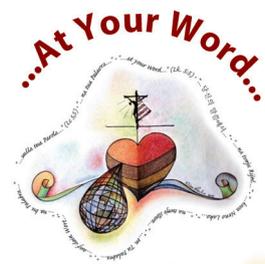


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Let us go joyfully toward Bethlehem...

Editorial

The road leading to the Christ Child, who was born poor and laid in a manger, is a sign of the fragility of each woman and man. It is a question of walking the path, savoring in the steps the gratuity and the gift of that little one who does not ever want to lose sight of anyone, in spite of his being simply a nursing child. But, perhaps we forget that the child will play at the pit of the asp and the ox and the donkey will walk together – to use the words of the prophet. It is the journey we are called to make each day, walking the path of what is essential. It is a path to be taken with the young people invited not to give up, especially in the face of the precariousness of the future, and with those who have lost the joy of living and who do it only, scrolling through their days, often toward oblivion.

Hope begins at the manger, hope to believe in a Church that does not remain motionless to contemplate the Child, but, like the shepherds, returns from the stable to announce that the



world, as an open-air arsenal, has no substance, that the poor are not to be recycled or used like decorative tools or for electoral concoctions. The “little one” in the arms of a courageous and provocative woman invites us to overcome selfishness, the result of a society of globalization and indifference. He invites us to be able to denounce situations of slavery, to not deny any kind of acceptance and to continue to walk in order not to let everything be concentrated in the hands of a few, both on an economic and a political level. This is a path that does not accept the logic of gaps and intends to indicate a turning point for everyone’s life.

Let us go joyfully toward Bethlehem, but remembering to return from Bethlehem to tell everyone again that no child who is born is just one more, but, excuse me, that child has the same face as Christ in the manger.

Sr. Mimma Scalera, ASC

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The new CIS team



The members of the new CIS team, Sisters Barbara Perali (Italy), Elisabeth Mueller (Schaan), Rani Padayattil (India), and Toni Longo (USA) gathered in Rome October 9-18 for a time of prayer, team building, introduction to our new ministry, and planning for the next six years. It was quite a journey together – and just the beginning!

The team was introduced to the local community at the Generalate the evening of October 9, and were blessed by them for their work together. The first three days were days of prayer, faith sharing, and pilgrimage to Vallecorsa and Acuto, facilitated by Sr. Nadia Coppa, General Superior, and Dani Brought and Matija Pavic, Council Liaisons for CIS. Intense work days followed, as we finalized a Vision for CIS and produced both a Six-Year Plan and a very detailed One-Year Plan to present to the General Council. We see our ministry as a support to the General Council and the community as we strive “to embody ASC Spirituality and Charism with vibrant hearts, in ever-widening circles of communion...” (Vision Statement).

By the time you read this, we will have given a presentation of our Plan to the Extended General Council, prepared and coordinated the liturgies during that time. We invite you to see our Facebook page, where we have posted pictures and videos in Italian and English introducing ourselves and our ministry at CIS as we work together for the congregation and our world at large. Please remember us in prayer that what we do here will be according to the heart of Maria De Mattias.

The CIS team



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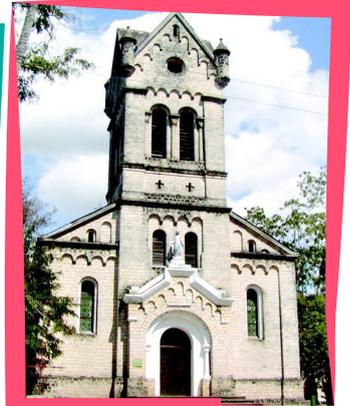
150 years of Evangelization in Tanzania



Priests processing at the beginning of the Eucharistic celebration



Bishops processing at the beginning of the Eucharistic celebration



The church of Bagamoyo

On 4/11/2018 The Catholic Church in Tanzania Mainland celebrated 150 years since Catholic Christianity entered Tanzania through the ancient City of Bagamoyo, and also celebrated 100 years of Priesthood from the time when the first native Priests were ordained. The summit of this celebration was preceded by three days of various spiritual preparations.

