



*We human beings are united
as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage,
woven together by the love God has for each
of his creatures and which also unites us
in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother
river and mother earth."*

Laudato Si', n. 92



DEAREST SISTERS...

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THE GROANS OF THE EARTH



At the initiative of Pope Francis, on 1 September 2015 the Church celebrated its first World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Pope himself underscored the aim of this day, saying: "In prayerful communion with our Orthodox brothers and sisters and all people of good will, we want to make our contribution to overcoming the ecological crisis the world is now experiencing."

Ecclesial communities all over the globe programmed suitable initiatives on the level of prayer and reflection for making this Day a significant occasion for adopting lifestyles coherent with the planet's current situation. As Holy See spokesman Fr. Lombardi observed: "It could be said that this Day is a natural consequence of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*."

In this document, the Pope reminds us that "our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us" (n. 1). "We ourselves are 'dust of earth' (cf. Gn. 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements; we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters" (n. 2).

Today, our mistreated and depleted earth is in anguish and her groans are unit-

ed to those of all the abandoned throughout the world. Pope Francis invites us to listen to these laments. He urges each and every one of us—individuals, families, local groups, countries and the international community—to undergo an "ecological conversion," as St. John Paul II so aptly put it, that is to say, a change of direction so as to take on the beauty and responsibility of "caring for our common home," which should blossom into care for the brothers and sisters who live in it.

As Fr. Tonino Bello wrote so poetically: "We have been given the tapestry of the universe, patiently woven by God, not so as to undo his work but so as to embellish it even further with the wisdom of our own creativity."

We too are invited to embellish the earth, to make life a "work of art," in order that our common home might become a more humane environment for everyone.

Let us remember that our last General Chapter urged us to pursue the path of humanization so as to become unified persons, marked by a style of life that is simple, poor, hospitable toward all, lived in a spirit of reconciliation....

So as to attain this goal, it is important to value other people and allow ourselves to be moved by the sufferings that millions of them are experiencing. It is important to embrace every situation with a gaze of mercy and love, forgiveness and compassion, emotion and tenderness.

Contemplating the crisis humanity is going through today, let us ask ourselves how deeply this touches our own lives; if the desperate situations we hear about on a daily basis influence our choices, prayer and apostolic passion.

Ernes Ronchi, an Italian priest and poet, wrote that compassion is like a miracle: it is the golden thread that linked together all the actions of Jesus.

Compassion causes us to suffer because of the sufferings of others; it is a movement of the heart that takes us out of ourselves.... "If there are still people capable of being moved by the situations of other human beings, then there is still hope for the world...."

R. Anna Maria Parenzan

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BRAZIL

CHAMAS GROUP: GOING BEYOND NATIONAL FRONTIERS



The *Chamas Group*, made up of 3 young FSPs: Veronica Firmino, Edicléia Tonete e Ana Paula Ramalho (*from left to right in the picture*), is highly appreciated in Brazil for the originality of its music performances and the cordial and serene way in which it presents its message. To celebrate the Centenary of the Institute's foundation, the group has been invited by the FSPs of Boston, United States, to hold a series of concerts, workshops and courses in music and spiritual formation primarily for the Brazilian and Latin-American immigrants in that part of the country. The initiatives will be held from the beginning of December 2015 up until Christmas. As the name "*Chamas*" (*Flame*) suggests, the purpose of the group is to reawaken the Christian faith in the hearts of both adults and youth by proposing genuine Christian values to its audiences.

CANADA

WOMEN IN SOCIETY, WOMEN OF CULTURE, WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



"*Women in society, women of culture and women of the Church*": with these words, Jean-François Bouchard, on behalf of Novallis Press, Canada's premier religious publishers, awarded its annual prize to the FSPs of Quebec in recognition of their contribution

to society and the Church in the area of communications.

In conferring the award—which also intends to commemorate the Institute's Centenary of foundation—Bouchard said: "In consecrating themselves to the publishing and communications apostolate, the Daughters of St. Paul have had to face many concrete challenges from society and from the economy. Like their fellow-citizens, they have faced the risks and uncertainties of tomorrow and the struggle to survive. And this is something they did—and still do—in order to carry out their mission, which includes the project to make their book center a vector for social and cultural activities in the city."

Recalling the situations of 1950's, when the FSPs opened their first community in Canada, Bouchard underscored that they contributed to making Quebec a place in which Canadians could express and disseminate their culture through the written word. "You are women of culture," he said. "You align yourselves with all those who, in this country, believe in the future of books. We are proud to have you at our side in the effort to protect and promote publishing on a national level. Everyone is well aware of the key role you play in this."

"You are women of the Church," he went on to say, "that is, strong women who are exemplary witnesses to the power of the Gospel." And in conclusion: "You are a model and a sign of hope for all those who believe that faith is an act of intelligence that leads one to take risks, to be open to culture, to modernity and to the unexpected. In our time, you give credibility to the bet on faith."

CONGO

NEW FSP COMMUNITY IN KINSHASA



On Sunday, 6 September 2015, the members of the FSP Divine Master and Queen of

Apostles communities in Kinshasa, together with some of their Cooperators, danced their way to the book center downtown to celebrate with great joy the opening of a third community, which has been placed under the patronage of St. Joseph. The upper floor of the renovated building will now be used as a residence for the sisters who staff the book center on the ground floor, thus avoiding a long commute every day. In her welcome address, Delegation Superior Sr. Godeliève Mastaki reminded the gathering of the first Paulines who worked in the book center, encouraged everyone to pray for its past, present and future clients, and announced that the official opening of the new St. Joseph Community was scheduled for 8 September. Let us thank the Divine Master for this new Pauline presence in the Congo and for the love with which he guides and fructifies our life and mission there.

KOREA

SHOUT TO THE WORLD



To celebrate the Institute's Centenary of foundation, the Daughters of St. Paul of Korea have published a book on the life of Sr. Dorotea D'Oto, an Italian FSP who has been a missionary in Korea for 49 years. Entitled *I Want To Shout to the World* and

written by Sr. Giacomina Heo after an interview and numerous conversations with Sr. Dorotea, the book is a vibrant witness to the Congregation's story in Korea. It recounts the arrival of the first FSP missionaries, the development of the Congregation in this country, and life in the Kwanju community, where Sr. Dorotea has lived for many years. The author's simple and sincere writing style allows the Pauline charism to shine through in all its profundity and beauty.

PHILIPPINES

GOSPEL POWER 2016

Inspired by the words of St. Paul: "The Gospel is God's power for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Rm. 1:16), Sr. Bernardita Dianzon, fsp, started writing a short



reflection on the daily Gospel in June 2012. Posted on Facebook, the column contains an excerpt from the Gospel of the day, a reflection and a prayer. And so *Gospel Power* was born! An immediate hit, it was shared on Twitter and a board was created on Pinterest.

Priests started using the reflections for their homilies. Seminarians, nuns and lay people said it helped them assimilate the Word of God more deeply. Other websites made it a daily feature on their pages. Thousands more shared it on their pages and feeds.

In response to an ever-growing request to make the reflections available in print, Paulines Publishing House launched *Gospel Power 2016* on 20 September 2015 at the 36th Manila International Book Fair. Sr. Bernie, who was present for the occasion, signed copies of the book and gamely posed with her many "followers." *Gospel Power* is the first Paulines Philippines publication to start in digital format and then move into print.

