

*May we accompany
our young members toward
a deeper understanding
of themselves and their place
in the world.*

Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri



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CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

QUESTIONED BY COMMUNICATIONS



"The truth will set you free" (Jn. 8:32). Fake News and Journalism for Peace: this is the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 52nd World Communications Day, 13 May 2018.

In his Message, the Pope vigorously reaffirms the urgent need to promote a broad reflection, subdivided into various parts, on a phenomenon of interest to everyone, namely, *fake news*, that is: false information based on non-existent or distorted data meant to deceive and manipulate people.

"In today's fast-changing world of communications and digital systems," the Pope says, it is important for us to reflect on the subject of truth and strive to make communications "an effective expression of our responsible search for truth and our pursuit of goodness."

The theme of WCD should make our hearts throb ardently and touch every aspect of our lives because we have been called to "offer everyone the truth in love." None of us should exempt ourselves from the prayer, self-offering and concrete initiatives carried out to ensure that communications always serve as channels for the Truth with a capital "T"—the Truth that became a Person.

Many different initiatives are being realized throughout the Pauline world to celebrate WCD. A very meaningful poster has been prepared by the FSPs and SSPs of Italy. It pictures *a hand that, in the act of writing, little by little erases a stretch of barbed wire in which numerous doves are trapped. As one by one the birds are freed, they soar upward toward new heights—the heights of truth.*

Also worthy of mention are the pastoral and cultural initiatives that are organized every year by the Paulines throughout Italy to celebrate Communications Day: conferences, competitions, workshops, book center activities, musical events, performances...all of which encourage the participation of journalists and communications workers, personalities from the ecclesiastical world, artists and film celebrities.

Great attention is paid to the school environment: teachers, students, educators and parents become protagonists in contests, games and creative workshops organized on the WCD theme. They are invited to attend the performances and video projections, to take part in "Happy Book" encounters, quizzes,

video games, etc. Not to mention the annual *Communications Festival*, which is held in different dioceses each year with the intention of actively involving the territory in WCD by triggering an "explosion" of the many valid resources found in that particular region.

More information about this week-long event can be found on its website: settimanaadellacomunicazione.it. The wealth of initiatives presented, which spring from many years of FSP-SSP collaboration, could inspire many new ideas in different parts of the world.

World Communications Day questions us about the teaching nature proper to our Institute, revitalizing in us the call to be "the pen and voice of God" (cf. FSP54, p. 255). It is a call that touches our Pauline physiognomy at its deepest level, urging us to "offer everyone the truth in love."

UNITED TO THE POPE IN PRAYER

Together with Pope Francis and in the name of all communicators throughout the world, let us turn to the One who is the Truth in Person (cf. WCD Message 2018) with the plea:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Help us to recognize the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion. Help us to remove the venom from our judgments.

Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters. You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:

*where there is shouting,
let us practice listening;*

*where there is confusion,
let us inspire harmony;*

*where there is ambiguity,
let us bring clarity;*

*where there is exclusion,
let us offer solidarity;*

*where there is sensationalism,
let us use sobriety;*

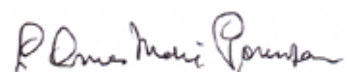
*where there is superficiality,
let us raise real questions;*

*where there is prejudice,
let us awaken trust;*

*where there is hostility,
let us bring respect;*

*where there is falsehood,
let us bring truth.*

Amen.


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

PHILIPPINES

A COMMUNION OF HEARTS AND VOICES



The Daughters of St. Paul in Iloilo City, together with the Association of Pauline Co-operators, in collaboration with the Jaro Archdiocesan Commission on Liturgy, worked hand-in-hand to organize a combined Day of Recollection and Liturgical Music Workshop for Lent and Easter.

428 people participated in the initiative, which was conducted by Fr. Manoling Francisco, SJ, a professor at Loyola School of Theology and a renowned Filipino composer of over 150 liturgical songs and music. The unique feature of this retreat was the use of liturgical songs to enhance a prayerful spirit and emphasize the sacrifice of Christ.

A morning of spiritual reflection guided by Fr. Manoling was followed by an afternoon music workshop, which he also expertly conducted. The big assembly was divided into four voices (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and with the assistance of several members of the Jesuit “Bukas Palad” Music Ministry team, the harmony of the songs rendered was overwhelming.

The participants all expressed their joy and gratitude for this opportunity to experience a communion of hearts and voices in prayerful encounter with God as a community.

INDIA

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY



To celebrate International Women’s Day, the Daughters of St Paul of Mumbai organized

a symposium on the topic “Legal Rights of Women: Facts, Myths and Interreligious Perspectives.” The event was held in the community’s multi-purpose hall. The program consisted of talks by five women lawyers from different religious backgrounds, who addressed various aspects of the topic and then answered questions from the audience. The symposium was attended by 150 men and women from all walks of life. An inaugural dance, a skit on the topic and the official honoring of a school run by women for their outstanding performance in the academic field were other highlights of the day, which ended with the singing of the National Anthem and light refreshments.

ITALY

BIBLICAL FORMATION



The Paoline Multimedia International Book Center, Rome, is continuing its program of Biblical Formation Encounters, which emphasize the centrality of the Word of God, so as to make it better known and loved.

In fact, among the cultural activities organized by the book center (conferences, the presentation of significant books, meetings with authors), a primary place has been given to these biblical sessions, which cast light on the different books of the Bible and their themes.

For the past four years these formation meetings have focused on St. Paul and his writings. After a study of his Letters to the Ephesians, to the Galatians and to the Philippians (5 sessions each), the participants are now immersed in his First Letter to the Corinthians. The guide of these formation encounters is Fr. Romano Penna, a biblical scholar who has written extensively about St. Paul and who has many enthusiastic followers among the laity, all eager to know more about the Apostle of the Gentiles.

The service of evangelization that our International Book Center carries out every day through the breadth of its diffusion is reinforced by these Biblical Formation sessions.

PAKISTAN

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST



The Catholic Church of Pakistan is celebrating 2018 as a year dedicated to the Eucharist. In keeping with this, all the dioceses are offering the faithful a deeper catechesis on the Eucharist each Sunday and are also strongly encouraging Eucharistic adoration.

To contribute to the spiritual success of this Year, which is in great harmony with the Pauline spirituality, the Daughters of St. Paul have prepared an Urdu translation of *The Little Catechism on the Eucharist*, which adapts and completes the text in accord with the local culture. The first part of the book contains a well-explained catechesis on the Eucharist in words understandable to everyone, the second part recounts miracles associated with the Eucharist, and the third presents the saints who had a particular devotion to the Eucharist, including Blessed James Alberione. The book, which bears a Preface written by the Archbishop of Lahore, was launched in the Cathedrals of Lahore, Karachi, Rawalpindi and Multan.

