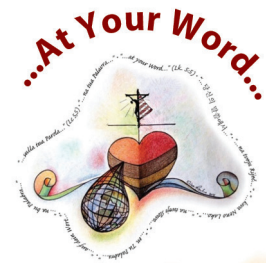


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For you who are young

Editorial

What does it mean to you to be young? Age? If being young is only personal data for you, try to stop time. The clock hands will be blocked and thus become so insignificant as to rust the gears. The invitation is not just for those under forty. It is not an invitation for those over forty. It is an invitation for each to take personally.

To be young and above all not to lose the zeal and unpredictability of age and not be conditioned by the “big systems;” you need to dare and live the Gospel after having chewed it and duly digested it. To be young, you have to become part of a believing and moving community, daring and taking the Gospel to the homes and places where the blood is still constantly being poured out and to those peripheries where tears mix with bread. This is the frontier of the mission of the Third Millennium.

The young are not one part of the Church, they are the Church and are a mission for this land. “In living of the various ages of life, the mission of the Church builds bridges between the generations in which faith in God and love for neighbor make up factors of deep union.”¹ Enthusiasm and joy are fundamental, demanding open hearts capable of welcoming and creating new space so that all discrimination and xenophobia be eliminated.

¹ POPE FRANCIS, Message World Missionary Day 2018, in www.vatican.va

² POPE FRANCIS – GMM 2018 message.

Also, you are young by carrying out long-term projects that educate to interculturality, solidarity, a world-wide concept, going beyond the globalization of indifference in order to relish the beauty of the gift itself. For this, “the extreme boundaries of the earth ... are very relative today. The digital world and social networks that permeate and pass through us, tone down borders, eliminate boundaries and distances, and reduce differences. Everything seems close at hand, everything seems so near and immediate. And yet, without the involving gift of our lives, we will have loads of contacts but we will never be immersed in a true communion of life. The mission to the ends of the earth demands the gift of self in the vocation given to us by the One who put us on this earth. I would dare to say that the essential thing is searching and being true to one’s vocation.”²

We are called to be an ever-moving Church, without giving up, even when our ministry toward others seems useless. We are called to widen our hearts, to form bonds of sisterhood in order to “get out” of the selfishness of our existence, searching for a new young life made up of what is essential. This is just for you who are young!

Sr. Mimma Scalera, ASC

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To Rome from Bolesławiec



Pilgrimages from Poland in honor of St. Maria De Mattias are something normal for the generalate community. A couple of times a year they are involved with joy and pride.

A group of young pilgrims came on August 28 from the C Ę Polakowzeslanych Na Sybir (Deported Polish in Siberia) school. They came with their teachers, arriving in Rome from the city of Bolesławiec, before continuing their trip to Vallecorsa as guests of the mayor Michele Antoniani and the townspeople. Visits back and forth have been going on throughout the year on various occasions since 2010, the year when a sister-city status was set up between the towns of Bolesławiec, Acuto and Vallecorsa. Their purpose is to deepen personal understanding of

administration and those of the community gave the youngsters a warm welcome. After enjoying a snack, they visited the Church of the Precious Blood, praying before the urn of St. Maria De Mattias. They then visited the museum of the foundress at the generalate. Among the guests was a married couple, Dariusz Filistynski and Joanna Filistynska, who were celebrating their 25th anniversary. Sr. Nadia expressed her thanks and encouragement to them and gave them a gift to remember the event. The group left after the midday meal. They expressed their gratitude for the hospitality and then continued their visit of the city of Rome in the company of some friends from Vallecorsa.

St. Maria De Mattias continues to be a source of inspiration for youth and adults, an instrument of unity and communion through the appreciation of differences. May her charism continue to urge ASCs and laity to live interculturality in the spirit of Gospel relationships.

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC



the cultures of the cities.

The group of 17 visitors arrived at 9:00 a.m. to give homage to St. Maria De Mattias, who has been the patron of their town for eleven years now. Sr. Nadia, General Superior, the members of the general



Natural family planning course



Church and is a plan that does not go against the nature and the God's plan of creation. Our society involves into the use of Contraception. This method is not only in harmony with God's plan of creation but also has the profound negative effects on human health especially for mothers, children and even families. Sometimes it causes tensions, conflicts and division between couples and families.

