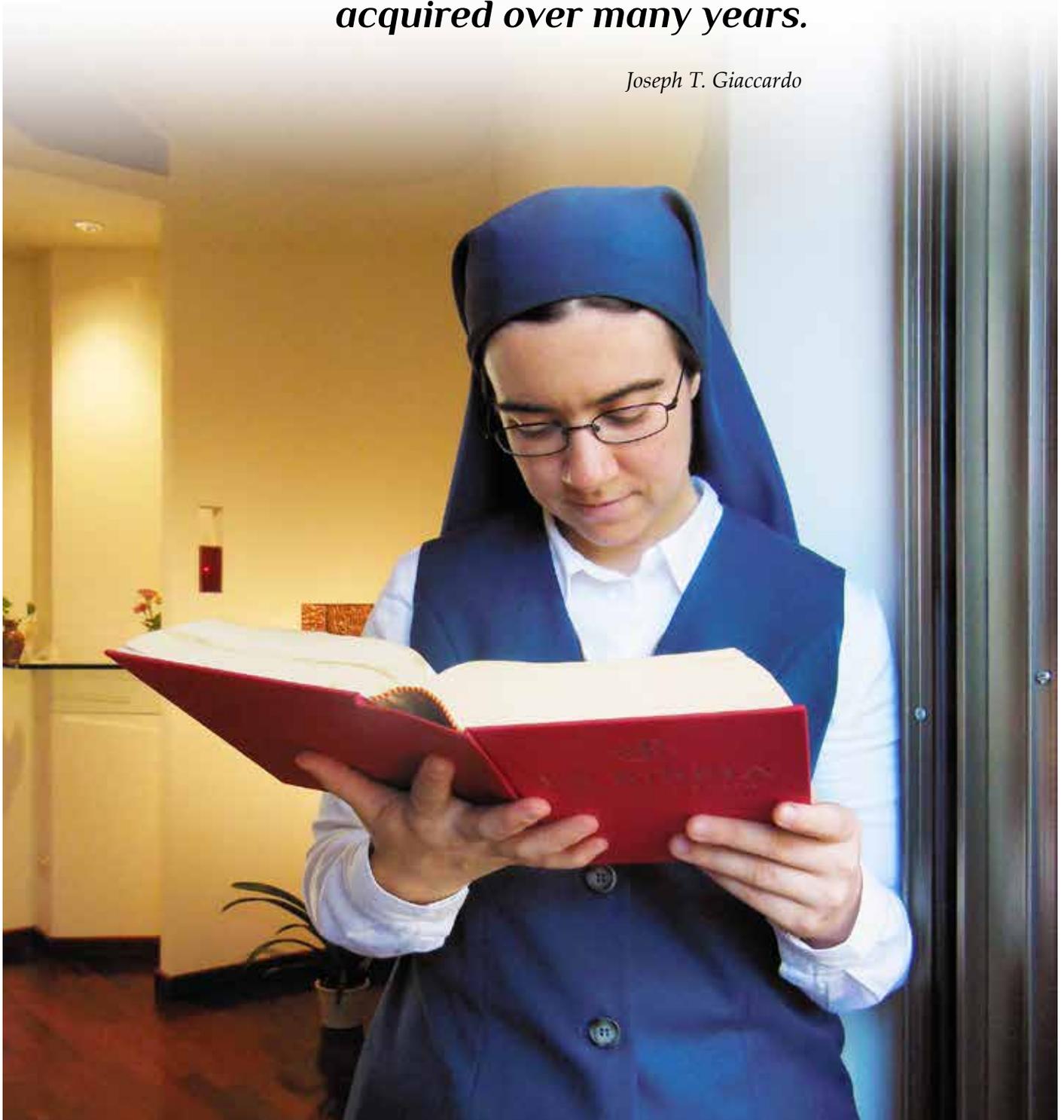


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acquired over many years.***

*Joseph T. Giaccardo*



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## CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

DEAR SISTERS,



While celebrating the Centenary of the Pact in January 2019, it is important to recall the experience of poverty and surrender to Providence lived by our first sisters and brothers. In fact, our beginnings involved not

only economic poverty but also poverty with regard to personnel, education, health, instruments, appreciation and esteem. No one believed in Fr. Alberione's project. He himself confided to the first boys who followed him:

From the day of its foundation, our House went through many storms and the fact that everything ended well is a very sure sign that God wants this work from us. We all—and myself in particular—were accused of being thieves...but God saved us. We were denounced to Rome.... Even many good people do not understand us and have spoken negatively about the House. And I know that each of you, before your entrance, heard the House criticized and that many of you had to struggle against serious problems.... Storms are necessary in order to humble us and remind us that God alone is the Master... (Giaccardo, *Diary*, 8 December 1917).

