

In carrying out their pastoral service, priests must not confuse creativity with simply doing something new. Creativity, he said, "looks for paths to proclaim the Gospel. It comes from the Spirit and is the result of prayer, of contact with the people."

(Cf. Pope Francis)



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ALBA: A PROPHETIC EXPERIENCE

A short time ago, we had the grace to participate in an exceptional event in Alba: the Centenary of the Society of St. Paul and thus the Centenary of the whole Pauline Family. With the solemn notes of the hymn *I Known Him Whom I've Believed* echoing through the Temple of St. Paul and an acolyte bearing a ten-flamed lamp leading the entrance procession, it was easy to feel present with us Blessed James Alberione and the many sisters and brothers who helped to shape the history of our beautiful, variegated Family.

A blend of amazement and deep emotion characterized that unforgettable day, bathing all our Institutes in a spirit of communion, as if at a new Pentecost. Everyone clearly felt the warm family spirit and affectionate welcome extended by the Motherhouse, where we were all born. In fact, Alba is truly our "homeland," the place where the Paulines of the "first hour" were formed and where up to today many continue to offer the Father their lives and sufferings, which rise up to him as a fragrant and pleasing perfume.

The prophetic words of Fr. Alberione and Fr. Giaccardo continue to resound within the arc of the surrounding Alban hills and in the parish church of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, where Teresa Merlo voiced the yes that literally changed her life.

From Alba, millions of Bibles and Gospels poured out to the world. In the light of this, a particularly meaningful moment of the Eucharistic Celebration was the enthronement of the Word, accompanied by lights and symbols

representing all the world's continents. As the Bible was carried up the central aisle, a horn blew and the choir sang the hymn, *Listen, Israel*.

In his homily, Bishop James Lanzetti of Alba, the principal celebrant of the Liturgy, invited everyone to cultivate the qualities typical of Fr. James Alberione, namely, the "open mind and great heart that were truly the 'stigmata' of his personality and holiness—dimensions of his human nature that the Spirit refined, polished and expanded in order to make him a completely transparent instrument of evangelization, placing him totally at the service of the Good News, which was to always be taken to everyone."



In his sermon, Bishop Lanzetti did not fail to mention the challenges of today, saying that they are multiplied and reinforced by the fact that they are interwoven. The Bishop then went on to compare the missionary and evangelizing dynamism of Blessed James Alberione to that of Pope Francis, saying with great fervor: "May the solemn anniversary that has brought us all together here today open our minds and expand our hearts in imitation of your Father. May the Spirit, who transformed him into an extremely effective instrument of the Gospel, work in us too, making us more vigorous and hopeful evangelizers who are increasingly aware not only of the beauty and magnitude of the gifts we have received but also of our responsibility to share them."

In this time, our thoughts turned frequently to our own upcoming FSP Centenary—an event that we hope will urge us on to live more joyously, that will make us more greatly aware of the "abundant riches" we have received and more aware of our responsibility to share this wealth with others.

Anna Maria Parenzan
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan



AUSTRALIA

OPEN TO THE FUTURE



The Daughters of St. Paul have been in Australia since 14 May 1955—the day on which Fr. Alberione and Maestra Thecla arrived there from Manila, bringing with them Sr. Redenta Commentucci and Sr. Laurenzia Casamassima, the first two FSP missionaries to this country.

A land characterized from the outset by large waves of immigration, Australia is a multi-cultural and multi-religious nation. In the last few years, it has experienced an even greater and more extensive influx of immigrants from Asia and the Middle East. This fact, combined with the widespread mobility of the people, served in past years to foster the birth of a hospitable and tolerant society, open to diversity. But the ethical and economic crises that predominate today are providing fertile ground for the spread of violence, crime, drugs, racism, a weakening of values and a decreased respect for life, especially among the young.

The Local Church, which retains an Anglo-Saxon and traditionalist imprint, is made up essentially of immigrants from the Philippines, Vietnam, India, Korea, Indonesia and other Pacific islands. This growing ethnic-religious pluralism is an explosive phenomenon for a nation that is still culturally Eurocentric.

The Fraternal Visit to the Delegation of Australia was made from 17 July–3 August 2014 by General Councilors Sr. Karen M. Anderson and Sr. Anna Caiazza.

The circumscription is made up of 16 members of different nationalities. It has three communities located in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. The sisters manifest a strong attachment to the Institute, fidelity to Pauline values, sensitivity to the spiritual and vocational aspects of the Pauline life, and a deep sense of mission. Their passion for the apostolate nourishes their prayer life and activities.

They carry out the apostolate primar-

ily through their *book centers*, which offer a high-quality and much-appreciated service to the variety of persons who frequent it (Catholics, Orthodox Christians, and members of other Churches). They also disseminate the Word of God through visits to schools and parishes, exhibits for various events, book launches, etc., as well as through their on-line catechetical magazine *Echoing the Word*, which aims to foster the formation of parish catechists and Catholic school religion teachers in the Faith and to offer resources and activities for religious education.

Some of the priorities entrusted by the Superior General to the Delegation are: a decisive commitment to *vocation work*, including by enriching the Delegation's website with material suitable for this purpose; *discernment concerning the future of the circumscription* so as to ensure the continuity of our Pauline presence and mission in Australia; and *providing the circumscription's lay collaborators with formation to the charism* in view of entrusting them with specific responsibilities in the apostolate in the spirit of a shared mission and with clarity and a respect for roles.

Big challenges await our sisters of Australia but they will be able to face them to the degree that they are united among themselves and live in a permanent attitude of discernment—one that makes them ready to dialogue with one another and get involved in the various aspects of the Pauline life, giving privilege to “small steps” because, as our Founder loved to say, big things always start from Bethlehem. The Lord, who chose and called our sisters to carry out the Pauline mission in this country, will never deprive them of his presence and help. He is supporting them with his love and enlightening them to make choices according to his heart. We are sure that he is with them, acting through their faith and poverty, as he has always done throughout our Pauline history.

May St. Paul give this small Delegation the grace to strain ahead every day in the footsteps of Fr. Alberione, Maestra Thecla and all the sisters who have preceded us and are now rejoicing in heaven. Among these, in a special way, are Sr. Emma Garol, an FSP missionary from the Philippines who died last year in the Melbourne community, and Sr. Ildia Dal Pozzo from Brazil, who spent 56 years of her Pauline life in Australia. The sufferings and deaths of these two sisters made a profound impact on the Fraternal Visit and we are sure that their prayers for the Delegation will yield abundant fruits of love and hope.

MEXICO
LAND OF MARY AND OF STRONG CONTRASTS

With a population of almost 120 million, Mexico is one of the most densely-populated countries in the world and, after Brazil, the most densely-populated country of Latin America. Today the nation is going through a profound renewal that has resulted in major social imbalances: strong economic development on the one hand and enormous blocks of poverty on the other, due, among other things, to a high crime rate and drug trafficking.

Mexico's population, resources and geographical position make it a key player with regard to the security and international relations of the United States—the nation with which it shares a 3,000 km. border and in which millions of Mexican citizens live. But migration to the United States is currently a growing humanitarian crisis considering the number of children and adolescents involved in the phenomenon (from the end of 2013 up to today, about 57,000 children have migrated either by themselves or with their families to the U.S.).

In harmony with the directives of the Aparecida Conference, the Local Church has reinvigorated its missionary activities. The majority of the Mexican people have a deeply-rooted religious identity and a strong sense of belonging to the Catholic Church. Above all, they nourish a deep love for Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Queen of their country and of all Latin America.

The Fraternal Visit to the Province of Mexico was made from 7 July–4 August 2014 by Superior General Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan, General Councilors Sr. Samuela Gironi and Sr. M. Lucia Kim, and Bursar General Sr. Gabriella Santon.

Our Institute opened a community in Mexico in 1948 and its first missionaries to this land left their successors the legacy of a profound love for the Pauline charism. Today our sisters of Mexico live their Pauline vocation with fidelity, conviction and joy. They manifest a strong sense of belonging to the Institute, sensitivity to the spiritual aspects of the Pauline life, passion for the apostolate and fidelity to the Church.