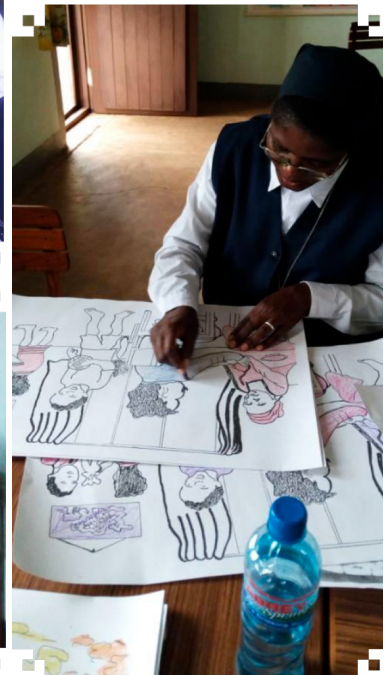
This course is very important in helping couples and youth who are expecting to live married life, to respect their bodies, to respect one another and to respect God's plan of creation. This course also is important for young men and women who expect to live their vocation as religious and even religious in general. It helps them to donate themselves totally to God and have a deeper relationship with Christ. In general the course encourages us to live well our vocations and to respect God's plan of creation.

From 01/06/2018 to 05/08/2018 a course on "Natural Family Planning" was conducted in Mtwara Region, Southern Tanzania. The course trainers used the method known as Billings Ovulation Method introduced and taught by Missionary Sr. Dr. Birgitta Schnell OSB who lived in Mtwara Region and died in 2013. The course involved marriage couples and religious. The aim of the course is to help couples, young men and women who expect to live the married life, to live their life well according to Catholic Church values.

Given pastoral experience in our parish, among the couples, young people and the families we come across challenges that face these groups. We as the Region members considered that this course would help us to gain more knowledge and experience which would help us in our pastoral work. So two sisters, Sr. Laura William and Sr. Sophia Michael participated in Natural Family Planning course.

Natural Family Planning is accepted by the

**Sr. Sophia Michael Mwinyi, ASC and
Sr. Laura William Nchupa, ASC**



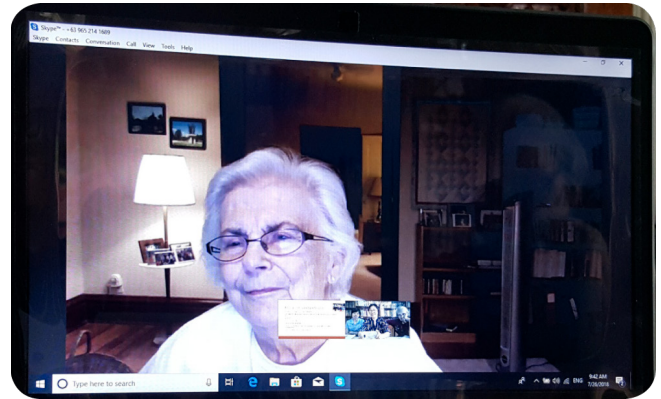
What's new in the Philippines?

Depends on whom you ask!

Since I last wrote we have made our annual retreat July 16 - 23 at the Jesuit Novitiate where Mai and Hien had the gift of a Vietnamese priest's service for three of the days. My own Director surprised me by sending me to the book *HOWEVER LONG THE NIGHT*, the story of LCWR's response to the six-year Vatican investigation of religious life in the United States. I was deeply inspired by the Sisters' profound charity in their choice of silence, honesty and presence in true dialogue. Even in the shared hurt and anger among themselves, the honest admission and release of feelings was not allowed to dominate and keep the Sisters in a "stuck" position.

Most of my religious life I have considered myself a kind person, but LCWR's shared experience convicted me! I began to pray to love like that in the daily concrete of different viewpoints, misunderstanding, miscommunication and expectations. (I'm not trying to sell this book, but if you haven't yet read it, it would be very well worth your time.)

