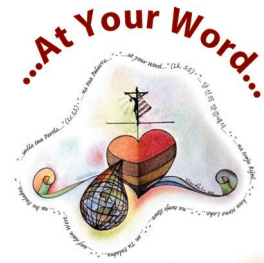


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A Treasure in Earthenware Vessels

Editorial

The 2022 Extended General Council meeting with the theme “We Hold a Treasure in Earthenware Vessels.” opened on September 16 at 9:30 during the Eucharistic celebration with Father Marco Tanghetti, General Superior of the Rosminians, presiding. September 16-22, the Regional Superiors, Coordinators of Guinea Bissau and Korea, together with the General Administration and the members of the 2023 GA Preparatory Commission, presented the theme of Vulnerability. The presentations of Father Amedeo Cencini and Sr. Sonia Matos, ASC, allowed us to read the global context with a broader and more deeply charismatic view. We experienced days of deep listening, and fearless sharing in mutual trust regarding the vulnerabilities we experience and boldly and courageously cherish so that they may be a resource, an opportunity for us, for the Church and for humanity.

“We hold a treasure in our earthen vessels: a charism that is in the heart of the Church and is a vital and generative response to the cry of humanity, of a concrete today ... and of a vulnerable humanity of which we are a part.

These were important days in which, in a spirit of discernment, we looked with serene objectivity at our reality as a congregation recognizing the power of vulnerability and renewing our common desire to continue walking together strengthened by the communion we have experienced and by the charism that vibrantly cries out in us and propels us

forward.

We have confirmed that our Paschal Identity, marked by the Blood of the Lamb ... is the greatest treasure, the most beautiful resource that we are called to share, to spread for the transformation of the world. The mystery of a Vulnerable God encourages us to embrace our humanity with humility and passion.

Fixing our gaze on Jesus, on the mystery of his self-emptying, his kenosis, we are ready to continue our journey as missionary Adorers by pushing ourselves to service that includes everyone, especially the most vulnerable.

Like Jesus, we desire to be close to people, making ourselves neighbors, taking charge of situations, seeking to work well “with” and “through” others. This calls us to greater attention to the care of relationships so that they become a sacred space and workshop of recognition and appreciation of the other, of true dialogue, of co-responsibility.” (cfr. Closing remarks of Sr. Nadia Coppa, ASC)

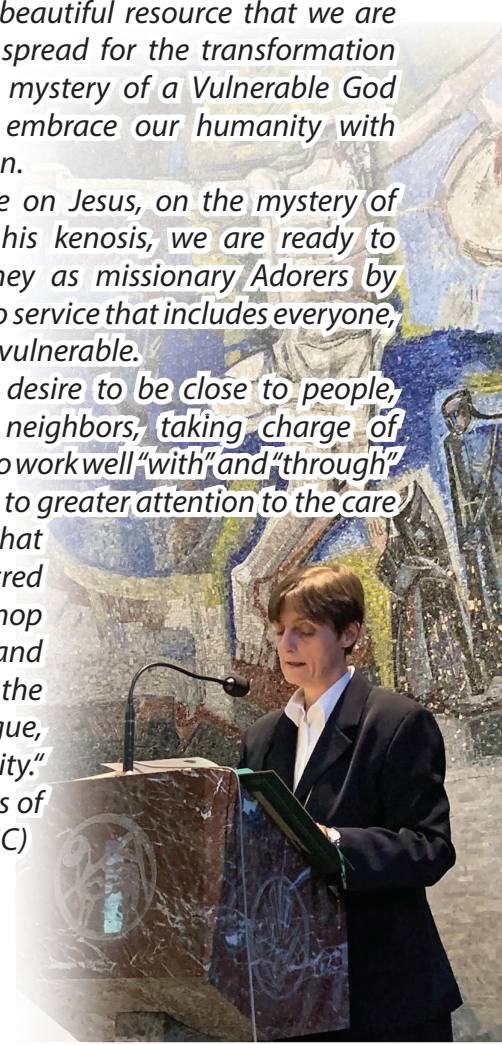


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The transformation processes begun (revision of our Proper Law, representation at the 2023 GA, and intermediate structures) were completed in their collegial phases. The results of these big processes will be handed over to the 2023 GA for the concluding discernment.

