

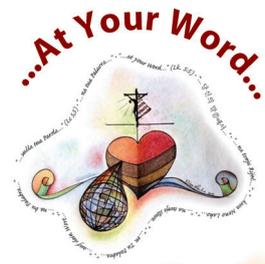
# International Newsletter

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Editorial

### Call for a Feminine Church

Only one day after the Vigil of Pentecost, Pope Francis' words spoken during his homily in St. Peter's Square continue to resound in our minds and even more so in our hearts. It is as if they wanted to make room, to surface, to take form and a body. He gathered all the Church of Rome to pray visibly together. As Mother of all Churches, expression and sign of universality, she is called to become a welcoming womb to listen to the cry of the Spirit which is rising up from the poor. She is invited to overcome fear, and, like all mothers, to stand on the frontline to defend, protect and give hope again.

She is a Church with the maternal characteristics of a woman. It is the time of the Spirit calling and putting into action our talents, our femininity, our way of feeling and perceiving reality for a heart-involving response.

The Church demands our presence, our tenderness, our soul, not interest, personal gain, productivity, functionality or efficiency, all values that devalue our humanity.

The feminine Church is the Church of Mary born under the cross, uniting herself to the total sacrifice of her Son, origin of a new humanity.

She is the Church of the woman suffering from a blood flow who challenges the crowd, her uncertainty sure of being healed. She is that of the Samaritan woman at the well who begins a dialogue with the foreigner, allowing the truth of herself to be discussed. She is the Church of Mary of Bethany who kneels to wash the feet of the Master in an act of adoration and recognition, and she is that of Mary Magdalen who runs from the empty tomb because she cannot stop herself from proclaiming the mystery she has witnessed.

As Adorers, each day we welcome this invitation by making choices that commit us to give priority to our values. The organization of the seminar for our treasurers entitled "The human face of economics": experiences of welcoming the poor into our communities and of serving and being attentive to the elderly, and taking positions in defense of creation are concrete steps calling us go deeper and support ourselves in our journey of transformation ... for a feminine Church generating new life.

**Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC**

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### **ASC Community "going forth"**



Since January 2019, the international community at the Generalate has been hosting a family of Syrian origin: a mother and two teenage girls who arrived in Italy thanks to the project of a humanitarian corridor promoted by the Community of St. Egidio. It is a matter of the response the General Administration, together with the international community, wanted to offer to the reality of immigration in collaboration with other institutions present in the Church. In fact, the humanitarian corridor project works to obtain an international permit necessary to transfer the most vulnerable people or families who are at-risk of health problems or loss of life from the refugee camps of Libya and to welcome them in our country. Siham, Mariana and Marina, in their suffering, powerlessness, and loneliness, were among these fortunate refugees. After arriving in Rome, today they continue to be accompanied by the same St. Egidio Community in a project whose purpose is fostering the integration of immigrants through teaching the language, preparing legal documents, and offering them professional course work in order to ease their insertion into the new reality of welcome. Through its people in charge, the St. Egidio Community coordinates the work and the program, also by supporting and guiding the work entrusted to the Adorers.

The young women, today mainly involved in learning the language, use all available means to practice their Italian, being open to relationships with outsiders, being useful in community according to when they can, and volunteering at the St. Egidio center or in the parish with other immigrants.

The three women will be with us for one year. They are not the only ones benefitting from our hospitality and kindness, but we, the international community also benefit from them.

In fact, the response to the Church's calls given by Pope Francis and those of our 2017 GA Acts to be compassionate and reconciling response living in communion with the poor and marginated and with those living at the peripheries .... Being hearts attentive to the cry of the blood by caring for our common home, and protecting the life and the dignity of every person makes us experience how this is a paschal mystery. If on one hand it puts us in condition to go forth from ourselves, our spaces, our securities, from what is known, on the other hand it creates the necessary circumstance in us to discover additional resources. This is life-generating transformation.

The generalate community, an international community, is also enriched by the presence of the new people. Siham's story and that of her two daughters makes the cry for justice rising up from people in war visible to us each day. This cry comes from that part of humanity that is victim of the indifference and fear of the rest of the world. They help us and urge us to real and concrete intercessory prayer. They call us to a need for real conversion of heart so that we make ourselves neighbors. Their presence reminds us that we are a single family, a human family, and the commitment to build this family is the power that drives us to believe that there will be a future and that it will be better.

***Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC***



***“Here I am, Lord ...”***

It was a special day for us to make the first vows. It was also a special day for our Region to get new members. We thank God for His Love.

The Archbishop Beatus Kinyaiya of the Arch Diocese of Dodoma celebrated the Mass together with many priests. There were many ASC Sisters from our communities, Religious from different congregations and lay people. In his homily he invited us; “To be holy because our heavenly Father is Holy”. He said that when he asks a question, ‘which is the greatest feast in the church?’, the given answer is often, ‘Christmas.’ The great feast in the church is Easter because we celebrate our redemption through Christ’s suffering and resurrection. St. Maria De Mattias lived and taught it with all her heart. What touched her was the great love of Jesus who suffered in order to redeem us. That is why the spirituality of the Congregation is love for God and for the dear neighbor. Jesus’ question to Peter three times is, “Do you love me?” Jesus did this to give Peter an opportunity to reflect on what he was saying. He told us, “Today you are here in front of the altar to make your first vows accordance with the charism of St. Maria De Mattias. We should follow the steps of St. Maria De Mattias.

Referring to the Gospel; He said that Mary Magdalene, after the death of Jesus, was in trouble because she had great love for Him. When she saw Jesus she wanted to hold on to him. But Jesus did not allow her, instead He sent her to the disciples to bring the Good News. The Bishop insists that we have to hold on to Jesus but without forgetting that we have the responsibility to go out to meet our brothers and sisters in need, to bring them the Good News. As Maria De Mattias did, we have to serve all with love. He encouraged us not to fear to defend the truth, to be people of prayer, to work and love all. We should be the cause of redemption.

We would like to thank God for the gift of calling us. We thank parents and formators and all you dear Sisters wherever you are for your love and prayers for us. May God continue to give you His blessings.

***Sr. Coleta John, Sr. Joanitha Emmanuel,  
Sr. Maria Anatolina e Sr. Rosina Respicius, ASC***



## **First Communion** **Precious Blood Institute**

On May 11, the students of sections A, B and C of the 5th grade of our Precious Blood Institute, received Jesus for the first time after a two-year course of preparation with their catechists, parents, teachers and Sisters.

Their parents participated in the monthly activities to accompany their children's growth journey in faith and create the meetings together. The students took the main role with the preparation of the liturgy and the altar, carrying the Word, candles, flowers, remembrance cards, and during the offertory the cruets and bread.

They participated with the proclamation of the Word of God and a consecration to our Mother Mary Most Holy.

They seemed very happy during the most important moment of receiving Jesus for the first time.



The school's administrative staff, the teachers of catechetical coordination and a large number of family members attended the Eucharistic celebration, since there were about 100 children overall receiving first communion in three Masses.

May the Blood of Christ flood the hearts of these children so that they become bridges of love and mercy for the other children of the school.

**Sr. Susana Misermont, ASC**

## *Region of Manaus*

## **Commemoration of the 16th anniversary of St. MDM's canonization**

*The ASC community of Belem recounts...*

Last May 18, we commemorated the 16th anniversary of St. Maria De Mattias' canonization with my community of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Belem, in the State of Para. Father Arcelino, superior of the Fathers of the Brazilian Vicariate of the CPPS Missionaries, came to preside at the Eucharistic celebration, along with Father Lucas Fuertes, CPPS, who was to undergo therapy as a patient in Guadalupe Hospital. Father Arcelino is a missionary in Altamira and appreciated our invitation to celebrate the feast of Maria De Mattias with us.

Sr. Jocilene prepared a new song booklet for the occasion. Coming with the Fathers were Zilda, a lay woman and friend of the Sisters and the Missionaries, Father Viganò, CPPS, who lives in Altamira and takes care of Father Lucas, and Mrs. Valeria, a devotee of the Precious

Blood, with her twelve-year-old daughter Maria Eduarda. The girl carried a large bouquet of flowers and handed them out to everyone. At offertory time, she invited everyone to offer their flower to Jesus to express their gratitude for the gift of our life as Adorers.

After the homily, Father Arcelino asked me to tell about the celebration of the canonization of St. Maria De Mattias. I had not been present in St. Peter's Square in Rome on May 18, 2003, because at the same time they were exhuming Sr. Serafina Cinque's remains in Manaus and I was present for that. But, I had heard the Sisters who had been there tell so much about the celebration of the canonization and I had read about it from newspaper and magazine articles and from the ASC newsletter.