Sister Regina Siegfried has been our Skype teacher during July, sharing on the topics of Commitment and Profession, and getting us ready for August's sharing on the vow of celibacy. She is truly to be commended for her success in translating Sandra Schneider down to a one – page document that was quite understandable to us! Kudos, Regina! You **MUST NOT** retire **EVER** from teaching the newer Religious!



August brings the excitement of a two-week workshop on Spiritual Companionship for Hien and a weekly class every Wednesday for the semester on Culture and Mission. Both courses are taught at ICLA, the Institute of Consecrated Life in Asia.

Weekly ministry for Sister Hien is Veritas Radio Asia, a weekly broadcast of the Eucharist into Vietnam. Hien teams up with the Dominican priests for this service. The ministry of presence was chosen by Sister Mai who, with a brother of the Sacred Heart, shares Eucharist each Sunday with drug addicts. The hope is that after Eucharist there will be opportunity for sharing with the men and women participants.

Now you know what's new in the Philippines!

Sr. Mary Kevin Rooney, ASC



A change for greater vitality

Care for healthy human life requires good air, good food and stable emotional support. A change is not done because for searching of a newness just to do something that can fill the emptiness of a person. There is prior time of evaluation, analysis and new proposal in order to assure a good standard of life. For nature to have healthy trees and plants, the farmer has always to prune, to fertilize the soil and water it; the same is for an institution that cares for children. We need always to check, to evaluate, to fertilize and so on. The beauty and healthy farm is the result of a constant work and evaluation.

This happened also to our Center in Marikina. After long reflection, analysis, evaluation and research it came out that we have to change our program for our children in order to promote more life.



To answer to the needs of a better education for the poor children of the periphery of Marikina, we hired 3 professional teachers that give more support to the main subjects: English, Filipino, Math and Science. With this valuable help the children are able to report higher grades in all the subjects and some of them were able to pass the entrance examination in order to be transferred to the private school of the Marist brothers that offers scholarships. With changing of program now we are more focused on empowering women through education so that they can live a dignified life. With higher education, work can be found to assure more financial support for their family life. With this service we feel more in line with the dream of our Foundress St. Maria De Mattias: " ...so that all the creation can move toward the beautiful order of things which the great Son of God came to establish in his blood". (MDM)

As for now we have 25 girls enrolled in our program. If Providence helps us we can help more girls to fulfill their dream of becoming professionals in the sector of work. This work is done because of generous people from abroad and sensitive Foundations that help institutions that are caring for poor children.

Sr. Maria Grazia D'Amato, ASC

After 15 years of caring for orphans, abandoned and neglected children, we came out with a new program that helps us to promote more qualitative life. It was a very long research and courageous decision to arrive at the point to formalize our new programs and services and to submit it to the Local Authority in charge of this sector.

On July 1, 2016 we presented to the President of DSWD our new written proposal to change the old style of Orphanage into Day Time Socio-Educational Center. With this change the children are living in their home and every day they come to the Center for feeding, tutorial and getting support for their school supply and activities. With this service the emotional aspect of the child is addressed by their own parents. The Center just helps the family in the sector of education and nutrition because the family can't support fully their own children due to poverty.



Sisterliness

Sr. Daniela Del Gaudio, a Franciscan of the Immaculate, was a guest at the generalate for two years for health reasons for physical and spiritual renewal.

Her expression of thanks for this experience lived with the Adorers of the Blood of Christ follows.

With the full consent of her congregation, Sr. Daniela will begin an inter-congregational ministry experience in the Region of Italy.

We offer Sister Daniela our best wishes for her willingness to be a prophetic sign in the Church.