INDIA

THE FAMILY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MEDIA REVOLUTION



The Daughters of St. Paul of Mumbai recently held a symposium on *The Family in the Context of the Media Revolution*—an initiative in which about 200 people participated. The 3 guest speakers underscored the importance of the media for faith formation in the family, the impact of the media on public morals, and the effect of the media on family life. All the talks presented both the positive and negative aspects of the current communications situation in a balanced

way. Our sisters also took advantage of the symposium to launch their latest publication: *Raising Responsible Teens in a Digital World*.

PAKISTAN

THE BIBLE SISTERS



It is not easy for the Daughters of St. Paul to disseminate the Bible in Pakistan. Our Pauline book centers in Lahore and Karachi are often in danger due to the country's difficult socio-political and religious situation. But our sisters continue their apostolic activities, expanding them to the rural areas and schools through their publishing projects and their courageous distribution of Bibles, other religious books, and also teaching aids to help catechists.

The Pakistanis affectionately call the Daughters of St. Paul "the Bible Sisters" and our sisters are very proud of this name. Most recently, they have published an Urdu edition of the biblical texts for the liturgical year. The Archbishop of Lahore, speaking on behalf of many catechists, priests and families, expressed his gratitude, saying: "The publication of the liturgical readings of the Church in Urdu (the national language of Pakistan) is a concrete response to the desire of our Christians, who have for some time now been asking for study aids to help them meditate on the Word of God every day."

CZECH REPUBLIC

THE ENCYCLICAL *LAUDATO SI'* TRANSLATED INTO CZECH

At the request of the Czech Bishops' Conference, the Daughters of St. Paul of Prague have translated and published the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Si'*. The edition was first presented to the public in our Pauline book center and then presented again on 5 October at the national headquarters of the Science



Academy. Several dignitaries participated in this important national event: Academy President Jiri Drahos, Prague's Cardinal Emeritus Miloslav Vlk, and a number of experts in the fields of economy, theology, politics and the natural sciences.

The publication of the encyclical in Czech has roused great interest in the public, who are eager to know what Pope Francis has to say about "the care of our common home."

UNITED STATES

FSPs RECEIVE CATECHETICAL AWARD



In the midst of our Centenary celebrations, the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership (NCCL)—made up of bishops, pastors, diocesan and parish directors of religious education, academics and publishers of catechetical materials—honored the Daughters of St. Paul of the United States by choosing them to receive its Catechetical Award this year.

The award is bestowed on an individual or institution in recognition for outstanding service in the field of catechetics through innovative and successful catechetical initiatives at the parish and diocesan levels. Our sisters were praised for their contribution to the Church's work of catechesis and evangelization in the United States through their publishing activities, Pauline Book Centers and Pauline Center for Media Studies.

We join our sisters in thanking the Lord with deep gratitude for the Province's journey over the past 8 decades and for the new paths he is opening for the Gospel.

VIETNAM

VENERABLE THECLA MERLO: A THOUSAND LIVES FOR THE GOSPEL



To celebrate the Institute's Centenary of foundation, the FSPs of Vietnam have produced a Vietnamese edition of the biography of Venerable Thecla Merlo written by Sr. Gabriella Collesei, fsp: *Thecla Merlo: A Thousand Lives for the Gospel*.

In the book's presentation, Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan writes: "Sr. Thecla Merlo was a silent protagonist in a new adventure in the history of the Church. In docile and creative communion with Fr. Alberione, the Founder of the Daughters of St. Paul and the whole Pauline Family, she carried out the role of mediator in an extraordinary way at his side. A very faithful and intelligent collaborator of this 20th-century prophet, she lived in a spirit of humility and faith, constantly searching

for the will of God. This was the secret of her life.

"Sr. Thecla's message is very relevant today. May she, who wished she had a thousand lives to dedicate to the Gospel, guide and inspire the many young women in our contemporary world who feel called to devote their lives to proclaiming the Word of God in the complex world of communications so that this Word might shine in the lives of the people of our time."

WYD KRAKOW: A JUBILEE FOR YOUTH

"World Youth Day in Krakow will be a real Jubilee for young people worldwide," writes Cardinal Stanislaus Rylko, president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. In Krakow, the Cardinal underscores, "the young people will be asked to reflect on the theme of mercy as an ideal of life and as a criterion for the credibility of our faith." From Krakow, he adds, "a message filled with hope and with the merciful love of God for every person on earth will spread throughout the world."

Calendar of the General Government

1 October – 5 November	East Africa-Nigeria-Zambia-S. Sudan	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Samuela Gironi Sr. Shalimar Rubia
1-20 October	Venezuela-Dom. Rep.-Puerto Rico	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Gabriella Santon
4 October – 5 November	Venezuela-Dom. Rep.-Puerto Rico	Fraternal Visit and formation of the new gov't	Sr. Lucia Kim Sr. Clarice Wisniewski
6-31 October	Argentina-Ur-Par	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
11-18 October	Frankfurt, Germany	Book Fair	Sr. Anna Caiazza
19 October - 4 November	Portugal	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Caiazza Sr. Karen Anderson
27 October - 6 November	Portugal	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Gabriella Santon
31 October - 7 November	Chile	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
6-9 November	Congo	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Samuela Gironi Sr. Shalimar Rubia
27-30 November	Generalate	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan Sr. Clarice Wisniewski Sr. Anna Caiazza
11-19 December	Generalate	Meeting of the Interchapter's Preparatory Commission	Sr. Anna Caiazza Sr. Lucia Kim
27 December - 2 January	Mozambique	Meeting of the Southern Africa Delegation	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Theses of the Participants in the 2014-2015 Charism Course



THE INDWELLING OF GOD IN THE PAULINE FAMILY

SR. JOANNA COLEIRO
Australian Delegation

The theme of this thesis is new because there is no record that any in-depth studies have been done up to now on the subject of the Pauline *House* in the expression and experience of Fr. Alberione.

The author opens her 3-chapter work by presenting the results of her biblical investigations concerning Temple imagery (Chapter 1), followed by her investigation of several Pauline texts of the “first hour” (*Donec Formetur, The Press Apostolate, Si vis perfectus esse* and *Mihi vivere Christus est*) so as to determine the meaning the Founder attributed to the term “House” in reference to his early foundations (Chapter 2). In Chapter 3 she explores the Pauline Family’s Johannine roots, focusing on passages from the Gospel of John significant for the PF.

The author concludes by saying that our first brothers and sisters saw themselves as participating in something sacred. The Pauline “House” was a living temple of God, in which they worshipped him and ministered to his people through their writing, printing presses, book stores and physical labors. Their goal? To live, think, work, love, will, pray, suffer, die and resurrect with Christ, and in him glorify the Father and bring peace to all people.

THE APOSTOLIC TRIPS OF MAESTRA THECLA

SR. SPERANZA YUMI KIM
Korean Province

In her 2-chapter dissertation, the author examines Maestra Thecla’s 22 apostolic trips abroad from 1936-1963.

Chapter 1 is divided into three periods: in each one the author presents the historical and congregational situations in which the trip was made and summarizes Prima Maestra’s experiences on it.