Evangelization started in Zanzibar before reaching the Tanzania mainland. Those who came for the first time were the Holy Ghost Fathers. In 1860, Bishop Moupoint (the Holy Ghost Congregation was under his leadership) sent Fr. Amand Fava to initiate the mission in Zanzibar. At that time Zanzibar was a major trading center. Approximately 60,000 slaves were sold there every year. In 1863 two other Priests of the Holy Ghost Congregation, Fr. Antonie Horner, and Fr. Etienne Baur and two brothers, Celestine and Felician were sent to Zanzibar. They were assisted by the sisters of Mary's Daughters from Reunion, most of whom were slaves who had been freed.

The first mission, which was founded in Zanzibar in 1860, did not succeed well in evangelization; the preaching work was difficult. Most activities were transferred to Bagamoyo in 1868 but the headquarters of the mission remained in Zanzibar. The Bagamoyo Mission began on March 4, 1868. The first task in Bagamoyo was to minister the freed slaves. This work was done well and the missionaries built a village of Christians there, nursery schools and schools to teach the adults vocational works. Seyyid Majid (a Muslim), who was a governor of Zanzibar including Bagamoyo at that time, assisted the missionaries and was their friend.

Missionaries in Bagamoyo slowly began to visit other places learning about different tribes and their traditions with the goal of finding a place to open new missions. In 1904 they had already opened 19 missions. Today there are 34 Catholic Dioceses in Tanzania; there are many religious organizations including our ASC Congregation and a large number of Catholic

believers. It should be remembered that, Bagamoyo is the origin of Catholic Christianity in East Africa. The missionaries did not remain only in Tanganyika (Tanzania Mainland), but also entered Kenya and parts of East Africa. For this brief history, Bagamoyo has come to be the Mother of the Catholic Church, not only in Tanzania but also in East Africa.

The purpose of this celebration was to thank God for the gift of redemption and the good news brought by the first missionaries, to thank Him for the successes that the Church has enjoyed for all this time since the first missionaries came here; to look at where we came from, where we are and where we are going; entrust ourselves to God's hands so that through us, this gift of faith we have received continues to be handed over to the present and future generations; to remember and embrace the apostolic ministries of the first missionaries in Tanzania, their suffering, their total dedication even to death, as most of them, especially the young ones, were killed while working as missionaries to proclaim the Good News of Christ in our country and in East Africa.

May God continue to bless our Church, our country and bring many fruits of evangelization.

Novices *Maria A. Chanzi and Rosina R. Miro-kazi*



ASC Sisters and two novices participating in two days of preparation and celebration of the 150 years of evangelization in continental Tanzania



Adults and children during the Mass

Thirty years since the death of Venerable Serafina



We celebrated thirty years since the death of Venerable SERAFINA this year from October 18-21 in Altamira, Para, Brazil. There was great joy because almost 20 ASCs were there. In addition to the ASCs of the Divine Providence Home and the MDM Institute, various Sisters attended who had come from Belem, Santarem, Porto de Moz and Manaus for the meeting of the Para Nucleus and the Bethany group – middle-aged ASCs. Like the regional superior, Sr. Elsie, who led the reflections for the Bethany group, we all felt the great desire to attend the celebration, not just of Sr. Serafina, but also for the memorial of St. Gaspar and the ASC Martyrs of Charity. In order to attend the event we had to overcome the problems of travel, which we did, thanks to the donations of friends who helped us with the purchase of tickets.

The program was the following: there was a triduum at 7:00 p.m. on October 18, 19 and 20 with reflections on the life of Venerable Serafina, the Word of God and intercessions for the ASCs and for the many people present.

October 18: at the MDM Institute, the theme of Consecrated Woman.

October 19: at the church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, theme of Missionary Woman.