Exceptional faith, trust in Providence and the certainty of being guided at every moment by the fatherly hand of God were all qualities that characterized the climate of the "House" from its very beginning. On 7 January 1919, Giaccardo wrote with deep admiration: "When our Father speaks about trust in divine Providence, he is not preaching a sermon. His words are ardent, dictated by the promptings of his heart...."

His was a very concrete trust, expressed with childlike simplicity: "We put the Linotype contract under the feet of Jesus and he paid it..." (*Diary*, 5 March 1919).

Almost 40 years later, the Founder looked back on those heroic times, saying:

At times there were urgent and serious needs, and all human resources and prospects were exhausted. We prayed and sought to drive out all sin and every fault

against poverty, and unexplained solutions and money arrived from unknown people, [together with] the offer of loans, new benefactors and other things that he never knew how to explain.... The years went by: the forecasts made by many of certain failure, the accusations of madness...all dissolved and everything was settled peacefully, although not without hard work (AD 166).

The *Pact* or *Secret of Success* sprang from that context of unconditional faith. The first documentation we have about it is from Fr. Timothy Giaccardo, who noted in his *Diary* on 7 January 1919:

Yesterday evening, our dear Father invited all of us to make a pact with the Lord—the same pact he himself had made: to study for one and to learn for four. During our meditation this morning, he re-emphasized the importance, foundations and conditions for this pact and invited us once again to make it. He spoke ardently and with a conviction that was very persuasive. The foundations [of this pact] are trust in God, who has promised to grant wisdom to those who ask him; God's pleasure with those who trust in him; the will of God that this House exist and flourish, and the impossibility for us to study as much as is ordinarily needed to learn. Our dear Father said that the world lacks trust and that he has not yet found it in anyone....



Bindery-ALBA 1923

The Pact is not only a prayer; it is a communitarian act of faith, an expression of our covenant with God. It is the conviction that the grace of vocation is deposited in us, who are very weak, ignorant incapable and inade-

quate in every way, so that, according to the experience of the Apostle Paul, the power of Christ will dwell in us (cf. 2 Co. 12:9)—a power that is fully revealed in weakness.

Through the Pact, Fr. Alberione launched himself and the newborn Pauline Family on the path of the poor and the little ones about whom the Gospel speaks, that is to say, in the wake of those who put God and his providence in first place, above everything else.

Recording the words of his “dear Father,” Giaccardo writes:

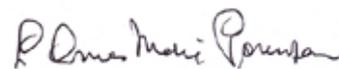
God has deposited something infinite in us. He is calling us to a very high degree of holiness, but he wants to be the one to do it. We must work with his arms because our House lives by Providence. The biggest wrong our House can do to God is to fail to trust him when he is showing us that he is doing everything. We are bungling and stupid if we don't trust him (*Diary*, 26 January 1919).

“Seek the kingdom of God...count on God alone”: Maestra Thecla repeated this re-

frain countless times. In a conference in May 1928, she said to the Daughters of St. Paul:

This is what we must do: put all our wretchedness, all our defects, in the foundation and then root ourselves in God, *rely on him alone*. For those who come after us, it will be enough for them to rely on God, but we must *rely on him alone*....

“To rely on God alone”—that is, to place all our trust in the Lord; to put him in first place with great conviction; to entrust ourselves to his pedagogy; to ardently desire a constant and profound relationship with him; to proclaim him as the true font of justice, peace and happiness...these are the prerequisites necessary if the Pact is to continue realize in our religious Family the miracles of apostolate, vocations and holiness to which our fathers and mothers in faith bore witness.



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

## Calendar of the General Government

6 January 2019	Generalate, Rome	Meeting of the Communities Dependent on the GG - Election of Chapter Delegate	Sr. Anna Caiazza Sr. Shalimar Rubia
8-10 January	Ariccia, Italy	Meeting of the General Governments of the PF	General Government
13 January	Albano, Italy	Election of Chapter Delegate	Sr. Clarice Wisniewski Sr. Shalimar Rubia
17-20 January	Lisbon, Portugal	Visit for a Specific Purpose	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
29 January - 2 February	Germany	Visit for a Specific Purpose	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
1-28 February	Generalate, Rome	Meeting of the Pre-Chapter Commission	Sr. Anna Caiazza Sr. Shalimar Rubia
7-10 February	Albano/G.A., Italy	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
12-15 March	Singapore	Visit for a Specific Purpose	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan Sr. Lucia Kim
16-18 March	Macau	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan Sr. Lucia Kim
19-21 March	Hong Kong	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan Sr. Lucia Kim
16-20 March	Great Britain	Visit for a Specific Purpose	Sr. Anna Caiazza
22-31 March	Taiwan	Fraternal Visit	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan Sr. Lucia Kim