The Province currently numbers 46 sisters, all of whom are native Mexicans. Novice Julia Karina Hernandez Yanez made her profession on 7 Sept. 2014. Another young woman, Adriana, is making her postulancy in Monterrey and will soon be joining the group of postulants in the United States to continue her formation. A third young woman is preparing to enter the Congregation.

The sisters, who are distributed in 8 different communities, carry out the Pauline apostolate through their production activities, book centers (two of which—Nueva Laredo and Xalapa—are run by the laity), participation in book fairs and other forms of diffusion and animation, including two weekly broadcasts on Radio Guadalupeana in Ciudad Jurez. In these last years, the Province has undergone a time of redimensioning due to the closure of its typography and it has also forged stronger bonds of collaboration with the United States Province in the areas of formation and the apostolate. One of the goals of this collaboration is to reopen the community of San Antonio, Texas.

Some of the priorities entrusted to our sisters of Mexico at the end of the Fraternal Visit were: to reinforce their *pastoral work for vocations* and to strengthen their faith in God, who can touch the hearts of many young people today; to *relaunch their publishing activities*, including by upgrading the content of their material; and to *choose their lay collaborators wisely* and offer them a sound formation.

The provincial government was urged to make a greater commitment to communion and collaboration so as to take on together the circumscription's situation and accompany both its communities and the different formative and apostolic areas of the Pauline life.

So as to make better use of the circumscription's immobile goods, the provincial house will soon be relocating to the Capri community of Mexico City and the building vacated will be rented or sold.

At the end of the Fraternal Visit, our sisters of Mexico were invited to constantly live in the spirit of the Pact, trusting God and entrusting themselves to him. At a time in which their physical strength is declining, their conviction that the Lord continues to work through the poverty of his apostles will certainly be the secret of helping them carry out the Pauline mission fruitfully. Our sisters were also urged to live in *hope* so as to be builders of peace first of all in their own communities, and then to disseminate the culture of peace and mercy by allowing the Lord to use them as small lights that irradiate the warmth and fragrance of the Gospel.

BRAZIL:
IN HARMONY WITH GOD



The FSP community of Salvador, Brazil has accepted the challenge to produce a radio program entitled, *In Harmony with God*, to help people searching for the Lord. In presenting this new apostolic activity, our sisters say: "By making use of the Capuchins' Web Radio, we have been able to produce an evangelization program, first taking advantage of their recording studio and then setting up a studio in our own community. In keeping with Fr. Alberione's recommendation, everything began from 'Bethlehem'—in poverty, simplicity and great good will. The initiative, which is supported by all the members of the community, is a means through which we can reach many people because the Capuchins' Web Radio has a vast audience and offers us the chance to interact with our listeners. We thank the Lord for this new Pauline 'adventure.' Tune in every Wednesday!"

ITALY
CHARISM TOUR COURSE:
A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND THANKSGIVING

Before returning to their own countries, the Daughters of St. Paul who participated in the Charism Tour Course held at the Generalate, Rome, from 4-25 August 2014 wanted to tell



everyone what a grace it was for them to be able to celebrate the Centenary of foundation of the Pauline Family in Italy, especially the places associated with our Pauline beginnings. Their joy was a visible expression of their gratitude to God and the Congregation for the warm welcome they received and for their days of intense study and reflection on the Pauline life and spirituality. The course was marked by an alternation of prayer, input, sharing and visits to various sites in Rome and Alba linked to our Pauline life and the Church. The high point of that time was the pilgrimage to Alba and its surrounding areas to visit the places linked to our Founders, our Pauline beginnings and development. In Alba, the sisters were present for the solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the Temple of St. Paul on 20 August. Many members of the Pauline Family, as well as the religious and civil authorities of the zone, also participated in this important event—an emotional moment rich in graces and in gratitude to the Lord for everything he has accomplished in the story of our Family.

The pilgrimage continued after our sisters returned to Rome, offering them the chance to visit the rooms in which our Founders lived and worked and the places in which St. Paul spent the last years of his ministry. A very significant moment was the General Audience of Pope Francis, held in the Paul VI Audience Hall and attended by an immense crowd of people who flock to Rome because they are drawn to the Pope on both the spiritual and human planes.

In her concluding address on the last day of the Course, Superior General Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan invited the participants to give full meaning to the Pauline life and mission. Our sisters say it is hard to sum up briefly all the emotions they experienced in this time but they assure us that the joy, thanksgiving and spirit of communion that flooded their hearts will always remain with them.

KOREA

ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE FSPs IN THE PAPAL VISIT



The Daughters of St. Paul of Korea joyously collaborated with the Holy Father's recent visit to their country, which proved to be a time of grace for all its citizens.

Here is a brief sketch of their direct involvement in the event: several sisters took part in *Asian World Youth Day*, including the rite of washing the feet of some young people.

Sr. Gemma Shim served as the Pope's translator during his meeting with the country's women and men religious.

Sr. Emma Min participated in the special programs broadcast on *TelePace*, the TV station of the Archdiocese of Seoul, through her explanation of the significance of the papal visit. And each evening Sr. Gabriella Kim, who works for *TelePace*, delivered a news flash summing up the Pope's activities that day.

Two sisters collaborated very efficiently with the national TV station KBS: Sr. Juliana Hwang by providing technical support for the subtitles of the programs aired, and Sr. Veronica Song through her commentaries during the Eucharistic Celebrations and also through directional services during the filming of *Asian World Youth Day* by the national TV station KBS 1 and KBS N (Web TV).

Sr. Stella Kim, who works in the communications office of the Seoul Archdiocese, also provided the Web TV (which is unfamiliar



with the Catholic liturgy) with technical support and consultation during the Pope's sojourn in Korea.

So as to help the KBS team become acquainted with the Pauline mission, Sr. Ausilia Chung, FSP Provincial Superior, gave each member of the team a copy of the book, *My Name Is Francis*, published by the FSPs of Korea. This gift was welcomed with joy especially by the non-Catholics, who felt honored to place their professional skills at the service of the Pope.

IVORY COAST:

ITINERANT MISSION IN BENIN AND TOGO



During 2013-2014, the FSPs of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, have been carrying out an intensive itinerant mission in Cotonou, the capital of Benin, and Lomé, the capital of Togo, in response to the needs of these dioceses. The constant plea of Pope Francis to "be a neighbor" to those in need stirred up the apostolic creativity of our sisters who, like the Apostle Paul, are traveling the streets of these West African cities to carry out the Pauline mission. Setting out by bus from Abidjan, they crossed Ghana to reach Cotonou, where they received a warm welcome from the bishops, priests, religious and laity.

The sisters have been visiting schools, parishes, radio stations, diocesan newspaper offices, etc. to joyously and enthusiastically bring the Good News to everyone they meet. The people have proved to be very receptive to their message and many have collaborated with them by offering them a place to stay, by providing or finding transportation for them, etc.

We are sure that thanks to the zeal of our sisters the seeds of the Word of God sown in this time will yield an abundance of blessings for everyone.

ITALY

SHARED READING: HUMANITY'S WORKSHOP



“There is no doubt that reading acts as a leavening agent in a person’s life, with different results according to the ingredients with which it is mixed. The ‘kneading process’ between reading and history can inspire the formation of groups that share the same passion. [...] To leave behind one’s role in society and emerge from one’s private, intimate rapport with reading so as to share it with others involves an emotional journey that an individual must willingly undertake. Let me tell you about my own personal journey without claiming that it is the last word on the subject...”