## From the ASC World

I felt proud and rejoiced in being able to enthusiastically tell of the crowd present in St. Peter's Square, the story of the miracle of the young Vladimir, for which we obtained the canonization, and many other details. The regional secretary, Sr. Beth, had led the triduum of preparation for the celebration and Mass. I helped Sr. Maria José, the sacristan, prepare for the Mass. I prayed for and thanked Sr. Maria Panicci who worked so much for the canonization of our Foundress. Sr. Marlene took some photos, and each of us felt a part of this simple event of remembrance. To commemorate the 185th anniversary of the foundation of our Institute I wrote an article for the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Belem that had been published here a few months earlier.

We sang hymns to our dear Foundress, which we had composed, and we concluded the event with a joyful meal and thanksgiving to God.



**Sr. Marília Menezes, ASC**

*USA Region*

## Barrel Gardening

A barrel is just a barrel until it becomes a garden.

This is the story of six blue barrels that now provide a space for gardening for six sisters at the Ruma Center. Gardening has been a hallmark for sisters at Ruma for many years. When one stirs the soil of the garden, the Earth whispers the names of Mary Edwin, Theodolinda, Sebastian, Edwiga, Vera, Dorothy Ann, Mary Edith, Janis and more.

These barrels now circle the pedestal where St.

Clement had stood and provide a space where the sisters can garden while standing. Fresh vegetables are the delight: Sisters Lucille Kern and Frances Newton have radishes, Sister Celine Birk has spinach, Sister Anne Irose has kale and Sister Alan Wurth has onions and lettuce.

By May, the ASC community was enjoying radishes, green onions and spinach.

**Sr. M. Alan Wurth, ASC**



## **May crowning in the Catholic Children's Home (CCH)**

Many of the Adorers of the Ruma area had been missioned to Catholic Children's Home in Alton, Illinois, at some time during their years of active ministry before 1984. That year, when the Adorers withdrew from there, the Catholic laity of the Springfield Diocese stepped up to continue to serve the needs of children.

Though not all the staff are Catholic, the atmosphere and the practices are consistent with Christ's words: "Let the children come to me." As in the days when the Adorers were at CCH, the neediest children continue to be served. Now theirs is a three-pronged program:

Day school for special education children, grades 1-12;

Residential program for boys who need to change the choices they have been making; and

A program to prepare young men to live independently.

Through one of the teachers at CCH, Sister Rachel Lawler received an invitation to the school's crowning of the Lady of Fatima statue on May 3. Sister Rachel had ministered there for 21 years before going to Liberia, W. Africa, and Sister Olivia Woltering, who had also been a houseparent there, attended the event.

One morning this past year, staff found the statue had been vandalized beyond repair.

The Diocese, which owns the buildings, replaced the previous statue with another from Italy. The bishop came to bless the new statue the month before on April 1. Attending that had been Sister Rachel, Frances Newton, Hedwig Neff and Olivia, all of whom had ministered there.

On May 3 for the crowning, Father Stone from SS. Peter and Paul Church officiated at the ceremony and a young man from the school placed the crown of flowers upon the head of the Mary statue as there were no girls in the upper grade classroom.

This new statue is not the first Statue of Our Lady of Fatima at CCH. The late Sister Remigia once told Sister Rachel there had been one inside, which was destroyed in the rare event of a tornado in Alton.

Then, when Sister M. Elizabeth Utar was the Superior and administrator, a statue of Our Lady of Fatima was placed in the same location as the present one. It is the statue that was vandalized.

Sister Lucille Kern says that when the other outdoor statue was erected, the Sisters and children gathered around it in the evening, weather permitting to recite the rosary. The stories of the tornado and the gathering around the statue to pray are recounted in the CCH Annuals.

Tornadoes are rare in Alton, but flooding is not as downtown Alton is on the banks of the Mississippi. On both April 1 and May 3, the Mississippi was covering the Great River Road which traces the river from Alton to Grafton, Illinois.

The silos of the mill near Broadway and State streets in Alton are marked with how high the waters of the river have risen over the years. The river was not yet high enough for a mark for this year.

***Sr. Olivia Woltering, ASC***



## **Honors for Sister Charlotte**

Sister Charlotte Rohrbach, ASC received an honorary doctorate last month from Newman University.

The degree is given each year to a notable and accomplished member of the extended Newman community whose life and work reflect exemplary dedication to one of the university's four Core Values: Catholic Identity, Culture of Service, Academic Excellence, and Global Perspective, the university said.

