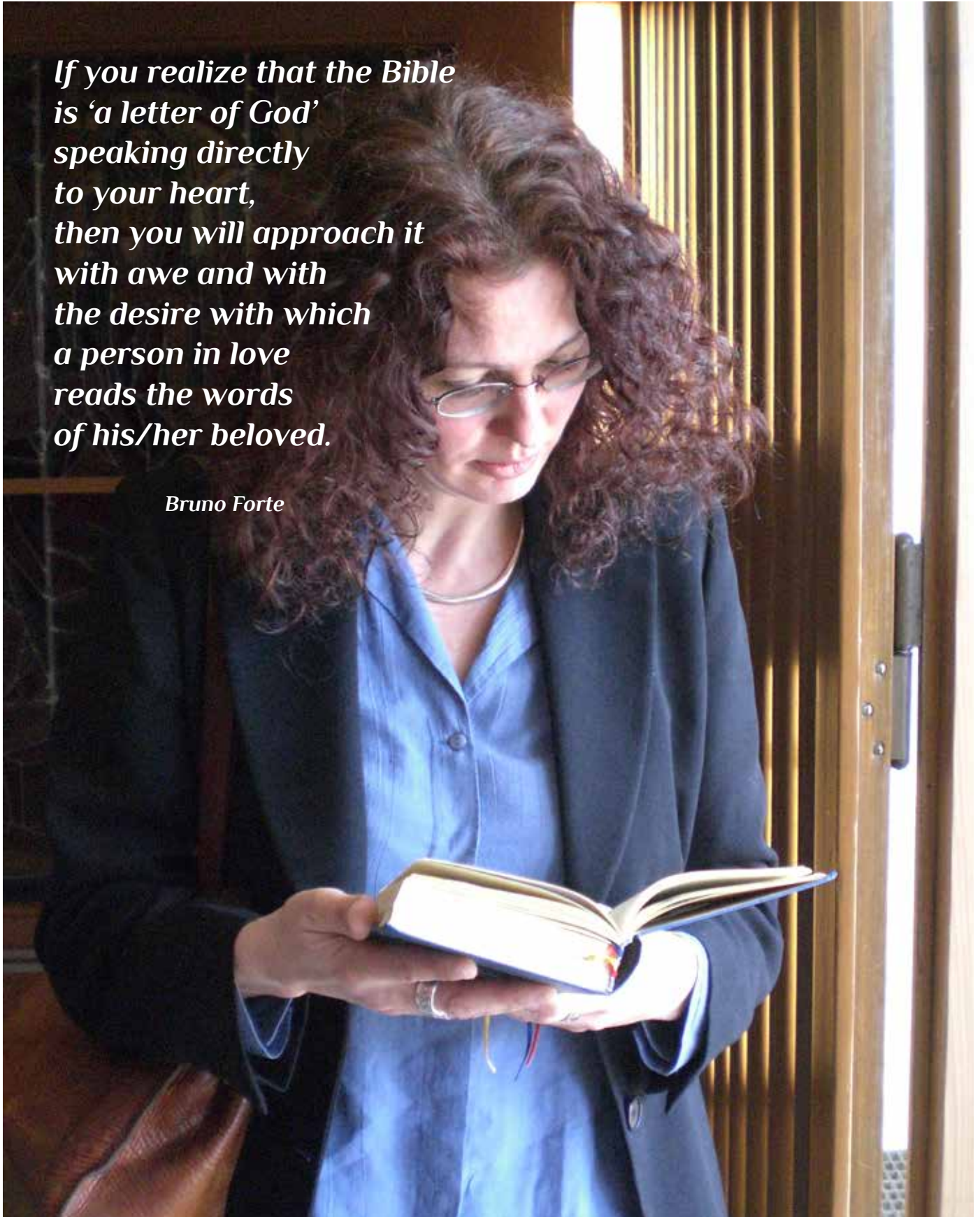


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CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

**ALL TOGETHER, LET US LIVE
THE MONTH OF THE WORD**



Dearest Sisters,

As we prepare to live the “Month of the Word” this September, welcoming with profound satisfaction the desire of Pope Francis and the directives of the Superiors General of the PF, let us ask ourselves what place the Word of God holds

in our life, given the fact that we are *apostles of the Word*. How can we assimilate this immense treasure? How can we “speak the words of God,” communicate his thought and become *living Gospels*, thus concretizing the Pauline expression inscribed on the emblem of our Congregation?

In a pastoral letter he wrote several years ago, Bruno Forte, an Italian bishop and theologian, said: “If you realize that the Bible is ‘a letter of God’ speaking directly to your heart, then you will approach it with awe and with the desire with which a person in love reads the words of his/her beloved.”

Our heart thrills when we reflect on “the great treasure that the Lord willed to grant the Pauline Family: the diffusion of the Gospel” (cf. AD 136). And we are deeply moved by what the Founder has to say about the universal dimension of our mission: “Like the Master, the apostle must spread the divine Word in cities and rural areas—reaching even the most remote homes. He/she must climb mountains and cross oceans to make contact with every person and ‘give light to all’ (Mt. 5:15)” (UPS, p. 447, AE, p. 294).

This light that we are called to bring to others must first of all illuminate our own lives, making us communicators of the joy of God’s Presence. Andrew Riccardi, founder of the St. Egidio Community, once commented that in the Pauline charism there is a profound connection between a heart that listens to the Word of God and a passionate, missionary heart that communicates this Word to others.

I think the testimony of Sr. Lorenzina Guidetti about Maestra Thecla’s love for the Word is very significant in this regard:

“I still remember those first years in Rome when we had just one printing press,” she said. “We used it to print the Gospel. And when the last sheet rolled off the press, Maestra Thecla picked it up and kissed it. Today, Pope Francis insists that we should

carry a bit of the Gospel on ourselves. Prima Maestra did this: not a miniature, printed Gospel, but bits of Bible signatures stitched together...”

May the Holy Spirit reinforce in us the special sensitivity to the Word and the missionary audacity contained in the DNA of our charism so as to help us understand how important it is to study, listen to and contemplate the Word, progressively assimilate it and transform it into a “communication of life” in contemporary society.

May the Spirit also reinvigorate in us the *creativity of love* in order that we might disseminate the sublime treasure of the Gospel throughout the world and discover afresh the timeliness of our charism. In fact, “We must always preach the Word of God because there are always souls to be saved. The instruments might change but our duty to preach always remains” (FSP47, p. 466).



Fr. Alberione’s concern was very clear: “Give the Bible!” he urged. “It is the heart of the Pauline apostolate” (CISP 903). Elsewhere, he said with deep emotion: “God sends us out for this purpose.... Do all those millions of souls weigh on us?” (FSP-SdC, p. 300) To this we can add the repeated solicitations of Pope Francis to be alert to what is happening around us: “At our door people are starving! Jesus does not tire of saying to us: ‘Give them something to eat!’ (Mk. 6:37)” (EG 49).