On September 21 the 2023 GA Preparatory Commission, together with Sr. Mercedes Donato, SCMR who facilitated the work, presented the General Assembly theme: **In the Blood of Christ ... All Things New**. The theme, presented in a creative and engaging way, allowed the participants to experience all the

vitality that it can generate, creating genuine interest in delving into it. They filled everyone with much positive energy and were an inspiration to begin the process, in searching, to sample the power of the new life coming from the Blood of Christ.

So, let us prepare for the 2023 GA, aware of the process we have done together and ready to take on the newness God is already suggesting to our hearts.

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC



**“Go into the whole world
and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” Mk 16: 15**

ASC-CPPS on a synodal journey to become the Church of the future.

Since 2019, the General Curias of the CPPS Missionaries and the Adorers of the Blood of Christ have committed themselves to sharing some projects in order to grow in belonging to and deepening our common spirituality of the Blood of Christ. Fidelity to the charism most deeply invites us to respond to the Church’s call to live synodality, beginning with our own. One of these projects was the celebration of the Year of Mercy.

The idea of celebrating a Year of Mercy and Conversion was born, for the missionaries from the CPPS General Assembly, with the commitment to carry it out right from the beginning of the mandate; for the ASC curia, living the value of conversion is to respond to the call to transformation, an opportunity, a time of grace to prepare for the next AG 2023. The project was implemented through a spiritual retreat for the leadership groups of the two Congregations.

The theme of the exercises, TO RECEIVE MERCY AND TO FIND GRACE... (Heb 4:16), was skillfully developed by the two presenters, Sr. Patrizia Pasquini, ASC, and Fr. Benedetto Labate, CPPS, who led us in reflection for a week, September 4 - 11. The retreat prepared together by an Adorer and a Missionary was already a sign of novelty, an experience of communion and synodality based on reflection on the spirituality of the Blood of Christ.

The event, the first in our history, brought together 72 participants, Missionaries, Adorers and two Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood from Poland, to reflect, from the texts of Sacred Scripture, on the theme of universal brotherhood and sisterhood proposed by Pope Francis in the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti.

The meditations, simultaneously translated into the different languages of the participants, gave the possibility to meditate, in a very personal way, on the theme of forgiveness and healing necessary to live in fraternity. They offered the possibility to dialogue and share the gift of the Blood of Christ and its value, and to grow in

communion and in the spirit of synodality.

The journey included a visit to the places of our founders.

On the afternoon of September 5, the group made a pilgrimage to Santa Maria in Trivio to the tomb of St. Gaspar and Venerable John Merlini, where they experienced a moment of prayer, led by CIS members. Immediately afterwards, the group went to the Church of the Precious Blood to venerate the remains of St. Maria De Mattias and pray together at her tomb. For both the Adorers and the Missionaries, these were exciting and joy-filled moments, especially for those who were visiting these places for the first time. The evening ended with a community reception with the ASC

Generalate community

The pilgrimage continued on September 10 and 11 with the group going to Vallecorsa and Acuto and then to San Felice di Giano and Albano in Lazio, important CPPS pilgrim spots. The CPPS and CIS members shared much about

the history and charism of our congregations. These were times of prayer, discernment, deepening communion, and fraternity among the congregations, and times for renewing the freshness of the dream of our origins.

On Monday, September 12, the General Superiors, Sr. Nadia Coppa and Fr. Emanuele Lupi, dialogued with the provincial superiors present from both congregations on the theme of the Family and the Precious Blood, reflecting also on the lay movements. We entrust the gift of God’s Spirit and the power of Jesus’ blood to bless the dreams for our future. The program ended with the Eucharistic Celebration and the mandate: Go down from the mountain and announce to the communities, the brothers and sisters we are called to serve, the joy of having been forgiven, saved, redeemed.

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC



Celebration of the 50th Jubilee of Catholic Women

Tanzania 09/11/2022



The Church of Tanzania thanks God for the gift of Catholic women who celebrated the 50th anniversary of their mission. It was a moment of joy for all people of good will, a truly unique event that brought together people from different places, even government leaders: the country's president Mama Samia Suluhu Hassan, along with other cabinet members. Church leaders, retired Cardinal Pengo, the Archbishop of Dar - es - Salaam Province and a number of bishops from the different dioceses, priests, nuns and representatives of various religious denominations were also at the celebration.