Sister Charlotte was bestowed the honor for her dedication to Newman University and Catholic higher education as well as for her strong examples of the Catholic faith.

In her time at Newman, Sister Charlotte has served as a history professor, academic dean, alumni director, campus ministry director, service learning director, study abroad director as well as interim president and chief operating officer.

Here are her remarks upon accepting the degree.

### **Introductory Remarks**

I made it! FYI: on my way to work at NU on 2/05, I fell and broke my left leg – the femur. I have relearned my anatomy from my undergraduate years. I now can add another “interesting and challenging” experience to my autobiography.

I hold much joy and gratitude in my heart this morning as my university honors me with this honorary doctorate. I have had much time to reflect on what I want to say this morning; it is dangerous to give a storyteller even a few minutes to reflect.... For me and hopefully for you, life is all about our relationships. My relationships center on the three communities to which I belong: my blood family, my religious family, and my Newman University family. I imagine that all of us have representatives of those families present today – I know I do.

### **My Blood Family**

My first bonding group. I could write a book, but instead I want to relate one story about a lesson I will never forget.

I had just completed my Ph.D. from Saint Louis University in American Studies shortly before Christmas. My youngest brother gifted me with a black T-Shirt with gold letters that said Super NONE. That second word was spelled NONE. I truly learned an important lesson in humility – I'm still learning that lesson each and every day.

### **My Religious Family**

While completing my bachelor's degree, I joined the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, who founded and sponsor Newman University.

Over my many years in relationship with this great group of women, I was educated, taught the value of community life, learned my personal mission, and daily was called to live it out. Again I relate one tale.

I have a passion to teach – to be that storyteller about life as it has been lived, is lived, and might be lived in the future. Formal education was a necessary evil to achieve my dream to be that teacher. I was being asked to continue my formal education which included research I sometimes considered a waste of time. Members of my community supported and encouraged me to fulfill the dream and make my passion the mission and a ministry of my life.

### **My Newman University Family**

Approximately 50 years of my life have been spent at Newman as a student, an alumna, and an employee. There are many people who would pay me not to relate several tales. Guess what – I decided to take the money and am planning a great vacation!

My relationships over these years are truly treasured – how can I choose those to relate? Treasures ought to last a life time – mine are.

### **Concluding Remarks**

You have your communities, your relationships. Always treasure them.

Today, they celebrate you. Let them, you have achieved a great honor. But always remember to reflect on those treasured ones.

Once again, thank you to Newman University for this honor you bestow on me today. I will be back in my office before too long.

**Cheryl Wittenauer**



## ***A once in a lifetime experience!***

Together with the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ I had the opportunity to reach an unexpected destination.

I always accept invitations to serve in the Medical Missions of the Congregation because I believe in the need to share the talent which God has blessed me. These medical missions usually took place in their apostolic home or in nearby places. This time, however, from 19 to 25 May 2019 the medical mission was held on an island in the center of the Philippines and it was a very special moment.

True enough we had to travel by land and by sea to reach the Romblon Province, Tablas and Alad Islands, destination of our medical mission.

In Tablas, the chosen island, there is a beautiful community: CARMEN, where people are friendly, hospitable and loving, guided and protected by their Patron Saint - "Our Lady of Mount. Carmel." The parish is administered by a devoted, committed, energetic and dynamic priest, Fr. Diong. The parishioners were all very kind and welcoming in serving us the delicacies of the city in all our meals. Among other things Carmen is the birthplace of Sr. Flor Manga, ASC . We explored the surroundings of Carmen and enjoyed the breathtaking view of the city from the top of a mountain of 580 steps where the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is kept in a small but neat chapel. We also tried to go underwater with the scuba divers; this experience made us realize that it is really an attractive sport but also painful and dangerous.

The medical mission to Carmen was a success, we believe we have served the people of God really with commitment and charity. The patients, who came for consultation, received free medicines; have

arrived with various disorders such as: hypertension, gastrointestinal problems among adults, from colds to skin diseases and malnutrition among children. Dr. Weng also took the opportunity to do hygiene education and in particular hypertension.