Like Mary, let us be women who are *fecund with God, who travel the world bearing the Word* (Origen), bearing the One who bears us: the Life within our life. Let us be genuine “bearers of Christ, living and active members of the Church,” apostles called to offer everyone *the charity of the truth*.

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

BRAZIL

BLESSING OF THE NEW SALVADOR BOOK CENTER



The FSPs recently inaugurated their newly-renovated book center in São Salvador, capital of the State of Bahia, where the Congregation has been present for 63 years. “Everything is the work of God and we say a big thanks to him!” they write. This was the sentiment that marked the event, celebrated by our sisters with renewed missionary zeal. The day was characterized by encounters on the themes of education, health, communications, catechetics, spirituality and reading for children and teens.

Fr. James Alberione always said that an FSP book center is a *center of light* and the Archbishop of São Salvador, Murilo Krieger, reaffirmed this as he blessed all the locales destined for religious and cultural animation and prayer, declaring that the new Salvador Center is a *well from which to draw living water*.

In the name of the whole circumscription, Sr. M. Antonieta Bruscato, provincial superior, thanked all the FSPs who contributed and continue to contribute to shaping the marvelous story of this local community, and in a special way she thanked God for allowing the province to complete this renovation project in spite of the fact that the country is going through a period of severe economic recession.

MEETING FOR FSP BOOK CENTER MANAGERS



The Province’s annual meeting for its book center managers and supervisors recently took place in Città Regina, Sao Paulo. The event, which was marked by reflection and analysis of the current state of our book centers, culminated in the drafting of a plan of action for 2017-2019. Everything unfolded in an amicable atmosphere in which the participants shared their ideas concerning the challenges they are facing and their hopes for the future.

Guided by Sr. Joan T. Puntel, fsp, the group reflected on the theme, *Openness to New Paradigms for a Correct Pauline Evangelization*.

Sr. Maria Antonieta Bruscato, provincial superior, underscored the importance of communication, communion and co-responsibility, saying that these values should guide our book center staffs in their daily work.

The meeting ended with the proposal of seven “secrets of success” for the book center apostolate:

- to think globally and act locally;
- to act responsibly and ethically;
- to be hospitable toward every client;
- to offer clients assistance;
- to be familiar with our publications;
- to know and give preference to our Pauline products.

The encounter concluded with a Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Fr. Zezinho, scj, who urged our sisters to continue the Pauline book center’s mission of evangelization with steadfastness, courage and wisdom.

INDIA

FSPs RELEASE eBook AND eMUSIC APP



On 6 May 2017, the Daughters of St. Paul launched their *eBook* and *eMusic Mobile Applications* in their local parish church in the presence of the parishioners who attended the Holy Eucharist.

Everyone was very appreciative of the venture and spoke well of the FSPs and their efforts to reach as many people as possible through their activities in the field of communication, especially the new media.

The Apps can be downloaded from Google PlayStore. They have a beautiful and easy-to-use framework. Once you sign up and Login once and for all, whenever you open the app, you go straight to the books or music. Those interested in books can read a free sample of the first few pages of a book before buying it, while those interested in music can enjoy a 30-second free sample before making their purchase.

Search: *Pauline India* and *Pauline Music*.

ITALY

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LIFE!



With full hearts, we want to thank the Lord for the 100 years of life he has granted to Sr. Anna Maria Dal Pra' and Sr. Vincenza Salva' of our Alba and Albano/TM communities respectively. When a person "cuts the ribbon" of a century of life, the major part of it dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel, it is a reason for the whole Congregation to joyfully praise the Lord.

The FSPs of both our Alba and Albano communities enthusiastically participated in the festivities organized to celebrate the birthdays of these sisters, joined by several of the Institute's superiors, as well many relatives and friends. Everyone thanked the

Lord for Sr. Anna Maria and Sr. Vincenza's unconditional self-donation to God, for their simple and humble fidelity to him, and for their steadfast service of the Congregation over so many decades.

PREVIEW OF *THE MESSIAH*, A ROCK MUSICAL



On 15 June, the Daughters of St. Paul celebrated the birthday of their Institute by hosting a preview of their latest rock musical, *The Messiah*, performed in the large square facing the Queen of Apostles Basilica, Rome. The Province's newest musical production, which closes the trilogy on Jesus of Nazareth, presents the main stages of the public life of Jesus, from his baptism in the Jordan to his last supper with his apostles. The evening performance reunited in Rome the main actors of the drama with the theater company that is staging it. Present for the occasion were Daniele Ricci (the author of the musical), Gregorio Puccio (its artistic director) and Livia Sabatti, fsp, who is in charge of the audiovisual sector of FSP Productions, Italy.

On stage, singers lending their voices to the personages in the drama alternated with actor Angelo Blasetti, who read different excerpts from the script, and the Arena Artis dancers from Chioggia, who offered the audience a preview of their performance in the musical.

This latest FSP initiative is a new way of preaching the Good News to the whole world, using the modern instruments of communication.

MALAWI

FROM A CONTAINER TO A NEW FSP CENTER

Our sisters in Malawi began the Pauline apostolate in this country by opening a small book center in an unused freight container. Today, thanks to the help of many collabora-



tors, the small seed they planted has been transformed into an FSP Book Center (formerly the Old Montfort Bookshop), located in the heart of Lilongwe. This transformation was a miracle of commitment and solidarity. The FSPs sincerely thank the diocese of Vicenza, Italy for having collaborated with the Pauline mission by donating books for Malawi's two seminaries—a gesture deeply appreciated by the seminarians, who aspire to become true ministers of the Word and generous pastoral workers. May God bless the FSPs in Malawi, their apostolic activities and all the people who support them.

MOZAMBIQUE

THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE BAPTIZED



During Holy week, the Daughters of St. Paul participated with great intensity in the preparation for baptism of numerous catechumens in their diocese and surrounding ones. The Word of God was the most popular gift chosen for the newly baptized, with many people standing in line outside our Maputo book center, patiently waiting their turn to enter the crowded store to make their selections.

The local TV station filmed the event and interviewed Sr. Ines Pissinin concerning the meaning of this act. *The African Bible*, published by the FSPs in Portuguese, gave our sisters the chance to offer their Mozambican brethren the sacred text in their own language in the hope that it will foster their growth and

also spread peace in these difficult times, filled with uncertainty for many people.

UNITED STATES

OUR LADY OF APARECIDA CENTER OF PAULINE FORMATION



Our U.S. Province's new Center for the Brazilian Apostolate is beginning to work well and in the last few months several initiatives have been held there.