With these words, Monique Pistolato presents her latest book, *Cari Libri. La lettura condivisa come laboratorio di umanità*, published by Pauline Editions, Italy. The book relates the experiences of several groups of book-lovers who set out on a journey aimed at sharing the effects of reading. In fact, books take on shape, color and fragrance as a result of the way we interact with them emotionally. Thanks to her ability to enliven the written word, the author was invited over the last few years to set up small groups of book lovers to experiment with the work method she explains in the first part of her book, namely: to bring together people whose love for books gives them the courage to publicly express the feelings they experience while reading privately, sharing their thoughts, emotions and ideas with others.

**BORN FROM THE EUCHARIST,
WE LIVE FROM THE EUCHARIST**

Even though they are the “last born,” the FSP Juniors of Europe reflected profoundly on this theme during their annual meeting at the Generalate so as to discover in a fresh way the roots of their vocation and of the Pauline charism. From 24 August–2 September 2014, nine Juniors (7 from Europe and 2 from Korea) joyfully participated in an enriching for-



mation experience under the guidance of Sr. Germana Santos.

After an informal and lively exchange of ideas with the Superior General, Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan, and then with the General Councilors for Formation, Sr. Clarice Wisniewski and Sr. Karen Anderson, the group listened to valuable input concerning the Pauline Eucharistic Visit (Sr. Germana), the Eucharistic Spirit of Maestra Thecla (Sr. Maria Grazia Gabelli, fsp), the Celebration of the Eucharist (Sr. Ana Maria Mazzurana, pdm), and the Charismatic Dimension of the Eucharist (Fr. Emilio Cicconi, ssp).

Taking to heart the mission of the Pauline Family, our young sisters then listened with great interest to the testimonies of several Daughters of St. Paul who have happily lived the Pauline life for many years in various contexts: Sr. Rosaria Aimo, who carried out the Pauline mission with great fervor and faith in Latin America; Sr. Adeodata Dehò, who has been working for many years with great dedication on the *Alberione Opera Omnia* in the International Secretariat for Spirituality, Sr. Carla Dugo, who carries out the Pauline apostolate in the Congo with great zeal in spite of the many problems in that part of the world, and Sr. Letizia Panzetti, who worked alongside Sr. Assunta Bassi in our central headquarters for the apostolate during the very busy 1950’s and 1960’s (years of great apostolic development and enthusiasm).

Time was also set aside for prayer under the guidance of Fr. Guido Gandolfo, for a visit to the Abbeys of Fossanova and Casamari, and for fraternal moments of recreation, a sharing of ideas and reflection. Every experience served to reinforce the theme of the encounter, namely, that having been born from the Eucharist, we are called to transform our whole life into a joyous encounter with Christ and our sisters and brothers.

KENYA

SEMINAR ON THE MISSION OF DIOCESAN BOOK CENTERS



Diocesan Book Centers at the Service of Evangelization and Human Development: this was the theme of a seminar organized by the Daughters of St. Paul for those in the Church called to run diocesan book centers at the service of the Gospel. The encounter was held in Nairobi from 14-19 July 2014 and was attended with great interest by persons in charge of diocesan book centers in Kenya and Ethiopia. The FSP team that guided the event helped the participants reflect more deeply on several indispensable aspects of the theme so as to come to a deeper understanding of the mission of the diocesan book center in the contemporary Church.

The input was enriched by practical aspects and by a guided tour of all the apostolic departments of the Pauline mission: from the editorial room to the typography, from the audiovisual sector to the distribution agency; from the administration department to the organization of the book center. At the end of the seminar, all the participants received a diploma of attendance as a sign of their responsible commitment to the service of the Gospel. Joy and a vision of hope for the future were the fruits of this event, which opened new paths to God's saving Truth.

UNITED STATES

PRAYER...ON THE STREETS OF CALIFORNIA!



Sr. Mary Lea Hill, a member of the FSP Boston community, recently concluded a promotion trip to California for her new book,

Prayer and You—a valid aid for teaching people to pray simply, with childlike wonder. On the tour, Sr. M. Lea gave talks and signed books at our apostolic centers in Culver City, San Diego and Redwood City. The purpose of her presentations was to help readers discover that prayer is easy and normal no matter why or how they pray. Many people bought books after Sr. M. Lea's talks and went away edified by her quirky humor combined with deep faith.

ITALY

MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



The 7-member FSP Communications Team set up by the General Government held its first meeting in Rome from 8-12 September 2014. The purpose of the encounter was to reflect on and offer suggestions concerning our presence in the world of communications. In making their discernment, the sisters, who come from various parts of the world, were helped by the input of Catholic communications experts such as Leo Spadaro and Francesca Triani, SEED Computer Editions; Fr. Marco Saviano, who is in charge of the Social Communications Office in the diocese of Padua; Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications; Bishop Dario Edoardo Viganò, General Director of the Vatican TV Center, and Bishop Lucio Adrian Ruiz, who is in charge of the Vatican's Internet Service.

The whole meeting was characterized by a fraternal exchange of ideas in a spirit of simplicity, enthusiasm, innovation and great love for the Pauline charism.

We offer our best wishes to our sisters in the hope that they will be able to accomplish the goals of their team in a constructive, enthusiastic and *Pauline* way.

**WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTION
IN MISSION AS CARRIERS
OF THE WORD OF GOD ESPECIALLY
IN THE CONTEXT OF PAKISTAN**

Sr. NAZIA MASIH SALAMAT, FSP



**BACHELOR OF
ARTS DEGREE
IN THEOLOGY**

In partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology, Sr. Nazia Masih Salamat submitted a long essay to Tangaza University College, Nairobi, Kenya, on the theme: *Women's Contribution in Mission as Carriers of the Word of God Especially in the Context of Pakistan*. The 70-page text examines the role of women missionaries in initial evangelization and pinpoints the challenges and obstacles facing the Church in Pakistan today, in particular from the perspective of the experiences of the Daughters of St. Paul.

Evangelization with the instruments of social communications is a big challenge in a Muslim country, the author says. Pakistani by birth, she understands the importance of the Pauline apostolate in her country and the degree of commitment it involves in the face of the numerous problems that often block the Institute's mission to spread the Gospel. In fact, every move made by missionaries in Pakistan is looked upon with great suspicion by the non-Christian authorities.

In her paper, the author suggests ways to meet this challenge and make Christ known through the social media. She admits the need to strengthen her own faith and that of her fellow-Christians, who live in a non-Christian environment. Divided into four chapters, her dissertation clarifies the meaning of mission, presents the role of women in the Bible, sketches out a picture of mission work in Pakistan, and then focuses on the role and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul in the country.

The text is enriched with a substantial bibliography and a list of websites that can help the reader explore the various themes in greater detail.

**DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL
AS CONTEMPORARY MYSTICS**

Sr. FOUZIA YASMEEN GEORGE, FSP



**DIPLOMA
IN RELIGIOUS
FORMATION**

Sr. Fouzia's 80-page long essay, presented to the Institute of Spirituality and Religious Formation at Tangaza University College, Nairobi, Kenya in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Diploma in Religious Formation, is entitled, *Daughters of St. Paul as Contemporary Mystics of the Catholic Church Serving in Pakistan*.

Divided into three chapters and enriched with several appendices and a bibliography, the paper explores the relationship between the mystical life and the Pauline religious life. Chapter 1 explains the Christian understanding of the concept of mysticism, beginning with its biblical foundations, and then proceeds to sketch out the classical and modern perspectives of the subject. Chapter 2 analyzes the mysticism of Fr. Alberione, his charismatic vision, and the various Institutes of the Pauline Family. Chapter 3 explores the theme of contemporary mysticism lived by the Daughters of St. Paul in Pakistan. The chapter contains an interesting reflection

**A BOOK ON THE ROLE OF
WOMEN IN THE CHURCH**

The latest data (2012) reports that there are 702,529 Catholic religious women (sisters) in the Church, as compared to 55,314 religious men (excluding priests). This means that 13 out of every 14 consecrated religious are women. On the world level, men constitute 7% of the Catholic religious community. The proportions change if bishops (5,133) and priests (414,313) are included in the statistics, thus closing the gap between consecrated men and women. Nevertheless, the end result is that women constitute 60% of consecrated persons in the Church. This data is presented in the book *Pope Francis and Women*, published in Italy by *Il Sole 24 Ore* in collaboration with the *Osservatore Romano*.

on the Muslim understanding of mysticism, which differs from that of Christianity. The author then goes on to discuss the mysticism of the Daughters of St. Paul, which aims to lead the whole person to Christ through apostolic activities proper to the Institute.