All those who have benefited from our service have left satisfied, expressing their gratitude to the SMDMMC (Saint Maria De Mattias Mission Center) team and repeatedly asking to come back . . . Also in Alad Island Romblon, we served the community in the parish of Saint Vincent Ferrer. The parish priest Fr. Alan Christopher Montajo, young, busy and active, guided us to visit the most evocative places in the area. During our 2-day stay, Father Alan showed us around the nearby islands of Cobrador and Sandbar. The locals are simple, friendly and religious. Mass is celebrated already at 5 am and many come to the chapel to pray.

On the morning of May 24, 2019, having arrived in Alad, we circumcised 20 boys aged 10 to 13, ( the Philippines is one of the country that continue to practice circumcision of children because of hygiene)

Getting out of our wellness area, Quezon City, and sharing with those in need is really a way to love and serve God. To GOD be the GLORY!

***LOURDES S.M. SARMIENTO M.D. ROMBLON***



## **The Human Face of Economics**



“Missionaries are heroes and heroines who listen to the calling of the Master and leave home for an adventure. They take courage to go out beyond their present comfort zones although they are well-settled at home economically, socially and religiously. They are not very sure of the road map, but they have the guts to leave the shore, of course, relying on his grace”. (Quoted from magazine MAGOET).

The Lord had said to Abraham: Leave your country, your family, and your father’s house, for a new land that I will show you (Gen12.1), a well settled Abraham moved to an unknown land without a road map. The same was the story of Moses. When Jesus calls the first disciples, he wants them to leave their family and their belonging including their nets and follow him as poor like Jesus the Master. In the world of demigods of power, performance, prestige, success, income, property, possessions and popularity it is not easy to say Amen to a breakthrough invitation of the Lord, in view of the realities of each Region.

It was a great opportunity for the treasures of different Regions to come together and share the realities of each Region, human resources, hopes, challenges and expectations. The seminar for ASC Regions and foundations with the theme: “The human face of economics”, was really helpful for the understanding of evangelical relationships and to grow in a deeper understanding of evangelical stewardship of goods. We were motivated to become aware of the multiple faces of stewardship

such as ministry of stewardship and obstacles of stewardship. We are only stewards entrusted with the responsibility of taking care of the works and their assets. Hence, the need of a proper and responsible way of carrying out our responsibilities that need a responsible way of handling and executing the charge in the manner that is fitting to a faithful servant.

Each Adorer is called to become a treasurer, an administrator of God’s various forms of grace expressed in personal gifts to be used for the benefit of everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to take part in this seminar, which was an enriching experience for me, and especially because each session of the seminar was based on the Guidelines from the Vatican document “Economy at the Service of the Charism and Mission”.



**Sr. Lalitha Varakulayil, ASC**

## Wonderful Experience of Joy



A jubilee is a celebration of God's faithfulness in our life. It is a celebration of the effective journey in our life. It is a time to express our gratefulness to God and others. It is a celebration of our faithfulness to God. It is a celebration of difficulties and struggles that we have lived in our life, and it is a celebration of everything that has made joyful our life journey.

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Lk; 1: 46-47). Yes, joining with our Blessed Mother, Sr. Mini Vadakumchery and myself thank the Lord for His marvellous love and blessings on us. Our hearts are filled with joy in thanking God for the gift of Vocation given to us. This special call to Religious life has made us very intimate to Jesus. It is a naked truth and our experience is that, God is ever faithful to His promises in our lives. He has been so caring, loving, kind and generous to us.

It was a wonderful time that God has set in our life to look back to our 25 years of religious life in the church and in the ASC family. We had a flash back of 25 years in which we became aware of our life, the blessings of the Lord, the contribution of the society to our life, the contribution of our family, the contribution of the ASC family and our contribution to others. During these 25 years, we were well protected in the hands of God. He took care of us as the apple of His eyes. He accompanied us in all our struggles, joys, confusion, doubts, sorrows, and loneliness.

We recognize various persons God has made

use of as the instruments to form us and shape us as we are today. We are really grateful to all of them, especially our parents, family members, relatives, neighbours, superiors, persons who guided us to recognize our vocation, formators, ASC family members, teachers and friends. When we look back on our life today, we feel happy for our consecrated life; we feel satisfaction of what we have received and what we are today. We feel so much belonging to our congregation because our ASC family has accepted us with all our nothingness and cared for us. This celebration made us very happy and we feel so grateful to God and everyone around us. We ask God's continued blessings and your constant prayers for us. We desire to be a blessing for others with whom we live and in whatever we do.

Thank you one and all for your love, support and remembrance of us on our Jubilee day.