The first and very well-attended event, which took place in October 2016, was a catechetical formation encounter that featured guest speaker Dom Leomar Brustolin, Auxiliary Bishop of Porto Alegre, Brazil, who is the author of a catechetical series and also books on formation printed by our sisters in Brazil. A second event took place in November to celebrate the Brazilian Congress for the Family. A third was held in December with the Holy Family Institute. And the fourth and largest gathering was the celebration of International Women's Day. Almost 400 women attended this all-day event, which featured several speakers, including Sr. Roseane do Socorro Gomes Barbosa, fsp, the author of a book on the virtues of Mary, who gave a talk on the Blessed Mother.

Our sisters ask for prayers for their apostolic activities among the Brazilians and other Portuguese-speakers in the United States. They say that this initiative, which started from "Bethlehem," is still young but holds great promise!

CANADA

SIGNIS WORLD CONGRESS 2017



From 19-22 June 2017, the Signis World Congress took place in Quebec City, Canada on the theme: *Promoting Stories of Hope*. The days were marked by numerous plenary sessions and workshops attended by more than 300 professional Catholic communicators, including three Daughters of St. Paul. The participants listened to the stimulating input and then shared ideas concerning subjects related to the world of communications. Sr. Rose William Pacatte, fsp, from our U.S./ESC Province, served as moderator for two different panel discussions. The following day, at the Gabriel Awards ceremony, she received the Personal Achievement Award in Media from the Catholic Academy of Radio and Television (the most prestigious award of the evening!) and on the last night of the gathering she received the Catholic Press Association's award for Best Regular Column for Culture and the Arts in the *National Catholic Reporter Magazine*.

Pauline communicators are called to be heralds of hope in the midst of a culture of death. This thought was highlighted in the welcome address of Sister Noemi Vinoya, FSP Provincial Superior, during the 9th Media Assembly held at the Paulines Communication Center, Pasay City.

Attended by Daughters of St. Paul working in various areas of communications, the Assembly revolved around the same theme as World Communications Day: *Fear Not, for I am with you (Is. 43:5): Communicating Hope and Trust in Our Time*.

In her talk, Sr. Pinky Barrientos, fsp, proceeded underscored four key points of the papal Message: (1) to engage in constructive forms of communication and foster a culture of encounter; (2) to never allow apathy or pessimism to overcome us because of all the bad news we hear; (3) to "read" reality through the right lens by focusing on the good news; and (4) to be witnesses and communicators of a new humanity, redeemed through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Another speaker, Fr. Khris Llacer, ssp, then sketched out the spirituality of the Pauline communicator, focusing on three of its characteristics, namely: sensitivity to the needs of the people; creativity in presenting the Good News in an appealing way, and fidelity to searching for God alongside everyone else.

The Media Assembly was capped off by workshops conducted on the production of social media content for evangelization, especially short video clips that can be shared on the Province's YouTube channel: Paulines Multimedia PMPT.

PHILIPPINES

CALLED TO BE HERALDS OF HOPE



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06-31 July	Colombia	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan Sr. Karen M. Anderson Sr. Clarice Wisniewski
1-4 August	Buenos Aires	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
23-31 July	Seoul, Korea	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Samuela Gironi Sr. M. Lucia Kim
20 August-20 September	St. Paul House, Rome	Month-long course of spiritual exercises	Sr. Samuela Gironi
10 September - 17 October	Brazil	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan Sr. Karen Anderson Sr. Anna Caiazza Sr. M. Lucia Kim
23-30 September	Lahore, Pakistan	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Shalimar Rubia Sr. Clarice Wisniewski

PAULINE FAMILY CHARISM COURSE 2016-2017

The Pauline Family Charism Course 2016-2017 concluded at the end of May with the presentation of the Projects of the participants, who have now returned to their own countries. The students, from various branches of the PF, numbered 17: 1 priest of the SSP, 8 Daughters of St. Paul, 6 Pious Disciples, 1 Good Shepherd Sister, and 1 Annunciationist.

Below is a brief presentation of the Projects of the 8 Daughters of St. Paul, which were drawn up after the sisters had made a synthesis of the material studied during the year.

The initiatives of the students are meant to concretely apply the fruits of the Charism Course to their Pauline life and apostolate.



SR. M. LOURDES BAGALAY, PHILIPPINES

THE PAULINE LIFE: A CALL TO INTEGRALITY IN CHRIST



Convinced that integrality is an essential element of the Pauline charism and life, Sr. M. Lourdes views her experience as a student this year as a call to integrality in Christ through:

- study and reflection on the genesis of the Pauline charism;
- a balanced living of the “four wheels” of the Pauline cart so as to be transformed in Christ;
- a personal project of life that favors the cultivation of integrality in one’s daily life.

Her Project, which is directed in a particular way to the Juniors of her Province, will

include several conferences and sessions to share ideas with them.

SR. BIBIANAH DUNZIA, MALAYSIA

BLESSED JAMES ALBERIONE: A MODEL FOR YOUTH



Drawing inspiration from the young Alberione’s diary (*I Was Created To Love God*), Sr. Bibianah’s Project wants to reawaken in the hearts of students and pastoral workers in the Kuala Lumpur Diocese the desire to follow the same

human, Christian and Pauline values that the Founder did, first as a young man and then as an apostle of communications.

To promote this, she plans to hold several meetings prior to the Feast of Blessed James Alberione in November. In line with

her Project, these encounters will be carried out according to the Way, Truth, Life Method and will also include times for sharing and fraternal get-togethers.

SR. MARIA TERESA GAJARDO, CHILE
“REMEMBER YOUR ROOTS”: A CLOSER LOOK
AT JAMES ALBERIONE



Sr. Maria Teresa thinks it is very important to share what she learned during the Charism Course about Fr. Alberione’s role as the father of the Pauline Family. She plans to organize an encounter with the Pauline Family in San-

tiago, Chile to present his life and gift to the PF—the testimony of a person who allowed himself to be led by the Spirit so as to do the will of God.

According to Sr. Maria Teresa, Alberione’s witness of life as a person, Christian, priest and Founder can teach us how to live as genuine Paulines. Fr. Alberione developed his whole personality in order to correspond to the Pauline vocation and charism integrally, to the point that he became a mystic in daily life. And God used his trust and sense of unworthiness to initiate an important charism in the Church.

SR. REBECCA MARIE HOFFART,
UNITED STATES

THE FORMATION OF THE PAULINE APOSTLE



Sr. Rebecca wants to incorporate a study of *Donec Formetur* into her province’s novitiate program. With this in mind, she intends to develop her Project in two stages.