**KOREA**

**SPREAD YOUR WINGS OVER ME**



The Daughters of St. Paul have released the third album of their CD music series on prayer. The new collection, entitled *Spread Your Wings*, contains twelve songs and hymns composed and sung by the FSPs, with the exception of the title song, which is the Swedish hymn, *Spread Your Wings Over Me*. Kwon Oh-Joon collaborated with the arrangement of the songs, while Jeong Soo-Kyeong directed the choir. In the hope of bringing peace and consolation to the world under the wings of the Lord, the FSP choir will perform in various venues: at the moment of thanksgiving during the concluding Celebration of the monthly Biblical magazine, *Jacob's Well*; in a special presentation on Peace Radio Broadcasting in Busan, and in an exclusive performance at Book Cafe Leven, run by the Society of St. Paul in Nonhyeon-dong, Seoul. The concerts will take place during 2019. St. Augustine said that those who sing pray twice. Music and song have always been linked to prayer and help us contemplate the wonder that comes from heaven.

**GERMANY**

**POCKET GOSPELS**



In response to the invitation of Pope Francis to carry the Gospel in one's pocket and read it often, the Daughters of St. Paul of Germany have printed a pocket-size edition of the Gospels in German and Farsi (the language of Iran). The Gospels will be distributed free

of charge to the public, although anyone who wants to contribute a small sum can do so. The income from this initiative will help to pay for the next printing runs of the text.

15,000 copies of the German edition were printed initially, followed by a second printing of 50,000 copies and a third of 30,000.

As a result of insistent requests, 10,000 copies of the Gospels in Farsi were printed in close collaboration with the German Bible Society so as to be able to take the Word of God to refugees and various Iranian groups and communities present in Germany and in other European countries. So far, this initiative has proved to be very successful.

Our sisters of Germany write: "We are very grateful to the Lord and to our many friends and collaborators for all the positive things we experienced in carrying out this project. We ask you to join us in thanking the Divine Master for this grace and beg him to enable us to spread his Word as widely as possible."

**ITALY**

**A BOOK IS A CARESS OF THE HEART**



*Libri x loro* is the name of a solidarity initiative carried out every December for the small patients of pediatric oncology wards in various Italian hospitals. Its slogan, *A Book Is a Caress of the Heart*, expresses the importance that books can

have for sick children who are obliged to undergo long periods of hospitalization.

The project stems from the collaboration of the FSP Publishing Group, Italy and Fia-gop (National Federation of Parental Associations of Children and Adolescents who have contracted tumors or leukemia). The two groups already carried out a similar joint initiative in 2014.

The request of our sisters to the public is that they not only donate a book to the project but also write a message to the children on the flyleaf so that the gift does not remain a detached and anonymous gesture but instead is transformed into *a caress of the heart*. Those who want to participate in the

enterprise can do so through any of the FSP book centers scattered throughout Italy or else online. The FSP Publishing Group itself has donated 500 books to the initiative.

Supporting it as media partners are the Pauline Communication and Culture Onlus Association, which has contributed a number of packages of books to the undertaking, and the Italian Bishops' Conference, through its TV2000-Radioinblu channel.

**PF SPIRITUAL EXERCISES:  
AN EXPERIENCE OF THE CHARISM**



The SSP Retreat House at Ariccia (Rome) welcomed 46 members of the Society of St. Paul and Daughters of St. Paul, who initiated the itinerary of spiritual exercises for the Pauline Family programmed for 2019. The theme of the new cycle of retreats is particularly appealing: *Jesus Master's Covenant with the Pauline Family: The Pact or Secret of Success*. This Pact, made between the Founder and the Divine Master 100 years ago, continues to exert an extraordinary fascination on the whole PF. Like the great personages of the Bible (the patriarchs, prophets and apostles), Fr. Alberione felt his inability to fully correspond to his lofty call, yet he had the courage to set out on what turned out to be a divine "adventure." With almost prophetic foresight, he urged his first young followers: "Aim for the heights! You are at the foot of a great mountain. Climb it!"

God guaranteed Abraham many descendants and he also stood as guarantor for Fr. Alberione. The Pact made with the Founder became a collective Covenant with the whole Pauline Family. Today, as in past decades, the story of the marvelous deeds accomplished through faith in the Pact is a reality we can "touch with our hands."

At the end of a week of in-depth reflection and prayer on the Pact, the retreatants returned to their own communities bearing in

their hearts and witnessing to what they had lived in communion and recollection, namely: fraternal hospitality, the wealth of biblical and charismatic content offered by retreat director Fr. Agatino Gugliara, ssp, the rich daily liturgies and the testimony of a joyous life.