The author concludes her work with a presentation of the challenges facing the mission of the Daughters of St. Paul in Pakistan today, along with recommendations as to how to meet these challenges and continue the Pauline journey in view of the future.

MODERN MEANS OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATION AT THE SERVICE OF EVANGELIZATION IN PAKISTAN

SR. NEELAM RUBBACCA JAMES, FSP



BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN THEOLOGY

In partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology, Sr. Neelam Rubbacca James submitted a long essay to Tangaza University College, Nairobi, Kenya, on the theme: *Modern Means of Social Communication at the Service of Evangelization in Pakistan*.

The 65-page paper is divided into three chapters and is enriched with an appendix and bibliography. In developing her theme, the author analyzes the relationship between evangelization and communication, taking into account the new media and their impact on relationships and culture, the positive and negative influences of these powerful instruments on society, and how the Church is utilizing them. She then considers various ecclesial documents on the subject, beginning with *Inter Mirifica*, and highlights how the evangelization of contemporary culture is intimately bound to the media. In the light of this, she says, it is important to integrate the Gospel message into the culture created by the instruments of communications, which are steadily multiplying.

The last chapter of the paper offers a detailed look at evangelization through the print and electronic media in Pakistan, with particular emphasis on how the Daughters of St. Paul carry out this mission through their

communications centers. The work concludes with a look at the challenges, implications and new possibilities facing evangelization with the media in Pakistan today.

EVANGELIZATION: OUR BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Plunged into Christ to Emerge as Gospel

SR. MARGARET KERRY, FSP



MASTER'S DEGREE IN PASTORAL MINISTRY

In her thesis, submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry from Boston

College School of Theology and Ministry, USA, Sr. Margaret explores the integral complementarity of Baptism, evangelization and catechesis by first reflecting on the theology of Baptism as the ground for the common vocation of all Christians to evangelize. The author then invites all baptized persons, and in a special way the laity, to reawaken their identity as true witnesses to the Gospel. The subtitles of the three sections of the thesis identify what Sr. Margaret feels are the essential components of evangelization.

Section I, "Plunged into Christ," presents an overview of the sacrament of Baptism and the implications for Christian living that result from the renewal of Vatican Council II.

Section II, "We Emerge as Gospel," discusses the implications of a renewed understanding of Baptism for evangelization.

Section III contains a proposal for a workshop that highlights Baptism and a faith response expressed through evangelization. "Its purpose," the author writes, "is to equip the laity through knowledge, inspiration and action to live their baptismal response of evangelization in their daily reality."

Sr. Margaret concludes her thesis with the affirmation that through Baptism all Christians become witnesses to the Gospel and disciples of Christ. "God took the initiative by loving us first," she says. "It is now up to us to move forward, go out to others, stand at the crossroads and welcome the stranger, celebrating our experience of the Father's infinite love and mercy by sharing it freely."



PASTORAL CONVERSION

The highly provocative words of Pope Francis to the Roman clergy gathered in St. John Lateran Basilica, Rome, on 16 September 2013, are still very pertinent today. On that occasion, while responding to questions asked of him by some parish priests of the Urbe region, the Holy Father reminded the clergy of the need for genuine pastoral conversion in both one's life and in the mission of the Church. The Pope said that in carrying out their pastoral service, priests must not confuse creativity with simply doing something new. Creativity, he said, "looks for paths to proclaim the Gospel and this is not easy. It doesn't mean just changing things. Something else is involved—that "something" comes from the Spirit and is the result of prayer, of contact with the people. We must seek new paths—this is what pastoral conversion means.... We must welcome others; we must offer them warm hospitality so that they feel comfortable—at home—when they come to church."

The Holy Father invites pastoral workers clearly and repeatedly (cf. his Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*) to distinguish *doing* from *being*, saying that the latter should constitute the heart and soul of every pastoral plan of action. It is the word "conversion" that provides an immediate clue as to what position must be firmly taken, otherwise the adjective "pastoral" that precedes it would

not make sense. If, in fact, pastoral action is linked to *being*, it is because that action is inseparably connected to life: through the mediation of the pastoral worker, it is translated into praxis.

The whole Christian life is an ongoing experience of conversion based on the most important turning point in human history: the fact that God himself comes to human beings to convert them to himself through a covenant of love. We have access to God only because he reaches out to us.

Metanoia is part of the content of Old Testament prophecy (Ezekiel, Jeremiah, etc.). The prophets proclaimed that a time would come when God would remove the human being's heart of stone and give him/her a new heart, a new way of thinking and desiring, a new method of integration—one of totality. Thus the word *metanoia* is a prophetic word, a promise: thanks to God's promise, human beings have received a gift and, along with that gift, a duty. It is therefore important that one's theological vision and catechetical/pastoral work emphasize divine action: God fixed his gaze on human beings in the form of his only-begotten Son through the work of the Holy Spirit. From this springs the call, the invitation, the honor and the duty of human beings to fix our own gaze, mind, will and heart—in short, our entire being—on him.

According to the prophets, the heart of *metanoia* lies in the New Covenant: God himself transforms the meaning of history.

The coming of Christ is the great transformation—above all, a transformation on the level of mind.

In this regard, the concluding message of the Congress for Italian Missionaries in Argentina (10-14 January 2011) is very illuminating. This reflection, entitled *Mission and Pastoral Conversion in an Age of Cultural Pluralism*, says very clearly that “pastoral conversion requires a change of thought regarding the times, places, content and organization of pastoral work: basically, in involves a change of methodology.”

It is obvious that this must take place while keeping firmly in mind that the *ecclesial structure* is an integral part of the conversion process—of what is taking shape—and cannot be discarded. In fact, the mystery of the Incarnation itself is the structural form of the evangelizing presence of God in Jesus Christ.

The concluding document of the Aparecida meeting proposes that the structure be maintained but that discernment be *communitarian, not vertical*, in character.

Consequently, keeping in mind the need to reform outdated pastoral and ecclesial structures (not eliminate them), we are able to pinpoint a number of concrete paths to follow:

1. First of all, to move from pastoral action directed to the “masses” to pastoral action directed to the person—an action that focuses more on the individual than on the totality of the target group. It concerns “personalizing one’s pastoral action”—something which the

Year of the Priest (2009-2010) reminded us to do through the figure of the Curé of Ars.

2. To move from teaching about the sacraments to initial evangelization through *the witness of one’s life*. I can’t help others get to know the love of Christ if I don’t “infect” them with my own love for him.

3. To offer a *catechesis based on life experience*, not method. That is to say: to show others how to live the Christian life through concrete behavior, helping them move toward a personal meeting with Christ.

4. To cultivate an *attitude of kindness and acceptance of everyone*, above all those who are different, avoiding discrimination, moral judgments and rash judgments.

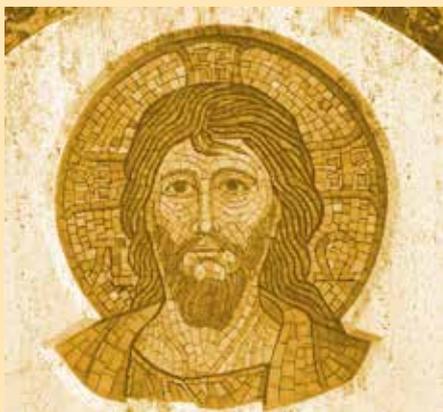
5. To *change one’s way of thinking* so as to facilitate a reawakening or else the birth of faith; to reflect the image of a Church that facilitates—not blocks—a meeting with Christ and, consequently, the life of faith.