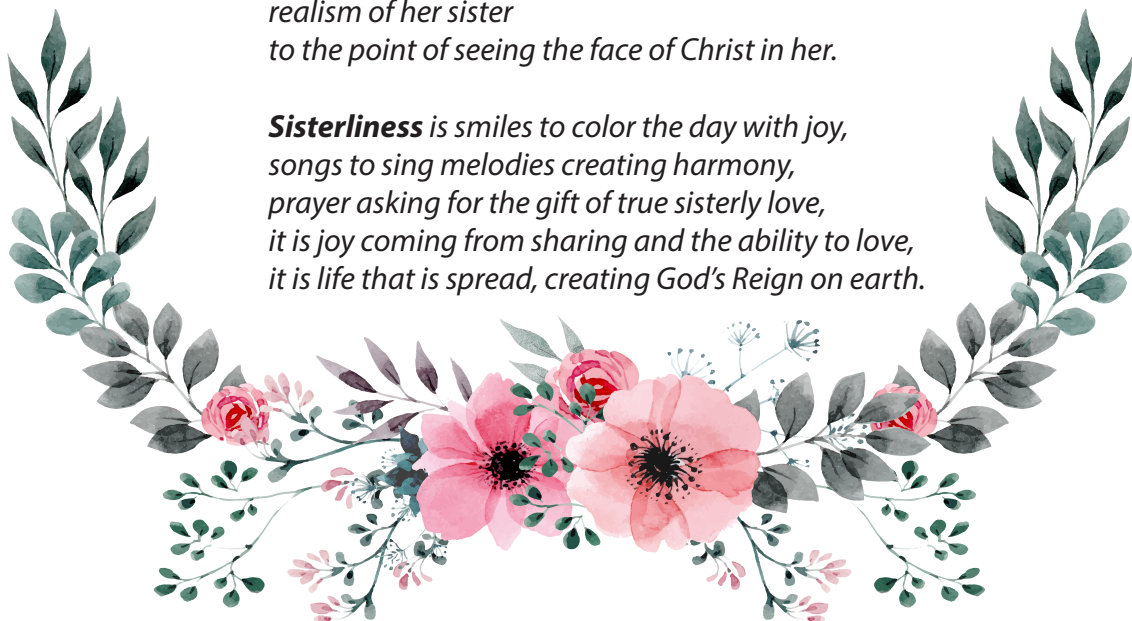


Sisterliness is not a condition dictated by Blood,
but a condition dictated by the heart
that expands to welcome a sister as gift
for love of God.

Sisterliness is a heart beating with concern,
an ear listening to the needs of the other,
the hands helping to build bridges of neighborliness,
and feet that trace out paths of hope.

Sisterliness is the prophecy of announcing
a humanity built upon holy relationships,
not springing from flesh but from the spirit,
and yet it is so human as to enter into the daily
realism of her sister
to the point of seeing the face of Christ in her.

Sisterliness is smiles to color the day with joy,
songs to sing melodies creating harmony,
prayer asking for the gift of true sisterly love,
it is joy coming from sharing and the ability to love,
it is life that is spread, creating God's Reign on earth.



"Dear Sisters of the generalate,
This is what I experienced living with you, and I give heartfelt thanks because you took care of me for these two years and welcomed me in the name of the Blood of Christ.
Thanks for your wonderful witness. May the Lord reward you and always guide you with love."

Sr. Daniela Del Gaudio, SFI

ASCs in the heart of the Church



fantasy and freedom, continues to call women and men to discipleship of Christ, lived in the Gospel way.

Sr. Nicla wanted to dedicate the honor to all ASCs. “The recognition of the *pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross* is not just for me; it is for the Institute of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ to which I belong. It is a sign of the special loving closeness that You, Holy Father, wanted to express as Pastor of the Universal Church.”

Thus, we also feel through these small ASC signs at the heart of the Church according to our specific identity: We are consecrated people called to be a leaven of missionary communion in the universal Church because the Holy Spirit gives the various charisms of the respective Institutes for the good of the universal Church. We all collaborate in its growth, (cfr. 1 Cor. 12:4-11), journeying along the best way (1 Cor. 12:31), the greatest of all realities (1 Cor. 13:13), charity. Love harmonizes all differences, languages, ethnicities, cultures and infuses them all with mutual support and solidarity in apostolic zeal and the way toward unity. (cf. Consecrated Life, 47).

Pope Francis conferred the honor of the *pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross* on Sr. Nicla Spezzati, Superior of the Italian Region, for her service and contributions given “with praise-worthy passion, intelligent study and exemplary dedication” in the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life of the Apostolic See for consecrated men and women throughout the world.

