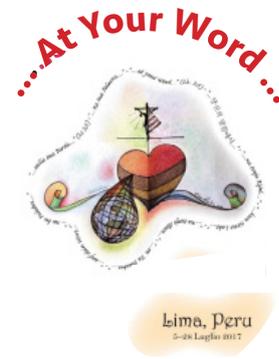


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## MARIA DE MATTIAS, AN OUTGOING WOMAN

editorial

A woman of that time, of 184 years ago, driven by the passionate power of Crucified Love, a life given to the point of Blood, by contemplation of the charitable Love of Christ, she leaves her land to be a gift of charity for the world. From this going out of herself, from her letting go of securities and bonds of affection, *diakonia* grows in her. This *diakonia* urges her to lean toward the poor of the land and care for humanity's wounds.



the poor and bring them the Gospel of joy, without prejudices and barriers. In the time of globalization we are called to be united with those people who often live in misery because of the bullying of economic powers and to fearlessly dare to be on the side of the weak and voiceless; we are called to go down into the camp and make concrete choices of solidarity and charity. This means urging ourselves forward with a single heart, filled with mercy and open to welcome the light of Easter which drives out the darkness of selfishness and isolation in order to be Easter women and men who dare to take new steps to build a fraternal and united society.

The prophecy of this woman is a provocation to us not to live dwelling upon ourselves, but going out toward others to reach to human peripheries. It is the heart of mission, the call to *go out* from ourselves and our own plans in order to encounter the needy, listen to the cry of

Sr Mimma Scalera, asc

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# INDIA LAND OF COLORS AND DETAILS



Dear Sisters,

I want to share with you my experience in the land of sound, colors and many details using the words of the great Indian poet, Tagore.

*You have made me known to friends whom I did not know. You have given me seats in homes not my own. You have brought the distant near and made a brother or sister of the stranger.*

*I am uneasy at heart when I have to leave my accustomed shelter; I forget that the old abides in the new, and that you also abide there.*

*Through birth and death, in this world or in others, wherever you lead me, the same, the one companion of endless life whoever links my heart with bonds of joy to the unfamiliar.*

*When one knows you, that there is no alien, then no door is shut. Oh, grant me my prayer that I may never lose the bliss of the touch of the one in the play of the many.*

(Gitanjali 63, Tagore)

During our stay in India on the occasion of the Regional Election Assembly, Sr. Nadia and I experienced how great and beautiful God is in his plans, in people and in creation and how he calls every being to be part of his beauty and communion in the concrete things of life.

I recall a Croatian missionary, Venerable Ante Gabrić, who used to carefully describe his missionary experience in India in detail because it is an enriching reality with its many particulars.

This is where the title came from: India, a land of colors and details. I believe that the details of things, the particulars of our experiences help us to go into its depths, to appreciate its beauty.

Thus, allow me to write to our Sisters in India.

I am writing to you, my Sisters in India who shared life with us. In two weeks' time you made it possible to experience the beauty of your rich,

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ever welcoming and spiritual culture. You allowed us to enter into the life of your Region, in your communities, relationships and ambience. You offered us more than a place to live, eat and sleep. You let us feel and share your blessings and your challenges, which you are courageously dealing with as you try to be a meaningful presence as Adorers in your reality.

In visiting some of the communities where you live, Bangalore, Koramangala, Angamaly, Arapilly, Kolar and Mysore, we greatly appreciated your zeal for our dear neighbor and the ministries you carry out with the children, youth, elderly and sick. We felt how much care you have in carrying out your projects because they promote human and Christian values. We felt your hearts beating for the poor and needy, and this greatly enriched us.

I was impressed by the love and knowledge you have regarding Maria De Mattias, her writings, our origins and for our entire Congregation.

Meeting the young women in formation we experienced much joy and hope of being Adorers who want to promote the values of a life rooted in our spirituality.



Our hearts are proud and filled with gratitude as we saw you united in your Regional Assembly where we could listen to and meet many of you and share your experiences, and understand your dreams and concerns. It was truly important for us to see you committed for your Region's new "today and tomorrow," sustained "... at Your Word..."

We thank each of you for your shared life, your giving of yourselves to the Lord and the beauty of the love which you expressed to us in so many details. We thank you for the Word prayed, pronounced and sung, for your lively and joyous lives and for your deep and touching prayer.

