

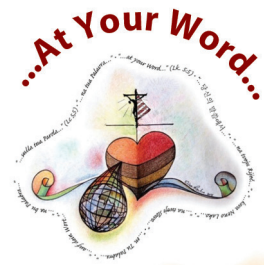
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Listening to Reality

Editorial

“Your Excellency, but I willingly go to Acute not only to do the school but to found a monastery.” (MDM letter #2)

Listening again to these words of St. Maria De Mattias, written to Bishop Lais, before going to Acuto, the heart immediately warms up and widens the vision of the ASC missionary reality. The Educational ministry, the school, was for Maria De Mattias an instrument to serve humanity, the kingdom of God, to free it from ignorance. It was a way to collaborate in Christ’s redemptive work in the world.

Maria perceived the missionary importance of the school, capable of educating people according to the Gospel, and freeing them from the chains of judgment and prejudice in order to bring them closer to God by sharing the love of the Risen Christ, His word and teachings. For Maria De Mattias, human formation was a means of growth and was fundamental in the discovery of the Word of God. The school was understood as a place of dialogue and sharing, an invitation to let oneself be embraced by the Gospel in order to understand the starting point and path of life.

In this time of pandemic crisis what we hear everywhere is the call to a re-reading of our mission and in particular the service to which we Adorers are called. Today in those parts of the world where the educational ministry is the

expression of the charismatic identity of the Adorers, there is a greater sense of insecurity and instability. However, looking back on our history as a Congregation, this is not the first time that external events have prompted us to make choices and changes that have proved providential for renewal in the our service in the Church and world.

Therefore, now more than ever, we want to remain attentive to the signs of the times in our effort to continue to make our ministry in education, handed down to us by Maria De Mattias, a force for evangelization.

Pope Francis enlightens us in this discernment when he writes in *Evangelii Gaudium* that “reality is superior to the idea.” Now is not the time to remake the past or try to go back to the “normal” we know. We are called to welcome the present reality, and allow the Spirit of God to open the way for us. In this process an important element is the patience to listen to daily life without rushing into hasty choices, or assimilate the frustration of those who, accustomed to seeing solutions, feel instead as if they are suspended in emptiness and shrouded in insecurity. This is the expectation of Holy Saturday, when we too in the tomb with Jesus wait to rise with HIM.

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC

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Sister Loreta Recalls

Sr. Loreta Stipic is sacristan at the Precious Blood Church on Via Pannonia (the Generalate.) Today we want to recount her experience of ministry during this time of the coronavirus. Her duty is also, and above all, that of spiritually accompanying the faithful who come to our church, which has become a place of worship and devotion by pilgrims from all over the world, thanks to the presence of the remains of St. Maria De Mattias. Though the church is semi-private, it also has a special program for celebrations, like that of tridua or novenas in honor of the Saints. In fact, the church offers the possibility of spreading the spirituality of the Blood of Christ through the veneration and awareness of its Saints with the celebrations in the month of October when the feasts of St. Gaspar del Bufalo and Father John Merlini are celebrated. There are also the celebrations for the Adorers Martyrs of Faith, Charity and the celebration of the Venerable Sister Serafina Cinque. In addition, this year the church was open to the St. Egidio Community to use each Sunday to celebrate Mass for the poor of the neighborhood.

Sr. Loreta remembered that March 8 was the last day the church was open to the public. The decree of the government ministry on March 4 provided for the closing of all churches in order to contain the spread of the coronavirus epidemic. The Pope and institutions ordered us to carefully follow the government regulations. At the news of the closing, the people began to make their protests known, stating that the church had never been closed, not even in wartime. In doing so, they witnessed to their sense of dismay in the face of a situation that had never happened before. They seemed to re-echo Jesus' words in the Gospel of John 4:23, "Believe me, woman, the time will come, and it is this, where true worshippers will adore the Father in spirit and truth." With these words, the Lord invites the people to pray by going beyond the physical place to worship God in their own hearts.