Our sisters have also prepared a brochure on Eucharistic adoration in the spirit of the Pauline Hour of Adoration, which they are offering free of charge to parishes and the faithful as the FSP contribution to Pakistan's Year of the Eucharist.

PUERTO RICO

NEW VIRTUAL BOOK CENTER

After several months of programming and intense work, the FSPs of Puerto Rico have now launched their renovated online book center: www.paulinaspr.com, which has been updated with regard to language and content.

Through this online presence and their intense activity on social networks, our sisters, together with their collaborators, hope to



reach a greater number of people, especially the Hispanics of the Caribbean and the United States, and make their catalogue of books, audiovisuals and liturgical objects known to them. They also offer the public opportunities for formation encounters in their FSP diffusion centers. We entrust this new apostolic initiative to our founders, Blessed James Alberione and Venerable Thecla Merlo.

CZECH REPUBLIC

WE ARE COURAGEOUS (?)



A group of young men and women religious from various Congregations in the Diocese of Prague held their third meeting in a series aimed at acquainting people in their age bracket about the religious life. The theme of this encounter was *We Are Courageous (?)* while the themes of the previous two meetings were: *We Are Normal (?)* and *We Are Divine (?)*.

A team of 12 young religious organized the event, collaborating according to their charisms and possibilities. Sr. Andrea, fsp, acted as team coordinator (as she did on the previous two occasions) and also served as moderator of the meeting. Representatives of more than 25 religious Congregations and Catholic movements participated in the event.

The meetings spring from the desire of Prague's young religious to present their lives

to their contemporaries. The encounters are not a way of “fishing” for vocations but rather a way to make known to interested young people the essence of the religious life and give them the chance to become acquainted with different charisms.

The event began with a Eucharistic Celebration, followed by a brief conference on vocational discernment and a moment of socializing between the young people (about 50 in all) and religious around a table laden with refreshments prepared by the various Congregations. This was followed by a session featuring the testimonies of the religious and an open dialogue with their guests.

The participants appreciated the sincere and courageous testimonies of the religious and the possibility of being able to contact different nuns or friars so as to make a vocational discernment.

More detailed information about the meeting is available on YouTube channel *Řeholníci Spolu* and on the Facebook page of the event.

ROMANIA

ST. PAUL, APOSTLE OF THE GENTILES



Renowned biblical scholar Rinaldo Fabris presented the Romanian translation of his book *St. Paul, Apostle of the Gentiles*, at the FSP Book Center in Bucharest. Fr. Eduard Giurgi and the biography’s translator, Mihaela Voicu, introduced the text to the assembly in their talks by illustrating how the personality and thought of St. Paul have left an indelible imprint on the history of Europe and of the whole Western world.

They underscored that the biography written by Fr. Rinaldo Fabris is filled with quotes from the Letters of Paul and from the Acts of the Apostles, arousing in the participants the desire to meet the Apostle through direct contact with these texts. Consequently, everyone was delighted to receive a personal copy of the Acts and St. Paul’s Letters as a gift at the end of the evening.

At the conclusion of the author’s presentation, the participants were invited to set out on the road to Damascus—a journey that leads to a personal encounter with Jesus through conversion and love. St. Paul’s hymn to love (1 Co. 13:1-13), which was sung at the beginning and end of the evening, served as a musical framework for the event.

SOUTH AFRICA

NEW WINE IN NEW WINESKINS: THE CONSECRATED LIFE AND ITS CHALLENGES



To celebrate the release of the new document of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, entitled *New Wine in New Wineskins: The Consecrated Life and Its Ongoing Challenges since Vatican II*, the FSPs of Johannesburg organized an encounter guided by Sr. Judith Coyle, head of the Faculty of Theology at St. Augustine University. Sr. Judith presented the new document with great competence, sketching out what religious institutes have accomplished from Vatican II up to today in various spheres of the consecrated life. Her conference touched on the community as a formative environment, the culture of ongoing formation, an evaluation of the experience of community life, human relations, the service of authority as an exercise of discernment, and poverty as a genuine communion of goods.

As she said, now it is time for the religious life to gather the fruits of its efforts to put new wine into new wineskins.

UNITED STATES

MY SISTERS

My Sisters (www.22s.com/02370v) is a portable and accessible “sacred space” created by the FSPs of the United States as a place for asking questions, exploring the faith, and nurturing one’s relationship with God at whatever point a person has reached in his/her spiritual journey. Those interested are invited



to gain strength for their journey by accessing a living library of multimedia resources, livestream prayer, retreat opportunities, and spiritual companionship and guidance offered by the sisters from their personal, lived experience of God and the riches of our Catholic heritage.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF RADIO PAULINAS

The Daughters of St. Paul of the Boston community celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving for the 25th anniversary of *Radio Paulinas*. Sr. Maria Ruth Reyes currently produces three Spanish radio programs weekly which are aired by over one hundred radio stations in seventeen countries.

In recognition and in gratitude for this important mission for the Spanish-speaking people, Cardinal Sean O'Malley, the Archbishop of Boston, wrote: "The Hispanic Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Boston and throughout the world are greatly blessed by Sr. Maria Ruth having followed the call to bring the presence of the Lord to people through the

ministry of Spanish Catholic radio. The Daughters of St. Paul are to be commended for their vision in sponsoring Sr. Maria Ruth's apostolate and sustaining the mission during these many years. We can be sure that countless numbers of people have drawn closer to the Lord because of the availability of the Word of God presented through *Radio Paulinas*."



Blessed James Alberione said that our apostolic works must begin from Bethlehem, and so it was for the Spanish radio. May the fruits of this apostolate be multiplied for the greater glory of God and the good of his people.

Access to these programs are available at pauline.org/radorut.

Calendar of the General Government April-May-June 2018

26-28 March	Italy/Albano TM	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
9 April-6 May	East Africa-South-Sudan-Zambia-Malawi	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
9-27 April	Seoul/Corea	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Anna Caiazza
13-25 May	Lahore/Pakistan	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Gabriella Santon
24 May	Italy/Rome Castro	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
26-28 May	Italy/Cagliari	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
30 May-9 June	Italy/some communities	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
13-20 June	Tokyo/Japan	Visit for a specific purpose	Sr. Gabriella Santon
23-24 June	Italy/Messina	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

**THE CINEMA:
A JOURNEY OF EVANGELIZATION**

BY ANNUARITE MUADI KANDA, FSP



Sr. Annuarite Muadi Kanda, from the Congo, concluded her studies in Theology at the St. Eugenio Institute, Mazenod (Kinshasa), with a dissertation on proclaiming the Kingdom of God to the people of Africa by means of the modern media, focusing

in particular on use of the cinema in the African Church's work of evangelization.

