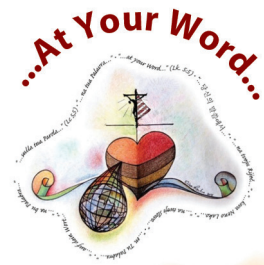


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Aging: a Time of Fullness to be Discovered

Editorial

During the Angelus on July 26, the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Pope Francis gave a special invitation to the young people to show tender love to the elderly by *reaching out to them*. Today, according to the UN data, 10% of the population of our society is elderly and in 2050 it will be 25%. Ours is a civilization that has brought well-being and progress to some parts of the globe, but it has not yet filled the years with meaning which prosperity has added to life.

The pandemic with its isolation has brought to light the silent and often forgotten, ignored or abandoned world of the elderly. In fact, progress, if on the one hand has brought benefits to people by lengthening the life expectancy, on the other it has generated a sense of indifference toward our neighbor, emptying life of its truest meaning: relationships. This experience has revealed to us that our modern civilization does not have a culture of aging. And yet, the elderly have the most important role within history and society: they are the memory for humanity.

As is stressed in the Bible, old age for us Christians is a blessing, because it is the time when the person reaches her *fullness and is replete*. (1 Chron. 29:28) The being replete of old age is defined by valuing one's personal relationship with God. The elderly person is a **blessing** for the members of the family, the community and for humankind in general because he or she

represents faithfulness in his or her relationship with God and is a sign of God's faithfulness, of the efficacy and fulfilment of the Lord's commands. The God of the Bible believes in the future of the elderly (Job 3:1), for He hopes, just like for every believer, that the elderly person will continue to be a *disciple* who is always ready to discern, to encounter the Lord in faith, to discover Him in prayer. The elderly person is a *witness*, a treasure trove of lived faith, of an experience that becomes a wise, valuable and, for however fragile, solid and virtuous voice.

The call of our time is, therefore, that of again shining a light on and valuing the charism of old age, the gift of the Spirit, which is poured out on the elderly and which our faith helps us to understand and love. Let us remember that a tree lives only by drawing its nourishment from its roots.

St. John Paul II is among the figures who knew best how to express old age as a *fullness and being replete* with life, showing humanity that even suffering and the weakness of a fragile body can become the highest witness of faith. The transcendence of the elderly is not a limitation but a grace, as an image of Christ's suffering on the cross. (2 Cor. 12:9)

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC

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Celebration of the Most Precious Blood ***July 1, 2020***

Let us thank God for the blessings he continues to give each of us in our life of discipleship. Today we celebrate the Blood of Jesus, the Blood that was poured out on the Cross to redeem us from sin and ransom us from death.

We prepared for the celebration with commitment, thinking about all the details. To predispose ourselves spiritually we prayed the novena in community, thanks also to the directives offered to us by the General Administration of the Congregation. We had the opportunity to collaborate with the CPPS Fathers as well as with our postulants and the seminarians of the Missionaries of the John Merlini formation community

The day began with the celebration of the Eucharist. In the evening, we concluded the celebration with a meal together: the communities of Sisters and the Missionaries from Miyuji organized various recreational programs. Sr. Rosalia Charles, superior of the community, welcomed everyone and invited everyone to give thanks to God who called us to live this solemn day of devotion to the Blood of Christ. In addition, she encouraged us to continue the collaboration with the Missionaries like our founders, Maria De Mattias and St. Gaspar, did.

After the evening meal, words of thanks were expressed by the Postulants, the Seminarians, the Priests and at the end we accepted the words of thanks of our regional superior, Sr. Lucina Johanness, ASC.

Sister Lucina began by saying, "My value is the Blood of Christ." In the name of the Regional leadership and the ASC communities, she expressed gratitude to the CPPS Missionaries. Our community needs to thank God for our Society, where God carried out his promises in our founders, promises that they have entrusted to us

In fact, during this time of the Pandemic, the seminarians lovingly took care of their neighbors with dedication, making every effort to protect their lives from the coronavirus, providing the washing of hands each day and lovingly opening the door of the Church. St. Gaspar said, "Do more, do it quickly and do it better."

St. Maria De Mattias emphasized, "Souls, souls, souls" ... "I am in a hurry" because service to our dear neighbor demands a readiness to save Life.