During the quarantine the people continued to call to know about the program of the community. The Adorers, like everyone else, followed the daily celebrations with Pope Francis presiding at St. Martha Chapel through live streaming. Afternoon adoration involving all the members of the Generalate was a time of special grace. We offered the Lord the sufferings of the world. "It was

a privilege to be able to pray together in this sacred place," said Sr. Loreta. "In addition, the thought of the elderly of the neighborhood, who had no one, encouraged us to keep in contact with them by phone and in more urgent cases, to go to them personally, with all the risk and danger of the situation. With the encouragement and example of the General Superior, service to the poor of the neighborhood began." The Adorers also got involved with the St. Egidio community by preparing sandwiches and other food for the homeless. Despite the total halt, ecclesial activities continued, though in different ways, thanks to the creativity of Sr. Nadia and the Sisters. Each person felt involved, using her own talents.

After two months of closure, gradually there was talk of reopening to public worship. The community at the Generalate prepared to reopen, putting into practice all the rules of the safety ministers, and on June 3, after the 7:00 AM Mass, the church was left open. Sr. Loreta immediately noted that two ladies entered who were so moved that standing before the crucifix they thanked her for reopening the church. In the afternoon, the assigned places filled up. Those living nearby and the faithful flocked with devotion to participate in the evening rosary and Mass. The daily afternoon adoration from 5:00 to 6:30, which had been set up during the pandemic, continued, followed by the rosary and the Mass.

"I expect that we will learn from this experience to appreciate and value the Eucharistic celebration and communion as a means of real participation and sharing of Faith," concluded Sr. Loreta. Among the comments gathered from the faithful, she remembers one in particular. "Following the Mass on television was like being present at the preparation of a delicious recipe and then not being able to taste it."

Let us thank the Lord for all the spiritual gifts he has granted us during this time, because, as the people mentioned, the presence of St. Maria De Mattias, to whom they often turn being in the neighborhood church right across the street from their windows, saw to it that no one got sick. Our gratitude goes both to those who urged us to "go out" during this journey and to those who collaborated in the various phases along the way.

Sr. Maria Grazia Bozzamazzo, ASC



COVID-19 - Bolivia

"... Your sadness will be changed into joy."

(Jn. 16:20b)



During this time of quarantine (two and a half months) the Bolivian people experienced the uncertainty due to the pandemic, especially because of the lack of healthcare of our country.

It was also a time of reflection, silence and prayer for us, calling us to live the Paschal Mystery and invoke the power of the Precious Blood of Jesus. The Gospel of these days invites us to maintain our hope in spite of affliction, leaving room for the new that God wants to accomplish.

During recent days, the number of people infected with coronavirus has increased considerably, reaching 54.156 cases with 1.984 deaths in all of Bolivia.

Certainly, most of the population finds the circumstance of the quarantine that affects mainly the poor, unbearable. There is also the political interest of some sectors who are asking for the calling of an election that should have been held on May 3 of this year, and that was delayed because of the pandemic. This incites the people to be mobilized, breaking the quarantine and putting the welfare of the Bolivian families at risk.

We Adorers in Bolivia have not contracted the coronavirus infection and due to the distances we are in constant communication with each other.

In facing the human, social and economic frailties the pandemic has unveiled, we feel called

to respond to the needs present in our territory. For many of us who live in neighborhoods far from the center of the cities, poverty strikes so much as to make the people suffer from hunger. Meals for the poor, called "olla comùn" have been organized that offer food each day, Monday through Saturday. Our contribution to this situation is to be mediators in the neediest neighborhoods and the parish so that food supplies get to their destination.

At the same time, we continue to accompany the pastoral agents who share their mission and life with us through telematic platforms and video calls encouraging each other in the faith, prayer and reflection on the Word.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, we invoke the power of the Spirit, for gifts for leaders of all countries so that they might collaborate together in the struggle against this pandemic.

Together with each of you and through the intercession of St. Maria De Mattias, let us raise up our prayer of supplication so that the pandemic ends and "all creation moves toward that beautiful order of things which the Son of God came to establish in his Blood." (LC 3)

The Adorers of the Foundation of Bolivia

A Great Celebration During a Terrible Time



Our celebration of Sister Jenny Sellaro's graduation from nursing school was full of positive energy and hope for the future, and let us forget for a time how rough these days of coronavirus have been.