Chapter 2 sketches out how she lived the Pauline spirit in the light of St. Paul and the Founder, and then explores the influence of this spirit on the development of our Institute from the typically Pauline aspects of universality, fraternity, self-sacrifice and gratuitousness. In fact, Maestra Thecla’s trips, usually undertaken for apostolic reasons, had a second and equally-important motive: that of meeting the sisters personally so as to share their concerns—thus strengthening the bond of family. The author concludes that this spirit of unity, so assiduously fostered by Maestra Thecla, can provide the FSPs with the support they need to “go forth” to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

DONEC FORMETUR CHRISTUS IN VOBIS AS THE DYNAMIC THAT PERMEATES THE FORMATION PROCESS

SR. MELBA GRACE LOBATON
Philippines-Malaysia-PNG-Thai Province

In her thesis, Sr. Melba carries out an in-depth reflection on *Donec Formetur Christus in Vobis*, a key text of the Founder with regard to Pauline formation. She says that it is important to apply this text to our lives today, taking into account the many changes that have taken place in the field of pedagogy, and that this application should start in initial formation so as to influence the entire formative process.

Divided into three chapters, the work begins by discussing the need for a new pedagogy in formation (Chapter 1), followed by the importance of centering Pauline formation on

conformity to Jesus Master WTL (Chapter 2). In Chapter 3 the author, basing herself on DF, offers proposals and pedagogical guidelines as to how to carry out this formation in each stage of the formative process. In this way, the author affirms, our young women can be helped in their journey toward holiness in the Pauline life, shaped by the Institute's two great models: Jesus Christ and the Apostle Paul.

THE PAULINE CONSECRATED LIFE TODAY

SR. MARY JOSEPH PONATT
Indian Province

Divided into three chapters, the theme of this thesis is the religious life today, in particular the aspect of living the Pauline consecrated life in a time of transition powerfully characterized by the influence of the instruments of communication.

In Chapter 1, the author presents an overview of consecrated life down the centuries and the ongoing call to religious to be prophets today. Chapter 2 focuses on Pauline consecrated life in the Church: its origin and development over the past 100 years. Chapter 3 discusses the challenges to the Pauline mission in the contemporary world and how they can be met, namely: by living the Pauline spirituality, which is rooted and grounded in Christ; by offering everyone the charity of the Truth; by a life of communion that fosters joy and apostolic dynamism, and by finding and forming collaborators for the sake of the Gospel. The author concludes by saying that the FSPs of the 21st century are called to live and communicate the beauty of the Pauline vocation, welcoming everything that fosters and helps to attain this goal, in the confidence that the Lord is with us and that he is faithful to his promises.

THE APOSTLE'S CONFORMITY TO CHRIST FOR THE SAKE OF THE APOSTOLATE

SR. ISABELLE RASOARINORO
Madagascar Delegation

This thesis, which is a reflection on some of the writings of the Founder, is almost like a journey made with him so as to come to better understand and live the heritage he passed on to us. The work draws primarily on two Alberionian texts: *The Apostolate of the Press* and *Donec Formetur Christus in Vobis*, both of which are fundamental to the spiritual-apostolic formation of the Daughters of St. Paul.

Divided into three chapters, the paper presents the identity and characteristics of the apostle of the press (Chapter 1); the need for conformity to Christ, highlighting the Pauline itinerary according to the spiritual-apostolic journey traced out in DF (Chapter 2), and a reflection on the need to integrate holiness and apostolate, as exemplified by the two models for the Pauline apostolate: Paul and Mary (Chapter 3). The author concludes her work by offering two proposals for pursuing the journey of conformity to Christ so as to place him at the center of our life and apostolate and thus help us meet the many challenges and crises facing the world today.

PAUL: PROTECTOR AND MODEL OF THE PAULINE FAMILY

SR. ODILE RATIASOA
Madagascar Delegation

In her thesis, Sr. Odile explores the spiritual-apostolic wealth of the Apostle Paul so as to imitate him better on her journey of conformity to Christ and zeal for the apostolate. Chapter 1 presents the person and mission of Paul; Chapter 2 explains how he was chosen as protector of the Pauline Family; Chapter 3 describes the Apostle as the model of conformity to Christ, and Chapter 4 presents him as the model of the Pauline apostolate, in particular his example with regard to the integration of life and mission.

The author affirms that the Pauline Family must be St. Paul alive today, living in an inseparable way his two declarations: "Christ lives in me" (Ga. 2.20) and "I do everything for the sake of the Gospel" (1 Co. 9:22). She concludes with the comment that by living its mission the Pauline Family can respond to the Pope's invitation to go out to the existential peripheries of the world and direct all people to Christ through the proclamation of the Gospel and testimony of our life.

THE PAULINE SPIRITUALITY: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL AS PROPOSED BY FR. ALBERIONE

SR. ELÉO PHILIBERTINE
RAZAFITSIRAHONANA
Madagascar Delegation

Sr. Philibertine's thesis is a study of the Pauline spirit in the FSP Constitutions and in the thought and writings of Fr. Alberione to the Daughters of St. Paul. The paper is divided into 5 chapters: the Pauline spirit (Chapter 1); articles of the FSP Constitutions concerning St. Paul and the Pauline spirit (Chapter 2); a

comparison of the thought and writings of the Founder (Chapter 3); life in Christ and the Pauline mission (Chapter 4); how to live and communicate the Pauline spirit today (Chapter 5).

The author says that in reflecting more deeply on the Pauline spirit she gradually assimilated what she learned from her studies and is now striving to transform this content into a style of life. In her paper, she analyzes various characteristics of the Pauline spirit: integrality, poverty, self-sacrifice, interior freedom, charity, unity and an enterprising spirit.

She writes that every member of the Pauline Family has the duty to "be Paul alive today" and give Christ to the world through the Pauline apostolate and the witness of our life.

"STUDIOSITÀ" IN THE THOUGHT OF ALBERIONE

SR. ROSA ALBA SUAREZ GUILLÉN
Venezuela-Puerto Rico-Dom. Rep. Delegation

The Pauline Family and the Daughters of St. Paul in particular have a *responsibility to history*. This is the central theme of Sr. Rosa Alba's thesis, in which she focuses on the challenge to face situations today by cultivating Fr. Alberione's constant solicitation to develop the art of *studiosità* (the ability to learn from everyone and everything). The paper illustrates how the Founder carefully observed what was going on around him and sought to respond to situations in a creative way, based on the teachings of the Church and using the new inventions of human progress.

In her 4-chapter thesis, the author reflects on the formation environments in which Fr. Alberione lived and the people who influenced his formation (Chapter 1); his thought concerning study in the PF (Chapter 2); his writings to the FSPs on the subject (Chapter 3), and the timeliness and validity of his thought in this regard (Chapter 4). The author concludes with the proposal of several lines of action that can foster *studiosità* so as to help us meet the challenges presented to us by contemporary society.

MARY: WOMAN APOSTLE IN THE THOUGHT OF FR. ALBERIONE

SR. DULCE MARIA TRAMONTINA
Brazilian Province

Mary was a vibrant presence in the life of Fr. Alberione and in the story of our religious Family: this is the theme of Sr. Dulce's thesis, which begins with a presentation of the time in which the Founder lived and the sanctuaries

that played a significant role in nurturing his devotion to Mary (Chapter 1). The author then reflects on the Founder's perception of Mary as a woman apostle and on her role as a model for every woman in general and for every woman apostle in particular (Chapter 2). Chapter 3 considers Mary's presence in the Church and in the Upper Room and explains what devotion to her involves, namely: to think like Mary, desire what she desires and work as she did, with her same intentions. In short, devotion to the Mother of God involves handing oneself over entirely to her so as to belong entirely to Jesus Christ.