**SYNOD ON YOUTH:  
A CHALLENGE FOR THE CHURCH**



At the Generalate of the Daughters of St. Paul in Rome, a meeting was held with guest speaker Fr. Valdir José De Castro, Superior General of the Society of St. Paul, who participated in the Synod. His talk was an important moment in which to retrace the Synod's work, stages, voices and experiences of life. Fr. Valdir said that the Synod was an opportunity to get out of the routine and fast-paced rhythms of daily life; an invitation to slow down, listen to others and to oneself, and grasp the signs of Providence scattered along each one's path in life. Presenting the Synod's Final Document, he reminded everyone that the text takes as its point of reference the episode of the disciples on their way to Emmaus and is divided into the three parts that characterize this circumstance. The first section, entitled *He walked with them* (Lk. 24:15), seeks to cast light on what the Synod fathers perceived regarding the context in which young people live, highlighting its strengths and challenges. The second section, *Their eyes were opened* (Lk. 24:31), offers several fundamental keys for interpreting the Synod's theme. The third section, *They set out at once* (Lk. 24:33), gathers together the choices for a spiritual, pastoral and missionary conversion. Fr. Valdir urged the many members of the Pauline Family and of other religious communities in the Generalate area who attended the meeting to look at young people benevolently and open their communities to welcome their enthusiasm and listen to their dreams and vexations. A challenge for the Church and for every religious Institute.

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**NIGERIA**

**PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK  
UNDERSTANDING AND OVERCOMING ABUSE**



The Daughters of St. Paul of Abuja held a book presentation to express their commitment to promoting awareness of the problem of abuse in its various forms. The book, entitled *Understanding and Overcoming Abuse*, was written by two Daughters of St. Paul: Sr. Oluwakemi Akinl-eye and Sr. Angela Killeo. The presentation took place in the FSP book center in Abuja and was attended by a large group of people.

The text presents the sad reality of abuse in the Church and society—a widespread problem that cannot be ignored. In fact, the frequency with which various forms of abuse are taking place around the world is alarming.

The book was presented and discussed by two experts: Dr. Charles Allah and Dr. Cordelia Oris. The meeting proved to be a special time of formation, information and relaxation.

Some of the members of the audience offered financial contributions to help distribute 1,000 copies of the book to high schools and parish youth groups.

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**CZECH REPUBLIC**

**ARE WE HOLY?**



Our Lady of the Snows parish, Prague, once again hosted a vocation encounter for young people, organized by men and women religious of the Archdiocese. The theme of the meeting, *Are we saints?* was in continuity with the encounters held in previous years:

*Are we normal? Do we belong to God? Are we brave?*

The purpose of these evenings is to give young people the chance to meet the members of various religious Orders/Congregations in a more informal setting and offer them food for thought, times of dialogue and silence. The program was prepared by a team representing different religious Institutes and Movements, primarily from the Archdiocese of Prague. This year's agenda opened with the screening of five videoclips on the theme *Myths and Reality about the Religious Life*, followed by a reflection on *holiness*. The evening concluded with a round table discussion during which the religious answered the young people's questions.

As in previous years, this year too, Sr. Andrea Hýblová, fsp, represented the Daughters of St. Paul at the event, serving as its moderator and also giving her testimony to the group.

Those interested in more information about the encounter can visit its website: [www.reholicispolu.cz](http://www.reholicispolu.cz) or its Facebook page: *Religiosi insieme*.

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**SOUTH AFRICA**

**PAULINE COOPERATORS FOR THE GOSPEL**



The Daughters of St. Paul of Durban held their first meeting with a group of lay people from the diocese so as to present to them the Association of Pauline Cooperators. The event opened with a welcome to the participants and then continued with a presentation of the pilgrimage and content of the first International Meeting of the Association of Pauline Cooperators, which took place in Italy several months ago. Dominic Ingala, a

Pauline Cooperator of Congolese origin who studied in South Africa and today works as an engineer in Durban, then gave his testimony. In her talk, the guest speaker highlighted the beginnings and mission of the laity in the Church and in the Pauline Family. "We hope that the seed that was sown will bear fruit," one of the participants said. And this is our hope too for our sisters in Durban.

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## PHILIPPINES

### 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION



The Daughters of St. Paul in the Philippines celebrated their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of foundation with the theme *Celebrating God's Fidelity*.

The celebration was preceded by a triduum of meditations and prayers recalling God's goodness and faithfulness at the beginning of the foundation and throughout the following 80 fruitful years. Remembered in a special way were the first three FSPs to arrive in the Philippines: Sr. Edvige Soldano, Sr. Elena Ramondetti and Sr. Maria Cleofa Zanoni.