This historic event began with the Holy Mass and was then followed by a short celebration where the official guest speaker was the President of Tanzania, Mama Samia Suluhu. In her greetings she paid tribute to the good work done by the Church, especially the women, who in a special way have been entrusted with the protection and defense of life. She congratulated them on their noble mission and encouraged them for the sacrifice they are making to further the development of the country through the various activities for which they are responsible.

The Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Dar-es-Salaam presided at the Mass and also hosted the guests of the ceremony. The Bishop offered the Mass in a special way to thank God for the many good things God gives to each person in their daily lives, especially for the gift of mothers, for their mission in the Church and especially for celebrating the 50th anniversary of religious

mission.

He emphasized that the jubilee is an opportunity to thank God and is an opportunity to begin again. He congratulated the women for the courage they showed, the great faith in following Christ and the Virgin Mary who is Mother of us all. He stressed the importance of solidarity between the Church and Mary, the Mother of Jesus, as they have been entrusted with a great responsibility to nurture the domestic Church, the family. He said that God has given mothers the ability to carry on life and the mission of caring for the family, so they are the pillars of the domestic Church (family) and together with their husbands are responsible for educating the youth and children in morals and faith.

He encouraged them not to waver in faith especially in times of difficulty, but to continue to trust God because in the Catholic faith is all the treasure they need for salvation. He also urged them to be strong in their faith to proclaim the Gospel of Christ. Women are called to cooperate in the growth in faith of their husbands, to be close to their children in all aspects of development as it is very dangerous to raise them without guidance. To do this it is important to share the Christian faith and make them better Christians. He asked them all to be guided by the Holy Spirit God has given them, enabling them to lead their daily lives.

Sr. Everegisla Costantine Mrosso, ASC

Canonical Visitation to Mozambique and Wswatini

On August 18, 2022 together with the General Superior, Sr. Nadia Coppa, and Sr. Bridget Pulickakunnel, General Councilor, who had come to Tanzania to celebrate 20 years of the Village of Hope, Sr. Lucina Johanness, ASC Regional Superior, and I flew from Dar Es Salaam bound for Mozambique. The plan was to make the canonical visitation to the ASCs living in Mozambique.

The next day, August 19, we arrived at Maputo airport in the early afternoon. Sister Jeanne Amu, ASC, came to pick us up with the Sisters of the Precious Blood (CPS) who had gone to the airport to accompany their superior who was leaving for their Assembly.

After saying our goodbyes we set out for Mafuiane where we were welcomed by two priests who were at the seminary with the youth, the director of the Mime Center, the Precious Blood associates and the youth who were at the initiation seminary. With great hospitality they made us feel at home. After the welcome, we shared Mass with the Associates.

The next day, the General Superior and the Councilor, in their canonical visitation met with the members of the community: Sr. Giovanna Amu and Sr. Flaviana Alfred, who were also joined for the occasion by Sr. Lucina Johanness and myself.

On August 20 we set out for Eswatini, a small Kingdom in southern Mozambique previously known as Swaziland. We arrived at 9:00 AM and were welcomed by Bishop Jose Luis Gerardo Ponce de León, I.M.C. of the Catholic Diocese of Manzini. After breakfast we attended Mass presided over by the Bishop himself, in honor of the Virgin Mary of the Assumption, at Good Shepherd Parish in Siteki. The very joyful Mass with singing and dancing showed the way of expressing the faith life of the Eswati people. After Mass we were asked to introduce ourselves to the faithful, who as a sign of hospitality, gave us wine, and we took a photo together for the occasion. Then, accompanied by the Bishop, we began the tour of the Diocese of Manzini, which includes 17 parishes. After lunch we visited the apostolic activities of the diocese: hospitals, secondary and

elementary school, technical institutes, etc., taking the opportunity to continue our conversation with the bishop. In the evening we started the return journey to Mafuiane (Mozambique).

The next day, August 22, was a memorable day for the mission. During the Eucharistic celebration Sr. Nadia welcomed two womes, Beatrice Jose and Filomena Francisco, into the group of Associates of the Blood of Christ.

We really enjoyed our trip because of the Bishop's welcome that showed openness to our presence. The next day we started our return trip to Tanzania. On August 25, 2022, Sisters Nadia and Bridget left for Italy.

We thank God for guiding us well on our journey.

Sr. Stella Joseph, ASC



The Mission in the Aeta Indigenous Community

The Aeta are an ethnic group of the island of Luzon, in the Philippines. They live by hunting and gathering, and should be considered as the first inhabitants of the Philippines, as they were already present on the island at the time of the migrations of Austronesian peoples.

