the causes, and this is where the justice aspect comes in. This allows us to have broad goals so that injustice is not repeated and people have a better quality of life.

Working for justice requires other avenues, sometimes long ones and with tools that are not enticing: knowing the laws, collecting documentation, talking to politicians and administrators at different levels. Justice also needs a critical part of prophetic denunciation in collaboration with people and organizations, perhaps having other motivations, but working for building a better world.

At the end of the day we celebrated the Eucharist asking the God of Life, God the Father and Mother, to continue to encourage us to live charity, assisting the needy without neglecting justice and the task of denouncing structures of sin and helping to change them so that all "have life and life in abundance."

Sr. Teresa Martínez Montiel, ASC



Apostles of the Most Precious Blood

A retreat with the theme "Apostles of the Precious Blood" was held for Associates (currently 4,900) and those wishing to live the spirituality of the Blood of Christ. The November 18-20 retreat was held at the Maria De Mattias Spirituality Center in Bolesławiec, Poland.

The event was led by Father Krzysztof Surowaniec, CPPS, Sister Gabriela Janikula, ASC, and Sister Teresa Jaszczyszyn, ASC, national moderator of the Associates in Poland. The Associates and people who live this spirituality of the Blood of Christ on a daily basis were introduced to the life and charism of those in the Church who have fallen in love with this great Mystery.

In her presentation, Sister Gabriela introduced the person of St. Maria De Mattias, Foundress of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ Sisters, and introduced the participants to the history of the arrival of the ASC Sisters in Poland. Father Krzysztof spoke about St. Gaspar del Bufalo and John Merlini. All the presentations, meetings, prayers, and meditations gave the different perspectives of the forerunners of the devotion to the Precious Blood, whose holiness transcended their era and still carries on today.

Sr. Gabriela said, "Today we want to learn from them the paths to follow in the Church of the 21st century and give our contemporaries the examples of St. Maria De Mattias (her love for the Cross), St. Gaspar Del Bufalo (his fidelity to the Church) and the Venerable Fr. John Merlini (his ability to make the ordinary extraordinary)."

Sixty-two people of different ages and from all over Poland (from the sea to the mountains) attended this year's session. In addition to the daily Eucharist, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and lectures, the program included prayer before the relics of St. Maria De Mattias, St. Gaspar, St. John Paul II, St. Faustina and St. Andrew Bobola, our "communion of saints." The Sisters' chapel resounded with beautiful songs and a spirit of prayer. We began the day meditating on the mysteries of the shedding of the Blood of Christ - once with St. Gaspar and once with Maria De Mattias. On Saturday afternoon we visited the

Bolesławiec Cemetery and there, at the graves of the pioneer Sisters of the Wrocław Province who came from Bosnia to Poland on August 2, 1946, we prayed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary.

The visit to the Museum of the Congregation of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, which Sr. Magdalena Karaban set up and takes care of, was an unusual surprise for the participants. After Sr. Magdalena's brief introduction, everyone was expecting a small work--at most a few exhibits and display cases, - but with wonder they found the history of the ASCs in Poland and around the world represented. It was a huge and very positive surprise for everyone. In their "free" time, the participants read the letters of "our" Saints and also wrote their own letters to "our" Saints. During the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, they had the opportunity to go to confession and everyone received a personal blessing and a message for their respective Associate groups.

The participants, invigorated by the enthusiasm drawn from the Apostles of the Blood of Christ, thus returned to their daily lives to proclaim the power of the Blood of Christ. It was a time to experience fellowship in the Family of the Blood of Christ, a time of formation and a time of praise to the Blood of Christ.

Sr. Gabriela Janikula, ASC



In the Blood of Christ – a Global Economy

A Global Economy in the Blood of Christ Seminar for ASC JPIC/VIVAT Coordinators in the Regions and Foundations was held in Rome at the Generalate from November 27 to December 5, 2022.

JPIC is the Justice and Peace Commission created by the International Union of General Superiors of Women's and Men's Religious Congregations (UISG /USG) in Rome.

VIVAT is a non-governmental organization with over 25,000 members from 11 Catholic religious congregations working in 120 countries to promote human rights through advocacy at the international and local levels. VIVAT International has special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is associated with the United Nations Department of Global Communications (DGC).