Father John Greyson, CPPS, regional councilor and rector of the seminary, congratulated all for

the preparation of the celebration of the Most Precious Blood, which, for the mystery being celebrated, is at the center of the Universal Church. This also shines a light on the responsibility we have as a religious family in the Church.

Let us thank God for the opportunity He gives us to do good, to do it quickly and to do it better. An easy and quick way to do good is to act in obedience.

All three vows, poverty, obedience and chastity, focus on others. If we do not obey, we do not do good. In the correspondence between St. Maria De Mattias and Father John Merlini, we often find as her spiritual director he reminds her to "make every effort to do good and do it in prayer." Maria De Mattias responded, "I will do God's will."

Following the example of our founders we are called to commit ourselves to do good, putting God in first place.

Sr. Alphonsina Alexandri, ASC



My Personal Testimony of God's Grace

God answers all prayers in three ways: "Yes" because you deserve it; "No" because you deserve better, and "Not yet" because the best is yet.

God's favour is the power that changes things for us. All of us are saved by his favour. To be saved means to be delivered protected, preserved, healed and made whole. God's favour covers every area of our lives. By his favour he has taken care of everything we will ever need- spirit, soul and body.

Looking for a job is a bit like crossing a desert. And God knows how long this trail will last. Unemployment is quite often difficult to experience. As the word of God says in 1Pt. 5:7 we are invited to cast all our worries upon Him, and in the letter to the Philippians 4:19 He invites us not to be discouraged, for God is the one who provides for our needs.

Yes dear sisters and friends this is my experience too. I take this opportunity to thank God and give testimony for his gracious gift that is given to my nephew granting him a government job. I believe

that this is the miracle received by the intercession of Venerable Giovanni Merlini. I believe that God will give everything in his perfect timing because he is sovereign.

Another miracle I wish to give testimony that took place for one of our teachers' brother who was suffering from liver damage. His liver was almost 80% damaged. The doctors even gave up. With trust and confidence I prayed to Venerable Giovanni Merlini to save him from this situation. Today he is perfectly healed and leading his ordinary life. I really thank God for he has promised that he will look after us, and that he has our future in his hands. Luke 12:32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your father has been pleased to give you the kingdom". I believed that in the waiting God is timing is perfect.

Thank you Lord for your super natural sovereignty and your perfect providence.

Sr. Siji Madapallikadu, ASC



Continental Area: *the Americas*
Region of *Manaus*

Paulina, the Missionary of the Mornings

PAULINA Pontes, small, strong, filled with determination, was an Adorer of the Blood of Christ, a fervent lover of God's Word!

I had a missionary experience with her during Lent of the year when I was preparing for my priestly ordination (Amazonas, Brazil, April 25, 1976.)

Every Friday morning at dawn we went together, doing penance, in the Chagas Aguiar quarter (in the town of Coari, in the west central part of the state of Amazonas), where the ASCs were working.

Exiting the chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, built a short time before by Father Miguel Macintosh, a Redemptorist, we passed along the muddy streets, getting stuck in the potholes and getting out to drier land...

Paulina appreciated my fervor for Sacred Scripture, especially during the "Carlos Mesters" biblical circles experienced with Brother Simone in Manacapuru, AM.

The topics developed were: Forgiveness, Baptism and Reconciliation, the Biblical Key

booklet, by searching for significant words, such as WATER. We helped each other with the Baptismal Ritual, to do the sacramental service that Paulina had already used in three other areas of Mission.

Paulina took advantage to give witness among those simple people. I felt Baptism like rain, like flowing water descending from the temple that took away many people's lack of faith and made hope be reborn in a new Pasch that would soon arrive.

Along the road returning home we continued to talk with many people about these topics.

This very deep experience was a strength for my ordination to the priesthood.

I want to say that Sr. Paulina was a missionary woman who taught me to be with the people, to see my future priesthood as service.

Lord, I thank you for the great good that Sister Paulina sowed in our midst.

Nelson Peixoto

Trust in the Slow Work of God

The pace of our lives in recent months has been very different. In most cases, things have slowed down. We may have meetings, but all the travel is gone. We may have projects working with others that are "on hold" because of the virus. When our routines change like this, we begin to wonder what we should be doing.

Even for those of us who are busy these days, it often has more to do with disinfecting everything so we can be safe from this virus we cannot see and really do not understand.