***Sr. Mini Pallipadan e Sr. Mini Vadakkumchery, ASC***

## 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASC presence in Bihać Bosnia and Herzegovina



About forty Adorers of the Blood of Christ of the Zagreb Region, together with the regional superior, Ana Marija Antolović, arrived in Bihać on Saturday, June 8, 2019 to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the presence and mission of the ASCs in this city. Among those present were various Sisters who had lived and worked in Bihać in recent decades.

Numerous guests and parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua parish in Bihać were present, as well as the pastor and assistant pastor. Msgr. Marko Semren, auxiliary bishop of Banja Luka, presided at the solemn Eucharistic celebration with other priests from various parts of the region concelebrating. During the Mass, the parish choir sang along with the Pelikan choir, a choir of ASCs, under the direction of Sr. Damiana Kovacević and the accompaniment of Sr. Domagoja Ljubicić.

Following the Mass was the solemn event that took place in the hall of the former school of the ASCs in Bihać, which had been confiscated by the communist government after WWII. Sr. Ljubicica Radovac was MC for the program and greeted the invited guests.

At the beginning of the program, Sr. Blanka Šturm, superior of the ASC community in Bihać, gave the official welcome to those present through these words, "The jubilee is more than a remembering of the last 125 years. For us Sisters, this celebration has a very important significance, an emotional tie with many Sisters who preceded us. They built the history, plotted the path and created the lifestyle to spread the values that we still inherit, preserve and try to promote in our time and according to our possibilities. The celebration of the jubilee is an occasion to get together and learn more about our ASC community, to appreciate our differences and be recognized as joint builders of a better world. Multi-culturality and inter-religious dialogue have been values that the Sisters promoted in this town since the beginning of their presence. An atmosphere of open acceptance is a strong note and a constant in our history. Thank you for your presence and participation, which confirm our

mutual respect. I welcome all of you. The program will be a trip through history among the memories and concrete remembrances of openness and communion. I thank everyone for your precious collaboration in the preparation of this jubilee, as well as for your attendance at this program."

The program of the solemn event was varied in content and participants.

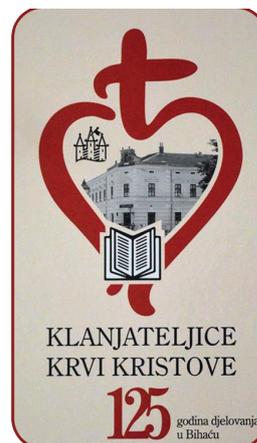
The ASC Pelikan choir, the mixed choir of the Bihać school of music and the childrens' choir of the Catholic scholastic Center in Bihać participated in the musical part. Contributions were made by the young students



of the school of music and art. They performed piano music and accordion music. One girl let us experience a special moment of artistic dance. Through the presentation of photos accompanied by text and music, a brief historic journey through the 125 years of ASC presence and activities in Bihać was given to those present.

The government of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the town administration of Bihać sponsored the celebration of this anniversary. To honor the 125 years of the presence of the ASCs, a photo display was opened

on the evening of June 7 in the city Gallery. The display remained available for 10 days for visitation. It had been prepared by the Gallery staff in collaboration with history professor, Franjo Jurić, who wrote a short monograph, Adorers of the Blood of Christ: 125 years of presence in Bihać, which was printed for this occasion.



## ***Together for Life, Dignity and Human Rights***

Since March 2017, my ministry has been taking care of women and their children in a shelter for migrant women victims of the domestic and sexual violence. The women are mostly from Southeast Asia – Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, China, Philippines, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, etc. Generally migrant women are very young and beautiful, so their babies are very cute, pretty and smart. They dreamed of a better life in Korea than in their country. But my clients' lives have not been better than before. They have become victims of violence. They have lost their dignity as human persons and suffer from depression. So, I feel compassion for them and want to care for them.

I hope they are comfortable and peaceful at our Center, and that they become strong mentally and physically, and able to care for themselves. So I sometimes take them to the hospital and plan some kind of educational programs for them – learning Korean, personal and group counseling, art class, yoga class and so on. The programs are helpful and make them happy. If they are healthy physically and mentally, they will be ready to stand on their own feet. They want to earn money by working hard, but their jobs are not well-paid, because they are not good at speaking Korean. Nevertheless, they would be so happy to work anywhere. They would like to live in Korea and dream for a better life. I want to protect and help their dream of living in Korea come true.