The author develops her subject in three chapters:

Chapter 1 analyzes the theme of evangelization in the universal Church, citing various Church documents, in particular *Ecclesia in Africa* and *Africae munus*. It then concentrates on the use of the instruments of communication, especially the cinema, to proclaim the Gospel and promote the Christian life.

Chapter 2 explores the language proper to the cinema and then moves on to examine the cinema culture and its impact on people, especially in Africa.

Chapter 3 delves into African cinema productions, in particular those of the Daughters of St. Paul. The author cites the teachings of Blessed James Alberione concerning the specific charism of the FSPs and the need to use all the means of communication to the maximum in the work of evangelization. To this end, she also quotes other theologians and specialists concerning the need to make the most of the African culture in order to speak about God effectively to the peoples of this continent.

The paper concludes with a substantial and well-organized bibliography.

**AFRICAN CONTEXTUAL
ECCLESIOLOGY: THE CHURCH'S
INFALLIBILITY THROUGH THE
EMPLOYMENT OF THE LUHYA
CULTURAL WORLD VIEW**

BY JANET JOAN ANGALA, FSP

This research paper, submitted by Sr. Janet in partial fulfillment of the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, analyzes



the controversial issue of the Church's infallibility in doctrinal matters by way of comparison with the concept of infallibility as understood in the culture of the Luhya (a tribe in Western Kenya).

The paper is divided into four Chapters.

Chapter 1 examines the Luhya as a people and as a culture, sketching out their demographic habitat, religiosity, customs, economic life, arts and skills, etc. Chapter 2 probes the concept of infallibility within the Luhya world view, which firmly upholds the authoritative role of the community's elders/sages. It describes how elders are chosen and formed, their role in the community, and the impact of their words on the lives of the people. Chapter 3 explores the infallibility of the Pope, especially his *ex cathedra* teachings, presenting the historical understanding of this concept and the reasons why the Church as an institution is infallible. Chapter 4 outlines fundamental areas of convergence and divergence with regard to infallibility in the traditional system of the Luhya ethnic group and in the teachings of the Church.

The research paper concludes by underscoring the fact that despite human weakness, the Church founded by Christ and guided by the Pope, the Vicar of Christ, will never lose her inherent right to teach and nurture her children in the proper way and that her teachings are infallible because she is guided by the Holy Spirit, who works silently and invisibly in her and through her.

**COMMUNITY LIFE AS A TOOL FOR
LIVING RELIGIOUS LIFE EFFECTIVELY**

BY JENNIFER OGU, FSP



Sr. Jennifer Ogu, from Nigeria, concluded her studies for a Diploma in Spiritual and Religious Formation from Tangaza University College, Kenya, with a long essay on how the proper living of community life can

enhance the religious life.

Her paper, which focuses on the meaning

and importance of community life in religious life within the Catholic Church, opens with a General Introduction, followed by two chapters. Chapter 1 offers a definition of a religious community, the biblical foundations of community life, the Church as communion, and community life according to her teachings. Chapter 2 examines the community life of the Daughters of St. Paul, the concrete challenges they are facing in this sphere and their impact on their religious life.

The author also reflects on how the FSP Constitutions present community life, and the words of Fr. Alberione and Maestra Thecla on this subject.

Given the fact that the majority of the FSPs in Africa are Africans and that community life is very highly esteemed in this part of the world, the author then examines a number of valid elements that sustain community life in the African culture: sharing, solidarity, good human relations, hospitality and respect for the elderly. However, she also exposes the negative side of the picture, which includes tribalism, age group differences, excessive attachment to one's family, etc.

The paper concludes with an attentive consideration of how the Daughters of St. Paul are inculturating the values proper to African life into their communities.

SSP INTERCHAPTER MEETING



The Society of St. Paul held its Interchapter Meeting from 15-25 February 2018 in Aparecida, Brazil. Participating in the event were Superior General Fr. Valdir José de Castro, the other members of the General Government, and the superiors of 18 SSP circumscriptions or (in certain cases) their representatives. Placed under the special protection of Our Lady of Aparecida, the Queen and Patroness of Brazil, the event fell at the halfway point of the current General Government's term of office and had the task of evaluating the Congregation's journey from its 10th General Chapter (February 2015) up to today so as to relaunch the Institute toward the future.

In his opening address, Fr. Valdir said: "We hope that this meeting—with its times

of prayer, celebration, reflection, sharing, evaluation and projection toward the future—will be a 'favorable time' of dialogue and communion—a time in which we feel co-responsible for continuing our service of animating the Congregation, considering that the most important value of an Institute is its members and lay collaborators. May this encounter help us focus on our confreres and the different situations in our Congregation, with all their lights and shadows, situating them in today's world with its many challenges, especially to the Church and the consecrated Pauline life."

The main talks and some photographs of the most significant moments of the Interchapter Meeting can be found on the Institute's website (www.paulus.net).

#WITHOUTFILTERS



Speak courageously. Don't be ashamed. Here, shame should be left at the door. Speak courageously. I say what I feel and if anyone is offended by it, I ask their pardon and move on. You know how to speak like this. But one must also listen with humility. If someone I don't like is speaking, I must listen even more carefully, because everyone has a right to be heard, just as everyone has a right to speak.

This was the greeting of Pope Francis to the 15,340 young people “present” at the pre-synod gathering held in Rome from 19-24 March 2018. The Pope did not cite numbers but the participants in the event were not only the 305 people in the assembly hall but also the thousands of youth who spontaneously signed up weeks earlier on social networks specifically set up for this meeting, in response to the Pope’s hope that the number of participants in this “conversation” would be as great as possible “so as to bring to light what each of you and each of us have in our hearts!”

The purpose of this “world-wide web synod,” the Pope reminded everyone, was to manifest the Church’s desire to listen to young people—no one excluded—not for political reasons or because of an artificial “love of youth,” but because she needs to grasp more profoundly what God and history are asking of her.