In the first year of novitiate, attention will focus on *Jesus Truth*, so that the novices can take on and make their own the mind of Christ. Sanctification of the mind is essential to the process of transformation into Christ. If the novice’s mind is filled with Christ and his Word, then her will and heart have a sure guide to follow and

she can be conformed to Jesus Master more quickly and easily.

In the second year of the novitiate, attention will focus on *Jesus Way* and thus promote sanctification of the will. Sr. Rebecca lists several instruments that can help the novices sanctify their will, such as a deeper study of various parts of DF and other texts (for example, *The Apostolate of the Press*), a deeper study of the theme of Pauline mysticism, and the invaluable tool of personal accompaniment.

During their 5-month apostolic experience in local communities, the novices will be called to live the demands of the Pauline life more intensively. Their growing adhesion to Christ will help them to lovingly integrate the joys, sufferings, problems and challenges they encounter. Returning home to prepare for their first profession, their attention will be directed to *Jesus Life* and how to lovingly unite themselves to him.

SR. AERAN MARI TERESA KIM, KOREA
I WAS CREATED TO LOVE GOD



Sr. Aeran Mari Teresa’s Project is to translate into Korean the diary of young James Alberione (*I Was Created To Love God*) so that the sisters of her province will better understand the Founder’s personality, formation and

spiritual experience. Her Project emphasizes the theme of God’s love and the response of love we should offer him in return.

Consequently, its purpose is:

- to encourage deeper reflection on the meaning of God’s love in our daily lives and to concretize it in our communities;
- to propose this love to young people seeking the will of God through the vocational discernment process;
- to make our Founder and the Pauline vocation known to more people.

Sr. Aeran hopes to develop this theme by drawing on other works of Fr. Alberione, focusing in particular on his spirit of prayer and his method for achieving integrality in Christ. She foresees undertaking other translation

initiatives in the future, as well as various forms of animation.

SR. SALOME KIPOUNAMAI, INDIA
WOMEN YESTERDAY AND TODAY



In studying the text *Woman Associated to Priestly Zeal*, Sr. Salome realized that Fr. Alberione possessed a special intuition concerning the specific vocation and mission of woman in the Church. Reflecting more deeply

on the fact that four of the five religious Institutes in the Pauline Family are feminine convinced her that the Founder had great trust in woman and her mission. In fact, he gave the Pauline Family Mary as the highest example and model of the apostolate of living Christ Jesus and giving him to the world.

By means of her Project, Sr. Salome wants to help our Institute's young women in formation come to a better grasp of the importance of woman's role in society, her dignity and her identity as an apostle, in view of developing the gifts characteristic of the Pauline charism.

SR. IRSHAD MAQSOOD, PAKISTAN
ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, BLESSED JAMES ALBERIONE AND THE PAULINE COOPERATORS



In this year in which the Pauline Family is celebrating the Centenary of the Pauline Cooperators, Sr. Irshad wants to present this branch of the "Pauline Tree"—still unknown in Pakistan—to the people of her country so as to help this Association take root there. Consequently, the purpose of her Project is to explain to them Fr. Alberione's vision of the laity in the Church and to demonstrate how he transformed his vision into the reality we know as the Pauline Cooperators.

She plans to hold a series of meetings with the members of her delegation, in the conviction that we are called to transmit the Pauline charism by living it in its totality and

inviting the laity to do the same. In this way our charism will be vibrant and dynamic because it is rooted in concrete persons who live it in a meaningful way. It is only in this way that the laity will be inspired to live it together with us.

SR. AGDA MARIA SANTANA DE FRANÇA, BRAZIL
PAUL AND ALBERIONE: A HERITAGE TO MAKE OUR OWN



Fr. Alberione considered St. Paul to be the founder, father and model of the Pauline Family and he insisted that each of us must be *Paul alive today*. But, Sr. Agda asked herself, what was it about Paul that attracted

our Founder so powerfully that he placed all his foundations under the Apostle's protection? This question ignited in her the desire to study the Paul-Alberione relationship more deeply and inspired her to create a Project that would rouse the curiosity of others and open their minds and hearts to the Pauline spirit. The result was a formation booklet that can be used on the personal and/or community levels.

The booklet is divided into 4 chapters: *Transforming Encounters; Living as Apostles; In View of a Mission; Proclaiming Jesus Christ*. The formation aid, which is directed above all to FSP candidates, also offers various initiatives to be implemented.

ARE YOU ALL WALKING THE PATH TO HOLINESS?

The Lord is inviting us to climb to the heights of holiness. He has called us to the apostolic life, which is the most precious and beautiful life—the same one that Jesus and the Apostles lived. To live the apostolic life, that is to say: to become saints ourselves and work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

(T. Merlo, *To the Daughters of St. Paul*)

BETHLEHEM: MEETING THE WORD IN SILENCE



After stopping in Ain Karem, the Word of God moves on to Bethlehem. The Old Testament mentions two places that bear this name.

One is in northern Palestine—in Galilee, to be precise, not far from Nazareth. Sprawling over a wooded hill, it is one of the 12 towns assigned by Joshua to the tribe of Zebulun (cf. Jos. 19:15), but we know nothing else about it.

The other Bethlehem, remembered as the “City of David,” is located in Judea, southern Palestine, just a few miles from Jerusalem. It stands about 775 meters above sea level and covers two hills of the Judean mountain range. Its rolling, terraced slopes are covered with vineyards, as well as fig, almond, pomegranate and olive trees. In ancient times, it was inhabited by the Canaanites, who called it *Beit Lachama* (House of Lachama) after a pagan divinity whose name means “God of war,” but the phrase can also be translated as “God of nourishment.” Today the Arabs call Bethlehem *Beit-Lahm*, “House of Flesh,” because of the numerous animal herds raised there. In the Hebrew Bible, the Canaanite name became *Bêit-Lehem*, that is, House of Bread. But tradition also preserves the term “House of War,” most probably an echo of the history of the zone, where war was endemic and one had to go to battle to obtain bread. To understand the meaning of all this, let us try to put together the three words handed down to us by the life and history of the Bethlehemites: “God, flesh, bread.” These words can help make us receptive to the Mystery that became Light in this locality: “The Word, who was *God*, became *flesh* and then *bread* that is broken to satisfy the hunger of every person” (cf. Jn. 1; Mt. 4; Lk. 24).

Pilgrims of truth discover that Bethlehem is, in a certain sense, a “map” that discloses the exact location of an unknown mine, a hidden treasure, a secret of immense value. In Bethlehem, the treasure for everyone is Jesus, whom we meet through Mary. In her, God visits his people to end the war for bread: “One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” (Mt. 4:4). To “live by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God” means to take concrete steps to enter the desert of our heart and mind, where the essence of our being reigns in silence.