Sister Jenny graduated May 8 from Newman University, Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor of science in nursing. Sisters from throughout the Region joined the virtual Wichita celebration via Zoom.

The Wichita Center community started the celebration with Eucharist on Sunday, May 10 after a more than two-month absence of live Mass. Adding to the excitement was the presence of nine Sisters from the surrounding area who had not been allowed into the Center since the coronavirus pandemic began.

The pandemic had cancelled plans for a traditional Baccalaureate Mass and walking across the stage, but Sister Jenny processed into Mass with her complete graduation regalia while Pomp and Circumstance played in the background. After a brief homily from Father Tom Welk, Sister Joann Stuever offered reflections on the Sunday readings that invited Jenny to accept the call to ministry.

After dinner, the program began with a rowdy rendition of "If you're happy and you know it" and finished with a lively YouTube rendition of "Oh Happy Day" from Sacred Heart parish in Omaha. Sisters substituted some key lyrics with "when Jenny walked across the stage."

During the program, Sister Vicki invited Sisters to extend a blessing prayer honoring her accomplishment. She congratulated Jenny on behalf of the U.S. Region and gave her the Region's gift of a stethoscope.

Kool and the Gang performed "Celebrate" via YouTube and inspired Sisters to get up and dance. Sisters Bernadine Wessel and Teresa Bahr wrote and delivered an acrostic poem that used all the letters of Jenny's full name.

Sister Janet Rowley noted that Sister Jenny was following in the footsteps of many Adorers in health care who preceded her. Interestingly, St. Maria did not emphasize health care as a formal ministry. Yet, Clementine Zerr was an untrained nurse in the Crimean War.

Former NU President, Sister Tarcisia Roths, noted Jenny's entrance into an elite club of Adorer graduates that dates back to Sacred Heart Girls Academy.

Sister Betty Adams offered congratulations in Sister Jenny's native Italian. Sister Josie Mendoza prayed that Our Lady of Guadalupe would offer her love and compassion to the most vulnerable through Jenny's work. Sister Rita Robl shared a drumming prayer from Wichita's Great Plains heritage.

Marsha Wilson spearheaded the gathering of items for a special "ASC Honor Cord" for Jenny. Items on the red cord included a tiny compass, a jeweled cross, a medal of St. Maria, a tiny graduation cap, diploma, tiny jeweled hearts and small silver words of faith, hope, love.

After the party, Sisters moved to the gift table and enjoyed watching Jenny open her gifts. The celebration ended with Jenny, in her graduation attire, and other Sisters saying hello to those still sheltering in place.

Sr. Diana Rawlings, ASC

A Compassionate Journey with the Helpless Migrants during the Corona Pandemic

“Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do unto me.”

We, the Adorers of the blood of Christ - ASC's of Bengaluru - Koramangala community had the great privilege to work in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Bengaluru to accompany 55 migrant girls from Jharkand state. We cared for them for a week at the end of May during these days of the Corona Pandemic. It was a journey with the invisible and unknown virus. Like St. Maria De Mattias, woman in a hurry we helped these young girls in their time of sadness, to be happy and strong in faith during these experiences of the virus, which has brought about lot of uncertainties.

During our stay there we got to know more and more about these innocent beings who were exploited in their working places. These girls had been recruited from Jharkand State after they had been trained tailors there. Once they reach Bengaluru they are been picked up and sent directly to the workplace in November 2019. It had been six months that they were employed here. During these days of Corona Pandemic they wished to go back to their own home town, but unfortunately due to lock down they could not go home. The girls didn't want to continue to work and they left their job and came out of the company.

Bengaluru Archdiocese came to their assistance and took up the responsibility of these girls. Through an NGO-Dream India Network, they requested the female Congregations from Bengaluru to collaborate with them. The ASC's from Bengaluru - Koramangala community was requested by the Regional Superior to render their loving service. Sisters Jessie D'Souza and Bimla Lakra were entrusted to care them for a week.