The author concludes that in her dignity and fidelity to God, Mary is the "new woman" and a model for all women. She is the woman associated to priestly zeal. It is her duty to form and support apostles of every era. She gave the world Jesus and, in doing so, gave life to souls. The Daughter of St. Paul must imitate her by giving life to children of God through the apostolate.

COMMUNICATIONS: AN ALWAYS UP TO DATE CHARISM AND MISSION

SR. LUCELLY VILLA BETANCUR
Colombia-Ecuador Province

In her thesis, Sr. Lucelly proposes a course of spiritual exercises for her province based on her reflections on the writings of the Founder concerning the formation and spirituality of the communications apostle. The concern of her thesis is to come to a better grasp of Pauline mysticism as a style of life and favor an experience of God by means of the unitary dynamism of Fr. Alberione's apostolic spirituality, which enables a person to respond with creative fidelity to the situations of the Church and society today.

Part I of the text offers an introduction to the spiritual exercises, followed by a presentation of Fr. Alberione's personality within the framework of the time in which he lived. Part II considers the apostolate of the press and the formation of a communications apostle: a formation itinerary involving mind, will and heart in view of total conformity to Christ (Chapter 1); the spirituality of the communications apostle (Chapter 2) and her universality and mission (Chapter 3). Part III sets forth a detailed program for a course of spiritual exercises geared to a communications apostle and concludes with some suggestions as to how the FSPs can express their apostolic mysticism today, as well as how they can live the Pauline spirituality in creative fidelity to the charism so as to "pass the torch" to new generations.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST: GARDEN OF THE NEW CREATION

SR. FRANCESCA PRATILLO, FSP
*Thesis for a Master's Degree
in Biblical Theology*



Sr. Francesca's 3-chapter thesis is a textual and at the same time life-oriented research trip into the enigmatic Letter to the Ephesians (2:13-18). Taking as her starting point an analytical study of the text, the author focuses in particular on the excerpt's style and thematic nodes, with special attention to its semantic, grammatical, syntactic and rhetoric features. After placing the Letter in its historical context (Chapter One), the author pursues her study along two main lines:

In Chapter Two she provides a detailed *exegetical reading* of the Greek text, highlighting not only the immense wealth of the verses when examined word by word, but also the ability of the Letter's author to use complex language, techniques and modes of expression so as to communicate to the Church of every historical era the power of the cross of Christ to save human beings and reconcile them with the Father.

The many theological reflections triggered by the excerpt are multi-directional and for this reason Chapter Three is dedicated to a *synthesis of the theology* contained in the verses. The author tracks the Christological paradox running through the entire extract, at the same time justifying the title of her thesis.

She describes her work in this way: "To study, meditate, reflect on and pray over Ephesians 2:13-18 was a dynamic experience that touched not only my life as a student but also

my way of looking at the world, the Church, the paradox of the cross and the life-giving mediation of Christ. My exegetical research and my effort to take a hermeneutical approach to the excerpt helped me better understand and appreciate the immense amount of work silently concealed in the pages of many exegetical research papers and commentaries. It increased my esteem and love for the Apostle Paul and for all his Letters. As a Daughter of St. Paul, I feel that I belong by vocation to the Pauline tradition that preserves, expands and extends in time and space the Gospel as proclaimed by Paul so that it might be studied and understood always more profoundly, proclaimed to the world and thus continue to 'race ahead.'"

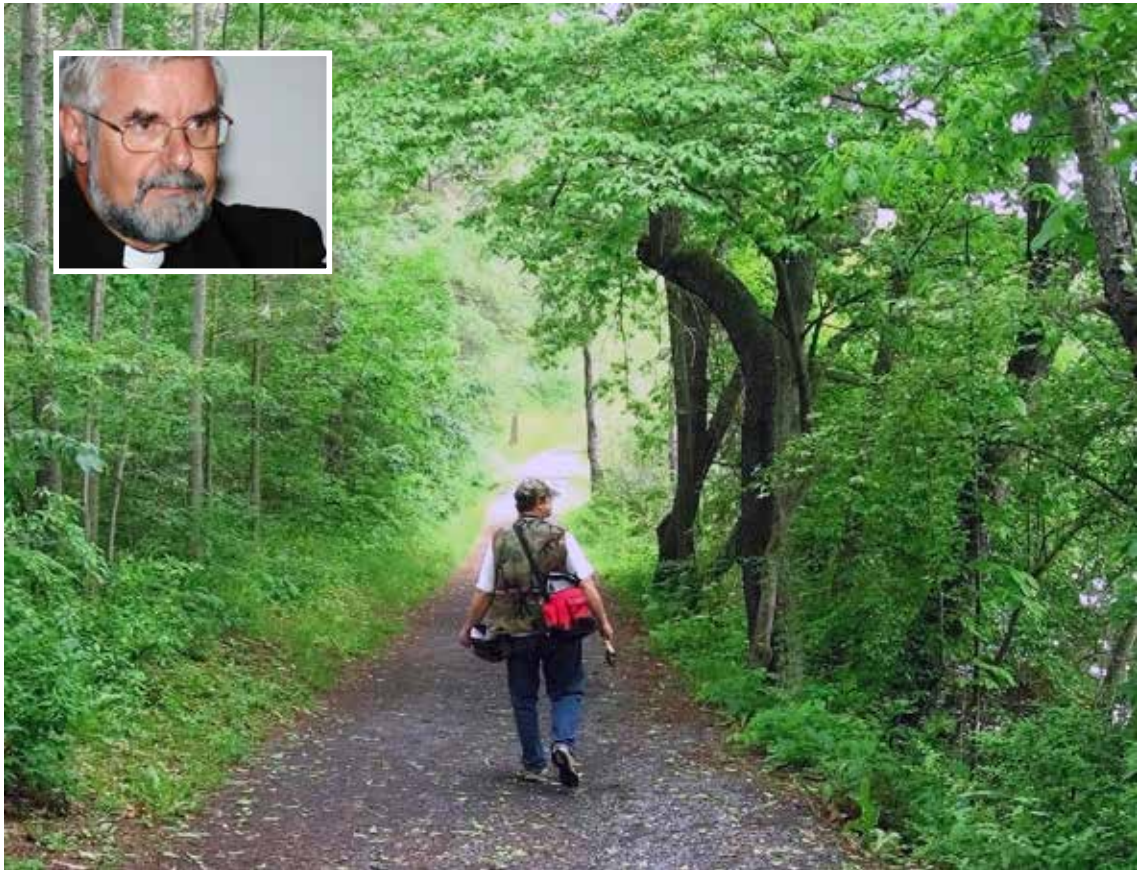
ITALY

A 4000-STRONG TURN-OUT TO WAKE UP THE WORLD



From 15-19 September 2015, about 4000 young men and women religious from all parts of the world gathered in Rome to take part in an encounter entitled, *Wake Up the World: the Gospel, Prophecy and Hope*, organized by the Sacred Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. The event, one of many different activities programmed to celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, revolved around deeper reflections on the consecrated life from the biblical, theological-charismatic and ecclesiological perspectives, interspersed with a sharing of ideas and the celebration of the vocation to the religious life.