As a college student in the late '60s, I was introduced by S. Delphine Schmidt to Teilhard de Chardin, SJ in a philosophy class. I liked the poetry of his writing, but it took me much longer to appreciate his message. In his book, "Hearts On Fire" he writes:

*Above all, trust in the slow work of God
We are quite naturally impatient in everything
to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something
unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through
some stages of instability
and that it may take a very long time.
Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.
Give our God the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.*

If we attempt to integrate our recent celebrations of Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost with the words of Teilhard and our experience of staying at home, we would somehow have to integrate the power of these celebrations with the scriptural assurance of peace and Teilhard's reminder that God's time is different than ours.

God is very active in our hearts and souls during this unusual time in our lives. We are being given the chance to practice our patience, reorder our priorities, and experience new ways to pray and wonder and learn. It is ok to wonder about our feelings of confusion, boredom, loss. It is ok to wish that things would go back to normal even when we know they will not. It is ok to be frustrated with others as long as we acknowledge it is our need, not theirs that we are feeling.

Be gentle with yourself and believe in the slow work of God. Be gentle with the other who is experiencing the same instability that you are. Be gentle.

Sr. Vicki Bergkamp, ASC

Lockdown Circle of Communion


Two women came to renew their vows
of poverty, chastity, and obedience
for another year. Only two, but
there was a Power: there with them; here with us,
all Adorers of the Blood of Christ gathered
virtually from varied degrees of lockdown.

We could not embrace them as we may have done,
so we held them tightly in our hearts,
as we met from the West, the East, the Midwest,
and points between – even from Rome – and said
the same words to our God and to each other;
supporting them as they form their future from our past.

We may be in lockdown, unable to gather;
but as long as we live, there are vows to keep;
and we know without a doubt that neither
this pandemic nor any other
virus of body or heart can destroy
the Power upon which our circle relies.

Sr. Clare Boehmer, ASC

ASCs Recognized for Asylum Ministry

A photograph showing three people standing in front of a backdrop with gold stars. On the left is a woman in a black top and patterned skirt. In the center is a man in a green checkered shirt. On the right is a woman in a blue cardigan and patterned skirt, holding a small, round, gold-colored award. The backdrop has a large, stylized 'm' logo on the left side.

The Immigration Support Services Network in
Wichita celebrated Immigrant Heritage Month on
June 27 with a program recognizing individuals
and groups with three service awards and seven
scholarships.

One of the service awards went to the Adorers
of the Blood of Christ Asylum Ministry. Sister Patty
Owens, Wichita Center Administrator Greg Lohkamp
and Sister Fran Schumer accepted the award on
behalf of the Asylum Ministry Committee and all of
the ASCs who made the ministry possible.

Sr. Fran Schumer, ASC

Presentation of the Book “I Gift You a Little Bit of My Strength”

by Sister Anna Maria Vissani, Prospettive Publishing House

One Sunday, the last one, I saw a **big crowd** one afternoon in **Piagge**, of course respecting the anticovid regulations.

It was the occasion of the celebration of Our Lady of Carmine at the beautiful little 18th-century church. Since they were not able to have the traditional procession, they had a special outdoor Mass celebrated by the pastor of Castelplanio, Father Mariano Piccotti, followed by the presentation of the latest literary effort of Anna Maria Vissani, the book *I Gift You a Little Bit of My Strength*, female portraits of the 20th century.

The presentation consisted in the alternate reading of some of the pages of the book by Cosini and Noemi Donati and various musical selections performed by Giordano Tittarelli at the keyboard and Michele Luminari, vocalist and guitarist.

Then the author herself explained the reason for the publication. “During the first weeks of the lockdown I experienced endless sadness in seeing the coffins being taken day after day toward the cemetery and being cremated.”

In her letter sent to Sergio Mattarella, Anna Maria Vissani emphasized, among other things, how “his gentle sensitivity of carrying the pain of the departure of the many elderly during this pandemic moved me.”

“With admiration I remember, she wrote to her German counterpart, Frank Walter Steinmeier, in March, ‘Here in numerous areas with many victims, the oldest generation was decimated – those who were a reference point for the young, not just in their affections but also in their daily lives.’ Heartfelt thanks! At night during the ‘stay at home,’ we saw trucks with coffins where the virus had sealed off the lives of so many grandfathers and grandmothers. Your moral stature, dear President, along with that of Pope Francis, have been a solid point of reference in this tried and fragile society.”

Mayor Fabio Badiali and councilor Roberta Casali also attended the event. (p.n.)