What is silence? It is a “burning bush”—a place where we meet God: “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him” (Ps. 37:7). In Hebrew, “to remain in silence” or “to dwell in silence” is translated by the verb *dāmam*, which

describes the fundamental attitude we must adopt in God’s presence. This Semitic word is replete with significance. It means to refrain from speaking, to remain still, to be soundless, to be quiet and calm, to stop and rest, to listen, to remain tranquil, to surrender oneself gently. In silence, it becomes possible to listen and understand with greater clarity, allowing both parties (Other/other) to express themselves in a mutual self-revelation that is ever more human and divine. The light of silence helps us to reconnect the splintered pieces of our life in a therapeutic way. It also helps us discover the golden thread linking together different events that at first glance might seem isolated, without continuity or meaningless.

Mary remained before God in silence and Dietrich Bonhoeffer says that it was a silence concentrated on listening. Only silence opens a heart to the creative Word that “calls into being what does not exist” (Rm. 4:17). Without silence, words and the Word lose their content, life-giving lymph and power. Mary knew this and consequently chose to remain in contemplative silence so as to hear the Word in the words addressed to her, so as to grasp the presence of God in her daily life. Mary listened to the words of the angel in Nazareth and to the prophetic greeting of Elizabeth in Ain Karem. She listened to the account of the shepherds in Bethlehem, to the prophecy of Simeon, to the praise of the elderly Anna and to the mysterious words of her 12-year-old son in Jerusalem. She listened to the “hour” of her Son in Cana and to his total self-offering in love on Calvary. And on Holy Saturday, the Virgin of silence kept the lamp of the Word lit—the Word that illuminated her steps and proclaimed the light of Easter.

And what of you, Bethlehem, small and humble City of Bread? In you the Word continues to recount the eternal love of God and his ever-new encounters with humanity.

Bethlehem, the place of God’s choices, big and small, to you we sing our hymn of praise today:

*House of Ephrath, holy city,
glory of the prophets,
prepare the house
in which our God will be born.
Rejoice, Bethlehem,
queen of the cities of Judah,
because from you will come
the Shepherd who will bring us joy.
Prepare yourself, Bethlehem:
the Virgin will give birth to the One who,
before the dawn of time,
shone in the breast of the Father.*

(From the Greek Byzantine Liturgy)

Francesca Pratillo, fsp

MY MOST BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES OF PRIMA MAESTRA THECLA



I entered the Congregation in 1955, when I was 20 years old. As an aspirant, I initially thought that Maestra Thecla was just one sister among many. But then one of my companions told me that she was the Co-Foundress of the Institute so I began to watch her more attentively but from afar because I

was very shy and now considered her to be a person too important for me to approach.

The strongest impression she made on me was the attitude she radiated while at prayer in the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary, Rome. Her posture and air of recollection told me that she was totally focused on God and I remember thinking that the Founder had been very wise when he chose her to collaborate with him in founding our Congregation. Observing her at prayer, it seemed to me that she was truly a "soul of God." She was kneeling but no part of her body touched the pew in front of her. I promptly took her as a role model, saying to myself: "If she, the one who guides us, behaves like this, then I want to be like her! But will I ever be as holy as she is?"

When Maestra Thecla gave us conferences on Sunday, she would share her thoughts with us with great conviction. Her talks were not long but they were very practical and always applied to our daily life. She spoke forcefully and clearly, insisting that we must be firmly rooted in our spirituality and not water it down with lines of thought that happened to be currently in fashion.

Maestra Thecla traveled a lot to visit our sisters in other countries. When she returned to Rome, she would tell us about the places she had visited, her impressions of the local people, and her experiences with the sisters. The things she said made us appreciate the beauty and challenges of our vocation and fired us with a great yearning to go to the missions. What is more, she shared her thoughts and gave us advice in a cheerful way: we all looked forward to those encounters because she always enlivened them with many stories and humorous anecdotes.

Another thing about Maestra Thecla that deeply impressed me was her spirit of service. More than once I saw her in the kitchen peeling potatoes, washing dishes and participating in clean-up duties right along with the other sisters. I was so curious to see how she acted in "ordinary life" that I would sometimes slip away from the other postulants right after the midday meal and run to the Generalate house [located in the same Via Antonino Pio compound] to see if I could catch a glimpse of her so as to see what she was doing and how she was doing it.

One of the few times I spoke personally to Maestra Thecla was when she asked me to help the

Sister-sacristan in the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary. She said: "I like the way you approach the altar and perform various cleaning duties. It is clear to see that you understand the importance of the Liturgy." It made me very happy to realize she had noticed me!

As first profession drew near, Maestra Thecla called the novices one by one and spoke with each of us personally. During my postulancy, I had been sent to Reggio Calabria for a period of apostolic experience. I enjoyed my time there because the sisters were very kind to me and let me know that they appreciated my help. However, Maestra Nazarena, our novice mistress, told me very clearly that I would not be returning to that community after my profession and that I had to detach my heart from it. So I was very surprised when, in speaking with Maestra Thecla in preparation for my profession, she said: "I am sending you back to Reggio Calabria because the sisters there asked for your help in the book center."

Because my father was a railway employee, I was able to travel by train free of charge. In the Italian Province, sisters with this benefit were jokingly called "Daughters of the trains." As a result, I spent a lot of time on trains during my initial formation, taking packages of books and other items to sisters in different cities. I would set out early in the morning and, along my route, deliver the appropriate packages to the sisters who had come to the station to meet the train. Then I would re-board and continue on to the next stop on my list. I remember in particular the trips I made when our magazine *Così* was launched: how many times I went to the Bari and Taranto train stations, leaving packages containing hundreds of magazines at each stop.... And how many trips I also made to Salerno and Naples with packages of our catechisms!

These trips involved a lot of running on my part: I had to catch the train, switch to other trains along the way, deliver the packages on time.... At the end of a long and exhausting day, I would head back home on the first train available, often arriving late at night. During my year of novitiate, I remember that I returned home from one of these trips more tired than usual. It was Christmas and that night I fainted during Midnight Mass, scaring my novice mistress and her assistant, who immediately took me to Albano. The doctor there said that I had somehow contracted typhoid fever and he hospitalized me. I was under medical care for 3 weeks and this made me very anxious because I wondered if I would be allowed to make my profession. But Maestra Thecla reassured me: "Your mistresses are worried about you because they say you are very thin and pale, but I can see that you are strong person. Go ahead with faith!"

Maestra Thecla's example, style of life and teachings have always accompanied me throughout my life. Whenever I have gone through hard times, especially in the apostolate, the memory of her strength and profound convictions has always "recharged" me. For me, Maestra Thecla was truly a MAESTRA—a teacher of life!

Maria Grazia Nume, fsp

I CHOSE TO SAY YES TO GOD—ALWAYS!