October 20: at the new Father Frederico

missionary area in a poor zone of the outskirts of the city, the theme of Samaritan Woman.

There was a festive meal on Sunday, October 21, in the garden of the Divine Providence Home where two hundred friends and families gathered offering their collaboration by bringing various food and drinks. Bishops were also present.

However, the most important moment was the Eucharist with Bishop João Muniz Alves, Prelate of the Xingu, presiding. He used words filled with enthusiasm about Sr. Serafina's life.

Our Sisters Jandira, Zelia and Clara, together with some laywomen, prepared a beautiful liturgy with symbols from the life of Venerable Serafina. Sr. Clara taught a song composed by a former ASC to the church choir: "Hymn to Venerable Serafina." Sr. Marília gave a brief summary of the words Sr. Maria Paniccia had sent for the celebration, entitled: WHAT SERAFINA SAW, including the heroic life of the Venerable. We thank God for all this.

Sr. Marília Menezes, ASC

Creativity

The Vietnamese Adorers and I recently had the opportunity to visit Maasin where the Philippine ASC Council had their meeting. We tag-alongs were blessed just “to be”, to witness our two Sisters who minister there and to enjoy and marvel at the difference a loving presence can make for people. On one of those “just be” evenings I found Sister Flor Manga playing the guitar and singing something lovely in Tagalog. The only words I recognized were “Maria, Maria, Maria De Mattias.” I asked her to translate HER song, her composition, which she did on the spot. When I said, “Oh, we need to hear this in English,” she shared her hope that “We need many more songs in Tagalog.” Here are the words to her beautiful prayer-song.

Maria, Maria, Maria De Mattias

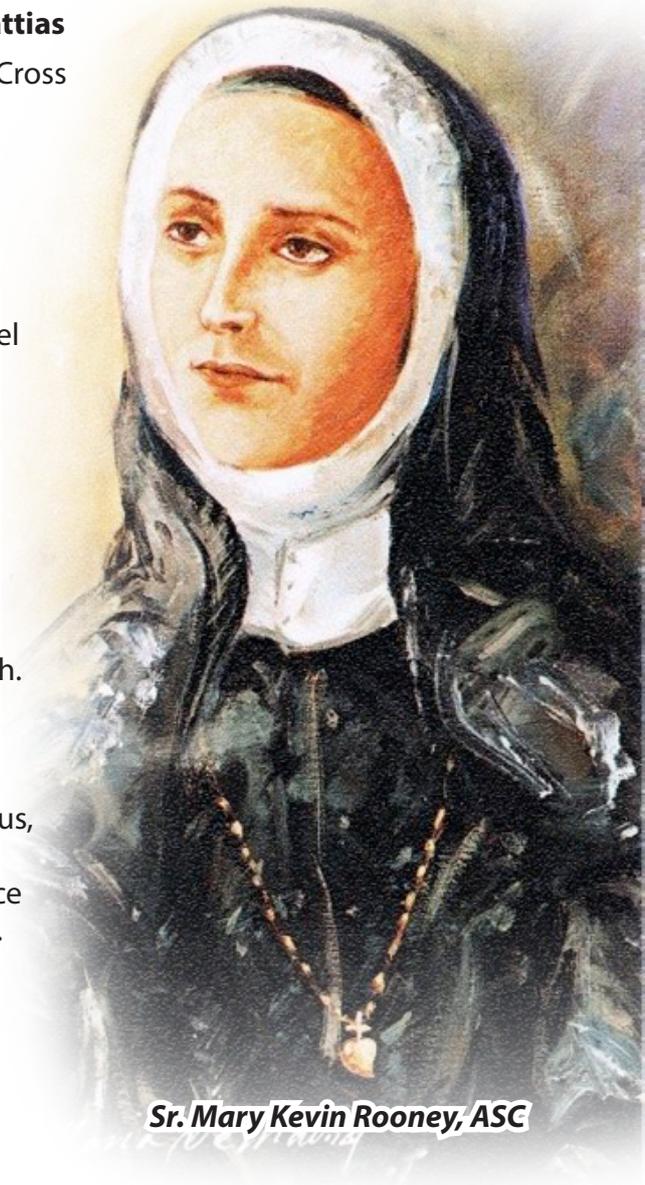
Blood that flowed from the Cross
That came from Jesus,
Created in your heart
The desire to follow.