The Pope urged the young participants in this pre-synod gathering to be courageous, to speak “without filters,” and he didn’t have to ask them twice. They took the invitation seriously and worked for five days as protagonists in an event which, if not unprecedented in the history of the Church, was unique because of the way in which it was organized and carried out. First of all, the Church manifested her readiness to embrace the “digital continent”: 15 Internet hashtags were set up to exchange ideas;¹ six groups were set up on Facebook to collect the input of the youth participating via

¹ The hashtags used to compare ideas and discuss issues were: #ChiSonoIo, #Diversità, #Futuro, #VitaDigitale, #Interiorità, #Gesù, #Credo, #Chiamata, #Scelte, #Guida, #Chiesa, #Protagonista, #Piazza, #Proposte, #Linguaggi. The work outlines used can be found on: <http://www.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it/riunione-pre-sinodale/15-hastag-per-raccontarsi.html>.

the Internet; and six official languages were used in the assembly hall and online.

To this data can be added the 305 delegates of Episcopal Conferences, Eastern-rite Churches, various Church associations and movements, other Churches, Christian communities and other religions; the worlds of education, culture, work, sport, the arts, volunteer and youth groups; 40 “adult observers”—teachers and formators with experience in helping young people discern what to do with their lives; 20 “small circles” made up of young people present in Rome and subdivided by language and geographical provenance. For 5 days, this variegated assembly blended together the languages, forms, expressions, rhythms of life and active participation of the youth involved. Without rhetoric.

Sr. Karla Figueroa, fma, a professor of moral theology at the Auxilium University in Rome, participated in the pre-synod gathering as a representative of her university’s Faculty of Educational Sciences. Since she lived this event “in the first person,” I asked her a few questions so as to grasp what the work sessions were like, what were key moments in the event and what the participants did and said.

The objective proposed by Pope Francis for this global gathering of youth, Sr. Karla explained, was to prepare a final document to be presented to the bishops who will participate in the Synod in October. The document produced by the young people is divided into three parts, in which they express their doubts, expectations, hopes and life experiences. The invitation to “speak up and dream” was the golden thread running through their days, taking as a starting point the opening speech of Pope Francis.² The testimonies and questions of the young people revealed the situation of youth on the dif-





ferent continents, as well as the challenges and opportunities confronting them. Some of the subjects touched on were: the victims of human trafficking, educational resources, the risk and beauty of different life choices, the formation of young seminarians and candidates to the religious life, etc.

“In the small circles” Sr. Karla said, “the young people expressed their positive experiences in the Church, and also their doubts and criticisms of it. The work outlines contained questions ranging from human formation to how to relate to diversity, from hopes for the future to relations with modern technology, from the search for meaning in life to accompaniment in the discernment process, from the experience of meeting Jesus to the Church’s way of staying close to young people and helping them become protagonists in her life. In short, the Church wanted to grasp the environments, languages, instruments, initiatives and experiences of young people so as to establish bonds with them and journey together with them.”

The pre-synod Final Document, together with the replies to the preparatory questionnaire sent to all the Episcopal Conferences and Eastern-rite Churches, the replies to the questionnaire directed to youth, and the conclusions of the International Seminar that will be celebrated in Rome in September 2018, will all flow together into the *Instrumentum Laboris* to be used by the bishops participating in the Synod.

“The young people, in particular the editorial team, worked day and night to produce their pre-synod Final Document,” Sr. Karla said.” They discussed the first and second drafts of the text not only during their general

assemblies but also during their meals and in their small work groups, pointing out what was lacking and what did not express their thought clearly. Each felt personally questioned: young Catholics, those from other Christian confessions, non-believers, those involved in pastoral work with youth or in different associations.... The basic plea was that the final document not be so generalized that it flattens the wealth and variety of the discussions and positions that emerged.”

The resulting Final Document³ reveals the desire for a young Church in dialogue with adults, not in opposition to them. It reveals that young people want to be inside the Church, “like leaven in dough,” as Cardinal Baldisseri put it. “The text sketches out, with openness and faith,” he continued, “the places where young people can be found today, how they see themselves in relation to others, and how we—as Church—can accompany our young members toward a deeper understanding of themselves and their place in the world.”

“Like the other adults who participated in this event,” concluded Sr. Karla, “my role was that of an observer. Faced with the protagonism of young people, I am more and more convinced that it is essential to listen to them from the standpoint of adults capable of returning to being ‘seekers.’ We need to keep quiet for a while, be ready to learn, and be willing to do this even when the teacher standing before us is a young person.”

Maria Antonia Chinello, fma

³ The text in English can be accessed on: <http://www.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/en/news/final-document-from-the-pre-synodal-meeting.html>.

**ONWARD!
AN ASCENDING ROAD**



Life is often compared to a journey, whether it is viewed as heading toward a specific goal or as a chance to meet and get to know people and experience new situations capable of changing one's life. I have to confess that when I was young I seized every opportunity that came my way to make a journey, even just a short one. It was because of this that I accepted an invitation to make the trip from Brescia to Alba in March 1950 to participate in a course of spiritual exercises organized by the Daughters of St. Paul, even though I wasn't very interested in making a retreat. On that occasion I came to know the sisters and they were so different from my mental picture of nuns that they didn't seem real to me. Smiling and dynamic, they roused my curiosity about their simple and poor lifestyle and also about their life of prayer, which kept them "nailed" to the chapel for a whole hour of adoration every day, not just for an hour once a year, as was true of me when I participated in the "Forty Hours" devotion. These Sisters were full of surprises and I admired them, but the idea of becoming a religious never entered my head, as I candidly told the Sister who was guiding the retreat when she asked me the question directly.

But on 19 March, the Feast of St. Joseph, which was also the last day of the spiritual exercises, divine Providence arranged for me to meet a man of God (Fr. Stefano Lamera), who opened my eyes to my future. I realized that this was where the Lord wanted me to be in order to follow the path he had marked out for me. Naturally, not everything was clear to me at that point, but what was clear was the importance of spending my life for the sake of the Gospel. The summer of that Holy Year, the FSPs of Brescia organized a pilgrimage to Rome for young women interested in the religious life and I immediately signed up for the trip. To my great surprise, when we arrived at the Sisters' residence in Via Antonino Pio, where we would be spending the night, I had a keen feeling of having come home. Consequently, I was hap-

py to begin to get acquainted with the Sisters, little knowing that I would be living with them in the near future. But what made me happiest on my first morning in Rome was the chance to meet Prima Maestra Thecla, about whom I had heard so much. Our encounter, even though brief, surpassed my expectations: from the very start I began to love her and it seemed to me that she looked upon me kindly.