SSP provincial, Fr. Jose Aripio, who presided over the Anniversary Mass, complimented the Congregation for its dedication to its ministry down the years. In her speech of thanks, FSP provincial superior, Sr. Delia Abian, said: "As we start this yearlong celebration, we want to relive in our hearts the same desire that animated our first sisters. Like Blessed James Alberione and Venerable Thecla Merlo, we want to be people capable of listening to the heart of God, the heart of the Church and the heart of humanity, thus becoming new apostles who make the Word of God spread like fire in the hearts of the people, especially those on the peripheries of our society."

In the different FSP branch houses in the Philippines, the sisters celebrated the opening of this anniversary year with their bene-

factors and collaborators by organizing various animation activities and book missions, as well by distributing a variety of Paulines products and Bibles in local languages, especially to poor families.

## CHILDREN'S DAY IN BINONDO



On 9 Dec. 2018, the Juniors of the Pauline Family held a catechetical day for the children of *Nuestra Señora de la Soledad Parish* in Camba, a poor area of Binondo, the "Chinatown" of Manila. The Juniors were warmly welcomed by the parish priest, the families of the parish, and over 100 children who enthusiastically participated in the different activities programmed.

The day began with a prayer and a getting-acquainted session, after which the children were grouped according to age for catechism lessons.

The event was made fun for the children by means of games and an abundance of gifts, school supplies and delicious food. The children thoroughly enjoyed the creative catechism lessons and manifested their appreciation by means of their wholehearted participation in them, reinforced by their request to repeat this particular initiative in the near future.

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## POPE FRANCIS IN CLICK TO PRAY

Pope Francis now has his very own user profile in *Click to Pray*, the official app of the Worldwide Prayer Network.

It is available in six languages: Spanish, English, Italian, French, Portuguese and German.

*Click to Pray* has a website and a mobile app for both *Android* and *iOS*.

**REALIZATION OF CHRIST'S MANDATE IN BL. JAMES ALBERIONE: A Theological Justification of Social Communication Through the Missionary Activities of the Daughters of St. Paul**

BY NOEL LUCY NANGIRA, FSP



This is the title of the Research Project submitted by Sr. Noel Lucy to the Faculty of Theology of the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya for a Baccalaureate Degree in Sacred Theology. The dissertation describes the mission of the

Daughters of St. Paul throughout the world, and particularly in East Africa.

Her research project consists of 4 chapters:

- The *first* offers preliminary considerations on Blessed James Alberione and the Daughters of St. Paul.
- The *second* is a survey of the missionary activities of the Daughters of St. Paul.
- The *third* presents social communication in the teachings of the Church.
- The *fourth* sketches out Christ's mission re-lived through the Daughters of St. Paul.

Blessed James Alberione was profoundly struck by the words of St. Paul: "Woe to me if I do not proclaim the Gospel!" (1 Co. 9:16), which he transformed into the ideal of his life and mission. The same is true of the Daughters of St. Paul, who are called to proclaim Christ to all peoples with all the means of communication.

**AN EXAMINATION OF SOREN KIERKEGAARD'S CONCEPT OF DESPAIR IN HUMAN EXISTENCE**

BY VERONICA CHINWENDU AMAECHI, FSP



This is the title of the dissertation submitted by Sr. Veronica to the Department of Philosophy, Tangaza University College, Nairobi, Kenya for a Diploma in Philosophy. In this extended essay, the author explores Kierkegaard's philosophy of human existence

so as to cast light on the values the Danish philosopher attributes to the state or feeling of despair in people today, saying that it can be transformed into a tool for positive human growth because it can provoke a "leap of faith."

The dissertation consists of five chapters:

The *first* provides an introduction, a brief background of the study, followed by the es-

say's objective, scope, limitations and methodology.

The *second* sketches out the background and situation that necessitated the development of Kierkegaard's concept of despair.

The *third* discusses the effects of despair in contemporary society.

The *fourth* critiques the Danish philosopher's concept of despair and presents his idea of a "leap of faith" as a solution to the problem.

The *fifth* presents the study's findings and recommendations, with the author concurring with Kierkegaard's view that it is faith that enables an individual to overcome despair and to relate to self, to others and to God. Since the self is a synthesis of actuality and possibility, of finite and infinite, and of freedom and necessity, it will realize its aptitudes only through acceptance and dependence on the transcendent Other, God.