Pino Nardella



Canonical Visitation – Region of Italy

We had the canonical visitation in our ASC community in Villaputzu from July 26 to 28. The time of waiting prior to the visitation allowed us to prepare our hearts to be open.

It was a time of grace in which I experienced for the umpteenth time God’s passing through my life, my community and my today. I consider it a real gift to have the possibility of telling about our concrete reality where we live out our consecration and our charism in community.

The free time and time of being together with Sr. Nadia and Sr. Wiesława were a gift. There was a good spirit created among us of simple sharing of our daily living and deep listening to God’s Word, to ourselves and our reality. The Word dug down within us, surfacing within each of us our heart’s deep desires for greater communion, for becoming ever more credible witnesses of the Good News that touched our lives.

It did my heart good to remember the times of blessing experienced in my community. I felt like a small chest that carries a precious treasure within: the charism marked by the Blood of the Lamb. This very gift is what makes me part of a great host of women carrying forward throughout the world our common mission in the Church, collaborating with Christ in the redemptive work through the ministries of evangelization and human promotion. (cfr. LC 3)

May the Blood of Christ keep our hearts in the ongoing process of communion so that our living together in sisterhood may truly be a prophetic sign and witness to offer to the world, which has a hard time accepting diversity. And so we will become the Gospel the world is still waiting for. May we be Communion in Christ!

Sr. Lirie Mëhilli, ASC

Like Something Missing in My Heart

After 5 months of waiting and various delays due to things connected with Covid-19, on July 16, 2020, the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, the general canonical visitation finally took place in the ASC community of San Giovanni Rotondo. With great joy we welcomed Sr. Nadia Coppa, General Superior, and Sr. Bridget Pulickakunnel, General Councilor. We experienced an intense community time during which Sr. Nadia emphasized the necessity of taking care of unity beyond the boundaries of belonging, because only in growing as a "Body" can we journey toward the future. The unity we all need to pursue must take into account the diversity in the ASC culture. It is necessary and urgent to focus on the essential values of religious life and, as *Evangelii Gaudium* suggests to us to joyfully take the Gospel into the world and into the existential peripheries of our communities. We were invited to begin again from the desire to be witnesses and not teachers, aware that it is not an administration or a superior that changes the reality, but each of us is committed concretely to

be and live the Gospel in the world, in communion, overcoming the fear of what is different. In making a reference to the logo, "Hearts in communion ... Gospel in the world," Sr. Nadia emphasized, among other things, that the Cross is the linchpin that goes through heart and the world, helps to move beyond pain and leads to joy, because God's Plan is beauty and harmony, beyond what we would want, because Communion goes beyond ourselves.

St. Paul's passage to the Philippians (2:2-5) in asking the Lord, "What do you want from me?" and in assuming a concrete commitment in being Mission in the heart of the earth in communion.

The prayer, sharing, discussion, sisterly agape and interpersonal conferences were like God's caress to each of our hearts.

Thank you, Sr. Nadia and Sr. Bridget, for having witnessed God's unique and personal love for his creatures.

Blest be the Blood of Christ!

Sr. Rosalba Facecchia, ASC



The Elderly during the Coronavirus

Six months have passed since the coronavirus bullied itself into our lives, changing our rhythms, our habits and the way of relating with other people.

I remember perfectly well the feelings I had during those days: the fear of being infected, the desperate search for disinfectant, gloves and masks and the need for social distancing... no more shaking hands, no more visiting our relatives, no more hugging....

Our family is very close; I am very close to my parents and my brother. At the same time, I am also connected to my aunts and uncles and cousins. Our strong connection was created by the important pillars of our family, our grandparents. We are fortunate to still have our 88-year-old grandmother Gina.

On the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Pope Frances told the young people not to leave the elderly by themselves. "They are the roots, and a tree cut off from its roots does not give fruit." And this is very true. In this time period, we have tried in every way to make sure our grandmother was doing well. She was the one who had dedicated most of her life to her children and grandchildren.