6. To create a *missionary mentality*: to form missionary groups in parishes and schools (at least Catholic schools).

7. Finally, to concretely witness to a life of *communion and fraternity* among priests and within religious institutes, motivating everyone to do this and asking the help of the bishops, in keeping with the advice of Jesus Master, who left us the spiritual testament: “As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (Jn. 17:21).

Guido Colombo, ssp

PROFESSIONS



PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS

Brazil - August / October 2014

- Maria José Sousa Aguiar
Maria Vanderlane de Araújo
Edicleia Aparecida Tonete
Ilanyr Felipe Costa

FIRST PROFESSIONS

USA - 30 August 2014

- Theresa Noble
Cheryl Galema

Mexico - 7 September 2014

- Julia Karina Hernández Yáñez

"MY" PRIMA MAESTRA THECLA



I had already been in the Alba community for some time so I surely must have seen Prima Maestra and listened to her. But I hadn't "met" her in the full sense of the word. I was one of the "Immacolatine," the youngest members of the community. I spent my days attending classes scheduled to be compatible with our apostolic duties, and studying under the supervision of our mistress and assistant-mistress, who guided us and looked after our needs with maternal love and care. I have no special memories of Prima Maestra during that period of my life.

My first real contact with her took place in 1935. One day, late in the afternoon, while I was praying the rosary with my companions, our mistress, Maestra Natalina Spada, entered the chapel and signaled me to come out. When I joined her in the foyer, she told me that Prima Maestra wanted to see me. "Why?" I asked in surprise. "Just go. She'll tell you why," M. Natalina replied, and without further ado she opened the door to Prima Maestra's office, which faced the chapel. Even though today I am almost blind, I can still clearly picture Prima Maestra as she was then—a lovely, welcoming person, with unforgettable eyes....

"You are Olga Guidetti, aren't you?" she asked and then went right to the point. That was one of Prima Maestra's most notable characteristics: she was always quick to get down to essentials. "I see you have asked to make your vestition," she told me. "Yes," I replied. "I will be 15 in June and I would like to take that step."

"Your parents are against it," she said. "They think you are too young."

I was bewildered. "That's not like my parents and family," I finally replied. "They are good, hardworking Christians, but they don't know much about nuns or about the religious life. I don't think that's them [talking]. Maybe it's my uncle. He's a priest—Fr. Guido Guidetti, the pastor of Levizzano."

Prima Maestra then asked me a series of questions—what today might be called "vocation testing," because the questions concerned my health, prayer life, apostolate, companions.... "If it turns out you have to wait awhile to make your vestition," she said, "the waiting period before you enter the novitiate could be shortened." At that time there were a lot of girls who had made their vestition and who were waiting to begin the novitiate.

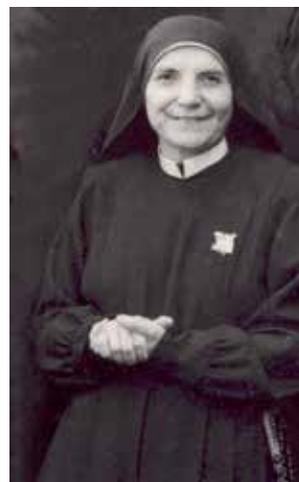
"No, no!" I exclaimed with youthful passion. "I want to make my vestition in June!"

"I'll think about it," Prima Maestra replied. "In the meantime, continue to pray and to do your best." The upshot was that I made my vestition on 30 June 1935.

I had truly "met" Prima Maestra, who turned out to be a good, attentive, concerned and affectionate mother. She was interested in me, in my parents, in my work—in everything that was dearest to me. That meeting with her went straight to my heart and has remained there ever since.

Other meetings with her followed, which is only normal in a life as long as mine [as of this writing, Sr. Lorenzina is 95 years old]. I will recount a few of those episodes here, extracted from a huge, colorful and fragrant "bouquet" of memories. They are not memories about "big" things—the kind of stories that can be found in biographies about Prima Maestra and that serve to illustrate her stature and uniqueness. Instead, they are "humble little blossoms" that make her *my* Prima Maestra.

In my day, the FSP novitiate in Rome was located on the third floor of the Divine Providence building in the Via Antonino Pio complex. Prima Maestra Thecla's office was on the first floor. At the time of this incident, the novice Mistress, Maestra Nazarena Morando, was overseas, visiting the FSP communities in America and I, as assistant novice mistress, was standing in for her.



It was a beautiful spring morning. The novices, a group of more than fifty, were quiet, well-behaved and concentrating on their studies. The classroom was filled with light and fresh air. It was such a pretty picture that I wanted to share it with someone and an idea popped into my head. I ran down the stairs, burst into the Superior General's office and exclaimed, "Prima Maestra, come with me! It'll just take a minute! Come!" She asked me why. I explained in just a few words. Prima Maestra looked thoughtful and remained silent for longer than I expected. Her behavior served to remind me of the basics of my Pauline formation: discipline, order and regularity are all necessary but they aren't the primary goals of formation, which should lead young women to give themselves entirely to Jesus, to love the Gospel and to take it to everyone.

In the end, Prima Maestra did not go up to the novitiate and I went back up the stairs with more food for thought than I had reckoned on.

On another occasion, after early morning Mass in the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary, I stopped to speak with my sister, who had come to visit me. While we stood chatting by the flight of steps leading up to the main entrance, Prima Maestra Thecla came out of the Sanctuary. She did not see us and my sister did not recognize her but as Prima Maestra, absorbed in recollection, walked down the avenue toward the front gate, I followed her with my gaze. After a minute, I whispered to my sister, "Do you know who that nun is?" "It's your Prima Maestra!" my sister said in surprise and then called out, "Prima Maestra! Prima Maestra!" By that time Prima Maestra Thecla was more than halfway to the gate but at the sound of my sister's cry she turned around and came back. She then spent more than 15 minutes talking to my sister while I fidgeted uncomfortably at the thought of how many other things she probably had to do.

Prima Maestra was always extremely faithful to making her yearly course of spiritual exercises but in 1953 poor health prevented her from doing this. In fact, she was in the hospital. She was unhappy that she was not able to participate in any of the programmed retreats and, upon seeing this, her Vicar, Maestra Ignazia Balla, suggested that she make the spiritual exercises on her own in the nearby FSP community of Grottaferrata.

Maestra Ignazia asked me to go with Prima Maestra to Grottaferrata to be on hand in case she needed help with anything. She said that at the same time I could also make my own annual retreat. Concretely, my job was to pray alongside Prima Maestra and read aloud to her the texts suggested in the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola*. Toward the end of our retreat, Prima Maestra said, "Tomorrow Primo Maestro is coming to hear our confessions." The news took me by surprise and I remained silent. After a few moments I replied, "I'd rather not go to confession to Primo Maestro. But don't worry, Prima Maestra. While you are talking to him, I will go to the Trappists and go to confession to the old chaplain there."

The following day, I handed Prima Maestra the notebook containing my resolutions. I asked her to read them over to see if they were appropriate and then give me her advice. When she returned the notebook to me, she said, "I too made some resolutions and I had Primo Maestro look them over." She unfolded a slip of paper on which the words "Queen of Apostles Sanctuary!" (with an exclamation point) were written three times.



I had the good fortune to accompany Prima Maestra on two of her trips abroad: to England in 1960 and to India in 1962.

In our community in Bandra, India, I shared a first-floor room with Prima Maestra. The room faced the staircase. During the day, Prima Maestra spent her time talking to the sisters while I became familiar with the city and got to know the people by accompanying different sisters as they went about their duties. Prima Maestra was happy about this because she believed this would later serve me in the apostolate.