**IN SEARCH OF GENUINE TRUTH: Commentary on the Basilian Homily In Principium Proverbiorum**

BY ANTONIA EUN HWA PARK, FSP



In choosing a topic for her thesis for a Licentiate in Theology and Patristic Sciences from the Augustinian Patristic Institute in Rome, Italy, Sr. Antonia was influenced by the numerous similarities she found between the *Homilia in Principium Proverbiorum*—one of the first and least studied homilies of St. Basil the Great—and other works of his, particularly in the areas of morality and ascetics. Her analysis of this intertwining of subjects in the *Corpus Basilianum*, both with regard to scriptural citations and the typical expressions of the author that refer to one another from one work to another, allows her to cast light on the *Homileta of Caesarea* concerning the landlord who draws new and old things from his treasury whenever necessary (cf. Mt. 13:52). Lacking a specific bibliography on the homily, Sr. Antonia "uses Basil to explain Basil" through his writings.

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## A PACT WITH THE LORD

7 JANUARY 1919



Yesterday evening, our dear Father invited all of us to make a pact with the Lord—the same pact he himself had made: to study for one and to learn for four. During our meditation this morning, he re-emphasized the importance, foundations and conditions for this pact and once again invited us to make it. He spoke ardently and with a conviction that was very persuasive. The foundations [of this pact] are:

trust in God, who has promised to grant wisdom to those who ask him (he offered us the examples of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez and the Curé of Ars); God's pleasure with those who trust in him; the will of God that this House exist and flourish, and the impossibility for us to study as much as is ordinarily needed to learn.

Our dear Father said that trust is lacking in the world and that he has not yet found it in anyone.... Those who trust everyone and everything except God are stupid and crazy and will spend a long time in purgatory after death.

Trust is the first means for learning and we offer it as a challenge to all our students, who [are able to] study only a quarter of the time necessary. Therefore those who enter [the House] from the seminary must strip off all the ideas they acquired in the seminary because our knowledge is the result of what we study. Those who enter straight from home must strip off the ideas they acquired at home.

The importance of the pact: we must take it seriously, otherwise we will lose esteem for it, like using gold to make nails for shoes.... The pact will give a boost to our study, which at this point has reached a very low level. With the pact, we will make progress and work miracles. This is true. God will not fail us! Putting the pact into practice will prove it: we must believe this!

### THE CONDITIONS:

1. Trust in God; use time well. Those who have enough faith to believe that they will be able to study four for one by means of the pact should make it. Those who don't have this faith should not make it, but these people should not even be studying in our House.

2. Use well the time allotted for study: promise to do this and then do it. If not, the pact is worthless.
3. Promise to use what we learn solely for the Good Press and the glory of God—a serious promise that should be kept even if it requires sacrifice and results in less income.

If these three conditions are not conscientiously met, then the pact is worthless.

Our dear Father invited all of us to make this pact with the Lord, saying he had already done so and experienced its results, but he left us completely free. God would be faithful. On our part, let us not fail to carry out any of these conditions. With this intention, during the holy Mass we prayed the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, the *Veni Creator*, and three *Our Father's*, *Hail Mary's*, and *Glory Be's* (one for each condition).

Before the *Hail Mary's*, our dear Father recited the formula of the pact and asked us to repeat it in our hearts.

Wisdom comes from God. In a single instant he can infuse us with more wisdom than that acquired over many years, like he did with the Magi. God is independent of time and books: trust. The wisdom of God is just and true. God has done everything well. Not the wisdom of Kant, Carducci, Rousseau and others like them. "Let anyone accept this who can" (Mt. 19:12).

When our Father speaks about trust in divine Providence, he is no longer preaching a sermon. His words are inflamed, dictated by the promptings of his heart. [The line of thought is] sometimes disconnected, but persuasive.

(From the Diary of Joseph T. Giaccardo)

## VIDEO CONTEST

### "THE PACT: 100 YEARS OF FIDELITY"

This is to let everyone know that a contest open to all the Daughters of St. Paul is currently underway. Its purpose is to involve the members of the Institute in the production of new videos to celebrate the Centenary of the *Pact* or *Secret of Success*.

Those who want to participate in the initiative are asked to produce a video clip that recounts in an original way the typical characteristics of the Pauline Family's covenant with God, taking as a starting point the text of this prayer, which Fr. Alberione called "the prayer of faith" (AD 158).

The contest is an opportunity to make the most of the different skills that exist among us so as to offer all our circumscriptions material useful for this Centenary Year.

For more information, please contact [sicom@paoline.org](mailto:sicom@paoline.org).

**MY REMEMBRANCES  
OF PRIMA MAESTRA THECLA**



**T**he Daughters of St. Paul opened their first book center in Youngstown, Ohio (U.S.A.), in 1946. Since the book center was in my neighborhood, I often went there to visit the Sisters and help them. This contact helped me discover my vocation. On 1 Sept. 1955, when I was 16 years old, I entered the Congregation in Derby, New York, which at that time was the circumscription's central headquarters and also its house of formation.