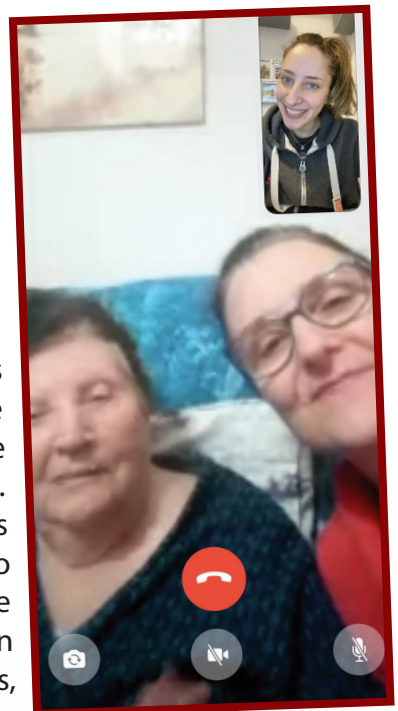
Unfortunately, she suffers from a rather advanced form of dementia, therefore, you can say that for her the Coronavirus has never existed. But from one day to the next she found herself in a reality in which no one would come to visit her, she didn't see her children anymore, much less her grandchildren. This created within her a greater sense of being lost and worried.

Luckily, she had a fixed person who took care of her and, when possible, her children living in the same building went to see her while respecting the rules and keeping the necessary distances.

We made video calls several times, trying to communicate our affection and love. It was hard but fortunately, up to now, everything is better and, with the right precautions, we can finally be together with our grandmother to show

her again that she will never be alone.

In conclusion, I think that our grandparents are pure gold. This virus has shown us once again the importance of holding hands, giving a kiss, a hug... It has shown us that the human person is fragile in the face of nature. So, I think the time has come to give back to our grandparents all the love they have given throughout the years, all the times they gave to us, but especially, I believe that this virus has made us understand that we need to take care of them in their weakness, like they did for us when we were small and weak.



Debora Brunetti



We Want to Write Holiness with our Lives

Dear Sisters, I want to share my experience of the spirituality course in Italy with you. The time spent there was very difficult for everyone because of Covid 19. At first, it seemed the organization of the seminar would be impossible because the situation in the country was dangerous and everyone was afraid. After being there for two months to study Italian, there was uncertainty and the expectation we would be returning home without having the Seminar. Our Sisters in CIS organized a formative course on our spirituality that was very interesting and profound on the theme: "ASC Charism: a flame for new life..."

Only four Sisters near final vows participated in the course: two from the Region of Wrocław (Tatiana and I, Nadzeya), Gaudensia from Tanzania and Katty from Peru, together with our Sisters who led the seminar: Sr. Barbara (Italy), Sr. Rani (India.) and Sr. Toni (United States).

It was a marvelous intercultural and international experience. Together we learned how to become a community in dialogue in respect for ourselves and the others, wanting to look toward the future with hope. The program was intense, but beautiful and rich. We had conferences and sharing with our Sisters throughout the world through online conferences. Sr. Nadia Coppa and the Sisters of the General Administration accompanied us through prayer and sharing

We had a wonderful retreat experience in Acuto and were able to touch our holy history. Our Foundress accompanied us the whole time. She invited us and waited for each of us to give us the opportunity to experience her nearness, her

maternal care and love, as Sr. Toni told us at the beginning.

The experience of internationality was important for me. I am aware that I belong to an international Congregation, but the course helped me to personally encounter our Sisters from the various parts and feel united. I also deepened my understanding of and the greatness of our holy Foundress who did not leave the house as a girl, did not know how to read and write, but thanks to her obedience to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, lit the flame of the charism of the Blood of Christ and continues to light

it throughout the world. We are Sisters from every race, tribe and nation. We have a marvelous history of holiness of the Sisters from the whole world and we want to write holiness with our lives.

I am very grateful for the great experience and express my thanks to Sr. Ewa Kleps, our Regional Superior, to all the Sisters who accompanied us through prayers and interest and to those who substituted for us in our

ministries. I also express my gratitude to Sr. Nadia Coppa, General Superior, and to her Council and to the Sisters in CIS for having organized the seminar and to Sr. Nicla Spezzati, Regional Superior of Italy, and to the Sisters for having welcomed me in the community of Viterbo. I really felt as if we were a true family who helped me and were so kind to me. I take all the Adorers with me in my heart and remember them in my prayer.

Sr. Nadzeya Rahytskaya, ASC



Regional Election Assembly and Installation of the Region's Administrative Service



The Adorers of the Blood of the Zagreb Region elected their Regional Superior and councilors for a five-year term (2020-2025) during their Election Assembly July 3-5, 2020.