I was born in Montegrosso d'Asti, Italy. My father was a farmer and I was the sixth of his eight children. Why did I choose to enter the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Paul? One day two FSPs visited my parish and I saw that they were very spontaneous and full of enthusiasm. They didn't scold us girls because our dresses were too short or too long.... "If a person can become a nun without having to give up her unique identity," I mused, "then I might consider the religious vocation...."

I entered our Congregation while I was still a high-school student. In Alba, I came in contact with Fr. Alberione and the first Sisters who followed him. I was impressed by their fervor, style of life and family spirit.

Fr. Alberione was a small man with a stooped back. When I first saw him, I was disappointed because I had grown up on a farm and all the men in my family were big and robust. But soon after this, while listening to one of the Founder's sermons, I came to understand why everyone said he was a person who inspired and drew others to the religious life. I was fascinated by the Pauline apostolate, which involved visiting families and finding new ways to approach people.

As my time of formation drew to a close, I was suddenly plunged into a state of interior crisis. I couldn't remember why I had ever decided to become a nun. This crisis lasted almost a year. What was I to do? I began to reflect more seriously on what I could offer God so as to feel fulfilled in the religious life. I decided to give him what was dearest to me: my capacity to love and my freedom. In offering him these gifts, I finally felt at peace and after my perpetual profession I felt a new energy within me.

AMONG THE NON-CHRISTIANS OF TAIWAN

The Superior General needed 22 missionaries for Latin America, Africa and Asia. I was told: "You will be going to Taiwan." My initial reaction was: "*Taiwan? Where on earth is Taiwan?!*" But aloud I simply said yes to this call of the Lord.

I arrived in Taipei (the capital of Taiwan) 45 years ago: on 1 December 1972, to be exact. I was not afraid when I left Italy but when I reached my destination and left the plane, my first thought was to turn around and go home. I didn't understand anything that the people around me were saying and I asked myself: "What on earth is happening to me?" But the Lord knows me better than I know myself and I soon came to feel very much at home in the Far East. I found the art and music of this part of the world very appealing, and the calligraphy in Chinese paintings consoled and inspired me. Living among non-Christians was a big challenge to me because I was forced to answer questions no one had ever asked me before. But this helped me discover even more profound reasons for my faith—motives I probably would never have bothered to search for if I had remained in the predominantly Catholic environment of my homeland.

My apostolic and pastoral experiences in Taiwan were very beautiful. The Pauline apostolate brought me face to face with the local people and their concrete situations. In carrying out my mission, I also visited Buddhist temples so as to understand how to approach the members of other faiths and share my experiences with them. I noticed that when individuals had problems, they came to pray with us, and on those occasions we would use not only the Bible but also texts of Eastern wisdom.

INVITATION TO GO TO PAKISTAN

Now I am beginning a new chapter of my life. A couple of months ago, I received a phone call from our Superior General, Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan, who said: "Since you've been in Asia for many years and are currently free [of governing responsibilities], it occurred to me to send you to Pakistan...."

I never thought such a radical change would be asked of me. Listening to her appeal, I was interiorly shaken. I felt like Nicodemus: "How can anyone who is already old be born all over again?" But I am placing this new adventure in the hands of Jesus. I know that the life of the Daughters of St. Paul in Pakistan is not easy, but how could I refuse this request? I don't know how things will turn out but I am ready to offer God even my failures as a human being. I will be bringing with me from Taiwan a wealth of apostolic experiences. Although I was initially apprehensive, I now feel more interiorly free and less worried about the future. I know that God will never abandon me!

Ida Porrino, fsp

GIVING OUR WORDS A NEW DIRECTION



The worst punishment we can inflict on another person is to say: “I’m not speaking to you anymore!” because in this case silence serves to exclude the other person from our life. It is not a way of chastising the person nor is it mutism. Instead, it is a profound negation of the other person’s existence; it is to no longer perceive that individual as alive and present, whether he or she be good or bad. “I’m not speaking to you anymore!” is the opposite, the antithesis, the anti-human response to the reality that “the Word became flesh and lived among us” (Jn. 1:14). “I’m not speaking to you anymore!” means not giving Meaning to someone’s existence.

“What John calls in Greek *ho logos* (translated into Latin as *Verbum* and into English as *the Word*) also means *the Meaning*. ‘The Meaning’ that became flesh is not merely a general idea inherent in the world; it is a ‘Word’ addressed to us. The *Logos* knows us, calls us, guides us. It is not a universal law within which we play some role, but rather a Person who is concerned with every individual human being. It is the Son of the living God who took on human existence in Bethlehem” (Benedict XVI, General Audience, 17 Dec. 2008).

The Meaning is “the Good News—the Gospel—that has been ‘reprinted’ in numerous editions in the lives of the saints, who became icons of God’s love in this world” (Francis, Message for the 51st World Communications Day), who serve as “channels” for continuing in the world the work of proclaiming the Word in human words.

MEANING IN THE DIGITAL PERIPHERIES

Those who find Meaning do not go looking for it elsewhere. They live a new life in which the dark and anonymous aspects of the world of virtual communications have no part.

We often behave like people who have been shipwrecked, clinging fanatically to selfies and sterile communications that often push the limits of vulgarity and even go beyond it. We have only to think of the banalization of videos and pictures, tweets and thoughts for the day posted on the Internet, where the cut-and-paste method dominates and no effort is made to double-check the reliability of one’s sources, and where natural things can become seductive and pornographic. People might eventually reach the point of thinking of God in technological and digital terms, reducing their faith to shreds and denying that it is a gift proclaimed by the lives of resurrected witnesses who have passed from death to life in the risen Christ.

THE MEANING GIVES MEANING AND SUBSTANCE TO ELEMENTS THAT NEED CONVERSION

In contemporary usage, conversion usually means “a change of life.” But the Hebrew word is more profound—it means *to point one’s feet in a new direction*. In reference to the digital world, we can say that conversion means “changing the direction in which one is navigating, that is to say, to take charge of the computer’s ‘tiller’ and steer it in a direction not always perceptible to the senses. But virtual reality always makes an impact on concrete reality.

GIVING A NEW DIRECTION TO THE WORDS WE DIGITIZE

To do this, Jesus Christ must take center stage and we must thrust our words—give them a good shove!—into the dark twists and turns of a humanity strongly marked by confusion and lack of meaning. In this way, we will give meaning and flesh to those submerged areas where the Word is able to close the gulf of dependence that isolates individuals immersed in a sea of globalization, deceived by the green lights of Internet chat rooms, where no one ever says, “Hi, how are you?”

Deceptive and lying words will always be present on the Web, but our behavior can toss them into a virtual wastebasket, where they can be deleted.