Upon hearing the news, Sr. Nicla, in thanking Pope Francis, stated that in the years of her work according to the spirit and nature proper to the Dicastery, she experienced the closeness and grace of communication and continuing work with international Institutes and Congregations and with consecrated men and women who, like the ASCs, inflame history with suffering and hard work. She admired their generous and intelligent dedication – at times to the point of martyrdom – in service of humanity in difficult and demanding social settings. In the world horizon she was able to contemplate the Spirit’s action, which with

Adorers of the Italian Region



Music and the Word of God

September 6-8, the diocese of Bari-Bitonto organized a sacred music seminar led by the well-known liturgist Gianmartino Durighello. The theme of the seminar was "In the Wedding Garden," suggested by the sung reading from the Song of Songs. The activities were interwoven with the days organized by the Italian Region for the Adorers of the "following beauty's path" group called to "dare artistic expression to narrate the Gospel."

The example brought by the presenter, Durighello, the author of this work, showed how the Song of Songs, and the entire Word of God, cannot only inspire artists and therefore be translated into art, but is capable of touching the hearts of the listeners, speaking to them in the depths of their being. Musical language, more than any other, prepares the ground and in some cases irrigates it, allowing the Word of God to sprout. One new way, that of presenting the Word of God through song, is also an ancient way, which, however, asks us to have the courage to propose it again so that the ever-new message of God's Love for humanity may reach the people of God today and transform them.

Five Adorers were among the musicians, cantors, choir members and parish liturgical ministers who attended the afternoon seminar. The morning of September 8 and 9, other Adorers and laity joined the group for an ongoing music workshop. The objectives of the workshop were those of preparing a repertoire of songs ready for all kinds of celebration, growing

and improving musical and instrumental preparation of the members, identification of educational suggestions that let us reach the most distant people through our ministries.

Arcidiocesi Bari – Bitonto

Incontri di formazione degli animatori liturgico-musicali

Nel giardino delle nozze

proposta di una lettura cantata del

Cantico dei Cantici

relatore – Gianmartino Durighello



Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC



Tailwind for the Association "Open Church"

On July 17, 2018, Saint Elizabeth Convent in Schaan experienced a Sunday with many guests. The Association "Open Church" celebrated its 20-year Jubilee. The Association started in 1998, and from the beginning it has been strongly connected with the convent. Together with the Association, the convent started a project called "Bread and Roses", which offers different pastoral activities.



For July 17, the Association was invited to a Eucharist for families. The liturgy was prepared by a catechist who, with the children, made visible in a creative way how a grain of mustard seed, planted in the earth, grows and becomes a tree. Afterwards, the community gathered for a lunch of fresh salad and different kinds of spaghetti. In the afternoon, Paul M. Zulehner, a very well-known pastoral theologian from Vienna, Austria, brought a lot of tailwind for the guests. The hall of Saint Elizabeth School was filled to the last seat. Zulehner designed a wide panorama of the worldwide challenges. While in Asia and Latin America, the basic feeling is "hope", in Europe and North America it is more a feeling of "fear." Living the Gospel, Christians should respond to fear with the values of hope and solidarity. Again and again, Zulehner called for concrete activities by

Christians, especially in the present crisis with the refugees. In his words, "Actually we have many Catholics, but there are few Christians among them. In the future we will have fewer Catholics, but more Christians among them." During the following discussion, guided by Günther Boss and the theologian Sandra Büchel Thalmaier, the speaker moved to the concrete situation of Liechtenstein. He had clear words regarding the clericalism in the Archdiocese of Vaduz. Ironically, he said, "You will keep that museum, look at it, and pay for it." All in all, it was not his intention to only give a critical view of the Church. Very directly, he said to the group: "You are much too fixed on your bishop." He encouraged the Association to discover new ways, based on the Gospel, and to remain active for the country. As a motto, he wrote in the guestbook of the Association: "The bishop behind you, the land in front of you."

The management board of the Association of the "Open Church" was very pleased with the Jubilee Day. The program included different generations, families, and other interested people. It was a day of encouragement for the coming years.