Let us invoke God's blessings on the new Regional Superior and Councilors and wish them every good for the service of responsibility the community entrusted to them.

The second session of the IV Regional Election Assembly of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ of the Zagreb Region began in the chapel of the convent with a solemn Eucharistic celebration with Father Tomislav Glavnik, Conventional OFM, and Assembly Moderator, presiding.

In addition to Sr. Nadia Coppa, General Superior, and Sr. Matija Pavić, general councilor, 34 Sisters attended. Sister Ana Marija Antolović, regional superior and president of the Assembly, expressed a warm welcome and opened the Assembly session. Sr. Nadia communicated the greetings, prayers and best wishes of the Sisters of the General Council and of all the Sisters of the Congregation and hoped that the Assembly would be guided by the Holy Spirit. The session was capably led by the Sisters of the Regional Election Assembly Preparation Commission: Sisters Marijana Pintarić, Bernarda Krišyoć. Mirijam Kuštreba and Laura Cukar.

Sr. Nadia Coppa and Father Tomislav, the moderator, helped the participants with inspired words for their work of responsibility. They encouraged hope and a positive approach for the life and vitality of the Region, in spite of the fragility that is part of our reality as ASCs. Such an approach created a pleasant spiritual atmosphere and friendship among the Sisters.

The General Superior confirmed the election of the Regional Superior and Councilors before all the participants at the Assembly and the moderator, giving the seal of the Region to the newly elected Regional Superior with appropriate words of congratulations.

The newly elected Council of the Zagreb Region for the 2020-2025 term will serve the Sisters of the Region. It is made up of:

Sr. ZDRAVKA LEUTAR, Regional Superior
Sr. ANA LIPOVAC, Regional Councilor
Sr. MARIJA PRANJIĆ, Regional Councilor
Sr. VESNA ABRAMOVIĆ, Regional Councilor

After the election, the Sisters expressed their dream for the Zagreb Region: they creatively formed a chain connecting all the Sisters, symbolizing their belonging to the ASC community. The young Sisters did a dance which included the newly elected regional administration Sisters in it.

The installation ceremony of regional administrative service of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ was held on July 11, 2020 in the Zagreb regional house at Tuškanac 56.

While respecting the necessary safety measures, about fifty Sisters of the Region attended the solemn installation ceremony in which the newly elected Regional Superior and the newly elected regional councilors assumed the task of serving the region for a five-year term. Sr. Damjana Kovačević will be secretary and Sr. M. Anita Ferketin will be treasurer.

The Sisters expressed their gratitude to the previous Regional Superior, Sr. Ana Marija Antolović, and the regional councilors, Sisters Cecilija Milković, Tomislava Čavar and Danijela Anić.

After words of blessing and congratulations, the Regional Superior, Sr. Zdravka Leutar, addressed those present, thanking the Sister for their trust, stressing that she wants to show this trust through deeds and serve the Region in humility of heart with the other Sisters of the Council. She invited the Sisters to cooperate, dialogue and communicate about the process of spiritual transformation of each Sister, community and the Region.

The celebration continued around a table prepared in the courtyard where everyone joyfully participated in a shared agape.

Sr. Bernarda Krištić, ASC

Our Commitment for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

Sr. Rani Padayattil shares the content of her thesis: All is One: Precious Blood Spirituality and of Creation, presented last May 19, at the Gregorian University

To understand the involvement of the Church in JPIC issues we need to go back to the Second Vatican Council (1965) that in the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (90) expressed the desire to create a tool at the service of the Universal Church to promote progress in poor areas and social justice among peoples.

It was after the publication of the encyclical letter of Pope Saint Paul VI, *On the Progress of Peoples* (1967) that the pontifical council *Justice and Peace* was created. In his letter *Octogesima Adveniens* the Pope recognised that there is a thirst for justice and peace in every human being and this needs to be quenched (n. 48). Also outside the Church people of good will are at work to pave the way for more justice and we should collaborate with them.

It was in 1971 that the Bishops' Synod on "Justice in the World" took place. In its final document it declared: **"the work of justice is an integral part of the mission of the Church to evangelize"**.

Since then many JPIC commissions were erected in dioceses and religious congregations. The development of the social doctrine of the Church by the later Popes gave a boost at this commitment. We ASC also made it a point to put it on the agenda of every General Assembly, Extended General Council, and in our Regional Assemblies.