[Once I had entered the Institute] I would often run into her when I went to pray in the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary. She would come out the door with her prayer books in her arms, rosary in hand and a shawl around her neck, her expression glowing as she paused to return my greetings. It always made me happy to go down the stairs to the Crypt with her or to find myself in the same pew with her in chapel as we waited to make our confessions. I loved to watch her while she prayed, indeed to surprise her in prayer when she thought she was all alone before her Lord and Master, as happened when she prayed in the small chapel next to her study on the first floor of the Generalate. There were also other, more "official," meetings with her—primarily the Sunday conferences she guided for the whole community. We [the young ones] would joyfully race to the conference hall, creating a big ruckus with our chattering. But the sound of Prima Maestra's voice was enough to quiet us down because we were very eager to hear what she had to say. With great simplicity she would introduce us into the climate of the Liturgy of the day, drawing from her heart words inspired by the Gospel and made more eloquent by the wise commentary she offered us. I have to say that some of my certitudes about the Faith were the result of the way she explained these texts even before I had read them.

With deep gratitude, I want to say that Prima Maestra was very close to me and my family in our profound mourning for the premature death of my mother in June of the Marian Year of 1954. "Your family—especially your young brother and sister—needs you," she said when she made her official visit to the Brescia community that summer. "I have already informed your formation mistress that in addition to letting you spend your summers at home, she is also to send you home for Christmas and Easter, for as long as there is need."

Over the years, I had many chances to encounter Prima Maestra due to the context in which I lived and worked. Maestra Assunta, a general councilor and the head of the Institute's Central Apostolic Offices, encouraged these meetings between the young Sisters and M. Thecla so that we would have the chance to become better acquainted with her and get to



know her feelings about the apostolate. I had the opportunity to approach Prima Maestra a number of times about various initiatives and ask her advice or approval about different projects. She always welcomed me warmly, listened to what I had to say and did not delay in giving me an answer. More than once, before saying goodbye, she would offer me a recommendation that was almost like a plea, namely: that the Central Office [for the Apostolate] in which I worked would always aim at impartiality, that is: that *Raggio* [the official FSP bulletin on our apostolic initiatives] would take to heart *all* the sectors of the apostolate, so as to not only provide the Sisters with information [about the Institute's activities] but to also promote diffusion. I sensed that she was concerned about anything that would prevent her daughters from being *one in mind and heart*, in life and in the apostolate.

Prima Maestra was enraptured by the thought of heaven because everything in her yearned toward holiness. Perhaps she asked herself what more she could do for her daughters to ensure that not even one of them would be missing at the final "roll call." And the answer was yes, there was one more thing she could do: offer her life for their sanctification. She did this on 28 May 1961, the Feast of the Blessed Trinity. I have no doubt that her self-offering was pleasing to the Lord because just a few months later she began to show signs of deteriorating health that grew more and more alarming. With great worry, Primo Maestro closely monitored the course of her illness during what turned out to be her last period of hospitalization. We younger sisters had the chance to visit Prima Maestra two days before her death. In vain, our eyes anxiously scanned her face in the hope that she would recognize us and then our eyes dropped to her hands, clasped in prayer. With her characteristic dignity, our Mother was poised on the brink of eternity. In fact on 5 February, the feast of St. Agatha, virgin and martyr, our beloved M. Thecla exhaled her last breath.

Chronicles of the times provide us with a wealth of information about her solemn funeral rites and also include testimonies that speak about the heroic way in which she lived the vir-

tues.... Very significant is the profile of Prima Maestra sketched out by Primo Maestro, the man of God who had known young Teresa Merlo better than anyone else and had launched her on the mission God had planned for her. Fr. Alberione alone could reveal to us the secrets of Thecla's life: *humility* and *faith*—her path to holiness—and point them out to us so that we might follow in her footsteps. During the days preceding her funeral, not only did I personally participate in the events taking place but they were deeply engraved on my heart as I lived the painful experience of the loss of the person whom I considered to be my spiritual Mother.

Nor can I fail to mention my memory of another significant moment that occurred about forty days later, on the eve of the Feast of St. Joseph, when the whole FSP community gathered together in our conference hall to offer Primo Maestro our best wishes for his feast day. The big room was packed but it was not permeated by the festive spirit typical of our usual get-togethers there because we were all thinking about the very special person who was missing—the *great absent one*. Maestra Assunta customarily acted as spokesperson for us in offering Primo Maestro our best wishes, but on that occasion she seemed bewildered, striving to hold back her tears. In the unnatural silence that pervaded the room, the soft sobbing of many sisters could be heard. Perhaps Primo Maestro had foreseen that this would happen because he said in a calm and loving way: "Don't grieve too much.... Prima Maestra is not absent; she is present! She is present in you who want to live her spirit.... Then too, a superior was needed for the [FSP] community that is forming in heaven.... Don't feel that she is far away. She is close to you. She went to prepare a place for you... So move ahead serenely and joyfully as you wait for your own turn to reach the shore where Prima Maestra is waiting for you...."

I myself and the rest of us who knew her personally, as well as the younger generations of FSPs, all owe a great debt of gratitude to Maestra Thecla for having blazed the trail for us by means of her life and for having offered her life in order that we might correspond to the graces linked to this gift: "I want you all to become saints!"

In harmony with the last article of our Constitutions, "let us pray for one another so that the Father who has begun this work of sanctification in us will see that it is finished when the day of Christ Jesus comes." This is the best way we can make a contribution to obtaining the official recognition of Maestra Thecla's holiness and hasten the time of her glorification.

Maria Lucia Righettini, fsp

A PATH MARKED OUT FOR ME



My name is Sr. Teresa Marcazzan and I am the third of four sisters who became Daughters of St. Paul. I also have two brothers who became priests and another sister and two brothers who got married. And finally, our family included a young sister whose death at the age of 11 left a profound mark on all of us. Our parents transmitted to us the Faith and human and Christian virtues, which, together with the actions of our parish priests, shaped our characters and lives.

When I was 11 years old I went to Alba to visit my two sisters, Caterina and Federica, who were at that time aspirants in the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Paul. Once there, I didn't want to go home. I wanted to stay with them. Maestra Amalia, the superior of the community, told me I was too young, even though I pointed out that some of the sisters of the community had entered the Institute when *they* were eleven!

Nevertheless I returned to my family and resumed my studies. When my brother Giuseppe, at that time a seminarian, also went to Alba to visit our sisters some time later, I made him promise that he would promote my cause. I still remember our first meeting after he returned. As we were leaving the parish church after evening prayer, he told me that the Daughters of St. Paul would accept me but only under the conditions set down by our parents, namely: that I would continue my education, return home for summer vacations and not wear a uniform. The reason for all these provisos was that my parents wanted to be sure I was making a free and mature decision. I ran back into the church to thank the Lord and the yes I said to him at that moment was for all my life, even though I had not yet turned fourteen.