When we met them the day we began our stay there, they seemed to be very desperate, helpless and hopeless. Some of them said, that even if it is 2000 kms they would walk and go home. We tried to be very empathetic towards them and tried our level best to reinstate hope in them.

After conversing with them we could see their joy in been listened to, since we ate with them and we slept in the same room. They felt they

were accepted and felt at home. The next day morning they started to eat well. We conducted some activities, taught exercises, counselled them, conducted some classes, meditation and concentration exercises. They said that after we came felt comforted and consoled. We also conducted classes speaking about their rights in the workplace. Most of them had just completed tenth grade and few were ninth and dropouts. We had very good team work with local agencies which really tried to provide for them some delicious food, helping us in every way.

It was a coming together to face the situation in a positive manner. For me it was a faith experience as well an experience of perseverance. It gave me immense joy to hear them so happy as they finally boarded the train and called to inform us saying, ***“Sister your presence has been a God experience for us; we will never forget you.”*** We touch people with our gentle gestures of kindness and love. Indeed it has been a God experience for me as well a blessed missionary stay. We could prove to the people around that none of them had COVID-19.

When we intend the good of others, God takes the lead to complete the mission. I thank God for increasing my trust. The girls are in quarantine for 10 days since returning to Jharkand State. They still keep updating us about their stay there. I am grateful to Jesus who called me to this life and that I was able to be an instrument in His hands to support these young girls. Thank you St. Maria De Mattias for nurturing in me desire to uplift the women and girls who suffer in the society for various reasons. I could utilize my counselling professional qualification to give them back their life energy. Thanks to the regional team for giving me this opportunity to serve the most deserving.

Sr. Jessie D'Souza, ASC



Letter to Secretary of Education Azzolina

Bari, May 23, 2020

Dear Secretary Azzolina,

I am writing to you with an open heart in the hope that my sincerest words might convey their deepest meaning to you. I am Fabiana, a girl like so many others. I love my school. Currently we are all trying to defeat this pandemic, which, in striking our country, is causing disorder and suffering. By now, the air we are breathing through our masks is filled with terror. All this has drastically changed our daily lives.

During this time, loneliness dominates my thoughts and yet I am aware of the closeness of my school. My school has given all of us students the opportunity to reflect on the reality surrounding us. We decided to participate in the strike of the private Catholic schools, peers to the public schools, on Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 20, focusing our online lessons on topics capable of making us discover and appreciate the school we attend: the Precious Blood Institute.

The professors accompanied us in processes of discovering the origins of our Institute. Then, there was space for our consideration on the right to study, which, unfortunately, is not respected in many countries. Then, as a Cambridge school, we engaged in a discussion in English in which we students pointed out the various qualities of our school, and using an online program, created posters to highlight those qualities.

In addition, some live-streaming was done. The first was done by our directors along with Sister Anna Monia Alfieri and Dr. Lucrezia Stallacci, and with Father Luigi Gaetani and parliament member Michele Nitti commenting. The second was done with the Managers and representatives of all the private schools of the metropolitan city of Bari who collaborate in education, in dialogue with guests Msgr. Francesco Cacucci, Metropolitan Archbishop of Bari-Bitonto; Antonio Decaro, Mayor of Bari; Michele Emiliano, President of the Puglia region; Father Luigi Gaetani, national CISM President; and Ludovico Abbaticchio, Puglia region's controller of the rights of minors.

Furthermore, we students collaborated by shooting some photos in which we immortalized our hands on a paper decorated to our delight with the text "#invisibletothegovernment". On our hands were written words to express our request. Our faces showed our despondency. Then we combined all the photos in a single video accompanied by a song sung by one of our classmates who, thanks to the Precious Blood Institute, discovered his love and passion for music.

In light of the above, I am writing to raise up my cry for help so that there be the possibility that many other students may undertake a marvelous scholastic path like mine, which in attending the third class of Junior High School has come to an end. Therefore, I ask for a concrete commitment by you to save the private Catholic schools, which, up to now, have certainly given a notable contribution to our human and didactic growth and, on the other hand, have not received what should be theirs.