Namaste!

**Sr Matija Pavić, ASC**



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# DZIĘKUJĘ (THANK YOU)

Travelling to a new place opens a new window of information as well as the possibility of beginning new relationships that add meaning and colour to one's life. My first visit to Poland has been such an experience. I was initially afraid of the biting winter cold, but once I reached the place, the winter no longer bothered me much. On 6 January 2018 Sr. Wiesława and I arrived in Krakow, a sprawling historic center that is known for its beauty. The sacred land of Saint John Paul II, where he was born, baptized, where he became a Priest - Bishop - Cardinal, and where he spent his time visiting as Pope. After a warm welcome at the airport by Sr. Ewa Kleps, the Regional superior, and Sr. Elzbieta, a regional councilor, we were driven to the shrine of St. Faustina. It was a graced moment in life being able to enter into the shrine of the apostle of divine mercy, St. Faustina, at 3 pm and participate in the divine mercy rosary with a large community of devotees. Thereafter, walking into the Shrine of Divine Mercy was a moving experience as anyone who enters there can feel and experience surrounded by the holiness of these two great saints who continue to energize the faith and life of the Polish people. The church was full for the evening Mass on the feast of Epiphany and the many young families participating in the Holy Eucharist and praying together with their children instill in us, hope for the future.

Another grace-filled moment was visit to the

monastery that keeps the country's most important holy relic of the Black Madonna of Czestochowa that is impetus for regular pilgrimages. The icon itself is small, but its reported powers are great. Another attraction of the place is the stations of the cross around the monastery and the Christmas crib that presented the Polish culture and the Christmas trees.

As we moved on and visited the communities, the sisters were really so warm and caring that I forgot that I could not speak or understand Polish. I talked in broken Italian and they spoke in Polish, many a time without an interpreter, but we understood each other in the language of the Blood of Christ that unites us from different parts of the world. The sisters are involved in varied ministries with dedication and openness as sacristans, catechists, pastoral ministers, care of the elderly, housekeeping, counselling, youth and family apostolate and many more. An atmosphere of respect for one another is breathed in communities.

I also had opportunities to listen to some of the sisters recalling the struggles under colonialism and communism that did not dampen their spirit; instead they placed their trust in God and continued to choose life with hope. Upon leaving Poland I am enriched once again and thank God for the opportunity for new experiences.

**Sr Bridget Pulickakunnel asc**



## CELEBRATION OF MARIA DE MATTIAS' BIRTHDAY

In the chapel of the Regional Center in Schaan the festive liturgy started at 11am. Many from outside came to join the community. Sr. Regina Hassler had prepared the liturgy; Sr. Hedy Baumgartner, Sr. Annella Oberlechner and Julia Hepperle touched our hearts with their music. There was a special moment when a journalist (Sr. Maria Hammerer) came for an interview with Maria De Mattias (Sr. Annella Oberlechner). The questions focused around the life and special charisma of Maria De Mattias. To the question: "What does the name 'Adorers of the Blood of Christ' mean?", Maria responded: "To me, adoration means to care for a loving relationship with God so that attentiveness to His will can grow and bear fruit; it means to live attentively and in gratitude, to love and to act."

Maria De Mattias inspired everyone present



and they responded spontaneously with clapping.

For the offertory, together with the bread and wine, the Bible and our Constitutions were brought to the altar, our sign that the Lord speaks to us and we allow Him to lead us forward.

The globe with the heart symbolized Maria's burning heart which is attracting people worldwide through faith sharing. A candle and a rose help us remember those who have left us in death.

In the afternoon from 2pm to 6pm we had adoration and ended with vespers.

We concluded this day of celebration with a game in community. Every sister received a little box with a puzzle. On the different parts of the puzzle Sr. Regina had painted seven images with the following expressions: word, path, liberty, truth, joy, being and life. We listened to meditative music and tried to put the images together, reflecting on which one of the expressions it meant.

Those who felt difficulty with this puzzle received support from others. Then two sisters came together and shared the meaning of the image in regard to our life-goals.