So far, I've been to Pampanga twice to join a mission to help the Aetas. In comparison to us who live in cities and revolve our lives around technology, living in an Aeta community may be difficult for us because they rely on nature to meet their needs. Planting vegetables and waiting months to sell them at a low price in the market is their usual way of making money, which obviously does not allow them to afford other necessities, particularly medical and dental care.

As an ASC Youth assigned to the registration area, I was saddened to see a list with over a hundred names of people who require medical or dental attention. Nonetheless, it made me happy and relieved that through this mission, they would be able to receive proper consultation and medication from ASC missionaries as well as from volunteer doctors and dentists. They also received donations from our dearest donors, such as slippers, clothes, toys, and school supplies and biscuits.

The genuine smiles and gratitude on their faces were priceless for a mission that only lasted

a day. More than that, what amazes me about them is how they found happiness through simple things.

Rosemarie Ocsin
Member of the ASC Youth Group



The Thanksgiving Mass, for All is Grace

On August 9, 2022, Bishop Peter Nguyen Van De, SDB, the Bishop of the Diocese of Thai Binh celebrated the Thanksgiving Mass and Welcoming of the Relics of St. Maria De Mattias, Foundress of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. Bishop Peter Nguyen also blessed the new home of the ASC Sisters in Thai Binh.

Concelebrating with Bishop Peter De Nguyen were, among others, Fr. Giuse Vinh Pham, pastor of Phu Nhai parish in Bui Chu Diocese, Fr. Giuse Nang Nguyen from Hai Phong Diocese, and Fr. Dominic Truyen Bui, the pastor of Bong Tien Parish where the ASC community has resided. We were blessed to have many priest colleagues from various Dioceses and religious Sisters and

Brothers who came to celebrate with us.

The purpose of the Thanksgiving Mass was to celebrate God's grace rained down upon us after two Vietnamese ASC Sisters attended the ASC CIS Seminar in July 2022 in Rome, Italy. The Canonical Visitation was from the Generalate Team, Sr. Nadia, General Superior, and Sr. Bridget, General Counselor came to visit Viet Nam. Significantly, the ASC community in Viet Nam also received the relics of the ASC Foundress, Saint Maria De Mattias, as the great gift for our new mission. With the love of God and whole ASC community, from now on, the ASC's of Vietnam always serve with the spirituality and charism of the Congregation in everything.

The Thanksgiving Mass was the opportunity to help each one of us in the community to reflect on our ASC roots and history in order to recognize the provident God's love in the journey of our community. Beginning in January 5, 2019, God has always loved and provided what we need for our ASC journey community in Viet Nam. God has prepared to provide a good place for us to serve and given us a new facility in Thai Binh. It will never be enough to express the thanksgiving in our hearts for how God has accompanied us in Viet Nam. With gratitude, all ASC members express appreciation for the dedication and hard work of our benefactors, relatives and everyone. All of us can raise our voices to praise God as Psalm 126:3 says, "Oh, what great things the Lord has done for us, we find ourselves filled with joy."

From the beginning of the Mass, Bishop Peter expressed his gratitude to God for the many blessings bestowed on our ASC community. Bishop also expressed his feeling and his love to all our ASC members who have been enthusiastically serving the people, serving the Church in Viet Nam. He also encouraged us to continue spreading the spirituality of the Blood of Christ in order to make the ASC mission expand.

On behalf of the ASC Sisters in Viet Nam, Sr. Rosa Minh Hien thanked God, the Bishop, Priests, Religious Sisters and Brothers, Benefactors, Relatives and the entire community. Indeed, "we

always give thanks to God for you for the favor he has given you in Christ Jesus (1 Cor 1:4)." May God himself, who is love, through the intercession of Saint Maria De Mattias, bless the people and the new mission of the ASC community who continually trust in God through the prayer and support of the people of God. Especially, the Vietnamese sisters always remember the companionship of all the American, Italian and Korean ASC's and the ASCs throughout the world.

We try to make the gifts from God bear fruit in the new mission of the Church, so that as Saint Maria De Mattias said: "Let not a drop of the Blood of Christ may be waste."