Testimony to that is my personal experience, which I had in the public school where I was able to observe the considerable contrasts between the two kinds of schools. Although both have the same purpose, I observed that particular differences can completely change a student's scholastic path: the possibility of having more educational outings, of learning through "alternative" and original lessons, of having a well-prepared teaching faculty ready to resolve possible problems and of working in better-maintained environments in all respects, capable of dealing with current and future restrictions.

Today I wonder why we students, spokesperson of the private schools, feel the need to write these words. Might it, perhaps, be the lack of concern by relevant bodies? Thus, I turn to you, dear Minister, to renew our request: do not let this virus destroy our dreams and put an end to the history of so many schools.

Certain of being listened to by you,

Fabiana
3rd year student
Junior High School

Precious Blood Institute – BARI

Seminar for Sisters near Perpetual Vows

ASC CHARISM: a flame for a new life....



This seminar, originally organized by the International Spirituality Center (CIS) for a two-month timeframe, had to be modified and reprogrammed from May 5 to June 1 at the Generalate in Rome and with the participation of the Sisters living in Italy or who had arrived in Italy before the closing of the border due to the growing coronavirus pandemic.

The afternoon of May 5, in a warm and welcoming atmosphere organized by the ASCs of CIS in the Assembly Hall, the seminar began with the welcome prepared by the organizers for the meeting participants: Sr. Gaudencia (Tanzanian) from the Region of Tanzania, Sr. Tatiana (Ukrainian) and Sr. Nadia (Belarusian) from the Region of Poland, and me, Sr. Katty, Peruvian from the Region of Brazil. The words of welcome and opening were given by Sr. Nadia Coppa, General Superior of our Congregation.

A flame to continue to radiate light needs fuel and constant care. During these days, that is the way it was. During the three weeks at the Generalate we had formation meetings and times of prayer. The topics were developed in a creative way by the members of CIS and led by various Adorers, including the members of the General Administration and Father Tim Norton, SVD.

The afternoon of May 22, we went to Acuto where Sr. Angela Di Spirito spoke to us in a creative and moving way about the history and spirituality of St. Maria De Mattias and the first ASCs. The

evening of May 23, we began

our retreat, guided by Sr. Toni Longo. The next day we went on a pilgrimage along the streets of Acuto with Sr. Barbara Perali as attentive and diligent guide. We walked in a spirit of prayer and respect for this land that also welcomed St. Maria De Mattias and saw the birth of the Congregation. We also visited the Casa Madre.

We finished our retreat on the 29th and on our return to Rome we went to Vallecorsa, where the Foundress was born and grew up. Integration activities and evaluation of the seminar took place in the final days. The closing prayer was held in the Precious Blood Church at the Generalate.

They were meaningful days and were special for each of us. We experienced the richness of inter-culturality (diversity of languages and cultures.) What united us as ASC women is our vocation, God's first call to be part of his mission in this Congregation to which we belong and from whose charismatic fount we quench our thirst.

We thank the Sisters of the communities that welcomed us and shared their testimony of ASC life. Thanks goes to the Adorers, the members of the CIS team, Sr. Nadia Coppa and the General Council. And thanks also to all the Sisters, families, and friends who accompanied us with their prayers.

Sr Katty Sarita Collana Estrella, ASC

Speech Therapy in a Time of Pandemic

Since 2002 I have been living in the ASC community in Kongora (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and have been working as a speech therapist in the healthcare system of the Polyclinic of Tomislavgrad, which is 16 km away from my community. With the beginning of the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which became a pandemic, everything I had previously done was no longer possible. In a short time, physical distancing, washing our hands, avoiding direct contact with people became the terms that came back to us over and over, even in our dreams. Protective masks became an integral part of our daily lives.

Work in healthcare institutes was reduced to emergencies only. Therefore, speech therapy and diagnostic testing were suspended. In our building, which normally has eleven entrances, only two were left open. I was involved at one of these for more than a month to monitor the sick at the entrance from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I did speech therapy online when it was possible. It was a rather grueling period, not so much physically but mentally. Fear infiltrated into people and could be read in their eyes above their protective masks. It seemed we were experiencing

something unreal. The protective gear (even though inadequate) I wore while supervising the entrance, seemed like that of an astronaut. At the same time,

it was a blest time because I could pray for all those I encountered, invoking the power of the Blood of Christ to protect us. And we were truly protected because there were only a few cases of the infection in our town.