The Truth will make us free, and Love—which is never digital—can give meaning to a humanity that cannot take the risk of becoming embroiled in a war between false identities and the true humanity of people aware of their weaknesses.

Fr. Fortunato Di Noto

Founder and President of the *Meter Onlus* Associa-

ITALY

9TH GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE PIOUS DISCIPLES OF THE DIVINE MASTER



The 9th General Chapter of the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master was held at the Congregation's Bethany House, Rome. Participating in the event were 53 sisters from the 43 nations in which the Institute is present. The theme of the Chapter was: *New Wine in New Wineskins* and its general objective was: *That new life, the fruit of the paschal experience, might flow over us so that we can improve the quality of our presences and so that the joy of the Gospel will renew the world.* The *Iter* of preparation for the Chapter sowed the seeds of this goal in the Institute's local communities and the first shoots of new life are already emerging.

The new General Government is made up of Superior General Sr. M. Micaela Monetti and her General Councilors: Sr. M. Lidia Awoki, Sr. M. Anetta Szczykutowicz, Sr. Maria del Refugio Saldate Lizardi, Sr. M. Giovanna Uchino and Sr. M. Clémentine Kazadi.

We assure our sisters that we are close to them in prayer.

ITALY

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CENTENARY YEAR OF THE PAULINE COOPERATORS



On 30 June 2017, the Centenary Year of the Pauline Cooperators officially opened in Rome with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Fr. Valdir José De Castro, Superior General of the Society of St. Paul.

The Liturgy, which took place in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, was filmed

live by Telepace. In fact, on 29 June 1917, the *Union of Cooperators for the Good Press* was set up with the consent of Bishop Francesco Re of Alba, and on 29 September 1918 it received canonical recognition through the approval of its Statute.

By 1925, there were already 15,000 Cooperators. From the very beginning, the Cooperators were considered to be indispensable to the fulfillment of the mission of the Pauline Family.

ITALY

9TH GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE PASTORELLE SISTERS



The 9th General Chapter of the Pastorelle Sisters was held in Rome from 29 June–16 July 2017. The theme to prepare for this important congregational event was: *“Woman, behold your son!” The Prophetic Gift of Pastoral Maternity.*

In explaining the reasons behind this choice of subject, the Sisters say:

“In our journey up to now as communities and as a Congregation, we feel strongly interpellated by the words: *Woman, behold your Son!* In this declaration, we glimpse the prophetic thrust radiating from our charism, namely: pastoral motherhood toward contemporary humanity, which has an ever-increasing need to be listened to, accepted, accompanied and taken care of in a personalized way.”

The new General Government is made up of Superior General Sr. Aminta Sarmiento Puentes and her General Councilors: Sr. Brenda Balingasa, Sr. Marisa Loser, Sr. Sandra Pascoalato, Sr. Lucia Piai.

We accompany our Pastorelle sisters with affection and assiduous prayer.

FIRST PROFESSION 2017

Sabrina Mosena Inacio 4/06/2017
São Paulo, Brazil

Sheila Silva Araújo 4/06/2017
São Paulo, Brazil

Sindy Nataly Angarita Tarazona
25-06-2017 - Bogotá, Colombia

Ydania Marivel Imbacuán Mangua
25-06-2017 - Bogotá, Colombia

Analyn Pantojan 29/06/2017
Lipa, Philippines

Francine Nkokanga 30/06/2017
Kinshasa, Congo

Ghislaine Masika Isara 30/06/2017
Kinshasa, Congo

Jentrix Nasirumbii 30/06/2017
Nairobi, East Africa

Elizabeth Mutindi 30/06/2017
Nairobi, East Africa

Eunice Kasyoka 30/06/2017
Nairobi, East Africa

Irene Katela 30/06/2017
Nairobi, East Africa

Catherine Wanza 30/06/2017
Nairobi, East Africa

Florence Lanyero 30/06/2017
Kampala, Uganda

Augustina Agomuo 30/06/2017
Abuja, Nigeria

Rosemary Zuachii 30/06/2017
Abuja, Nigeria

Putri Mamesah 01/07/2017
Boston, USA

Julie Turner 01/07/2017
Boston, USA

Danielle Lussier 01/07/2017
Boston, USA

Geraldine Flores 01/07/2017
Barquisimeto, Venezuela

Teresa Yuan Fu Lun 01/07/2017
Taipei, Taiwan

ITALY

COMMUNICATIONS AND THE PAULINE FAMILY



From 2-4 June 2017, a total of 70 members of the Society of St. Paul, Daughters of St. Paul, Pious Disciples, Pastorelle Sisters and Apostoline Sisters gathered at the St. Paul House, Rome to participate in an encounter organized by the provincial governments of the PF

in Italy for all their members under the age of 60. The purpose of this very significant meeting was to give these sisters and brothers the chance to get to know one another and reflect together *as a family* on the challenges facing our common mission.

WINDOW ON THE CHURCH

TODAY'S MARTYRS REMIND US THAT GOD IS RENEWING THE WORLD WITH HIS LOVE



Pope Francis visited the Basilica of St. Bartholomew in Rome to participate in a para-liturgy on the theme of *Prayer for Today's New*

Martyrs, organized by the St. Egidio Community. His arrival was greeted by pealing bells and the singing of the *Martyrs Hymn*, which opens with the words: "The holy martyrs, who have followed in the footsteps of Christ and who shed their blood out of love for him, are now rejoicing forever in his presence."

A very moving part of the service was a series of testimonies about the new martyrs: one by the son of Paul Schneider, a pastor of the Reformed Church, who was killed in the Buchenwald concentration camp in 1939; another by a friend of William Quijano, who was killed by a band of armed rebels in Salvador, and the third by Roselyne Hamel, the sister of Fr. Jacques, the French priest who was recently murdered by Islamic fundamentalists while celebrating Mass in his parish church. "May the sacrifice of Jacques," his sister said, "help the people of our time find a way to live in peace with one another."

WEBSITE FOR THE UPCOMING SYNOD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



The Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops has announced the opening of a web site in preparation for the XV Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops on the theme: *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*. The Synod will be celebrated in October 2018 and its website is: youth.synod2018.va.

This web site, says the press release, will encourage a wider participation of young people throughout the world in the upcoming

event by allowing them to not only receive information about the Synod but also get involved in it by contributing to its preparations.

In view of this, the web site has posted a youth-oriented questionnaire available in different languages (Italian, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese). Young people in the 16-29 age group are asked to fill out the form and send it to the Secretary General no later than 30 November 2017. The elements that emerge from the answers will serve for drafting the *Instrumentum Laboris* in preparation for the Synod.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

AMWCY: PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF AFRICAN CHILDREN



The African Movement of Working Children and Youth (AMWCY) has made literacy possible for over half-a-million children and girls in Africa. The Movement was born in 1994 in the Ivory Coast when a group of illiterate girls living in extreme poverty and forced labor began gathering together and organizing themselves to claim their rights. They also drew up a declaration listing 12 priority rights for children. The purpose of this child-led organization is to protect working minors through the establishment of local benefit societies, awareness campaigns to influence public opinion, and negotiations with political authorities.