**Maria Hammerer, ASC**



### KINDNESS CANNOT DECAY

# THANK YOU SR SANTINA BELTRAMI, ASC

The phrase “kindness cannot decay” is normally used by parents and teachers to teach children to behave well. It is true that kindness cannot decay.

Amos is a 28 years old. He lives in Mororgoro and works in the water department of Morogoro city as a pump operator. He was born in the village of Ikasi, in the Singida Region. His mother is called Medaya Nkambi and his father died when he was young.

One day the sisters’ community had a problem with water. They requested help from the department providing water services.

Fortunately the water department sent Amos to resolve the water problem for the Sisters. As soon as he saw the sisters, he recalled a special service which was offered with kindness and love to him by one sister. Although he was a young at that time when he was given that service, the picture of the sister who helped him came to his memory by seeing sisters of the community of Morogoro. He asked them if they knew a sister named Santina? The sisters answered yes, but she had returned to Italy. Amos was so eager to get more information about Sr. Santina. He said, for a long time he was looking for a way to find this sister. The reason for wanting to meet her, is to thank her for the great goodness she did to him and his family.

He began by narrating his back history when he was a child. He said, when he was a child he got very sick for a long time and his mother was very worried about him and his treatment. His

mother was desperate because he did not get well apart from all treatments. She eventually received advice from his neighbor that there was a sister named Santina who gives good health service at Chibumagwa. This neighbor told her to bring me to this sister. My mother received the advice and took me to Sr. Santina. According to my mother’s story, Sr. Santina welcomed us very well with great love. She gave me treatments. Medicines that she gave helped me and I recovered. Since then my health became stable and I did not get sick. After recovering my mother went to thank Sr. Santina, and she humbly emphasized that we have to thank God for the goodness he has shown us.

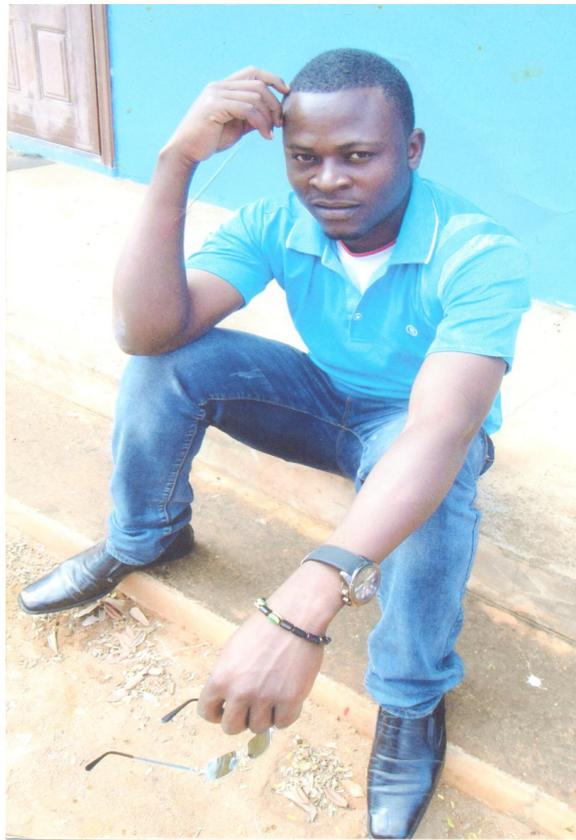
My mother and I have been looking for information about Sr. Santina and we never found someone who would give us information. So I have every reason to say that I am fortunate to meet you sisters

and to get information about this sister.

He said that Sister Santina has been a great support to his family. His life was in danger, but God helped him through Sr. Santina who really treated him with great love and care. He could study well with good health and now he works and helps his family.

These are the words of Amos to Sr. Santina: “Dear sister Santina wherever you are, I Amos, would like to thank you very much for your generosity, love and caring heart. I pray, may God give you good health and a long life. God be with you always.”

**Sr Anastazia Floriani, ASC**



## SEE TO IT TO MAKE JESUS CRUCIFIED KNOWN

“Let us wholeheartedly serve our holy God and see to it to make Jesus Crucified known through our love, so that he may be loved by everyone and not offended.” (cf. MDM, 1,426) We began our apostolate in Siberia with these words. Last year, in 2017, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of our presence as ASCs in the land of Russia. At that time the Sisters found people with the great desire to rebuild the destroyed churches, both the buildings and the communities. Today the reality is different. That people thirsting for God are now rejoicing with him in eternity. In the community of the Church there are other people who are still like “newborns” in the faith, not having roots nor the desire to live with God. Where we are there are few who have roots in faith, thus, we always have to prepare *this ground* in order to sow God’s Word.