One day I went to the market and that evening, before going to bed, I said unhap-

pily, “Prima Maestra, today someone stole my watch.” “Where? At the market?” “I think so. That’s the only place I visited today.” “I’m so sorry,” she said, “especially because it occurred to me to suggest that you leave your watch at home.” The next day, when I returned from a visit to downtown Bombay (now Mumbai), Prima Maestra gave me a very warm welcome when I entered our room. “Your watch wasn’t stolen after all!” she exclaimed. “I found it!” “Where?” “Under the bed. It was way back in a corner.” “How did you manage to reach it?” “I lay down flat on the floor and stretched out my arm.” And to think she was already sick at the time.... She might have been the Superior General but she was first of all “my” Prima Maestra.

From 1954-1961, whenever Prima Maestra was at home, she would gather the perpetual professed sisters together for a conference after the second Mass on Sunday. The purpose of these encounters was to provide us with a little formation and she usually took her point of departure from the Sunday epistle, focusing in particular on the virtue of charity.

She would begin: “As St. Paul says...” or “St. Paul recommends...” making his letters her specific point of reference. Prima Maestra was not a biblical scholar but through her voice the words of Paul penetrated our hearts

and laid bare all our vices contrary to love: impatience, jealousy, envy, hot temper, selfishness, pride, a lack of respect.... And with authority and maternal understanding she would sound the joyous notes of the *Hymn to Love*: “Love is patient and kind; it is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Co. 13:4-7).

One Sunday, after one of these conferences (which were significant moments in the spiritual formation carried out by Prima Maestra), I paused on the first floor landing of the stairway in the Divine Providence building and stood looking out the window, absorbed in thought. But the stairway is narrow and soon someone else came down the steps, finding them blocked. It was Maestra Ignazia. When she saw me, she asked, “What are you doing here?” “I’m thinking about what Prima Maestra said. Her words struck me profoundly.” “Do you know why her words have that effect?” Maestra Ignazia asked. “Because she is always united to the Lord. She is in deep communion with him. Everybody sees this. Everybody comments on it.”

Sr. Lorenzina Guidetti, fsp

Calendar of the General Government			
22 Sept. - 3 Nov.	United States	Fraternal Visit and formation session for new gov't	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan Sr. Anna Caiazza Sr. Samuela Gironi Sr. M. Lucia Kim Sr. Shalimar Rubia Sr. Gabriella Santon
30 Sept. - 5 Oct.	Madagascar	Formation Meeting Africa-Madagascar	Sr. Karen M. Anderson Sr. Clarice Wisniewski
5-12 October	Congo	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Gabriella Santon
7-11 October	Southern Africa	Formation session for new gov't	Sr. Karen M. Anderson Sr. Clarice Wisniewski
3-6 November	Quebec, Canada	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
3-7 November	Bogota, Colombia	SAL Assembly	Sr. Anna Caiazza Sr. M. Lucia Kim
23-25 November	Ariccia, Italy	Fr. Alberione Congress	General Government
27 November	Vatican	PF Audience with the Holy Father	General Government

**FROM THE AZORES
TO CALIFORNIA...
WHERE GOD FOUND ME**



A small island in the immensity of the Atlantic Ocean, a piece of land merely 67 square miles, a speck on a map; unbelievably, this is where God placed me to call me to himself among the Daughters of St. Paul. It seems that the words of Isaiah were meant just for me: "Listen to me, o islands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me" (Is 49:1).

I was born in the city of Horta, on the Island of Faial, in the Archipelago of the Azores, which belongs to Portugal; here my parents introduced me to the life of faith through Baptism.

In 1956 a volcano erupted on the northern part of our island, covering the nearby village with lava and sand and displacing its inhabitants. As a result, many people immigrated to the United States, among them my grandparents and other relatives, who settled in California. A little later they were joined by my parents and their five children, ranging in age from 13 to 2 years old (Germana, Armanda, Grace, John, and Maria).

We exchanged the Azores Islands—a place of little land and a lot of sea, for California—a land of wide spaces and sunny skies. Once in the USA, we amalgamated quickly into our new country. Both of my parents worked hard to support our family.

MY VOCATION

I remember well the Saturday afternoon when I "met" the Daughters of St. Paul. I was washing dishes after lunch while listening to the radio when I heard a brief program in which a Daughter of St. Paul spoke about reli-

gious life. At the end of her talk, the Sister invited young women to come to the convent the following day for a retreat.

I had no intention of becoming a nun, but something about the Sister's voice and her message intrigued me. The next day, my mother accompanied my sister Armanda and me to the convent. While waiting for us, my mother prayed in the Sisters' chapel....

For me, the following months were marked by confusion and inner struggle: on the one hand I felt a deep love for God and the things of God, but on the other hand, I had other ideas about my future: I wanted to finish my education, have a family, learn new languages and travel. Encouraged by my mother, I haltingly made the decision to enter the postulancy, and try for a year, to see if "I would like" religious life. I was 16 years old.

That "year" has never ended, and today, after 44 years as a Daughter of St. Paul, I can say with conviction that Jesus Master offered me the gift of the Pauline vocation. He has remained with me, walked with me, and allowed me to experience the joy of living this great adventure!

**FORMATION AND YEARS
OF INTENSE ACTIVITY**



During my initial formation I followed the prescribed program of studies and worked in the technical apostolate. Since I was young and tall, it was thought that I could work in

the bindery and run the folding machine; but soon my lack of mechanical ability and practicality proved me incompetent for that task, and I was moved to the typesetting and proofreading department. It was wonderful to be able to type and read so many books!

During the first years of formation, I also loved to read the lives of Fr. Alberione and Prima Maestra Thecla and all our own "saints." Everything I learned filled my heart with a sense of joy and serenity. The teenager that had doubted whether she would find religious life appealing was slowly being courted and "captured" by the beauty of our charism. And this appreciation for our spirituality and mission, sown richly in the soil of my young heart, has remained with me throughout my life, together with the desire to share it with others. It has been a tremendous gift!

At age twenty-eight, I was asked to become the formator for our pre-postulants. Four years later, I was sent to study psychology at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Returning to the United States, I became the formator for the novices and then for the Junior professed. These years were followed by two terms as provincial superior. When this service ended, I was given the gift of a year of renewal and theological updating.

A NEW SEASON OF LIFE

Just as I was ready to begin a new phase of Pauline life, in which I would be more directly involved in the apostolate, I had to care for my mother at home, during the last three years of her life. After she died I discovered that I had breast cancer. Rather than resume the apostolate, now I would experience the vulnerability of sickness. The treatment consisted in a rather aggressive form of chemotherapy for one year, plus radiation. During this time, I learned many lessons, above all that life is both fragile and precious.

In the post-treatment phase of my medical journey, I was full of optimism and energy. I finally would fulfill the dream of being stationed in one of our branch communities to work in the diffusion apostolate. I loved working in the bookcenter and going for parish exhibits, and to be in contact with people, hear their stories and share the Good News with them. I think of our centers as bringing Christ to the marketplace, right where the people are! My sister Armanda, who is also



a Daughter of St. Paul, loves the bookcenter apostolate and she is quite gifted in this area. I am very proud of her, and all she has been able to accomplish in our Congregation.

As for me, life had settled into a good pace, and I was very happy. But it did not last long.... I received a phone call from the Superior General inviting me to move to Rome and work in the International Secretariat for Formation and Studies (SIF). This act of obedience was not easy because it meant leaving the United States province, my new community and an apostolate that I genuinely enjoyed, at a time when my health was still precarious. But with time, the struggle of acceptance has reaped many blessings. The Generalate community has provided welcome, an atmosphere of fervent prayer, sisterly companionship and examples of Pauline holiness in action. Thanks to SIF, I have the opportunity to work with the sisters participating in the Course of Preparation for Perpetual Profession, to witness their enthusiasm, and to share with them the beauty of our Pauline consecrated life.

In the end, the young teenager who wanted to study, travel, have a family and learn new languages had all her wishes fulfilled in a unique and enriching way! Through happy moments and difficult ones, I have experienced the consistent, abiding, gentle presence of the Divine Master, who has sustained me and has always offered me the kind of joy and peace that the world cannot give.