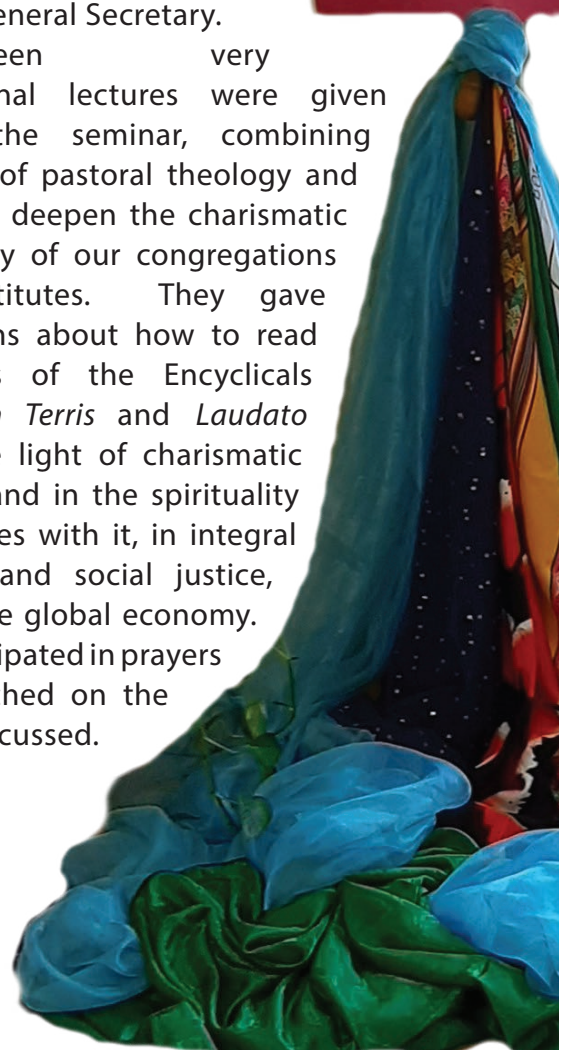
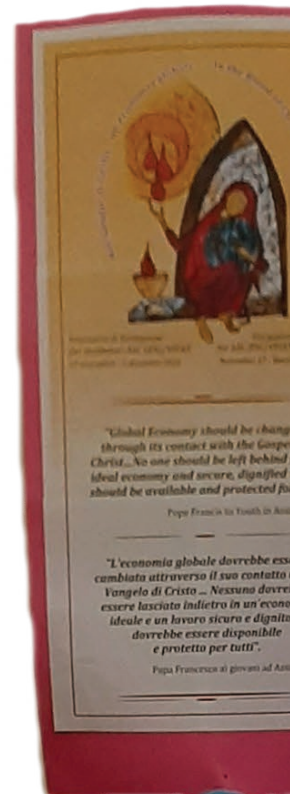
This year's JPIC workshop combined the documents *Laudato Si'* and *Pacem in Terris*. In fact, the theme of the workshop was: *Pacem in Terris* and *Laudato Si'* in Action: Caring for our Common Home in Truth, Justice, Love and Freedom. The workshop was held from November 28 to December 2, 2022.

On Sunday, November 27, the ASC coordinators of JPIC/VIVAT, began the Workshop/Seminar by joyfully participating in Mass. Some coordinators were there in person, gathered around the relics of St. Maria De Mattias; several sisters participated through internet connections, and Sister Gabriela Janikula from Poland participated spiritually as she was travelling to Rome. Sister Nadia Coppa, general superior, who was in Korea for the canonical visit, addressed the group by internet stating that the gathering was an experience of unity with the Church and an expression of concern for the ASCs. She indicated how current our charism is and how the contemporary needs of the world should be immersed in the Blood of Christ.

From November 28 to December 2, our small community of ASC coordinators was involved in the UISG Seminar: *Pacem In Terris*

in *Laudato Si'*, with sisters participating in either English or Italian. One hundred twenty people participated online and the ASC group of 10 sisters became a small fraction of those for whom there is an important platform for action in the field: Care for our Common Home and Truth, Justice, Love and Freedom. Prayers, lectures, dialogues, questions and answers were held in three languages: English, Spanish and French. For the ASC Italian language group, the translation service was provided by Sister Maria Grazia, General Secretary.

Eighteen very professional lectures were given during the seminar, combining the area of pastoral theology and efforts to deepen the charismatic spirituality of our congregations and institutes. They gave indications about how to read the calls of the Encyclicals *Pacem in Terris* and *Laudato Si'* in the light of charismatic identity and in the spirituality that comes with it, in integral ecology and social justice, and in the global economy. We participated in prayers that touched on the issues discussed.



When the JPIC Workshop ended, we continued with our ASC Seminar. Each JPIC/VIVAT coordinator reported on what is being done for building the peace of Christ and caring for the work of creation in our regions, delegations and foundations as ASCs. Most of us showed through multimedia what we do and how we live. It was an interesting experience of our diversity and the interculturality of our charism.

So as not to get lost on the way, on Sunday morning Sister Rani Padayattil led us on the Via Appia Antica (Old Appian Way), to the Basilica of St. Sebastian and the church commonly known as the Dominium or Quo Vadis Church, to ask us a question. There we experienced our Sunday encounter with the Eucharistic Jesus and prayed sharing the experience of the meditation on “*QUO Vadis ASC*” (“Where are you going ... ASCs”).

After the midday meal there was another meeting to share about the experience and joy it gave us. In what we experienced we were reminded that our mission is to transform the world in the Spirit of the Gospel through attentive prayer and holy action, living a life of justice, peace and care for the integrity of creation.

We are all grateful for the opportunity to have participated in this event. We would especially like to thank **Sister Rani Padayattil** (*always present among us and for us*), and Sister Elisabeth Müller, ASC, for their collaboration and support for the success of the seminar.