Around the city of Aczyńsk where we live and work and in the villages where we minister, we encounter spiritual and material poverty. The reality of life in these small villages is inconceivable not only for modern people, but also for the people of Russian cities. In some of the villages there are children who have already been baptized as well as their parents, but for most of them, family life remains without great transformations of the heart. We work among the children of large families that are separated and dysfunctional with problems of alcoholism. In these cases, the children are barely taken care of by their parents. We try to help them know God better and be friends with Him. We want these children to make good choices for their lives in the future.

We do not have the possibility of organizing meetings for the children in the villages, so we bring them to our house in Aczyńsk. Each Saturday we bring the

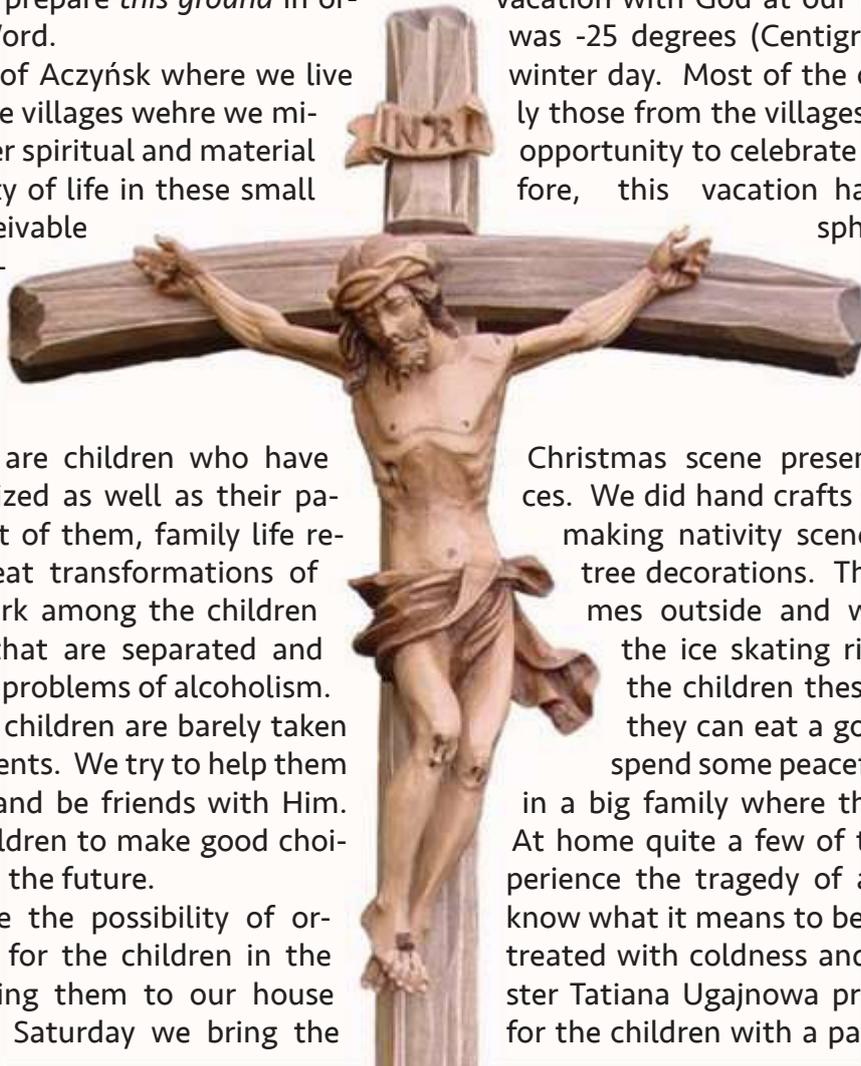
children from the village to our home where they stay until Sunday.