Günther Boss

Good Samaritan experience

The state of Kerala experienced its worst flood and heaviest rainfall ever. It was the worst natural calamity the state has ever experienced in the



living memory of Kerala. This devastating flood of the century almost brought Kerala to its knees. Though waters raised high Good Samaritans came from all over the country to help people get back on their feet. It was the worst of times of the state but in many ways it became best of its times. Countless stories of selfless gestures were recorded from the flood-hit areas. Illustrating how the people remained united in times of the biggest challenge, facing it head on with all the resources possible while taking care of one and all. They worked together to safeguard the lives of the people who were in fear, terror and apprehension. In the face of such adversity we the Adorers also played a small role in alleviating the pain of the flood affected people. I am very glad to say that we were united in one spirit and did a selfless service by consoling them and saying to them we were with you. It brought hope to the people we met; they felt that they are not alone to face this disaster which brought pain, tears and disappointments. The flood had left behind a trail of mud and sludge making it hard for the residents to come home. Most people had lost their furniture, clothes, electronic items, utensils, domestic animals and many other things that they had treasured as precious to them and which was the outcome of their hard work for many years. It made their journey back a nightmare. When we stepped into some of the houses with flood relief program many people were still living in relief camps, not knowing how and when they

would be able to return to their houses to lead a normal life. When we entered, those houses were filled with dirt, nasty smell and most of the household articles were in disorder. We were filled with lot of energy and enthusiasm to do our best to tidy up their houses so that they can return to their homes as early as possible. I do believe that we were able to do this good mission with the powerful prayers of all the sisters from all the communities. We also had the great support of our Regional team along with us who tirelessly moved around visiting the affected families consoling them and praying for them. We cannot forget the good support and hospitality shown to us by the sisters of Angamaly community while we were on flood relief program, we gratefully remember them. This program was made possible by the willingness shown by the sisters of many of the communities who joyfully sent us on mission. We could see a broad smile on the faces of all the people as we finished the cleaning and made it possible for them to live in. That gave us more joy and energy to go to the next house. This program has once again proved that Adorers have small hands but big hearts, filled with compassion, co-operation, love and humanness.



Sr. Manjusha Pulickakunnel, ASC

General Administration Calendar



Missionary October: in the fruitfulness of the Blood of Christ

October 5 - 7: formation meeting for the Novitiate community at the generalate;

Sr. Lucia Resta, Sr. Lucja Lis and Allessanda Pereira will attend to contribute to the meeting.

October 10 - 18: planning meeting of the CIS coordinating team at the generalate in Rome

October 21: Feast of St. Gaspar Del Bufalo and Venerable Serafina Cinque

October 23: Commemoration of the Martyrs of Charity and Faith

Birthdays:

Let us celebrate life



Anniversaries of religious profession

50th anniversary of religious profession 09/30/2018

Sr. Modesta Ciupik Wrocław

Sr. Cecylia Haftarczyk Wrocław

60th anniversary of religious profession 10/21/2018

Sr. Barbara Złoty Wrocław



With gratitude for the gift of our vocation

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Sr. Jenny Sellaro 10/30/1988 USA

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Sr. Rose Ngowa Priva 09/02/1978 Tanzania

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Sr. Gracy Vadakumcherry 09/24/1968 India

Sr. Elżbieta Kurnatowska 10/05/1968 Wrocław

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Sr. Kwak Mi Sook Francesca 10/02/1958 Korea

Sr. Tatyana Ugaynova 10/05/1958 Wrocław

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Sr. Flora De Guglielmo 10/11/1948 Italy

Sr. Maria Pia Iadanza 10/12/1948 Italy

Sr. Vanilda de Souza Lobat 10/18/1948 Manaus

Sr. Cecylia Haftarczyk 10/22/1948 Wrocław

Sr. Agnes Ramsauer 10/30/1948 Schaan

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Sr. Maria Faggioli 10/07/1938 Italy

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Sr. Clemens de Oliveira 09/07/1928 Brazil

Sr. Sandrina Ortolani 10/12/1928 Italy

Sr. Teresa Perinelli 10/15/1928 Italy



They have returned to
their Heavenly Home

08/27/2018 Sr. Emma Goeckner USA

09/01/2018 Sr. Bertha Fischer USA

09/14/2018 Sr. Maria D'Andrea Italy



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