Midway through May, I was able to begin speech therapy again, respecting the measures still in place (protective masks, gloves, six-foot distancing in closed spaces, use of disinfectant.) The work of a speech therapist is specific and the most important instruments for our work are the mouth, tongue, teeth and voice. It is impossible to wear a mask and do this and to maintain proper distance. Therefore, a plexiglass partition was put in the speech therapy office as the best solution in this specific situation. We are already getting used to this novelty, even though it is hoped that soon we will be able to again be able to shake each other's hand, give a hug

without being afraid, sit near each other....



Sr. Renata Vukadin, ASC

Interdependence of the Health of the Planet Earth and Humans

This 50th anniversary of Earth Day, celebrated on April 22, allowed us to understand something different, the close connection between nature and the human person. The emergence of the pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus plagued the world, challenged many of the values upon which modern civilization has rested, undermining economic stability, interrupting social interaction. Among others, the question has been asked of how the devastated the environment has caused the pandemic and how the pandemic has affected the environment.

Scientists warn that polluted air can cause or exacerbate respiratory illnesses like asthma or chronic pulmonary disease. These illnesses make the body more susceptible to the worst effects of lung infections. It is known that the coronavirus infection is one that attacks the respiratory system the most. How the coronavirus is transmitted is still being studied.

Any interpretation or proof of cause will confirm the human responsibility for our health and that of nature. Some positive effects of the coronavirus have confirmed this and warned humanity that nature is our best friend and associate. Nonetheless, the bad relationship of the human person, which threatens our integrity, transforms us into our greatest avenger. In addition to dealing with the health crisis, it is also necessary to consider mitigation mechanisms and the climate crisis.

Each crisis is a new possibility if we learn from our errors and change our habits. Some indicators of the need to change our habits and models of consumption as a result of the Corona virus are:

- atmospheric pollution is noticeably reduced in many cities of the world;
- need for a greater appreciation of our own country's resources and their use and greater integration of cities and villages;
- in circumstances of equal danger in the search for a self-sustainable outlet, one notices in the background ideological, political, national and even conflict circumstances;



- solidarity is emphasized in all concerned countries.

Positive and negative experiences of a pandemic can truly be used to create a new era in which we will treat nature more wisely and we will create more humane relationships based on moral and ethical values. Pope Francis emphasizes, "Any violation of solidarity and civil friendship has a negative impact on the environment," and he encourages, "we must not think that these efforts will not change the world. They benefit society and always bring fruit." (Laudato Si', 142 and 212)

Thus, each effort we make in that regard contributes to the health of humanity and nature. Let us renew our responsibility!

Sr. Cecilija Milković, ASC

Cherishing Memories of Laudato Si' Week

Everyone's involvement and talents are needed to redress the damage caused by and human abuse of God's creation. All of us can co-operate as instruments of God for the care of creation. The main theme for the week was "Everything is connected." This week launched a year-long journey of transformation as we grow through the crisis of the current moment by prayer, reflection and preparing together to build a better tomorrow.



At the Generalate we celebrated Laudato Si' week with song, prayer and poetry. The table in the middle of the dining room was decorated to represent Mother Earth, green and fertile, and the walls were covered with beautiful pictures of nature. Every morning and evening Sr. Lucia intertwined the liturgy with readings from Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'" and words of Maria De Mattias about "that beautiful order of things." At the evening meals Sr. Marcia recited some of her original poems about nature, such as this:

HOW GOD LOVES THIS EARTH

I know that God loves this Earth.
 See how she is caressed, night and day
 Day and night, by ocean waves
 That lap her shores.
 Splash and foam
 Reaching far inland
 To touch her heart, soaking into the sand
 And reaching out again
 A gentle touch, a tender yearning
 From the Almighty One.