During our meetings, in addition to catechesis and preparation for Sunday Mass, we teach the children personal hygiene, cleaning and meal preparation. In the area of interpersonal relationships we educate the children to respect, sincerity and honesty, in addition to being responsible for their personal choices and behavior. In the organizing of the meetings we teach them to celebrate together and think of each other, for example on their birthdays. The children meet with a psychologist and a speech therapist. There are usually 36 children that come to these meetings.

In January, 2018, they participated in a winter vacation with God at our home. Outside it was -25 degrees (Centigrade), a true mid-winter day. Most of the children, especially those from the villages, had not had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas, therefore, this vacation had a party atmosphere. There was

prayer together, teaching of Christmas songs, preparation of a live

Christmas scene presentation and dances. We did hand crafts with the children: making nativity scenes and Christmas tree decorations. There were also games outside and we took them to the ice skating rink. For many of the children these are times when they can eat a good, hot meal and spend some peaceful and joyful time in a big family where they feel accepted. At home quite a few of these children experience the tragedy of alcoholism. They know what it means to be hungry and to be treated with coldness and indifference. Sister Tatiana Ugajnowa prepared the meals for the children with a parishioner and two



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young women. The Sisters of Carlo Boromeo of Krasnojarska also helped us.

One time I took three children home after our fall vacation. During the trip I saw the tears in their eyes and they honestly told me that no one would be waiting for them and they felt useless at their home. When they got home, they were completely different, silent and sad.

With the help of the social projects we can also help the poor, large families. We prepare bags of food, personal hygiene products, detergent and school supplies for them. We constantly help seven large families and occasionally we also help the single mothers. Thanks to the projects we can feed the poor. During winter, from Novem-

ber through April, we prepare food at our house and take it to the city center for the homeless. In this way they can eat and drink something hot at least once a day.

The packages of clothing we receive from Austria are also a big help. This is a gift of our Sisters of the Schaan Region, Sr. Maria and Sr. Margarita, who worked in Russia for many years. After they left, they left us a big gift and help for the poor.

This reality seems very sad and desperate, but we can find joy in everything we encounter because we see that some young people are making good choices for their adult lives and are living Christian values. Many people have been baptized.

**sr Ina Balcewicz ASC**

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## DEAR NEIGHBOR

The Sisters of St. Joseph in Wichita have a Wichita Center just as we do, one of many similarities between our two communities. Part of their charism is an outreach to the "Dear Neighbor" in our midst. Sounds pretty familiar, doesn't it?

It happens that the CSJ Wichita Center is located on a hilltop and just to the east of them is a large residential area with many homes of people with limited financial means.

The sisters there have a long history of direct assistance to these "dear neighbors" of theirs. Also, many of the nearby residents drop by the offices of the Dear Neighbor Ministry to pick up a few dry staples to help tide them over the rough times. The ASC Justice, Peace and Creation committee was asked if we could help by purchasing in bulk, large amounts of pinto beans, rice and laundry detergent and repack these into 2-pound packages for distribution.

Because we have ample "sister power" among our retired sisters, we took on this project in our residence. About 12 sisters were able to pack more than 180 bags shortly after Thanksgiving. A member of our JPIC committee, Lori Bengé, pur-

chased and transported several hundred pounds of supplies, bags and marking pens.

Committee members Sister Joann Stuever and Sister Bernadine Wessel found and taped cardboard boxes and helped pack and organize the filled bags. Our packers were Sisters Nancy Hanes, Francella Bahr, Noella Blick, Jeannette Trimmell, Fran Schumer, Rita Schwarz, Jeannine

Bahr, Helen Lindsey, Sophia Kammer, Mary Schoenecker, Barb Croom and Teresa Bahr. S. Vicki Bergkamp, a member of the Dear Neighbor Board, helped Lori load and deliver the boxes.

As we were working, our thoughts were with those we were helping -- probably single mothers -- with the challenge of put-

ting a simple bowl of rice or beans on the table day after day. I found myself hoping they could also find a little piece of meat, an onion, some garlic or red pepper, anything to help complete the dish!

With a deeper sense of gratitude for what is on our plates and a heartfelt hope that God will sustain our "dear neighbors," we invite you to join us in prayers of thanksgiving.