Sr. Rosa Tran Thi Minh Hien, ASC



Journeying Together with the Life Charter

I sat with the Life Charter, especially as I was healing from foot surgery and also, in the light of our recent Canonical Visitation. I will preface my remarks by saying, on any journey we, at times, require a map or in modern day a GPS, global positioning system, that gives precise directions from and to one's destination. I will call it God's Positioning System that has been around a long time and is as current as any modern suggestions.

I was struck over and over again of the importance of Jesus' Blood.

"Our Congregation will then become an ever more credible witness of God's tender love, of which the blood of Jesus is vibrant sign and unending covenant pledge". Mary most holy, first adorer of the blood of Christ...shows us how to live in adoration and service". Christ Jesus, "who has brought us together as adorers of his saving blood". ..The Importance of "the quality of our presence to one another"... really what Pope Francis would call, an Encounter with the other. "Reconciled in his Blood"...

The Itinerary led me along the trail of LIFE. For LIFE is in the Blood; the Journey rekindled within me the great gift showered upon me and Adorers...bearers of HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD and like Mary, birthing Him to others in Mission and Ministry.

The journey helped me again to deepen my love and sense of preciousness and gift we truly have...we have it all in our Charism/Mapped out in a living document called our Life Charter... since the beginning with St. Maria DeMattias. Yes, Adoration is for us a love relationship [with the Holy One in whom we are made one with the Communion of Saints. We are redeemed by the Blood of Christ. It is the Blood of Jesus, our Charism that MAKES US ONE and no matter what culture/diversity this is our ONENESS our GIFT to the world. We are called to be faithful to IT.

The Fire that first grabbed my spirit...the Precious Blood charism....re-ignited and as I stepped back, I felt, our USA Region could use a retreat imbued with our Constitution and the LIFE it contains. We all could benefit from going

deeper and deeper in to each Chapter and with God's graces and imitating Mary Most Holy, treasure all in our hearts. This is our GPS for NOW as we continue to be Adorers of the Blood of Christ. It is here we draw our strength.

I end by saying that the "journey with the Life Charter" re-positioned me, refreshed me and more grateful for the Congregation and our call to be Living Chalice of Salvation...announcing with our life that we are saved, empowered, reconciled and healed by the Blood of Christ.

I hope to get a few of us together and perhaps offer mini week end retreats on the Life Charter... and/or continue to write about the Precious Blood as an Adorer. But the writing must flow from my time in Adoration, Prayer, and Contemplative ponderings and my ministry.

God bless you all for reminding us, we have company on the Journey and are not just floundering about in the desert but accompanied by all who have gone before us. May we treasure the Gift that is ours.

Respectfully,

Sr. Mary M. Shaw, ASC, D.Min

Archivists' Focus Group

Highlights Common Concerns

On Tuesday, August 16, Brianna Southworth and I, the two archivists for the U.S. region, participated in a small CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) focus group to share ideas about the state of archives for religious communities. In the fall, both Bri and I had filled out a CARA survey for archivists, so we were invited to be part of the focus group.

Facilitated by Patricia Wittberg, SC, the group had a lively conversation about the future of our congregational archival collections. We were encouraged to share our challenges in creating and/or maintaining an archive, plans and budgets, and the resources we need to maintain what we have. Most of the participants addressed a common concern about the future of our archives. A few of the participants are in the process of creating an archive from a jumble of documents; two are in the completion stage and are planning for sites to house their collections. Many congregations are hiring lay, professionally trained archivists, sometimes pairing them with a seasoned community member who knows the background and history.

When Pat asked about what we needed, responses ranged from more support and understanding from leadership to increased collaboration. "Increased collaboration" seems to be key right now, as some congregations are working on collaborative sites for several communities' collections.

A unique feature of our U.S. region archives is the location of two sites; Ruma houses the oldest U.S. documents and artifacts while Wichita contains the Columbia archive as well as the Wichita. At the end of July, Ellen Pierce, an archival consultant, spent several days in Wichita with Bri and me to suggest directions for our future. Ellen suggested new organizational methods, future policies, and guidelines, all of which will be helpful in better preserving our documents and artifacts.

Our archives are one of the repositories for our charisms, legacy, and future directions, once

we learn how to access and interpret them. Aware that we are in a long line of careful and talented archivists, Bri and I are doing our best to cherish and preserve what has been handed down as our legacy.

Sr. Regina Siegfried, ASC



A New Year at Newman

A new academic year at Newman University has begun and there's an abundance of life and excitement on campus! Classes began on Monday, August 22. However, many activities occurred prior to that date that told everyone on campus the beginning of school was near.