Toward the end of that month, Primo Maestro and Prima Maestra Thecla visited the United States and Derby was their first stop. It is hard to describe the joy and emotion we postulants felt at the thought of meeting our founders. At that time there were only about 6 or 7 professed sisters in Derby, while the postulants numbered about 20. As a result, we were able to enjoy the company of Prima Maestra "up close."

Each postulant was able to speak personally with Prima Maestra and experience her maternal tenderness. She took a great interest in our personal life stories and our families. When she visited the technical apostolate, she was very happy to see many young women working at the various machines.

Later, Fr. Alberione and Maestra Thecla

visited our other communities. When they reached Youngstown, they went to see my parents, who owned a dry-cleaning shop. Afterward, my mother sent me a letter telling me how happy she and my father had been to receive that visit. She wrote that when my father noticed that Primo Maestro's suit was very wrinkled because of all the traveling he had been doing, he made the Founder take off his suit and wait while he pressed it. If only my father had known he was ironing the clothes of a saint!

I made my first profession in 1958 in our circumscription's new central house in Boston. When Prima Maestra visited the Daughters of St. Paul of the United States once again in 1959, most of the sisters in Boston were out on propaganda or working in the book center during the day, so those of us at home had the opportunity to really enjoy her presence. At lunch every day, I had the privilege of sitting at the same table with Prima Maestra, where I closely observed everything she said and did. Sometimes, in chapel, I would kneel next to her and I was always struck by how recollected she was in prayer.

Almost every evening after supper the whole Boston community would gather around Prima Maestra, who told us about Rome and the different countries and communities she had visited. She also listened with great interest to our stories about our families and our childhood years.

After breakfast each morning, the sisters going out on propaganda would line up in front of Prima Maestra, who blessed them by tracing a cross on their foreheads. Even though I was not one of the propagandists, I would also sneak into line for her blessing.

Every day, Prima Maestra would visit the technical apostolate to see what works were in progress. I was running the printing press and at that time we were printing 30,000 copies of the Bible. When she reached the press, she traced a cross on my forehead and then another one on the printing press, asking me how things were going.

When it was my turn to speak to her privately, she asked me about myself and my family. Even though I spoke Italian very poorly, she understood me and when our conversation ended she wrote a note on the back of a holy card, encouraging me to become a saint.

The Daughters of St. Paul had just opened a house in the Congo and Prima Maestra told us about what life was like for our sisters in far-away Africa. She asked if any of us would like to be a missionary. I burned with desire to say yes, but since there were still so few FSPs in the United States, I did not have the courage to raise my hand. Little did I know that my desire would be fulfilled 25 years later! In fact, in 1985 I was asked to go to Nairobi, Kenya to help train the postulants to print and bind the small books the new circumscription had begun to publish. *Paulines Publications Africa* has made a lot of progress since those days and the Lord has truly worked miracles through our apostolate!

Maestra Thecla made her last visit to the United States in 1962. Because her health was not good, she did not visit the local com-

munities but remained in Boston the whole time. Instead, the Sisters took turns going to Boston to visit her and, as always, she made time to speak with each sister personally. That was the last time I saw her.

I will always treasure my memories of Prima Maestra. Whenever I am in need I always turn to her because I have great trust in her maternal help and protection.

I recently celebrated my 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of religious profession among the Daughters of St. Paul. I thank the Divine Master for all the graces he has bestowed on me over these many years, including the grace of meeting and getting to know our dearest Prima Maestra Thecla, whom I pray we will soon be able to honor with the title "Blessed."

*Sr. Mary Augustine Nemer, fsp*

## PASKISTAN

### A TESTIMONY FROM FAISALABAD



It is hard to believe in miracles but we FSPs of Pakistan have personally experienced one and we can't help but sing the wonders of the Lord!

When the Bishop of Faisalabad surprised us with the request to open a book center in his diocese (we had opened a new community in Multan just a short time previously), we were overwhelmed with joy and welcomed his appeal as a gift of Maestra Thecla to our Delegation, which this year is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of our Lahore community.

The whole Delegation, especially our young members, overflowed with joy and apostolic enthusiasm. That enthusiasm increased even more when we received the news that our sisters in Italy were sending us a container filled with all the furnishings of our Pavia and Cosenza book centers, which the Italian Province had recently closed with great regret and suffering. On our part, we saw it as a sign that the seeds of our Pauline presence in the world do not die—they are just transferred elsewhere!