Three young Daughters of St. Paul from three different delegations participated in the encounter: Srs. Veronica Bernasconi (Italy), Anne Nikki Ramos (Spain) and Sylvia Skonieczna (Poland). Together they opened a Facebook page to share some of the moments of the event via pictures, programs, the content of the talks delivered, and an account of what they were doing every day.



THE FUTURE OF THE PLANET BEGINS HERE: START PLANTING TREES

Has the earth reached the twilight of its existence? No! At least, not if we tend it as if it were truly our own. Not if we respect it as our “partner,” as a gift that has been given to us. Not if we save it from the terrible destiny it has been heading toward over the years due to the exploitation, pollution and internal manipulation that are threatening its beauty and fecundity. Ideologies must be prevented from stripping the earth any further of its inborn dignity. Everything is interconnected. The current ecological crisis—which in essence reflects the worldwide ethical-cultural crisis—is questioning us deeply about this all-important issue and its global ramifications. The subject has always been vital but in these days it has attracted greater attention and concern thanks to the encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si’: On the Care for Our Common Home*.

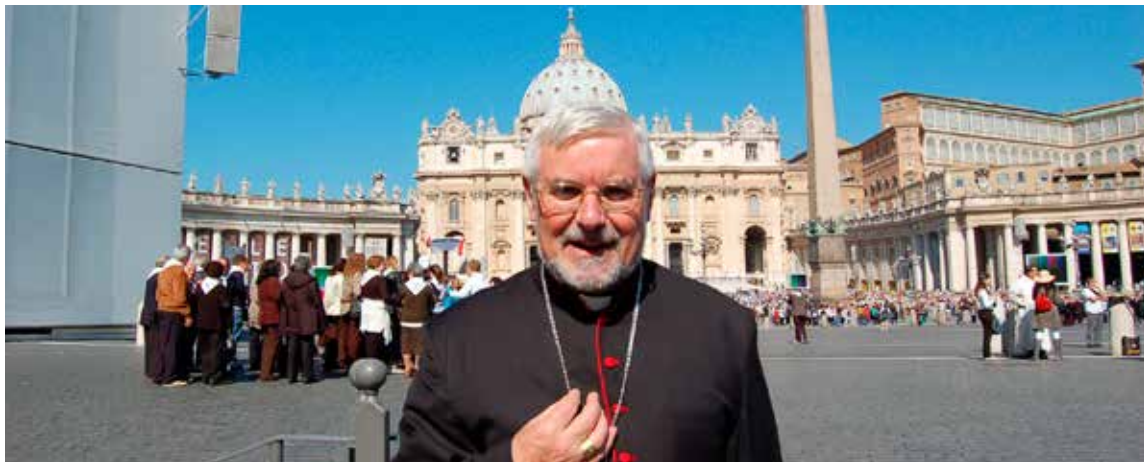
The document, which knocks on the door of every conscience, centers on the theme that even though we might not be aware of or might ignore it, the fact is that we, as living creatures, are connected to everything

around us. “Everything is related,” the Pope says in n. 92 of the encyclical, “and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.”

I strongly recommend that everyone read this stupendous document—a heartfelt appeal for conversion regarding the environment. The text is written in language understandable to everyone because its subject concerns everyone; it is a call to adhere to a “sublime fraternity with all creation” (n. 221), because if nature weeps, the human being also weeps, and vice-versa. As Pope Francis says: “God always forgives; human beings sometimes forgive; but nature never forgives!”

Everything in the universe is connected by a fine thread, which some call *creative love*, others *cosmic energy*, and still others *polyphonic existence* or *unfathomable mystery*.

The theme of safeguarding the environment is all-important because if one part of it suffers, then all the rest of creation feels the effects. Let us never think that we are de-



tached from creation, that we live apart from it, that we have nothing in common with it, because “the natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of others” (n. 95).

Individualism accustoms us to believing the opposite in the name of personal autonomy and efficiency, which are proving to be lethal and a complete failure. The golden thread running through the encyclical is that, like it or not, we are all connected to one another in ways that are at times unexplainable but nevertheless very real. The world is sick because the human heart has become proud. How many times the Pope has said that we cannot save ourselves alone, by building walls, adopting selfish lifestyles, insisting on separations and divisions. He analyzes the situation very clearly, saying: “The global economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us” (n. 159).

Only when we return to a vision of God as the Father of everything he has entrusted to

us will the earth be able to breathe again, making it possible for us to inhale fresh air, drink water in abundance, and immerse ourselves in her magnificence without the risk of being contaminated or poisoned. But all this inevitably implies a solid “relationship of mutual responsibility between human beings and nature” (n. 67). If we attain this goal, then we will rejoice in contemplating Mother Earth, tilling her, loving her and being a part of her, feeling her to be our home on our journey through life. In short, we will behave with the dignity of creatures who transform the earth into a hymn of praise to her silent Author. Faith renews our awareness that nature is a proclamation of happiness because “we are not God; the earth was here before us and it has been given to us” (Ibid.)

The word *before* encapsulates the secret for establishing a human and cultural environment in daily life, in which politics and economics aim at the common good. It gives rise to the *three golden rules* of the encyclical, namely: “creation can only be understood as a gift illuminated by the love that calls us together into universal communion” (n. 76); “let us continue to wonder about the purpose and meaning of everything” (n. 113); “we need to experience a conversion—a change of heart” (n. 218).

So let us plant the tree of justice and truth in the hearts of human beings because nature offers sustenance to all the peoples of the earth by means of her laws and her splendor, which spring from the smile of the Creator, who always “destroys the powers of evil with the omnipotence of his love” (Benedict XVI).

*His Excellency Giancarlo Maria Bregantini
Archbishop of Campobasso-Boiano, Italy*



SPEAKING ABOUT MYSELF SO AS TO SPEAK ABOUT HER!



I entered the Congregation in Rome, Italy on 4 November 1933, after having gone with my relatives to visit the cemetery where my mother was buried. I was 11 years old at the time and in the mysterious plan of God, she had died giving birth to me. I didn't know the sisters with whom I was going to live. The only Daughter of St. Paul I knew was my older sister, Sr. M. Irene, who over the years had come home from time to time to see my father. In 1933, my sister made her first profession and was assigned to the community of Rome, which had been opened just a few years earlier. Maestra Thecla told her: "Before you go to Rome, go home to see your father and when you come back, bring your little sister with you!"

It was thus that I arrived in that fabled city (and what a city!), to live among people I didn't know and even thought a little odd because I had never seen sisters before and didn't even know they existed. I cried the first six months I was there. I felt lost, like an abandoned baby bird. My sister was out on propaganda every day because, besides carrying out their apostolic ideal, the sisters were using their mission to help gather funds to help pay off the Institute's huge building debts—constructions undertaken almost exclusively with great trust in divine Providence. And that faith bore fruit!

Helped by the formation I had received, I asked to make my vestition as a Daughter of St. Paul at the age of 16. Our long work

days did not leave much time for rest and recreation, which was limited to an hour after supper. On summer evenings, after a long and fatiguing day in the technical apostolate, we were very happy to accept Prima Maestra Thecla's invitation to join her around a big table shelling peas or cleaning other vegetables from our garden. Chattering among ourselves, the words most frequently heard were: "Courage—in heaven we will rest!" a conviction we strived to live in a simple and sisterly spirit, in harmony with the human-Christian formation we had received from our mistresses.