You offered your life,
You gave it to God.
You let your neighbor feel
The love of the Father.

In the world of poverty
Pain and sorrow,
You teach us how
To serve our neighbor.

Your love is
Our support and strength.
Guide us
On the right path.

The Precious Blood of Jesus,
Salvation of the world,
In your help and guidance
May it be praised by all.



Sr. Mary Kevin Rooney, ASC

When the Saints Go Marching In



On All Hallows Eve, October 31, the dining room of the Generalate in Rome was transformed into a heavenly banquet. This intercultural event, led by the sisters of the United States living at the Generalate, engaged the community in an evening of friendship and fun with special saints whose feast we would celebrate on November 1. Sisters were invited to choose a saint or saintly person that was significant to them, dress up and/or share a symbol, and prepare information in any form (skit, poem, recitation, etc). Creativity abounded in dress and presentation (as shown in photos) and laughter united us in this event of community and communion. Candies were given after each saintly presentation.



The saintly ones who visited that evening were: Mary and Joseph, Maria DeMattias, Theresa the Little Flower, St. Matthew the tax collector (portrayed by our economa!!!), Oscar Romero, Alphonsa, Juan Diego, Margherita, Francis of Assisi, Bl Alojzije Stepinac, Martha, Anastasia, Louis/Zelie Martin, Teresa of Calcutta, Angel Gabrielle and a saintly mother, Ruthie Longo.

Our evening concluded with singing and a litany of saints whose lives we shared and celebrated.

Sr. Joan Stoverink, ASC



Youth Stadium: let the fullness of faith be lighted



On October 6, 2018, forty thousand young people coming from all over Poland participated in the youth meeting entitled Youth Stadium. The meeting began with a prayer of all the participants and with the extraordinary arrival of the reliquary of Blessed Karolina Kózkówna. This celebration was preceded by a procession of religious sisters on motor scooters. The most important point of the "Youth Stadium: let the fullness of faith be lighted" 12-hour prayer day was the Eucharist with the participation of 600 priests under the leadership of Cardinal Kazimierz Nycz, the metropolitan bishop of the archdiocese of Warsaw.

Bishop Edward Dajczak, Ordinary of the diocese of Koszalin-Kołobrzeg, gave the homily and asked the participants, "Do you know Jesus?" He added, "Knowing Jesus from hearsay, means not knowing him." In his homily, he emphasized that Christian life consists in the constant desire and searching for Jesus.

The youth meeting was organized as a response of encouragement by the bishops to dedicate this year to the young people in the Church and to live it together with them. During the prayer day, young people, who are the hope of the Church and the world, had the opportunity to hear the conferences and the witness of faith by various people. These included: Archbishop Grzegorz Ryś, the metropolitan bishop of Łódź; Martino Zieliński, "Voice of the Lord" community leader; Father Jakub Barczak, rapper, author of songs and composer; Bartek Krakowiak, who after his conversion went on pilgrimage from Warsaw to Medjugorje on foot; Darek Malejonek, musician and singer; Marcin Jakimowicz, editor of the weekly

magazine "Gosc Niedzielny" and author of books on religious themes; Luca Bes, rapper; and Muniek Staszczuk, singer of the group T. Love.

The participants at the prayer day could donate blood or enroll in the bone marrow donors database on the bus set up for that and in the stadium of the Foundation of Bone Marrow Stem Cell Donors.

The young people filled with the Holy Spirit and strengthened in their faith through the Word of God had the opportunity for confession, singing, dancing and praying in praise of the Lord. The meeting concluded with common prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at midnight.