Fall Sports Athlete Arrival - volleyball, men and women's soccer, and cross country (men and women as a unit) - arrived on August 6 and began practice on August 8. Because the dining center did not open until August 15, many folks contributed to meals for the resident students, including the ASCs. Members of all four teams joined the Sisters for lunch on August 11, 12, or 13. Great conversations helped the students understand and feel the connection with the ASCs.

Enrollment numbers are not official until the 20th day of class but it seems apparent that Newman has great news this fall - 196 new fulltime freshmen students (159 last year); 165 new transfer students (133 last year); 108 degree-seeking graduate students and another 131 non-degree seeking students enrolled in certificate programs. The residence hall count is 221, up from 174 last year. Yes, there's life and energy everywhere.

New initiatives for student success include

a peer support program for new international students (25 as of this date) by being paired with a returning international student who is their "go to" person. A noon luncheon on August 23 began the connections, but many returning students had already reached out to the new students. Countries include Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, Uzbekistan, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Greece, Spain, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Mexico, The Bahamas, and more.

Quiet/Reflection Rooms have been created in Carrocci Hall and McNeill 115 to give students additional options to chapel for reflection, prayer, and quiet time. The items in each include both the Bible and Koran as our Muslim students have been lacking in a place to pray other than their rooms.

Laudato Si/Circle K combined forces to post cardboard recycling signs by the dumpsters during move-in days to recycle boxes and boxes and prevent overloading the dumpsters. Circle K is focusing on campus recycling this year has successfully obtained a \$400 seed grant that will be matched or even increased in spring semester based on their activity this fall.

Sr. Therese Wetta, ASC



You Have Redeemed Us, O Lord, with Your Blood

On August 28, 2022, Sister Krystyna Kusak, ASC, celebrated her 50th anniversary of religious vows at the Shrine of the Precious Blood in Częstochowa, Poland. Sister Krystyna gave her life to God in the Congregation of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ on August 15, 1972 in Bolesławiec.

During the 11:00 Mass, Sister Krystyna renewed her vows of chastity, poverty and obedience according to the Constitution of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ.

A large number of guests came to share Sister Krystyna's joy: family members, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, members of the Associates of the Blood of Christ, the community of the Precious Blood, parishioners and a group making retreat at the house of the Precious Blood Missionaries, as well as others. Father Daniel Mokwa, Provincial of the CPPS Missionaries, gave the welcome as well as celebrated the Mass and gave the homily.

Father Daniel spoke about the excellent collaboration with Sister Krystyna and listed her qualities, her apostolic activities, and her commitment to spreading the spirituality of the Blood of Christ.

He emphasized that the main intention with which we came to that Mass was to praise God for the graces, gifts and charisms He gave to Sister Krystyna, thanks to which she has been able and can carry out the tasks entrusted to her. Her smile and kindness are an asset to the Associates of the Blood of Christ, so much so that new groups of the Associates are formed wherever she goes. Fr. Jacek Marciniec, pastor of St. Sigismund Parish in Częstochowa, who attended the Mass, thanked Sister Krystyna on behalf of all the pastors of the parishes where groups of the Associates of the Blood of Christ were founded and exist.

During the celebratory lunch, the guests were briefly acquainted with Sister Krystyna's life and work, presented through a slideshow of photographs of the various events in her life: from her childhood, to her entry into the ASC Congregation, through a presentation of her

places of residence and participation in various events and works in Bolesławiec, Wrocław, Zgorzelec, Żagań, Kościelisko, Częstochowa, and abroad - in Italy, Switzerland, Siberia, and Belarus.

For 50 years since her first vows, Sister Krystyna has served in a variety of roles and ministries: catechist, cook, superior, guardian, assistant to the sick, sacristan, moderator of the Associates of the Blood of Christ.

The most important role a sister must play, regardless of her duties, is to follow Jesus and to want God's dream to be fulfilled in her life.

This is what we wish Sister Krystyna with all our hearts! May the Blood of Christ be a strengthening for her religious life and apostolate!