After a long period of formation, followed by an experience as formator of the FSP aspirants in Rome, my superiors asked me if I would be willing to go to Uganda as a missionary. My sister Federica had already left for

Chile and my sister Gabriella for Japan, both as Pauline missionaries. I sought the advice of my brother, now Fr. Giuseppe, who simply said: *Go!* It was 1972. I remember what Primo Maestro wrote to me before my perpetual profession: "Receive my blessing and live in faith. Your way to holiness lies in your Constitutions and in the dispositions of your superiors." My path had been marked out for me.

My life in the missions opened before me unimaginable doors in the apostolate and was filled with a wealth of experiences, which I lived in the spirit of the *Pact*. My Pauline activities ranged from work in the formation sector in Italy, to 12 years of book center work in Uganda, to 33 years of publishing activity in Kenya. I think the greatest gift of this last, very long stretch of my life was the publication of our *African Bible*—the tangible sign of an initiative that emerged and developed in our community, in the climate of an ecumenical Church and with the help of many people.

Publication of the *African Bible* was, for our circumscription, the fulfillment of the invitation of Blessed James Alberione, who urged the Daughters of St. Paul to "offer everyone the truth in love." The Truth is Jesus Christ, but in printed form it is the Bible. The Pauline vocation makes us multipliers of the truth, "which transcends all boundaries and transforms us into its collaborators" (Pope Benedict XVI).

Teresa Marcazzan, fsp

A THOUSAND MEDICAL SISTERS ARE DEDICATED TO HEALTH CARE

More than a thousand medical sisters in India silently contribute to the health care of the poorest and most marginalized. The "Sister Doctors Forum of India" (SDFI) is a group of thousands of religious who are also specialized in the medical profession, with highly qualified studies. The sisters belong to 104 religious congregations, which are dedicated to the service of the Indian people with compassion and without counting the cost. They address the health care needs of people in remote and rural areas where medical technology and modern facilities are not yet available.

In this context, women religious have a dual responsibility: on the one hand, the commitment to the Christian vocation as consecrated persons; on the other hand, the service as highly qualified professionals, giving testimony to the authentic vocation of the medical profession.

52nd WORLD
COMMUNICATIONS DAY
TO BECOME A LAND AND A COUNTRY



In the book *The Moon and the Bonfires* by Cesare Pavese, an Italian writer and poet, the protagonist—an orphan—closes his eyes to see if, upon reopening them, the world before him has disappeared and been replaced by a better one. Perhaps many of us have done the same thing at one time or another.

And today's digital culture has made a decisive contribution to this yearning to escape. Contemporary human beings have truly reached the heights: they have "discovered America"—a world of seductive images, news and commentary that allows us to put even our most personal moments on public display. But the thrill of speed—in a car and in life—brings with it heavy risks. One can come to think that all content is equal, that there is little distinction between representation and reality, that one's beliefs count more than facts and that, at any rate, one can always eliminate the discordant elements.

Prejudices and stereotypes, suspicion and closure, all flourish against this background. It also becomes hard to recognize fake news, "false information based on non-existent or distorted data," yet very plausible and effective in its ability to capture and hold our attention.

Those who say that this is not a new phenomenon are right. What makes it so worrying is the number of persons it reaches today in a swift and unreliable way. Even though social networks are not the main cause of fake news, their *like* and *sharing* options facilitate its propagation, in keeping with a dynamism that rewards visibility of content more than its truthfulness.

In his Message for the 52nd World Communications Day, Pope Francis denounces "snake tactics"—deceptive language that manipulates the truth to the point of "robbing us of our interior freedom." He says that "even an impeccable argument, if used to hurt the other and discredit that person in the eyes of others, however correct it may appear, is not truthful."

At this point, what can be done?

"I had made a fortune in America," says the protagonist of Pavese's novel, "but when I got back home the faces, voices and hands that should have recognized and touched me were

gone. What was left was like a town square the day after a fair...."

But this outcome is not inevitable. Pope Francis—and with him the whole magisterium of the Church—confidently looks at our ability as human beings "to describe our own experiences and the world around us, and thus to create historical memory and the understanding of events."

It means rediscovering the importance of the journalistic profession since journalists are "protectors of news," and "the heart of news is not the speed with which it is reported or its audience impact, but persons." The Pope vigorously promotes a journalism of peace, at the service of those who have no voice; a journalism that strives to explore the underlying causes of conflicts.

At the same time, given the fact that we have all become not only consumers but also producers of news, Pope Francis underscores the responsibility of each person to communicate the truth, which means that we must all learn how to read, evaluate and understand better the information we receive and then teach others to do the same.

Moreover, truth is an irrepressible requirement in its relationship with reality. It cannot be limited to concepts or to bringing dark things to light. Truth is "something you can lean on so as not to fall," explains the Pope, who then adds: "We discover and rediscover the truth when we experience it within ourselves in the loyalty and trustworthiness of the One who loves us." Pavese would say: "Being a country means not being alone. It means knowing that something of you is in the people, in the plants and in the earth, and that even when you are not there it is still waiting for you."

In his Message, the Pope declares that in the last analysis "the only truly reliable and trustworthy One—the One on whom we can count—is the living God." And the Church sees him in the face of Jesus Christ, the final and full truth of the human being.

This is the foundation that is important to us, including in the realm of communication. This is the reason why we "come back." Because of this, like the protagonist in *La luna e i falò*, we never stop seeking: "I've traveled the world enough to know that all flesh is the same and that all of us are equal. But we grow weary and try to put down roots, to become a land and country, so that our flesh will be important and will last more than a common round of seasons."

Fr. Ivan Maffei

Director of the CEI National Office
of Social Communications

ITALY

5TH GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE APOSTOLINE SISTERS



The Apostoline Sisters held their 5th Ordinary General Chapter from 4-17 March 2018 at the Divine Master Retreat House, Ariccia, Italy. The theme that guided the Chapter's reflections and work was: *Working with you for your joy (2 Co. 1:24)*. "For all vocations": *in fraternity for mission*.

The following sisters were elected as the Institute's new General Government:

- Superior General for a second term of office: Sr. Marina Beretti
- General Councilors: Sr. Maria Antonietta Leoni, Sr. Tosca Ferrante, Sr. Teresita Cabri, Sr. Donatella Branco.

From the Chapter's Final Message, here are a few images that were very significant to the Chapter delegates:

Apostolines in the school of discernment: "We realized that we can learn how to discern by anchoring ourselves more and more in the words and method transmitted to us by Fr. Alberione."

Apostolines in fraternity: "We are convinced that the fraternal life is a gift and that it is the most urgent prophecy. It springs from prayer, from profound discernment and from fraternal relations based on reconciliation."