Sr. Aldona Kala, ASC

“Hate the Crime and Not the Criminal”

All human beings are born equal and are endowed with some basic rights by their creator. These rights are mainly right to life and liberty, but if any person doesn't comply with ethics of the society then that person is deprived of these rights and subjected to proper punishment.

From my experience of visiting the prison I noticed that alarmingly large number of men and women, including, children are behind the bars for years waiting trial in the courts of law. I believe that the main objective of any prison is to bring the offenders back to the mainstream of the society.

We organize various workshops in collaboration with State Government and NGO's to bring reforms in the current prison systems. Many reforms can be made in jail administration, for example, the prisoners expressed need of a certain amount of money allocated by the Government for their basic needs like tea, newspapers, pillow, and non-vegetarian food at least 3 times in a week and if they are vegetarian they be served ghee, dhal and buttermilk because many inmates usually complain about inadequate quality and quantity of food; which of course need to be improved as well as to be prepared in a better hygienic conditions.

Rehabilitation of inmates will be meaningful only if they are employed after release and for that purpose educational facilities are to be introduced or upgraded. In many jails, many inmates including hardcore criminals and women had joined various courses offered by IGNOU (Indira Gandhi National open university) and their respective State Universities. Courses mainly offered are BA, (Bachelor of arts) MA, (Master of arts) MBA (Masters in business administration) & other post-graduation courses. Few of the inmates also joined the Higher secondary classes of 10th and 12th grades to complete their basic education. In Bangalore jail, in view of imparting vocational training, a full-fledged computer training center has been established.

The inmates are also provided training in carpentry and fabric painting. It has also initiated programs for women's empowerment by training them in weaving, making toys, stitching and making embroidery items. Wage earning and gratuity schemes and incentives are also used to reduce the psychological burden on the convicts. Various seminars are organized by jail authorities along with NGO's to enlighten the prisoners on their legal rights, health and sanitation problems, HIV/AIDS and issues of mental health, juveniles, minorities and steps to reduce the violence in prisons.

At present the prison system is modern and effective alternative to the system of closed imprisonment. Several steps have been taken to improve the conditions of prisons, but much more is required to be done. Karnataka State Government along with NGO's and prison administration are taking adequate steps for effective improvement of inmates in the prison.

I was inspired by different reforms and practices which have been initiated in the prison in order to change the traditional and colonial outlook of the Indian Prison System and also which help the prisoners to become more responsible, creative and potential citizens.

Sr. Shainy Kayyaniyil, ASC

General Administration Calendar



December 1: Sr. Nadia Coppa and Sr. Matija Pavić are in Bari for the blessing of the new painting of St. Maria De Mattias at the Precious Blood Parish

December 3-23: Sr. Nadia Coppa, Sr. Manuela Nocco, Sr. Bridget Pulickakunnel visit Tanzania

December 15: Prayer day in preparation for Christmas

December 22: Christmas Supper with the ASCs present in the area

December 27: Inter-congregational tombola fest (Italian-style Bingo games)

**Birthdays:
Let us celebrate life**

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Sr. Yulita Mkafuraha Gabriel Kitutu 12/01/1978 Tanzania
Sr. Maria Magdalena Michael Stephan 12/10/1978 Tanzania

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Sr. Maria D'Avila Martins Guimarães 12/09/ 1938 Manaus
Sr. Wirginia Czerepak 12/10/1938 Wrocław
Sr. Jean Marie Kumke 12/14/1938 USA
Sr. Concetta Maselli 12/07/1938 Italy
Sr. Olga Petruzzelli 12/21/1938 Italy
Sr. Giulia Forese 12/24/1938 Italy

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Sr. Leonarda Bardella 12/10/1928 Italy



**They have returned to
their Heavenly Home**

11/11/2018 **Sr. Marta Carvalho dos Santos** Manaus
 11/23/2018 **Sr. Maria Righi** Italy
 3/12/2018 **Sr. Rossana Mazzocchini** Italy

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