**Sr Joann Stuever, ASC**



## HAVING A FAMILY IS A GIFT

There is an unexpected birthday party at Bamgol Aienae Study Room. While the other children clap and give birthday greetings the honoree smiles awkwardly and then blows out the candles on the birthday cake.

Aunt Sky, I am here.

Oh! Good. You are here. Uncle Harry Potter has been waiting for you.

Sister Kim Hee Kyung (an Adorer of the Blood of Christ) turns with a warm smile to greet the child who bows a greeting. Sister Kim is called Aunt Sky. Social workers are usually called Aunt. Volunteer teachers are either Uncle or Aunt. Except for calling mothers, "Aunt" and fathers "Uncle," it is no different than other homes. The daily activities are



the same, preparing meals and snacks, helping with study and checking on the children who are playing outdoors. This is Bamgol Aienae Area Children's Center in Hawol Gog Dong, Hwa Lang Street #1, Seong Buuk Gu, Seoul, Korea. Though the name has been changed to Area Children's Center it is still being called the old name of Study Room.

I visited Bamgol Aienae Area Children's Center (Sister Kim Hee Kyung is director) which has been open to the children with zeal and patience for 33 years. This is among the oldest Study Rooms run by the Catholic Church in Korea and is an example of the history of the development of all Area Children's Centers throughout the country. Beginning in March of 1984 as a Free Child Care Center, the next year it became a Stu-

dy Room. In October, 1995 it was in danger of being closed, but then the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ became in charge and the spirit of "Bamgol Aienae" continued.

According to Kim Eun Mi (Johanna), director for six years beginning in 1990 "Of course the children came and went on weekdays and often even on Saturdays and Sundays so that it became as comfortable as home." She mentioned how

she "still clearly remembers how she looked after the children without complaining so that nothing would happen to them, they wouldn't get hurt."

Toward the end of 1997 at the time of emergency help from the IMF, the number of children increased from 50-60 to 120. During 2000 when

Bamgol was being redeveloped, the Study room had to face the problem of moving twice. Then, in 2004 the Sisters bought a two story house and the study room found security in moving there. For more than 20 years the Sun Light Club from GoRyo College and the KUSA group from Dong Duk Women's College form the basis of a solid volunteer group.

Presently 45 children attend Bamgol Aienae. Sister Kim, 2 social workers and a food service provider make a total of 49 persons. It is registered as a facility of children's services for 49 persons. Taking care of the children is basic and homework is also taken care of. Through reading, counselling, even art therapy, a variety of opportunities are provided in an effort to provide a "family atmosphere" for the children.

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Sister Kim said, "To have another family is such a great comfort! For us to take care for one child is the same as saving the world."

While I was talking with Sister Kim the children kept coming in and the volunteers and social workers welcomed each warmly, taking care of them.

Uncle Harry Potter, Kim Hyun Ok (Han Seong College Korean Literature student) who teaches math said, "At first I thought it might be difficult to relate to the study room children, but they are

no different from other children, probably because of the warm care Sister Kim and the social workers give them."

Social worker Aunt Butterfly, Park Hui Sook (56) added, " For a time I only told the children to study, study, study, but just as a plant needs more than water to grow I came to understand that if we only give the children love it is enough."

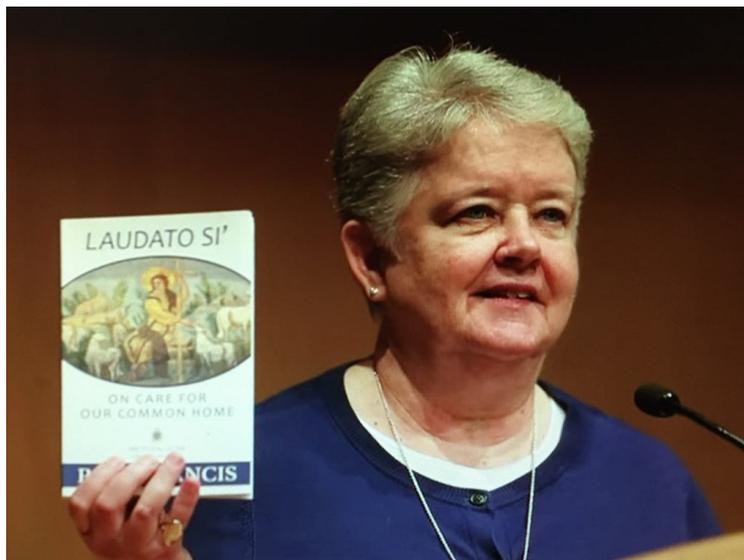
**Oh Se Taek**  
Catholic Peace Newspaper of Korea reporter