The small initiative has now become a self-sustained Movement, present in 27 African countries, with over one million members and sympathizers. AMWCY focuses on protecting children in the face of ill-treatment and abuses committed in society, promotes courses that offer social formation and emotional support to working children, and encourages their schooling, literacy and health education.

JAN KARSKI PRIZE 2017 AWARDED TO FR. IBRAHIM ALSABAGH



“Being a sign of hope in a dead city, destroyed and without a future, means to draw hope from the Source of Life and Hope that is Jesus Christ. Our eyes have seen the cruel reality. In these very difficult moments, only hope in God has given us the strength to move forward.” With these words, Fr. Ibrahim Alsabagh, a 44-year-old Franciscan priest, pastor of the Latin Parish of Aleppo, Syria, accepted the *Jan Karski Eagle Award 2017*, a prize dedicated to the memory of the famous Polish lawyer and activist, who was one of the first people to recount the drama taking place in German-occupied Poland during the Nazi regime.

The prize, which was established by Karski’s express wish shortly before his death in 2000, is awarded annually to people in recognition of their outstanding humanitarian service to others. This year, the ceremony took place in Krakow, Poland, and in conferring the prize on Fr. Ibrahim, Cardinal Dziwisz, archbishop emeritus of Krakow, underscored that it was because “he has brought hope to a world without hope and to a forgotten people.” Expressing his thanks, the Franciscan prelate said that this recognition was “an encouragement for me in this battle for my people, in my mission to bring them help, consolation and hope.”

WINDOW ON COMMUNICATION

GUATEMALA: STREET FILM FESTIVAL



Guatemala was ravaged by civil war from 1960-1996: an armed conflict in which 200,000 people lost their lives and more than 45,000 (among these, 5000 children) disappeared. The Department of Quiché was particularly hard hit and this year the purpose of its annual *Street*

Film Festival was to give a voice and moral support to the families of all those whose whereabouts are still unknown, especially the children. The Festival sought to highlight the positive side of the story, namely that up to now 894 of the 5,000 missing children have been found, as well as its negative aspect, that is, the fact that thousands of other families are still living in anguished hope that their loved ones will also be found.

52ND EDITION OF THE KARLOVY VARY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



The *Karlovy Vary International Film Festival* is the largest film festival in the Czech Republic and the most prestigious one in Central and Eastern Europe. Every year, it presents some

200 films from around the world and regularly hosts famous and important filmmakers.

This year, the 52nd edition of the event, the Czech movie *Little Crusader*, directed by Václav Kadrnka, won the Crystal Globe for Best Film. A kind of medieval road movie, it recounts the story of a knight looking for his son.

The Festival also awards a Crystal Globe for artistic contribution to world cinema. This year the award went to Uma Thurman and Jeremy Renner.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: TECHNOLOGY AT THE SERVICE OF HUMAN BEINGS



Artificial Intelligence: Ethical Challenge? This is the theme of a Conference organized by the Pontifical Council for Culture and held at the Italian Embassy to the Holy See. Philosophers, scientists and academics from all over the world attended the event. The purpose of the lively and fruitful encounter was to launch a reflection on the impact of AI on the person, on work and on society.



*"I am
the resurrection
and the life.
Those
who believe in me
will live,
even though they die.*

Jn. 11:25

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

- Sr. M. Edvige Corbellotti, age 96 - 12.05.2017 - Albano GA, Italy
- Sr. Agostina Gallo, age 97 - 14.05.2017 - Albano GA, Italy
- Sr. M. Graziana Bragantini, age 82 - 15.05.2017 - Albano TM, Italy
- Sr. M. Lidia Meggiolaro, age 93 - 19.05.2017 - Alba, Italy
- Sr. Raffaella Ragno, age 85 - 26.05.2017 - Albano GA, Italy
- Sr. M. Agnes Gabito, age 85 - 28.05.2017 - Pasay City, Philippines
- Sr. M. Serafina Maria Musizzano, age 95 - 01.06.2017 - Albano, Italy
- Sr. M. Xavier Balisalisa, age 80 - 11.06.2017 - Pasay City, Philippines
- Sr. Rosina Pupillo, age 86 - 15.06.2017 - Albano GA, Italy
- Sr. Maria Pia Vignapiano, age 82 - 19.06.2017 - Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Sr. M. Immacolatina Paoloni, age 89 - 25.06.2017 - Albano GA, Italy
- Sr M. Egidia Rosa Grigoli, age 86 - 14.07.2017 Albano GA, Italy

PARENTS OF OUR SISTERS

- Sr. Marisa e Sr. Franca Orizio (Mother, Giulia) of the Rome RA and Montevideo, Uruguay communities
- Sr. Angela Grant (Mother, Catherine) of the Glasgow, Great Britain community
- Sr. Maria Grazia Gabelli (Mother, Ada) of the Generalate community, Rome, Italy
- Sr. Evangelina Vargas (Mother, Tomasa) of the Puebla, Mexico community
- Sr. Maria Kang (Mother, Elisabeth) of the Inchon, Korea community
- Sr. Maria Oh (Mother, Regina) of the Pusan, Korea community
- Sr. Bernardetta Kim (Mother, Maria) of the Dae Jeon, Korea community

PAULINE FAMILY

- Sr. M. Idangela Bolzon, pdm, age 85 - 06.04.2017 - Albano Laziale, Italy
- Sr. Agnese Simonotti, sgbp, age 90 - 23.04.2017 - Albano Laziale, Italy
- Sr. M. Mercedes Gonzalez Hernandez, pdm, age 86 - 06.05.2017 – Mexico City, Mexico
- Fr. Thomas Fogarty, ssp, age 90 - 14.05.2017 - Boardman, Ohio, USA
- Fr. Zulmiro Caon, ssp, age 69 - 29.05.2017 - São Paulo, Brazil
- Sr. Selma Das Graças Antunes Branco, sjbp, age 66 - 09.06.2017 - Querência do Norte, Brazil
- Sr. Docilia Maria Pepparoni, sjbp, age 87 - 13.06.2017 - Albano Laziale, Italy
- Sr. Marta Maria Bianco, sjbp, age 78 - 21.06.2017 - Negrar, Italy
- Sr. M. Pasquina Romano, pdm, age 88 - 30.06.2017 - Rome, Italy
- Sr. Pasquina Ferreri, sjbp, age 84 - 09.07.2017 - Albano Laziale, Italy