Obviously, the first one to live these principles was Maestra Thecla, the Mother, teacher and Co-foundress of the Institute. She was an ideal woman—a person who possessed great faith and many human virtues. She was a mother to all of us at all times, and I can say that she fulfilled this role very concretely in my own life. I knew that she was watching over me with a maternal concern that still moves me deeply when I think about it today.

Prima Maestra Thecla was very attentive to the physical health of the sisters but even more so to their moral, spiritual and intellectual formation. She wanted each sister to grow in an integral way.

For me, Prima Maestra Thecla was a teacher who, in everything, taught by her example:

THROUGH PRAYER



Whenever she went to visit the Lord, she would truly detach herself from everything else. She entered the mysterious world of the supernatural so fully that if a sister had to interrupt her colloquy with God for some reason, she became worried because M. Thecla's recollection was so profound it was hard to "bring her back to earth." On one of these occasions, the sister-messenger had to tug on M. Thecla's veil several times to get her attention!

THROUGH CHARITY TOWARD HER NEIGHBOR

Prima Maestra Thecla was very big-hearted toward the needy. The families in the Antonino Pio neighborhood in Rome found her an open-minded and generous person, always ready to help them in their difficulties. No one who turned to her ever went home empty-handed.

THROUGH HER EXTERNAL BEHAVIOR

Prima Maestra Thecla was a self-controlled person, with a dignified bearing. Her warm and profound gaze probed a person deeply. I was always happy when our paths happened to cross as we left the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary after making the Hour of Adoration every afternoon. That was always

a reinvigorating moment for me because Prima Maestra's gaze not only transmitted peace but also "recharged" me, prompting me to live my vocation with greater commitment and serenity.

THROUGH HER APOSTOLIC DARING

I think the greatest test of courage Prima Maestra had to undergo was when the Founder, in his tireless efforts to use the "most rapid and effective means to disseminate the Word of God," added the cinema apostolate to our repertoire of Pauline activities. This new field of mission demanded a new mentality, which M. Thecla successfully acquired thanks to the yes she had said so many years earlier in complete faith.

I want to end this reflection with a testimony of Fr. Alberione that we have all heard many times but that is a very good summary of Prima Maestra Thecla's life: "Prima Maestra," the Founder said, "gave herself completely to God, with absolute dedication. There was not a fiber of her being that was not directed by the Spirit." And: "You will have other Prima Maestras, but she alone is the Mother of your Institute."

M. Ida Conti, fsp

POPE FRANCIS RECEIVES "ABOLITIONIST OF THE YEAR" AWARD



Each year *Hands Off Cain*, an international organization whose purposes is to affirm the value of life and the dignity of the human being, bestows its "Abolitionist of the Year" award on a person who, more than any other, has been distinguished for his/her commitment in



favor of the abolition of the death penalty and the inhuman and degrading treatment of individuals.

"The reason for the choice," said the association, "is that Pope Francis—whose pontificate began with the abolition of life imprisonment in the civil code of the Vatican State—ruled loud and clear not only against the death penalty, but also against life imprisonment, which he called 'a hidden death penalty.'"

"IT IS WONDERFUL TO BE HERE": THE JOY OF MISSION



"Would you like to go to Taiwan? The sisters there need help and I thought of you." The voice was that of the Superior General. Go to Taiwan? The Far East? The dream I had nourished since childhood was about to come true! I needed

a passport and a white habit. I had to say goodbye to my parents and other relatives.... Everything happened quickly and finally, on 30 November 1976—my birthday—I left for Asia.

It was the first time I had ever left Italy and also my first time on an airplane. Once seated in the cabin, I watched the other passengers board the plane, while within me churned a mix of emotions: fear, memories and many questions, all colliding with one another with great force, like the sound of the plane engine, which was steadily increasing in preparation for take-off.

I realized that the time to detach myself from my homeland had arrived: I was leaving all the people I knew and loved, who had left their mark on my life. The thought made me shiver and I had to clutch the edge of my seat to reassure myself that I was still anchored to the earth. A doubt rose in my mind: would I be able to make this detachment? I felt warm tears trickling down my cheeks as it came home to me that everything I was leaving was very precious to me and that the path opening before me looked very uncertain.

My meeting with the sisters of the community, the babble of a completely unknown language, the new kinds of food and customs... to me, everything was a source of amazement, curiosity and joy. I wanted to absorb this new world and make it my own, thus fulfilling the dream I had nourished and watered with countless prayers and small sacrifices from my earliest years.

But even the most beautiful dream has its moments of brusque awakening and those moments were not easy for me. Little by little the various aspects of my situation lost their glamor and I would find myself "knocked out" like a boxer when the routine of daily life sapped my joy like punches bruising my stom-

ach. A flood of questions disturbed my peace and raised menacing doubts in my heart. Had I been completely wrong? Why wasn't the Lord supporting me and smoothing the path I was walking in and for his name?

But I came to my senses and realized that I had not been vigilant enough. I thought I had done a lot for the Lord—after all, hadn't I detached myself from everything for his sake? Unfortunately, I hadn't detached myself from myself.

Healed and liberated by the Lord of Life, I re-embraced my life with the fresh understanding that mission is not a personal possession—an ability to be cultivated like an art, according to my own interests. It is not a personal conquest, nor is it a place. Instead it is a free gift from the Lord. It is a living Person who, through me and with me, wants to transform people into his disciples so that we can witness to him all together.

One day, a young girl asked me if I didn't feel homesick for my parents and my homeland. I said yes, I felt that nostalgia very much. Confused, she asked, "Then why do you remain here, in such a different culture, so far from the people you love?"

The only answer I could give her was the one the Master himself had helped me discover. "I remain here," I said, "because God chose me and sent me out on his behalf. In him, I still possess everything I left behind and much more."

The young woman said in awe: "Your God must be very important to you and also very powerful if he is able to help you rise above such profound feelings."

Today, from the midst of my weakness, I feel the truth of the words of Pope Francis: "Never grow tired of traveling the paths of the world. Remember that it is very important to keep moving ahead, even if your steps are faltering and clumsy. It is much better to do this than to remain barricaded behind your questions or behind the things that make you feel secure. The passion for mission, the joy of meeting Christ that urges you to share the beauty of the Faith with others, reduces a person's risk of remaining trapped in individualism."

May Jesus Master help us all to follow him with fidelity and joy and may he support our efforts to "remain vigilant during the night, awaiting the dawn of a new day."

Giulietta Loda, fsp

LIKE PETER, LET US CAST OUT OUR NETS



And the catchword of the day is: Long live the Net! Understood as the World Wide Web and in particular the social network system. It doesn't matter if it is hated or loved (which usually depends on the generation to which one belongs—either “digital natives” or “digital immigrants”), what counts is to be a part of it. But how?

The word “net” is an image laden with meaning. It brings to mind the Gospel scene in which Peter, at the end of a long and fruitless night of fishing, heard Jesus call out to him to cast his net yet again and, upon obeying him, hauled in a load of fish so huge that it filled his boat. But the World Wide Web can also be likened to a door or, even better, to a public square (*agorà*)—an integral and fundamental element in the life of Mediterranean cultures. Today the Web, populated by virtual people, prompts us to reflect on our role as communicators and evaluate the positive and negative aspects of this instrument of communications.

We have to acknowledge that the delicate question of the social media has now entered by right into the debate concerning culture—a subject that cannot be avoided by those who work with the new communications technologies.