Apostolines in mission: "Taking on a mission, a charism, requires us to have a clear identity—the one given us by Fr. Alberione."

Our warmest best wishes to our Apostoline Sisters for a fruitful journey overflowing with good.

ITALY

14TH EDITION OF THE BIBLICAL FESTIVAL

The 14th edition of Vicenza's annual Biblical Festival will take place from 3-27 May in Vicenza, Verona, Padua, Rovigo and Vittorio



Veneto. The very up-to-date theme of the event is *The Future*, presented principally in its fundamental connection to our existence.

Organized and promoted by the Diocese of Vicenza and the Society of St. Paul, this Festival, which has now been extended to neighboring dioceses, brings the Word of God to the streets of numerous cities, presenting the Gospel message and its spiritual significance to the people of today by means of the contemporary languages of communication. This year's rich calendar of events includes conferences, meetings, meditations, readings and guided tours, as well as concerts, exhibits and a wide variety of artistic performances—all of which will enliven the town squares, various public buildings, gardens, streets and churches of the cities participating in the event, encouraging the public to reflect on what the Bible has to say to them today about their future tomorrow.

ITALY

NEW PDDM WEB SITE



The new website of the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master went online on 10 February, the Feast of St. Scholastica. The site (<http://www.pddm.org/>) has been completely renewed with regard to graphics, content and modes of information, which now devote more space to photos and videos.

Let us make our own their words: "We thank the Divine Master for this gift and pray that it will be a place for making known and sharing the life and mission of our Congregation in the Pauline family and in the world at the service of the Gospel."

Our best wishes to our sisters for an increasingly effective and meaningful network presence.

WINDOW ON THE CHURCH

**GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE:
THE SAINTS "NEXT DOOR"**



Gaudete et Exsultate, the third apostolic exhortation written by Pope Francis, repropose the call to holiness in a practical way for our own time, with all its risks, challenges and opportunities. "God calls us to be saints in the midst of everyday life," the Pope writes. Saints, not superheroes. And this invitation to holiness is extended to everyone, without exception.

The saints "next door": this is the Pope's thesis. "I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people," he says, "in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile" (n. 7).

The Pontiff praises in a particular way "the 'genius of woman,' as seen in feminine styles of holiness, which are an essential means of reflecting God's holiness in this world" (n.12). He cites Hildegard of Bingen, Brigid, Catherine of Siena, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux and Edith Stein as examples, underscoring that "even in times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigor and important reforms in the Church" (n. 12). But the history of the Church, he points out, "is also made up of all those unknown or forgotten women who, each in her own way, sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness" (ibid.).

As Daughters of St. Paul, let us take to heart the Pope's warning to avoid getting caught up in "superficial information, instant communication and virtual reality, where we can waste precious time and become indifferent to the suffering flesh of our brothers and sisters. Yet even amid this whirlwind of activity," he insists, "the Gospel continues to resound, offering us the promise of a different life, a healthier and happier life. (n. 108).

**THE ST. EGIDIO COMMUNITY CELEBRATES
ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION**

Fifty years at the service of peace, the poor, the sick, and also interreligious dialogue: these are the guiding lights of the St. Egidio



Community, founded in Rome in 1968 by Andrea Riccardi. The Community, which today numbers thousands of adherents throughout the world, has carried out many important and successful initiatives, such as the role it played in peace negotiations in Mozambique. In 1987 the Community's efforts to promote peace were commended in a testimony by Pope John Paul II, who had invited representatives of the world's religions to Assisi the year before to take part in a universal prayer for this intention. Ever since then, in the wake of "the spirit of Assisi," the St. Egidio Community organizes annual international encounters for peace in different cities of the world.

On the global level, the Community's agenda includes striving to promote disarmament (right now it is pursuing this goal in the Central African Republic), working to fight the death penalty around the world, and providing accompaniment for AIDS patients by means of its *Dream Program*.

But its most noteworthy success, says Marco Impagliazzo, president of the Community, is that it has helped many people discover the joy of the Gospel.

**RELIGIOUS IN WAR ZONES
AND AGAINST TRAFFICKING**



The meeting organized by the US Embassy to the Holy See with the Union of Superiors General took place in Rome on the topics of the presence of women religious on the front lines of the war zones and against human trafficking.

One of the participants in the seminar, Sister Carmen Bando, explains the importance of religious in the conflicts all over the world: "Personally, I think it is the women who have

a key position in building peace and relationships that underline the importance of life. An example is the presence of Sisters in prisons. I myself have done that kind of work and I have seen how our presence has restored dignity to the prisoners. Another example is the victims of human trafficking or the women who live in prisons or other detention centers with their children. Therefore, it is we - women - who have given them back their dignity. And at the same time we have given to prison guards and police officers the opportunity to rediscover that these people are human beings, too. Even those who live behind bars are human beings. Our work, therefore, serves to re-establish this relationship between both parties.”

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

WOMEN OF COURAGE AWARD



Born in 1944 in Sondrio, Italy, and a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Jeanne Antide Thouret, Sr. Maria Elena Berini received the International Women of Courage Award 2018 from the hands of American First Lady, Melania Trump. One of the 10 women chosen each year from all over the world to receive this honor, her name was proposed by the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See after it was informed of her praiseworthy activities to counter hatred, injustice and war-related horrors in the Central African Republic.

From 1972-2007, Sr. Maria Elena was a missionary in Chad, after which she was sent to the Central African Republic, where she works as a teacher in an area bordering Chad and Cameroon. She was awarded the prize due to her courage and, above all, her ability to be a woman of hope in the very difficult context of Bocaranga, a zone marked by ongoing clashes, violence and episodes of guerrilla warfare. When rebels of the “Three R’s” movement invaded the area, she opened church facilities to provide refuge to people fleeing the conflict.

“In spite of everything,” she said at the reception ceremony, “we continue to hope that

peace is possible. The prayers and support of many people close to us give us the strength to offer our solidarity to our friends in Central Africa. We do not know what the future holds, but we know that God is quietly with us.”

We offer Sr. Maria Elena our congratulations for this prestigious award, which gives recognition to the work of all women religious.

WORLD POETRY DAY 2018



On 21 March, the first day of spring, many countries around the globe celebrated World Poetry Day, established by UNESCO during its 30th General Conference in Paris in 1999. The purpose of the Day is to underscore the privileged role poetry plays in promoting intercultural dialogue and understanding, linguistic and cultural diversity, communication and peace.

The Day also represents “a meeting between different forms of creativity and expression,” as the Italian National Commission for UNESCO specifies. “In fact,” the statement continues, “every human society looks at the ancient statute of poetic art as a fundamental place of memory—the foundation of all other forms of literary and artistic creativity.”