Our formation seminar on JPIC/VIVAT was an innovative experience in the spirit of *Pacem in Terris* and *Laudato Si'*. It was an opportunity to reflect on the relevance of the messages of these documents for us today. This seminar will certainly be useful, effective and meaningful for the sisters in their JPIC/VIVAT ministry.



Sr. Gabriela Janikula, ASC

Echoes of JPIC/VIVAT ASC Contact Persons

November 27 to December 4, 2022

ASC JPIC/VIVAT Contact Person gathered in Rome for the purpose of participating in the JPIC Formation Workshop, conducted by UISG. On this occasion the CIS Team also organized an additional four days program for them. This was an opportunity for us to come together and to reflect on the theme "in the Blood of Christ..... A Global Economy," *Pacem in Terris* and *Laudato Si'*. We also discussed together how to implement the *Laudato Si'* goals in each Region/Foundation/Mission. There was a session on how can we do Advocacy effectively in our various ministries. Here is the voice of each participant.



Economy with the human being at the center; Dialogue is an oxygen of peace; Jesus radicality is nonviolence; God is a God of peace not a god of war; Advocacy with the spirit of synodality; Love is the nurturing force for JPIC promoters.

Sr. Linlee

The charism of the ASC Congregation as an instrument of peace; Promote the culture of encounter; Peacebuilding is a team effort; Sow hope on the planet.

Sr. Saida



Who will speak if we don't speak for the poor and the voiceless; Healing and peace should begin from me; Violence is not an answer for violence; Peace is to give, to love and to show; Forgiveness and solidarity create communion and sharing.

Sr. Loudu Sussai

Promote an economy of hope; We must move towards democracy, because it is the only way to fight these so-called cold wars; One of the most important things in the evangelization of Jesus Christ is Peace; For a responsible economy it is urgent to sow hope on planet earth; Peace is the fruit of love and justice; Safeguard the dignity of the human person.

Sr. Fathima



Be compassionate; Be an instrument of peace to myself, in the community and wherever I minister; *Laudato Si'* encyclical is an invitation to develop a new life style and a new mentality; Justice without mercy is destructive; Openness to network with other congregations by SEE, JUDGE and ACT.

Sr. Martha Joseph



Put the dignity of the person at the center; Inequality leads to death; Don't shoot the brother; Welcoming the foreigner is a universal social value; Unity is superior to conflict; The reality is more important than the idea.

Sr. Magdalena

SEE. DISCERN. ACT..... connecting JPIC ministry with ASC Spirituality.

Sr. Dani Brought



Inspired by the ASC charism, live an ecological conversion in all relationships and at all levels; Living the mission responsibly as a synodal journey, with attention to initial and ongoing formation; Rooted in the Word, we live the fire of the beginnings in communion with the Church in which we recognize our share of responsibility.

Sr. Cecilia

JUSTICE is attained with MERCY; Healing the ruptures through the broken bread and the shared chalice sends us on the mission; Encounter with suffering God who transforms from within; Peace is a possible with a new heart and a new spirit.

Sr.Katty



Our task is evangelization, preach the word of God and then social action. We are called to be together. Together we can hear the voice of the poor: Everything that comes from God is due to the love of God. To the God of Creation let us give thanks for everything.

Sr.Gabreila

Let us try to Promote a spirituality of justice, equality, and social action based on our charisms. We all together wish you a blessed Christmas and may justice and peace embrace each other in the new year 2023.

General Administration Calendar



January 11-12, 2023: Sr. Nadia attends the annual Assembly of the UISG-Rome constellation

January 10-13, 2023: Round Table commemorating the 150th Anniversary of John Merlini's death

Birthdays: Let's Celebrate Life

DECEMBER 2022

50th Birthday

Sr. Viji Parekkadan 12/11/1972 India

Sr. Mini Vadakumcherry 12/14/1972 India

70th Birthday

Sr. Cecilija Milković 12/17/1952 Zagreb

80th Birthday

Sr. Antonietta Mastria 12/05/1942 Italy

Sr. Johanna Rubin 12/25/1942 Schaan

90th Birthday

Sr. Angela De Santis 12/06/1932 Italy

Sr. Maria Rondinelli 12/24/1932 Italy

Sr. Elena Zuzolo 12/26/1932 Italy

100th Birthday

Sr. Orazia Melillo 12/17/1922 Italy

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50th Birthday

Sr. Nadia Coppa 01/21/1973 Italy

Sr. Moksha Rakini 01/23/1973 India

60th Birthday

Sr. Maria Hammerer 01/08/1963 Schaan

70th Birthday

Sr. Julijana Šumić 01/01/1953 Zagreb

Sr. Klementina Barbić 01/05/1953 Zagreb

Sr. Danijela Borščak 01/11/1953 Zagreb

80th Birthday

Sr. Elaine Freund 01/02/1943 USA

Sr. Maria Di Giglio 01/02/1943 Italy



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