In just a few years, social networking has become such an integral part of our life that those who choose not to participate in it know that they are excluded from a good part of the communications process. It is enough to think of how we use social networking on our mobile devices, thus ensuring that we never interrupt our contact with others. We are subjected to a perennial flood of images, words and events that at the same time oblige us to

give up our privacy. By means of Wi-Fi, we can keep track of what is happening in real time in another part of the world. The other side of the coin is that we can no longer appreciate a sunset without taking pictures of it or watch a movie without using WhatsApp to reply to a friend, going into panic mode if we discover that our device is out of range. Thus perennial availability has made us all relentless communicators and has accelerated our lifestyle. At the same time, communications has shifted from vertical to horizontal and, as a noted political movement has taught us, it is now the Net—the people—who have the last word.

But these people should be guided by those who are communicators by vocation. Today's multiform and variegated technological “prosthetics” should help those who work in the area of communications, not lead them astray. My response to those who criticize the ambiguity of social networks is to quote a statement of Fr. James Alberione, Founder of the Pauline Family, who often said: “Remember that you are *in* the world but not *of* the world.”

Our presence in the world should be marked by the uprightness, respect, discretion, and—I dare add—discernment typical of a spiritual journey very familiar to those who follow the path of the consecrated life. Thus those who communicate cannot and must not allow themselves to be engulfed by the power and attraction hidden in the media. We can find everything in the flow of communications and by now the bible of contemporary society has become the world-renowned Google, in which even more can be found. We must realize that good communicators are persons who know when and how to communicate and who also cultivate silence





because “when word and silence become mutually exclusive, communication breaks down, either because it gives rise to confusion or because, on the contrary, it creates an atmosphere of coldness; when they complement one another, however, communication acquires value and meaning.”¹

Communicating our daily happenings to others is not enough. We must cast out stimuli for reflection and debate that can help us

strengthen our Christian identity. The Net is hungry for faces but all too often it is starved when it comes to content and indifferent with regard to personal sensitivities (it is enough to think of “cyber-bullying”).

We cannot continue to think that social networks are a copy of our life. In using them, we have to be ourselves and nourish the communications process by taking as our starting point the new way of being human that distinguishes the Christian lifestyle.

Therefore, the net cast by Peter is today an invisible Net, constructed with the subtle fibers of ether. As social communications workers, we are called to fill that Net with ideas and make the best possible use of it to haul in a big catch of fish. If the advent of social media is prodding us more and more in the direction of changing our usual way of living and acting, as well as our view of the world, then we must not ignore those provocations. Consequently, those who work in the areas of culture and communications should not be intimidated by the new technologies but should realize that they enrich those who are seeking the Gospel and can be valid vehicles of its message.

*Francesca Baldini
Journalist and Pauline Cooperator*

¹ Benedict XVI, *Message for the 46th World Communications Day 2012*.

BRAZIL



CHILDREN'S BOOKS

Each year, Brazil's *National Book Foundation for Children and Teens* organizes a display of the best products in this category produced by the country's various publishing houses. This year, four books published by the Daughters of St. Paul were chosen for the exhibit: *Borbofante*, *Sapatos trocados: como o tatu ganhou suas grandes garras*, *Lembranças de menina – Momentos marcantes*, *Crônicas de Natal*. This was a significant moment for Pauline Editions since it is an acknowledgment of the quality of our products and of our sisters' commitment to the cultural and human formation of youth.

BRAZIL

RELICS OF ALBERIONE AND GIACCARDO IN THE CHURCH OF ITAPAJÉ



The mother church of the city of Itapajé, situated in the northeastern part of the country on the Atlantic coast, solemnized the celebration its 150th anniversary with the consecration of a new altar. The rite was conducted by Bishop Antonio Roberto Cavuto, who, during the ceremony, placed on the altar the relics of 7 saints, including Blessed James Alberione and Blessed Timothy Giaccardo. The Daughters of St. Paul of Fortaleza joyfully participated in this significant event in which the two Blesseds of the Pauline Family received public recognition and veneration, expressing the hope that they will continue to enlighten, inspire and support the Local Church from their place in the communion of the saints.

KOREA

A NEW CD FOR OUR CENTENARY



To celebrate the Institute's Centenary of foundation, the FSPs of Korea have produced a new music CD entitled *Heavenly Love for You*. The music and lyrics of the songs were composed by the Daughters of St. Paul and Pious Disciples. The CD is ideal

for prayer and meditation because it is filled with very meaningful songs, including *Do Not Be Afraid*, *Magnificat*, *Heavenly Love for You* and *Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life*—all sung with fervor and warmth by a choir of 8 young FSPs. Our sisters hope that their latest apostolic initiative will prove to be a path to fraternity in a world yearning for peace.

ITALY

PAOLA BALDO, FSP, WINS FIRST PRIZE IN THE TOBLINARTE CONTEST



Sr. Paola Baldo, fsp, was one of the contestants in this year's Toblinarte Contest—an Art and Photography Competition held in Conca di Toblino, Trent. Her entry—a painting of a castle in acrylics on canvas—won first prize in the event. Sr. Paola had this to say about it: "I have been attached to this particular castle ever since I was a child. I was born only 2 km. from it and when I was small I would often visit it. I am delighted to have participated in the contest not just because I won first prize but above all because of my ties to this beautiful part of the country."

Historic Toblin Castle, one of the most famous castles in the Trent region, was built in 1500 A.D. on a small island in Lake Toblin. Rebuilt by Cardinal Bernardo Clesio, it is visited today by many locals and tourists, who are attracted not only to the monument but also its beautiful setting.

Our congratulations and best wishes to Sr. Paola.

WINDOW ON THE CHURCH

ONLINE LIBRARY CONTAINING
TWO CENTURIES OF PONTIFICAL TEACHING



Thanks to the website www.chiesaecomunicazione.com, all the papal encyclicals in the history of the Church can now be accessed free of charge by a simple click of the mouse. The new website—a huge online library containing all the teachings of the Popes—can be easily navigated by anyone, even those who are not very adept at using the Internet. By simply typing the title of the document desired, a person can obtain both the integral text of the work, as well as other pontifical documents.

Those engaged in more advanced research can select documents on the basis of a particular pontificate, a specific time span, or else a specific author, title or type of document. More than 1,100 documents from the first to the twenty-first centuries are available online in various languages.

The website aims to reach all people interested in the subject but above all those who work in ecclesiastical research and study centers or in the area of formation but who do not have access to standard libraries of printed texts.

Promoted by the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, the website is under the direction of Fr. Franco Lever and Paolo Sparaci, professors of the Science of Communications Faculty of the Pontifical Salesian University, Rome. The professors deeply appreciate the backing their university has given this initiative and are also very grateful for the collaboration of Vatican Press and the Vatican.va website.

The website is dedicated to the memory of Fr. Enrico Baragli, sj (1908-2001), one of the Church's pioneers in the study of social communications. It marks the attainment of a significant goal inasmuch as it reveals how the Catholic Church, from its origins, has always sought to keep pace with the means and forms of communication that have shaped human culture and society, from the oral culture of its beginnings up to the current digital technologies.