Our world today is suffering from the abuse of nature, Corona virus and the crumbling and inequality of the economy. One influences the

other. All three threaten to destroy our life on the planet. Many people are dying, animal species are disappearing, trees are burned, forests and farmland contaminated with chemical agents, and oil is spilled in the seas.

One thing is certain: God does not want this. God wants only good for us, good health for all creatures, happiness and the ability to earn a living for one's family. What can we do to help God save the world? First, we need to learn something from the experience of the Corona virus, from lockdown, from our disrupted way of life, and ask: What have I learned from this global event that has shaken our world? What kind of economic system should we use in order to avoid hunger and poverty for so many people? What type of economy do we need to assure the health, and wellbeing of the planet? In Laudato Si', Pope Francis says, "Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it." (LS.246) We, each one of us, needs to know the document well enough to talk about the situation intelligently with friends, with family, with people we are next to waiting in line. If we religious, ASCs, do nothing, who will? We are here to interpret the message of God. We are prophets, kings and priests by our Baptism. Let us take on our role! The world is waiting for something from us. Let's help build "that beautiful order of things" alongside Maria De Mattias.

"Each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another." (Laudato Si', 42)

Plastics

That bit of plastic
 The seabird just fed her young,
 Was it from your Coke bottle
 Or my toothpaste tube?

Sr. Marcia Kruse, ASC

General Administration Calendar



July 2-8: Sister Nadia and Sr. Matija were in Zagreb to accompany the Election Assembly of the Zagreb Region.

July 10: continuation of the canonical visitation in the Region of Italy

Religious Professions

July 1, 2020

First Religious Profession - Vietnam Mission

Sr. Thi Thanh Hien Vu

Sr. Thi Tuyen Tan

25th Anniversary of Religious Profession – Philippines Foundation

Sr. Corazon Estrellado

60th Anniversary of Religious Profession – Region of Brazil

Sr. Rosa de Andrade Lima

Sr. Clara de Albuquerque Silva

Sr. Rosa Pereira Telles

Sr. Zélia Maia Valentim

65th Anniversary of Religious Profession – Region of Brazil

Sr. Marília Terezinha dos Santos Menezes

Sr. Iracy Alves da Cruz

July 19, 2020

25th Anniversary of Religious Profession – Region of Wrocław

Sr. Ewa Pruszczyńska

August 15, 2020

50th Anniversary of Religious Profession – Region of Zagreb

Sr. Adelina Kovačević

Sr. Branka Gabrić

Sr. Jasna Tomić

Sr. Josipa Draguljić

Sr. Karolina Miljak

Sr. Milka Marković

Sr. Zvonimira Borščak

60th Anniversary of Religious Profession – Region of Zagreb

Sr. Amalija Miletić

Sr. Cecilija Glibo

Sr. Jelena Kančelarić

August 29, 2020

60th Anniversary of Religious Profession – USA Region – Columbia Center

Sr. Bernice Klostermann

65th Anniversary of Religious Profession – USA Region – Columbia Center

Sr. Kathleen Washington

70th Anniversary of Religious Profession – USA Region – Columbia Center

Sr. Therese Marie Smith

75th Anniversary of Religious Profession – USA Region – Columbia Center

Sr. Jean Marie Landis

Sr. Clea Marie Reineberg

BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS



Birthdays: Let's Celebrate Life

JULY

30
Sr. Delphina Thomas Ntandu 07/07/1990 Tanzania
Sr. Placidia Pontian Mutashuburukwa 07/31/1990 Tanzania

40
Sr. Hanna Dzatlik 07/13/1980 Wroclaw
Sr. Lourdy Mary Savarimuttu 07/18/1980 India
Sr. Marcia Muglia 07/19/1980 Argentina

50
Sr. Oliva Clemence Lema 07/05/1970 Tanzania

60
Sr. Amata Anđelić 07/04/1960 Zagreb
Sr. Anna Maria Cappello 07/26/1960 Italy

70
Sr. Sara Dwyer 07/25/1950 USA
Sr. Susan Welsby 07/26/1950 USA

80
Sr. Amalija Miletić 07/20/1940 Zagreb
Sr. Charlotte Rohrbach 07/15/1940 USA
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