As I celebrate my 40th anniversary of profession, I can say with conviction that I have been very happy in our Congregation. These years have been a remarkable story of God's fidelity in pursuing me and sustaining me in the Pauline life. *Magnificat!*

Germana Maria Santos, fsp

FROM SOCIAL VULNERABILITY TO WIDESPREAD RELATIONSHIPS: THE CULTURE OF GIFT



People today are faced with many problems and uncertainties due to the profound changes taking place at every level of society. Waves of migrants, recurring economic crises, and the effects of globalization are leaving more and more human beings in precarious economic and social conditions that, paradoxically, are proper to a social context that promises individuals new ways of attaining self-realization.

As Ulrich Beck underscores: “We find ourselves at a fundamental turning point: one that separates the classic industrial society from today’s ‘high-risk society’—a society in which the terms *unemployment* and *poverty* are less and less applicable to a single group; indeed, they tend to be transversal phenomena linked to the individual stages of life.”¹ Consequently, people can find themselves in situations of vulnerability—some clearly evident, others less so—that are giving rise to new forms of poverty and to disadvantages that the traditional welfare system cannot remedy. This context in which “personal life stories are at risk”² is generating new ways of expressing commitment, reciprocity and solidarity: ways that begin at the grass-roots level to construct networks of mutual help or volunteer service to benefit others.

In particular, new forms of relating to others are emerging:

Going beyond individualism, a widespread way of relating to others [is emerging] that extends to various levels of society and is incorporated into the basic fabric of daily life. It does not concern a return to traditional forms of solidarity but rather a redefinition of multiple modes of participation suited to the needs, role and function of the individual with respect to the collectivity to which he/she belongs. [...] It concerns widespread relational mechanisms—acts that give rise to spontaneous forms of aggregation and

convergence with regard to problems and events that trigger collective reactions. [...] Therefore, [it concerns] many-sided relational structures that...in substance sketch out tomorrow’s architecture of communication, in which active, pro-active and socially responsible individuals feel at home.”³



The social sciences have rediscovered the time-honored “economy of gift,”⁴ in contrast to today’s “market place economy,” as a fundamental and possible alternative in social relations—one characteristic of the non-profit world and of volunteer services in particular. It concerns establishing relationship networks based on altruism, trust and mutual exchange that give rise to a mentality of gift: one of the most pressing pleas of contemporary society:

In an increasingly complex context, characterized by the strong risk of de-socialization and global isolation, the demand is becoming more acute for meaningful communication and relations in which certain words in society’s vocabulary (trust, reputation, gift, exchange, knowledge, responsibility) are reacquiring their full meaning. These “virtues” of civil society play a role in shaping the social and individual recomposition processes and influence the development of variegated ways of relating to one another....”⁵

This is the concept of supportive communication that Pope Francis is promoting first of all through his concrete behavior and then through his words and teachings.

Bruna Fregni, fsp

¹ U. Beck, *Costruire la propria vita*, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2008, pp. 61, 64.

² *Ivi.*, p. 62.

³ B. Mazza and A. Volteranni, “Reti sociali e sensemaking: per una relazionalità diffusa,” in M. Morcellini and B. Mazza (editors), *Oltre l’individualism, Comunicazione, nuovi diritti e capitale sociale*, Milan, Franco Angeli, 2008, p. 15.

⁴ Cf. the analysis of R. Scarfi in “Il dono come ricordo,” in M. Morcellini and B. Mazza (editors), *Oltre l’individualismo...*, cited above, pp. 65-70.

⁵ M. Morcellini, *Oltre l’individualismo*, *ivi.*, p. 11.

7TH INTERCHAPTER MEETING OF THE PASTORELLE SISTERS



The Pastorelle Sisters finished their 7th Interchapter Meeting on 31 August 2014. The event was held in Rome and in her concluding address, Sr. Marta Finotelli, Superior General of the Institute, reminded the participants that in his commentary on the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John Fr. Alberione insisted that “care of God’s flock” be understood as the capacity to die for souls, for the lost sheep. The final Eucharistic Liturgy, concelebrated by Fr. Silvo Sassi, ssp Superior General, and Fr. Vincenzo Marras, ssp Provincial Superior of Italy, summed up the intense experience lived by the sisters both as participants in the Interchapter and as members of the Pauline Family. Each circumscription superior received a “lamp of communion” to take back to her sisters as a sign to accompany the Congregation’s three-year journey toward its 9th General Chapter.

UNITED STATES: CENTENARY OF THE PAULINE FAMILY



To actively participate in the Centenary of the Pauline family, the USA/ESC Province held a contest which featured the diverse talents and creativity of its young women in formation. All nine of the entries submitted were excellent and inspiring. Each one did a beautiful job of showing the submitter’s personal assimilation of the charisma and love for her vocation.

Here are the three winning projects and their corresponding links:

1st Prize: Danielle Lussier (Postulant)

One Man and One Hundred Years (video):

A brief video on the life and charisma of Blessed James Alberione. After 100 years, the Pauline Family continues his mission in the Church with the same creativity and fidelity.

<http://www.daughtersofstpaul.com/Who-We-Are>

2nd Prize: Julie Turner (Postulant)

Pauline Family: Letter of St. Paul to the World (video):

A kinetic text animation presenting the mission of the Pauline family as if it were a letter written by St. Paul.

<http://daughtersofstpaul.com/Who-We-Are/Why-Paul>

3rd Prize: Chelsea Moxley-Davis (Novice)

Pauline Family Magazine:

An online digital magazine for the Pauline Family that communicates the essence of each of its Congregations and Institutes in a way that is visually pleasing and dynamic.

<http://www.pauline.org/portals/0/digital/PaulineCentenaryProject/index.html>

ITALY

Audience with Pope Francis To Celebrate the Centenary of the Pauline Family



Pope Francis will have a special audience with the Pauline Family to celebrate its Centenary of foundation. The long-awaited event will take place at noon on 27 November 2014 in the Paul VI Audience Hall, Vatican City. For this reason the official conclusion of the Centenary Year will take place on 27 November instead of 26 November, Feast of Blessed James Alberione, as previously programmed.

That afternoon, following the papal audience, a solemn Eucharistic Liturgy will be celebrated in the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary.

REMEMBERING FR. SILVIO SASSI

We want to remember Fr. Silvio Sassi, Superior General of the Society of St. Paul, who died unexpectedly on 14 September 2014, by quoting his words to the Daughters of St. Paul on the occasion of their 10th General Chapter.



Today, his words take on new meaning as a precious and encouraging consignment to us:

“I would like to repeat here what Primo Maestro said in 1918, transforming and paraphrasing his definition of the Daughter of St. Paul so as to apply it to the future: *[the FSP is] an apostle in and through communications*. Primo Maestro said that the Daughter of St. Paul is a woman who carries out the apostolate of the press. Today we would say she is an apostle not only of the press but of communications in all its forms. This apostolate naturally requires profound faith, which we Paulines (both masculine and feminine) live according to the example of the Apostle Paul. But at the same time it requires a very keen awareness of our recipients—the people we are striving to reach.

“It is almost paradoxical that the best wishes I would like to offer the Daughters of St. Paul (and also the Pauline priests and brothers) in view of the future is the hope that they will be very attentive to both the Word of God and to the unfolding times. If I were to divide this recommendation into percentiles, I would say: dedicate 50% of your efforts to remaining faithful to the Word of God, to meditation and to the commitment to becoming a saint, and the other 50% to your recipients.

“Ours is an apostolic-missionary activity—it is not a holiness lived in solitude. That means we cannot stand apart from others in the conviction that it is enough to help them through our prayers. Primo Maestro wanted our presence in the Church to be that of persons who dedicate themselves to the salvation of souls. Our recipients—the persons to whom we direct the message of salvation—are an integral part of our identity. We can’t focus solely on our own salvation or, as we continue to get older, worry only about reaching heaven ourselves. We must be concerned about helping others attain this goal. And as the years go by, we must also see to it that the Congregation’s fundamental mission remains that of the apostolate. I think that the Daughters of Paul will recapture their youth to the measure that they are very attentive to and concerned about the persons that they, as apostles, want to reach.”