A HANDKERCHIEF FOR FRANCIS

The young Koreans who performed many different services to help facilitate the Holy Father's visit to Korea last August recently launched a campaign aimed at other young people entitled *A Handkerchief for Francis*. The slogan of this eco-friendly initiative is *Dry the tears of the earth, like Veronica dried the face of Jesus*. The "handkerchief" in question is paper, which is meant to symbolize respect and care for the environment. The campaign has set up a Facebook page through which handkerchiefs can be purchased from the publishing house of the Archdiocese of Seoul, which has said that all proceeds will be donated to projects designed to protect the environment and aid the poor.



JUBILEE YEAR LOGO



The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and

to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small summa theologiae of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son taking upon his shoulders the lost soul, demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, his/her own humanity

and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called mandorla (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as the eye moves outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

JOURNALIST FRIENDS OF FR. DALL'OGGIO



Journalist Friends of Fr. Dall'Oglio: this is the name of the association born two years after the kidnapping of Jesuit missionary Father Paul Dall'Oglio in Raqqa, Syria on 29 July 2013. The group, made up of his friends in the world of journalism, wants to keep alive his effort to bring about dialogue between cultures and religions, as well as his commitments in the civic, social and spiritual fields. You can kidnap a person but you can't stifle that person's thought: this is the message of the new association. "Those who kidnapped Fr. Paul," says one of its members, "have not stifled his witness to faith, his spirit of commitment or his service."

UNICEF AWARDS THE *SCHOLAS OCCURRENTES*

The commitment to inclusive education, work for the integration of different communities, especially those with fewer resources, and mobilization for the right to study—these were the reasons that prompted the UNICEF Spanish Committee to award its Moviliza Prize this year to the *Scholas Occurrentes*, a "classroom without walls" in which young people from around the world can meet. The



award, presented by Queen Letizia, was accepted by José Maria del Corral, the Director General of the School. The *Scholas Occurrentes* and UNICEF have been working together for several years to promote peace through education. This year's prize was shared with the short film *It Was Not Me*, produced by Africanauan.

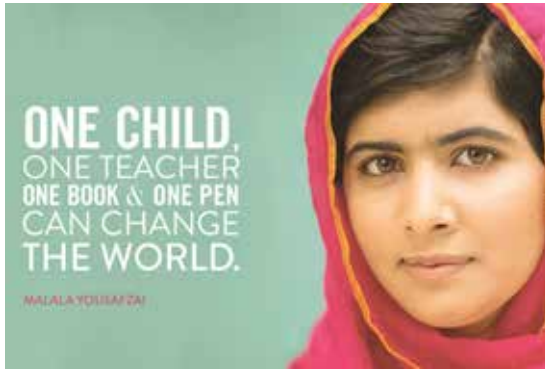
WORLD PEACE DAY 2016: OVERCOME INDIFFERENCE AND WIN PEACE



"Indifference with regard to the scourges of our time is one of the fundamental causes of the lack of peace in today's world. Today it is often linked to various forms of individualism which cause isolation, ignorance, selfishness and, therefore, lack of interest and commitment.... It is essential that all people of good will, especially those who work in the fields of education, culture and the media, contribute to combatting this."

Thus says the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in its press release presenting the theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Peace Day 2016: *Overcome Indifference and Win Peace*. The Day, instituted by Blessed Paul VI, is celebrated each year on the first day of January and, as the press release continues, "indicates the Holy See's diplomatic line for the coming year." 1 January 2016 will be the 49th edition of World Peace Day. After treating the subjects of fraternity and modern forms of slavery, the Pope has chosen a theme that has weighed on his heart from the beginning of his papacy: that of the "globalization of indifference," which he has decried on numerous occasions as "the plague of the modern age."

FILM ON MALALA REVEALS HER STRENGTH



"I don't care if I have to sit on the school-room floor. All I want is an education. I'm not afraid of anyone." This is one of the most famous statements made by Malala Yousafzai, the youngest winner of the Nobel Peace Prize 2014 (she turned 18 this summer). Malala has dedicated her entire life to struggling for the right of Pakistani females to receive an education, thus becoming a role model for children throughout the world. Her autobiography, *I Am Malala*, was published in 2013 and now her story has been made into a film. Directed by Davis Guggenheim, the documentary contains live footage from Birmingham, England, on the occasion of her 16th birthday, footage about her intense activism for female rights, as well as re-enactments (including animations) of scenes no camera was on hand to capture, including the attempt on her life while she was riding a bus to school.

NIGERIA: CATHOLIC AGORA SOCIAL NETWORK



The first private Catholic social media network in Nigeria and indeed all Africa is called *The Catholic Agora*. Recently launched by the Archdiocese of Lagos, under the direc-

tion of Msgr. Alfred Adewale Martins, it can be accessed through its website (www.Catholicagora.org) and also has a corresponding page on Facebook. "*The Catholic Agora*," says the website, "is a public space in which Catholics can share, discuss, learn and disseminate the main issues related to the Catholic faith."

Presenting the new website to the press, Msgr. Martins highlighted the importance of the social media in fostering the Church's evangelizing mission. He then went on to appeal to both ecclesiastical and secular institutions to work together in the field of media, taking into account the centrality of the new communications technologies.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2016

Communication and Mercy: A Fruitful Encounter



The Pontifical Council for Social Communications has announced that the theme for the 2016 World Communications Day is *Communication and Mercy: A Fruitful Encounter*.

The choice of this year's theme has clearly been determined by the Celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, and the Holy Father undoubtedly desired that World Communications Day would provide the appropriate occasion to reflect on the deep synergy between communication and mercy.

The theme highlights the capacity of good communication to open up a space for dialogue, mutual understanding and reconciliation, thereby allowing fruitful human encounters to flourish. At a time when our attention is often drawn to the polarized and judgmental nature of much of the commentary on social networks, the theme underscores the power of words and gestures to overcome misunderstandings, to heal memories and to build peace and harmony.

FIRST PROFESSIONS 2015

HWANG Hye Jin – Francisca	25-01-2015	Korea
KIM Hyun Jung - Adria	25-01-2015	Korea
KIM Hye Yeon - Martha	25-01-2015	Korea
KIM Min Hee - Theresa	25-01-2015	Korea
AKOMBO Sarah Nguhemem	28-06-2015	East Africa - Nigeria - South Sudan-Zambia
AMADI Eunice Chidimma	28-06-2015	East Africa - Nigeria - South Sudan-Zambia
NANYANGI Edreen	30-06-2015	East Africa - Nigeria - South Sudan-Zambia
ODUOR Merceline Awuor	30-06-2015	East Africa - Nigeria - South Sudan-Zambia
UDO Mary Magdalene	28-06-2015	East Africa - Nigeria - South Sudan-Zambia
TESHA Benedicta	30-06-2015	East Africa - Nigeria - South Sudan-Zambia
ARBOLEDA FLOREZ Mariluz	28-06-2015	Colombia-Ecuador
ARCELLA Carly Elizabeth - Carly Paula	15-08-2015	United States
DAVIS Chelsea - Chelsea Bethany	15-08-2015	United States
DE SANTANA APOLINARIA Suzane	28-06-2015	Brazil
KHASOUSHO Catherine Veisouma	14-06-2015	India
LOBO Savitha Maria	14-06-2015	India
TIRKEY Mariya	14-06-2015	India
LOBATO Fatima da Conceicao	28-06-2015	Southern Africa
MUCUSSETE Quita Ramos	28-06-2015	Southern Africa
RANDRIANASOLO Nassah Lucie	28-06-2015	Madagascar

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