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# ADORERS ATTEND PIPELINE HEARING AND PRESS CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA

*Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is...not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience. Laudato Si*

On January 19th, two van loads filled with 12 ASCs, and about 15 Lancaster Against Pipeline (LAP) members traveled to Philadelphia in the early morning and then were joined with other supporters. The ASCs from the US Region were: Sisters Anne Marie Meadowcroft, Helene Trueitt, Bernice Klostermann, Martha Wachtel, George Ann Biscan, Sara Dwyer, Maria Hughes, Joan Hornick, Barbara Hudock and Janet McCann, along with Dani Brought and Manuela Nocco from our General Administration. The sisters and supporters were on their way to court for the hearing concerning the two-year battle against the building of a natural gas pipeline through the Adorers' land. The courtroom had about 120 people present, not counting



judges and lawyers. The chief judge commented that he wasn't used to seeing this many people for their cases. After our hearing, there were only about 20 people remaining in the courtroom, so we certainly were well represented.

Dwight Yoder, our lawyer, was well prepared and held his own, when the judges allowed him to speak. However, they didn't give him much chance to really delve into the reasons he believes we have a legitimate case, including our deep and longstanding commitment to safeguard the sanctity of the Earth and so based on our religious belief, we do not want use our land in any manner that does harm to the Earth.

After our case was over, we walked over to the

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National Constitution Center for a press conference, where over 75 people were present. Since this was our event, we were able to share our perspective on the case, based on our religious beliefs. Sara Dwyer served as our facilitator. The event began with a video created by LAP members, Mark and Malinda Clatterbuck and Emma Kate Martin, about the Adorers and our resistance to the pipeline. Messages of support from different religious perspectives were then presented by speakers who included: Malinda Clatterbuck, (Mennonite), Jim Ebaugh (Buddhist), Janet McCann, ASC (Catholic) and Dwight Yoder (our legal counsel). During Dwight's remarks, he commented that this certainly was a friendlier crowd than what we experienced in the courtroom.

As we await the decision of the judges about whether or not the merits of our case can be



heard, we will continue to keep you informed. The judges are expected to render a decision somewhere between April and June. And we thank you for your continued prayerful support as all of us Adorers, wherever we are, continue to live our faith that impels us to stand up when the beliefs we hold sacred are compromised.

**Janet McCann, ASC**  
*della Regione Stati Uniti*



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## I am writing to you...

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### DEAR SISTER EMMA

The donation you made for the “mentally ill youth” contributed to carrying out a big dream that has been cultivated for some time and upon which we have worked and firmly believed in.

Thanks to the collaboration with some of the clients (those who met with us), those who were willing! The Director, the Commander, MOT and thanks also to my tenacity in bringing up this dream, we finally created a kitchen for the patients of this sector.

It is not a “prison” kitchen, this is a “home” kitchen, a warm and welcoming kitchen, clean and colorful. It is a kitchen that makes us feel part of a family, but especially that allows the patients to be able to work up to their skills and abilities.

The project helps the patients work on all those things like personal hygiene (because it is important that those preparing the meal for the others be clean and keep order), but also on taking care of common places (taking turns not only in cooking, but in cleaning up and putting things in order), the kitchen group also offers a big space for socialization (because we can dine together), and helps everyone be responsible.

These are our words of order: SHARING, TAKING CARE, SOCIALIZATION, RESPONSIBILITY, REHABILITATION.

They are words with an immense value for each person, even more so if you think that these people have some brokenness. Psychiatric illness



that they manifest in forms and with many different pathologies at times makes them unable to adapt to the reality of prison, but in this place, in this section, and now also in our kitchen they are given the opportunity to “escape” at least for a few hours and makes their daily life a little less grey than usual.

Thanks to your contribution we bought the following: pots and pans, soap, long-lasting foods (pasta, canned tomatoes, rice, flour, etc.), dishes and flatware, glasses, sponges, tablecloths and many other things.