The Spirituality of the Blood of Christ calls us and sends us forth to care for creation. Our troubled earth is a sign of the times, a call of the blood to which we must respond. It demands from us a new sensibility, a new way to deepen our relationship with God, with others, with ourselves and with creation.

The title of our Congregation "Adorers of the Divine Blood" reminds us that we have to be ready to give our life for whom it is needed. So that the Divine Blood will be adored and blessed by all and it bear fruit in the salvation of all. St. Maria De Mattias writes, "God wants the most precious Blood to be in the hearts of all" (Lt. 258). This lowly Congregation which lives and labors under the glorious title of the most precious Blood of Jesus Christ, must itself take on the shape and pattern of a living image

of that divine love with which it was shed and of which it was and is, a symbol, expression, measure and pledge. It is a symbol of Love, Life, liberation and communication of grace but also establishing a beautiful order of things which the great Son of God came to establish upon earth through His Divine Blood. (LC. 1# 2,3).

For Maria each human person was very precious because each is redeemed in the Blood of Jesus. She practiced **humility, patience, trust, obedience**, the spirit of adoration above all Charity. The spirituality of the Blood makes us more sensitive to these cries of the Blood and compels us to respond to the cries of the innocent blood so rampant in our world today.

Today our world counts more than 50.8 million internally displaced persons forced to leave their homes because of conflict, violence or persecution. The internally displaced persons live in very difficult situations as they struggle to find safety within their home country or are unable to reach and then cross an international border to claim refugees status. In this time of COVID-19, we have seen this already radically vulnerable group running increased protection risks from their own governments. This has stirred us to reflect on the displacement in our own hearts and on the flows in our economic and political systems. Greed can so easily displace compassion. Deep in our hearts we know that care for others-not exploitation of them-makes us truly human.

And you, what can you do?

For the last five years 5 years Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate *Laudato Sí*. A nice opportunity is to join the Season of Creation celebrated ecumenically around the world each year from September 1st to October 4th.

Christians unite in praying and acting together to care for our common home.

As a first step we invite you to visit SeasonOfCreation.org. A wealth of resources for implementing *Laudato Sí* in your communities is available.

Sr. Rani Padayattil, ASC

Calendario Amministrazione Generale



September 5: the General Administration meets with the Italian Regional administration for the closing of the canonical visitation.

September 20-25: Sr. Bridget Pulickakunnel is involved in the meeting with the commission working on the revision of our Proper Law

**Birthdays:
Let's Celebrate Life**



<u>40</u>	Sr. Saida Pérez Pocoata	09/07/1980	USA
<u>50</u>			
	Sr. Devota Jonas Hanai	09/13/1970	Tanzania
<u>60</u>			
	Sr. Suely Garcia dos Anjos	09/08/1960	Manaus
	Sr. Ewa Piwońska	09/11/1960	Wrocław
<u>70</u>			
	Sr. Krystian Bedryjowska	09/01/1950	Wrocław
	Sr. Angelina Sesar	09/02/1950	Zagreb
	Sr. Sylvia Chacón	09/18/1950	USA
<u>80</u>			
	Sr. Maria Vara	09/13/1940	Italy
	Sr. Iolanda Di Mucci	09/16/1940	Italy
	Sr. Marija Ćosić	09/17/1940	Zagreb
	Sr. Małgorzata Braszko	09/23/1940	Wrocław
<u>90</u>			
	Sr. Mary Rachel Lawler	09/09/1930	USA
	Sr. Arcangela Vincitorio	09/11/1930	Italy

Religious Profession

August 8, 2020

First Religious Profession – USA Region

Sr. Sarah Harbaugh

August 20, 2020

First Religious Profession – Manaus Region

Sr. Maria Neurice Silva de Oliveira

Sr. Jandervânia Serrão dos Santos

First Religious Profession – India Region

Sr. Wilma Shalini Crasta

September 15, 2020

First Religious Profession – Guinea Bissau

Sr. Diana António Ialá

Sr. Ludimila António Danfá

65th anniversary of Religious Profession

USA Region – Ruma Center

Sr. Marilyn Janson

Sr. Mary Evelyn Nagle

Sr. Jacinta Willenborg

70th anniversary of Religious Profession

USA Region – Ruma Center

Sr. Anne Irose

75th anniversary of Religious Profession

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Sr. Frances Newton



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returned to their
Heavenly Home**

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