Numerous events were organized for the occasion in every part of the world, where cultural diversities blended with the universality of emotions to present the messages and challenges of poetry today.

BEIJING SUBWAY

TRANSFORMED INTO A LIBRARY



Some Beijing subway lines have become a long library of audiobooks. In fact, the passengers on lines 4 and 10 can now benefit from this new and much-appreciated service, which allows them to listen to the books of their choice directly from their smartphones. All they have to do is download an app that gives them access to all the available titles.

It is an intelligent way to pass the time and fight stress and boredom since it transforms every subway trip into a new adventure. And the experience does not have to end once the listener gets off the subway. By memorizing the code, he/she can continue listening to the book while still on the move.

The initiative is a powerful and original incentive to cultivate the world of books.

WINDOW ON COMMUNICATIONS

FESTIVAL OF AFRICAN,
ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA



Now in its 28th edition, the African, Asian and Latin American Film Festival took place in Milan from 18-25 March. Dedicated to the cinematography of the three continents, the Festival focused in particular on the themes of migration and cultural identities. Twenty-five films in national premiere, three in world premiere and twelve short films (all African) were awarded out of about 600 films that arrived from the three continents. This year's prizes went primarily to films recounting the situations and roles of women in the socio-cultural contexts of their countries. *Aya* was selected as the best feature film and *I Am Not a Witch* as the best short film. Both were directed by women: the first by Tunisian Fedhila Moufida and the second by Zambian Rungano Nyoni.

Also very touching was the short film *Waiting for Hassana*, directed by Nigerian Funa Maduka, at her directorial debut, who recounts through the eyes of a woman the story of 276 Nigerian girls who were kidnapped from their school in Chibok and held captive by Boko Haram fundamentalists in 2014.

Sr. Cristina Beffa, fsp, was a member of the jury panel that awarded the SIGNIS (OCIC and UNDA) prize.

INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM FESTIVAL



The twelfth edition of the *International Journalism Festival* took place in Perugia from 11 to 15 April: five days of talks, discussions, workshops, interviews, shows, music and

documentaries, with over 700 speakers and an international audience. Main sponsors of the Festival: Facebook, Google. Gold sponsors: Amazon and Eni, while the main institutional partner has always been the Umbria Region.

Among the topics covered in the 2018 edition were disinformation, climate change, cyber-war and propaganda, artificial intelligence, alt-right and populism, humanitarian crises, investigative journalism, basic income, trust in the media, migration, fact-checking and debunking, data journalism, engagement, start-ups, news literacy, local journalism, sexual harassment in the workplace, diversity and inclusion, public service, business model, freedom of expression and philanthropy in the media.

All the content of the Festival is available at media.journalismfestival.com platform and on YouTube.

SAFER INTERNET DAY 2018



Safer Internet Day (World Network Security Day) is an annual event established in 2004 and organized internationally with the

support of the European Commission, in order to promote a more secure and responsible use of the Web and new technologies, in particular for children and young people. It is celebrated worldwide on 6 February. Over the years, *Safer Internet Day* has become a point of reference for all operators in the sector, as well as for institutions and civil society organizations in more than 100 countries.

This year's slogan, *Create, Connect and Share Respect: a better internet starts with you*, is aimed not only at helping young people reflect on how to use the Internet responsibly, but also at encouraging everyone to take an active role in making the Internet a positive and safe place, especially for its youngest users.



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

John 11:25

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL

Sr. Ada Sbaraini, age 83 - 30.01.2018 São Paulo, Brazil
Sr. M. Caritas Angelica Forte, age 82 - 01.02.2018 Boston, USA
Sr. Rosaria Lilia Del Rosario, age 84 - 01.02.2018 Pasay City, Philippines
Sr. M. Tecla Rosa Roma, age 86 - 09.03.2018 Albano, Italy
Sr. Zefirina Maria Ceste, age 86 - 19.03.2018 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Filomena Assunta Mattuzzi, age 83 - 19.03.2018 Boston, USA
Sr. M. Amabile Rosa Gasparrini, age 81 - 22.03.2018 Albano, Italy
Sr. M. Augusta Lea Biolchini, age 102 - 28.03.2018 Boston, USA
Sr. M. Claudia Adele Borrano, age 99 - 03.04.2018 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Amabilis Paulita Lagnada, age 80 - 07.04.2018 Pasay City, Philippines
Sr. Regina Osvaldina Tagliari, age 90 - 12.04.2018 São Paulo, Brazil

PARENTS OF OUR SISTERS

Sr. Irshad Maqsood (Father Maqsood) of the Lahore community, Pakistan
Sr. Maria Irma Rios (Mother Natividad) of the Los Angeles community, USA
Sr. Jentrix Nasirumbi Okuku (Mother Mary) of the Lusaka community, Zambia
Sr. Marianna Kim Eun Ja (Father Jong Sok Giacomo) of the Charleston community, USA
Sr. Suman Jacinta Tigga (Father Stanislaus) of the Mumbai CP community, India
Sr. Bruna and sr. Renata Bottin (Mother Andreina) of the Roma DM
and Treviso communities, Italy

PAULINE FAMILY

Fr. Tadaharu Ignazio Agostino Makiyama ssp, age 83 - 23.01.2018 Tokyo, Japan
Br. Giuseppe Mauro Ferrero ssp, age 93 - 01.02.2018 Roma, Italy
Sr. M. Adriana Emma Bernardini pddm, age 87 - 05.02.2018 Albano Laziale, Italy
Br. Jorge Enrique Gbriel Cortes Forero ssp, age 79 - 04.02.2018 Bogotá, Colombia
Fr. Celestino Fedele Loreti ssp, age 77 - 08.02.2018 Albano Laziale, Italy
Fr. Fortunato Ferdinando Scapin ssp, age 85 - 08.02.2018 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Norberta Rosaria Miceli pddm, age 84 - 13.02.2018 Roma, Italy
Sr. Lorenza Anna Maria Domenichelli sjbp, age 81 - 12.03.2018 Albano Laziale, Italy
Sr. Immacolata Davida Cervo sjbp, age 77 - 16.03.2018 Cali, Colombia
Br. Pietro Paolo Di Figlia ssp, age 84 - 18.03.2018 Ariccia, Italy
Br. Cecilio Francesco Ortiz Marroquin ssp, age 83 - 04.04.2018 Madrid, Spain
Sr. Antonietta Rina Savina Coltamai sjbp, age 92 - 06.04.2018 Albano Laziale, Italy