We would be very happy if you were able to come to see us here, so we could offer you breakfast and welcome you in our happy little corner that you contributed to make real.

There is still a long way to go to allow us to make this a place of care and rehabilitation, but at least we can say we have put down a good foundation upon which to build our future projects, thanks to your collaboration. Union makes strength.

Loving greetings and hoping to see you soon.

**Dott.ssa Francesca Loppi**  
*Specialist of Psychiatric Rehabilitation*

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## A BOOK ABOUT ADORERS

Brenda Eck, a volunteer at Center of Hope in Wichita, Kan., has written a lovely children’s book about two Adorers.

The book, “My Two Great, Great Aunts,” is about Sisters Anselma (Mary Ann) and Rosalia (Agnes) Voegeli. The two women and a third sibling and Adorer, Sister Floriana Voegeli, have all

since died.

Brenda Eck is the great niece of the Voegeli sisters. The illustrator, Gregory Lies, is a great nephew.

Brenda has given a complimentary copy to the Sisters in Wichita.

**Sr Deborah Schovanec, ASC**

# CONSECRATED WOMEN, WEAVERS OF HOPE AND PROPHECY IN TODAY'S WORLD

January 10-11 the Assembly of the Rome Constellation of the International Union of Women's General Superiors (UISG) was held in Rome. We reflected on the theme "*Consecrated Women, Weavers of Hope and Prophecy in Today's World*," trying to identify concrete steps that can help congregations re-discover prophecy of Consecrated Life. The issues that challenged us revolved around some "signs of the times" that Consecrated Life must consider: secularity, existential and social peripheries (migration, human trafficking, peace) and the apostolic response as Consecrated Women in a pluriform reality.

The reflection offered by Sr. Nicla Spezzati, ASC, (Undersecretary of SICLSAL) helped us put our attention on the necessity to rediscover consecrated life as prophetic witness of God's primacy. In a globalized and secularized context consecrated men and women are called to enlighten the future with their hope. During her talk, Sr. Nicla emphasized as a prophetic attitude that of scrutinizing history and not having interests other than those of God. Being prophetic women means taking the risk of making courageous choices for the Reign. To think, choose and act in a generative way by promoting life through a witness of communion. Consecrated life is an attraction that makes the Church grow and is a visible sign of the radical following of Christ.

Group work allowed us to share a lot on the

challenges that congregations encounter daily. It is necessary to support journeys of holistic formation and support the communities so that significant relationships be created and we "pass from the centrality of the role of authority to the centrality of the dynamic of fraternity. For



this reason, authority has to be at the service of communion; a true ministry for accompanying our brothers and sisters to aware and responsible faithfulness." (*New Wine in New Wineskins*)

We are called to promote a personal accompaniment that helps to grow in faithfulness and in a quality of relationships that generate life.

An Assembly guest was Msgr. José Rodríguez Carballo (SICLSAL Secretary) who, through his peppy and lively comment encouraged all those present to faithfully and courageously deal with the challenges that consecrated life must go through to be a "sacred sign of prophecy."

**Sr Nadia Coppa, asc**

## In the Congregation

# CALENDAR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

**19 February:** Beginning of the planning process for the service to the congregation: we accompany the work of the council with prayer.

**March 12-15:** Sr Nadia Coppa takes part in a USMI training meeting.

**March 18-24:** Sr Nadia Coppa and Sr. Matija Pavic visit the Schaan region

**March 25-April 14:** Sr Maria Grazia Boccamazzo is in Quezon City with the ASC of the Philippines foundation



## BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Sister Antonija Topalović  
Maria Paniccia Maria  
Maria Vella

February 13, 1968  
March 20, 1948  
March 1, 1938

Zagreb 50<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Italy, 70<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Italy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday



## RETURNED TO HIS FATHER'S HOUSE

25 february 2018: Sr Maria Lombardo, asc - Region von Italien



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGION OF INDIA (2018-2022)



Sr Mini Pallipadan  
Sr Elsy Palatty  
Sr Celine Tholanickal  
Sr Siji Madappillikadu  
Sr Elsy Palatty  
Sr Lalitha Varakukalayil

Regional Superior  
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