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**A NETWORK OF 230 RADIO STATIONS
SERVING CHRISTIAN VALUES FOR 20 YEARS**



Red Catolica di Radio, a Brazilian Catholic Radio network, is celebrating its 20th birthday. The network, which was set up for evangelization purposes, is made up of 230 broadcasting stations

scattered around the country, with a base station in each zone. Founded in 1994, RCR is formally bound to the Catholic Church and to Christian lay radio stations that serve communities and dioceses. The network's goal in its two decades of life has been to strengthen the Church in Brazil through the united efforts of its members to keep the Gospel message alive.

***ECCLESIAM SUAM*
CELEBRATES ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**



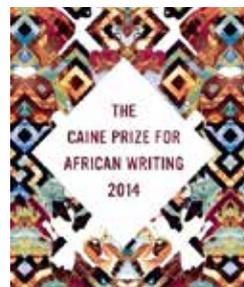
Fifty years ago (6 August 1964), Pope Paul VI signed his first encyclical, entitled *Ecclesiam Suam*. The method of evangelization indicated by the document is dialogue. In fact, as the Pope observes, it is necessary “to approach the world in which God has destined us to live with reverence, persistence and love, in an effort to get to know it and to offer it the gifts of truth and grace of which God has made us custodian. We must strive to make the world share in the divine redemption and in the hope that inspires us.” He continues: “It becomes obvious in a dialogue that there are various ways of coming to the light of faith and that it is possible to make them all converge on the same goal. However divergent these ways may be, they can often serve to complete each other. They encourage us to think along different lines. They force us to go more deeply into the subject of our investigations and to find better ways of expressing ourselves.”

The Pope underscores that, like St. Paul, we must make ourselves *all to all*. “Since the

world cannot be saved from the outside,” he says, “we must first of all identify ourselves with those to whom we would bring the Christian message—like the Word of God who himself became a man. Next we must forego all privilege and the use of unintelligible language, and adopt the way of life of ordinary people in all that is human and honorable. Indeed, we must adopt the way of life of the most humble people, if we wish to be listened to and understood. Then, before speaking, we must take great care to listen not only to what people say, but more especially to what they have it in their hearts to say. Only then will we understand them and respect them, and even, as far as possible, agree with them. Furthermore, if we want to be pastors, fathers and teachers of people, we must also behave as their brothers. Dialogue thrives on friendship, and most especially on service. All this we must remember and strive to put into practice, in accord with the example and precept of Christ.”

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

KENYAN WINS CAINE PRIZE



Memory, loss and loneliness are the themes explored in *My Father's Head*, a short story by Kenyan Okwiri Oduor that won the 2014 Caine Prize for African Writing. The award ceremony took

place on 14 July at the Bodleian Library in Oxford, England. According to the Chair of Judges, Okwiri “exercises an extraordinary amount of control” in her narrative “and yet the story is subtle, tender and moving.”

Instituted in 2000, the *Caine Prize*, Africa's leading literary award, is conferred annually for the best original short story by an African writer, whether in Africa or elsewhere, published in the English language.

**SCHOLAS.SOCIAL:
FIRST DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR EDUCATION**

Scholas.social is an online, collaborative and multi-religious platform that seeks to connect educational institutions all over the world so that by assisting one another they can transform their pedagogical projects into

reality. The new digital platform, the first of its kind, was realized by *Scholas Occurrentes*, the worldwide web of institutes for education that came into being at the urging of Pope Francis. *Scholas.social*, a kind of educational *Facebook* based on four elements (inclusion, cooperation, participation and global vision), allows schools participating in the program throughout the world to learn from one another and share the projects that they are working on. Its power lies in its possibility to motivate the “culture of encounter” with the help of technology. The platform is available in English, Spanish and Italian.

WINDOW ON COMMUNICATIONS

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MEDIA SUMMIT 3.0



In view of the upcoming visit of Pope Francis to the Philippines (15-19 January 2015), a meeting is being organized there to improve the approach to and use of the new information technologies, encouraging everyone to consider the social network as “an instrument of mission and a means to meet others.”

The idea was proposed by the Filipino Catholic Youth Movement, *Youth Pinoy*, which is dedicated to carrying out the Church’s mission online. Supported by the Episcopal Conference, the movement gave birth to the *Catholic Social Media Summit 3.0*, held from 13-14 September in the Lingayen Formation Center on the island of Luzon. More than 1,500 delegates from different countries around the world participated in the event, which aimed to promote the use of the social network not only as a means of personal interfacing but also as an instrument that fosters peace and allows people to listen to and help one another.



A BIBLE ENCYCLOPEDIA ON YOUR SMARTPHONE

Catholic Bible is a Bible encyclopedia for smartphones—a real virtual library that holds numerous editions of the Scriptures that can also be accessed off-line. One of the most complete apps of its kind, the breadth and availability of its content are astonishing: it offers as many as forty two editions of the Sacred Scriptures and the quality of its dynamic functions is exceptional. The latest updated version of the software comes with translations in 14 different languages (Italian, English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, Russian, Portuguese, Ukrainian, Swedish, Arabic, Korean, Japanese and traditional and simplified Chinese) and allows the user to purchase 7 more editions of the Catholic Bible which are not included in the standard version, using “in-app purchase.” The graphics are simple but eye-catching, it is intuitive to use and has a highly efficient indexing system, making it an ideal tool for prayer and for a truly in-depth study of the Scriptures.

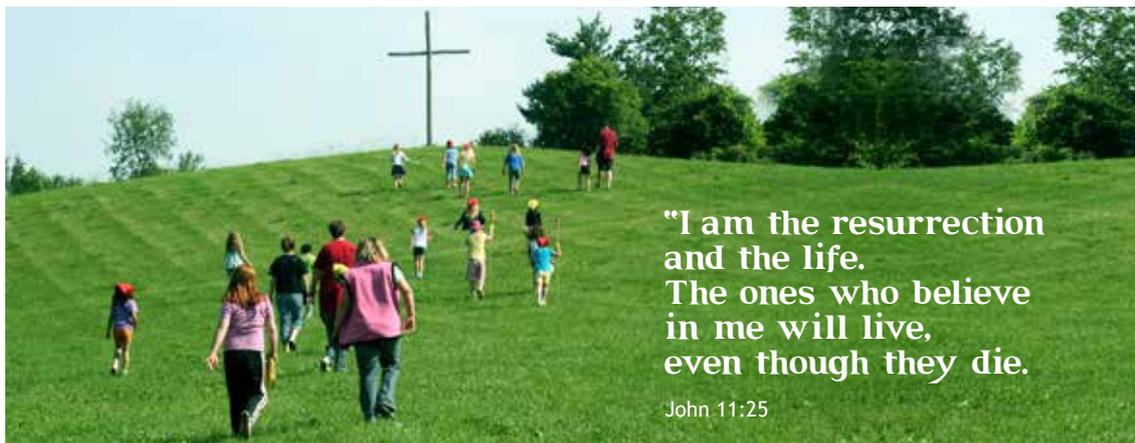
NOW AVAILABLE: MOBILE VERSION OF *INTERMIRIFICA.NET*



A mobile version of *InterMirifica.net* (popularly known as the “Yellow Pages of Catholic Media”) is now ready, making the global directory accessible to both

registered and non-registered users by any portable device with R.S. (for instance, tablets and smartphones). The initiative was launched this July by the Pontifical Council for Social Communications to facilitate communication and exchange between the different realities of the Catholic world and anyone interested in social communications.

With this mobile-friendly version, users will now be able to perform their own research with the same accuracy and precision guaranteed by the main site of *InterMirifica.net* but with greater speed. *InterMirifica.net* is an online guide that provides contacts and information about Catholic organizations, encouraging networking and online communication between individuals and Catholic institutions around the world.



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