Czesława Nowak



13th Summer Camp - Olib 2022



The 13th summer camp for young people was held on the island of Olib, in the "Sanguis Christi" Center of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. The first camp with the sisters was held in 2008 and has been going on since then. The only year the camp was not held was 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. The values of community, friendship, exchange of life experiences, enjoyment of the benefits of the Olib beaches and the beautiful sea, prayer, meditation, Eucharist, and games are the characteristics of everything this camp offers, and those who repeatedly return to

the camp as a choice for their rest, both spiritual and physical. This year, 2022, the camp was organized in three terms. The first two sessions gathered students and working youth, while the third session was organized for high school students. During that time, the young people, together with the leaders, considered Moses' life path and his mission.

Moses is among the few characters in the Holy Scriptures that we follow literally from birth to death. He is the great leader of the community who makes the Covenant with God at Sinai after the liberation from the house of slavery. Just as he is drawn from trouble, so Moses himself will be „ the one who pulls out“, the deliverer out of trouble.

When a biblical text allows God to pronounce

the name of the person he is addressing twice, it signifies an intense intervention of God in life. Thus Moses at the burning bush twice hears his name (Exodus 3,4) when he gets the task of freeing an entire nation from slavery. God allows his chosen one to sincerely express to him his resistance and the fears he has in the vocation.

Moses prays for the people who worship the golden calf (Exodus 32,10–14).

And finally we know how Moses obeyed God until death. Jesus Christ, the new Moses, the Son of God, gave a new covenant, confirmed all that the Father of heaven had done before. By his shedding of blood, the Redemptive Blood, the price of salvation, he gave us an example of how to live: to Love God and neighbor.

Indeed, young people with very interesting lectures, workshops, dialogues, get to know themselves and others. The beauty of communion, action, mutual work and conversation, rest, socializing is what is provided at the camp, and above all a view directed at Christ, as first love.

Antonija Radosoljić

A Time to Listen to the Voice of Creation



**Escutar a
Voz da Criação**
TEMPO DA CRIAÇÃO

A Sarça Ardente
Ex 3:1-12

From Sept. 1 to Oct. 4 each year we celebrate the Season of Creation. During this time the world unites ecumenically in prayer and action to protect “that beautiful order of things which the great Son of God came to establish with his blood” (St. Maria de Mattias).

This year’s logo is: *The Burning Bush* (Ex. 3:1-12).



This fire that burned in the bush without consuming it leads us to contemplate the image of the fire that intrigued Moses and prompted him to come closer to see what was going on.

This text is an invitation to sharpen our senses to: “listen to the voice of creation,” a creation that calls us to a daily personal and social ecological conversion. In the Region of Brazil, each community is living this time creatively:

- Reading and meditating on the shared text in the Season of Creation, the encyclical *Laudato Si’* and other texts related to ecology:
 - In personal and community prayer.
 - In schools, parishes and groups in which they participate.
 - Recycling plastic and cardboard in

communities.

- Creating and arranging green spaces in the home.

Here in the Archbishopric of Lima, Peru, the Season of Creation opened on Sept. 4 with a 10 a.m. Eucharistic celebration presided over by the Archbishop of Lima, Monsignor Carlos Castillo Mattasoglio, who “assured us” that we are called to be deeply committed to the defense and care of the Common Home, and for this a transformation of all human attitudes of disregard and exploitation of creation is necessary.

At this time in a special way we give thanks to our Mother Earth that sustains and nourishes us, uniting us in actions that help us care for it and preserve it for future generations.

Sr. Katty Collana, ASC



General Administration Calendar



October 2: The General Administration attends the installation ceremony for the change of regional administration of the Italian Region in Acuto

October 6 - 8: Sr. Nadia and Sr. Bridget guide the online workshop: For a Culture of Care

October 9: Sr. Nadia and Sr. Wiesława leave for the Canonical Visitation in Perù

October 16: The council leaves for Manaus for the Canonical Visitation in Brazil

October 17 – November 11: Canonical Visitation in Brazil

Birthdays: Let's Celebrate Life

30th Birthday

Sr. Thi Tuyen Tran 10/20/1992 Korea

60th Birthday

Sr. Silvana Crolla 10/12/1962 Italy

70th Birthday

Sr. Marija Anita Ferketin 10/07/1952 Zagreb

Sr. Adela Rostecka 10/10/1952 Wrocław

Sr. Benita Antolović 10/22/1952 Zagreb

80th Birthday

Sr. Giuseppina Marinaccio 10/25/1942 Italy

90th Birthday

Sr. Mary Kevin Rooney 10/06/1932 USA

Sr. Maddalena Di Cino 10/25/1932 Italy



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USA

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