Migrant women's stay in Korea is not stable. Most married migrant women have to extend their stay every year or every six months and it costs much. They have Foreign ID Cards but do not get the documents from the public office to use their ID card. They have to get the documents to use their children's or husband's ID number because they are not KOREANS. Their children also suffer multicultural discrimination in school and society. It makes double pain for their mothers. In Korea, migrant women are the weakest – women, foreigners, almost illiterate in Korean. So, I think my mission is to be their hands and feet, as to be Jesus' hands and feet. I try to love the migrant women and their children as Jesus loves me. When I meet them I feel how much God loves them. They are God's gifts to me. I have experienced justice, peace and the integrity of creation through them. They let me know that we are a family in the world. They help me extend my thoughts, values, and views of the world, and maybe they have experienced the

same through me.

Working with them and living with them I live the JPIC values of justice, peace and integrity of creation. I hope to live with them like a family. Our Center is an open place of hospitality for them. I just try to do my best at Jesus' Word. They are God's loving children and God wants to take care of them through my hands and feet. It gives me joy and satisfaction to see them happy and healthy. It is enough for me to live my religious life this way. I feel God loves me as much as God loves them. I just hope that they live their life with human dignity. I think that it is also God's hope.

***Sr. Bo Hui Francesca Kang, ASC***



**General Administration Calendar**



**July 2:** Sr. Nadia and Sr. Matija get back from the canonical visitation in Australia.

**July 2-7:** Sr. Manuela attends the MDMHH Fund Commission meeting

Sr. Manuela's stay in the USA: till **August 14**

**August 25:** 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASC presence in Belarus – Sr. Bridget will attend the festivities.

**Birthdays:  
Let's celebrate life**



**Religious Profession**

**July 1, 2019**

**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Religious Profession  
Region of Brazil**

*Sr. Manoelina Marques Ferreira*

**60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Religious Profession  
Region of Brazil**

*Sr. Maria José Dutra*

*Sr. Hellena Augusta Wallcott*

*Sr. Regina Nascimento*

**65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Religious Profession  
Region of Brazil**

*Sr. Maria da paz Azevedo*

*Sr. Mônica Renilde Borsa Lima*

*Sr. Maria Serena do Vale*

*Sr. Clemens de Oliveira*

**August 10 or 11**

**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Religious Profession  
Wichita Center**

*Sr. Vicki Bergkamp*

**August 15, 2019**

**25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Religious Profession  
Region of Zagreb**

*Sr. Martina Katović*

*Sr. Melita Petra Kraševac*

*Sr. Nada Grgić*

**50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Religious Profession  
Region of Zagreb**

*Sr. Branislava Garvan*

*Sr. Elvira Cvitković*

*Sr. Iluminata Antolović*

*Sr. Lucija Stipić*

*Sr. Mehtilda Čančar*

*Sr. Velimira Bosankić*

*Sr. Veronika Radoš*

**July**

50

**Sr. Ljiljana Marić** 07/13/1969 Zagreb

60

**Sr. Patrizia Pasquini** 07/10/1959 Italy

70

**Sr. Irena Zeba** 07/14/1949 Zagreb

80

**Sr. Rosa (Bernardina) Panattoni** 07/06/1939 Italy

90

**Sr. Maria Alteri** 07/08/1929 Italy

**Sr. Maria Antonia Capobianco** 07/31/1929 Italy

**August**

30

**Sr. Jyotji Nallamothu** 08/14/1989 India

40

**Sr. Aldona Kala** 08/25/1979 Wrocław

50

**Sr. Radegunda Kimaro** 08/01/1969 Tanzania

**Sr. Moly Pullan** 08/13/1969 India

70

**Sr. Nicolina Rosa Pennucci** 08/30/1949 Italy

90

**Sr. Maria Mossa** 08/10/1929 Italy

**Sr. Pauline Schneeberger** 08/10/1929 Schaan

**Sr. Helen Lindsey** 08/13/1929 USA

**Sr. Therese Marie Smith** 08/18/1929 USA



***They have returned to  
their Heavenly Home***

05/30/2019	<b>Sr. Nina Rita Pagliaccio</b>	Italy
06/08/2019	<b>Sr. Giuseppina Ruo</b>	Italy
06/14/2019	<b>Sr. Lucia Gliaschera</b>	Italy
06/16/2019	<b>Sr. Teresina Vani</b>	Italy



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