We then embarked on a long battle to get the customs officials to release the container to us. Every day a new bureaucratic problem arose. Pakistanis are accustomed to struggling to meet their needs, so with great determination we spent the next two months knocking on the doors of government offices. Our persistence showed the authorities that we were not going to give up, especially since the goods in question were all clearly marked *Donations*.

This time of pain and tension finally ended at midnight, 19 November, when the container arrived in the Cathedral precincts, where our new book center is located. We spent the whole night unloading its contents. In the morning we resumed our work in the hope that we would be able to start setting up bookshelves the following day. Our labors were coordinated by Sr. Giovanna Marras, who had arrived from Italy to help us. Thus began a new race against time. Would you believe that the new book center was ready to open its doors in just two days? Believe us—we were there!

The Faisalabad book center has not been officially inaugurated yet, but on the First Sunday of Advent we opened it to the public with the little stock we had. The unexpected influx of people was amazing! We want to thank all of you for your prayers for this new Pauline foundation. Above all we want to thank our Italian Province for all the furnishings and equipment they sent us and especially for loaning us the professional expertise and help of Sr. Giovanna Marras—a great gift! In the name of all the Pakistani people, we ask the Lord to bless and recompense all of you!

*The Sisters of Pakistan*

## MY LIFE: A MARVELOUS CHAIN OF "INTERWEAVINGS"



Whenever I go to Alba, the diocese of my youth, I always drop into the cathedral to visit Jesus in the Eucharist. There, I read the words inscribed on the little door of the tabernacle: *Come to me, all of you*. It is an invitation that has always fascinated me because of the way I was formed as a Daughter of St. Paul. In fact, for the FSPs there are no limits concerning the "knowledge" to write about and publish in the world of communication. Nor are there any limits to the "recipients" to whom we should address our message. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians: "I have made myself all to all so as to win over as many as possible" (cf. 1 Co. 9:19).

The years of my formation were an *interweaving* of hours dedicated to study, work and prayer and, if necessary, also an *interweaving* of daytime and nighttime hours because the material I typed into the linotype machine was destined to go beyond the doors of our convent....

After I finished my studies, I was sent to Spain, a country with a powerful missionary thrust. Even during our formative years, we younger sisters thought about all the Spanish-speaking people who would receive our publications.... Later I was transferred to Argentina, given the fact that I already knew that language. Besides my apostolate as a formator, I also worked in the editorial office of *Famiglia Cristiana*—the most widely-read Catholic periodical in the country (over 100,000 copies printed each month!) and eventually I became the magazine's director. I would correct page proofs in my office and then go down to the typography to transfer the corrections from paper onto lead slugs at the linotype. A succession of young sisters were appointed one after another to various governing duties. After my years in Argentina, I spent a short time in Peru, where I helped to stabilize the administration sector, which was a little shaky, and then dedicated myself to promoting our Pauline products in other countries and setting up book centers—a theological "place" of proclamation—to be entrusted to the laity. I also continued with formation work and "oral preaching" by means of conferences....

I returned to Italy in 1975 and was immediately assigned to the *Ut Unum Sint* Center. I

participated in our 1978 General Chapter and when it ended I was asked to join the team of the *International Commission for the Rediscovery of the Charism*, which had been set up at the request of the Chapter itself. While carrying out this service, I went to Bogota, Colombia to hold animations for our sisters of Latin America, after which I went to Spain to do the same thing for the FSPs of Europe and North America.

After that, up until 1998, I helped to animate various courses of spiritual exercises organized by our Italian Province. Within this timeframe I also served as superior of our Verona community (1980-1987). During my time in that community, there was an effective *interweaving* of activities entrusted to very competent sisters: the St. Paul Film Agency, two book centers, vocation work (the 5 young women who entered at that time are very active perpetual professed sisters today), participation in the diocesan office for communications and culture, collaboration with the laity.... We also had the grace to accompany, as a community, a sister in the last stage of her earthly pilgrimage.

The 24 years I spent working at USMI (Union of Women Major Superiors—Italian National Division) (1991-2015) were an expression of who I am and what I live. I worked on the Union's periodical, *Consecration and Service*, and the supplements related to it, as well as in its Press Office, on its information bulletin, its website ([www.usminazionale.it](http://www.usminazionale.it)) and the preparation and publication of news flashes. I also worked in the Union's library, which was frequented by students from foreign countries, where I advised them concerning the selection of texts for their theses and how to organize their material. I like to think that after these students returned to their own countries, they went on to serve as opinion leaders among their people.

Another *interweaving*: from home, I am currently contributing input to our FSP websites [www.tuttoperilvangelo.it](http://www.tuttoperilvangelo.it) and [www.paoline.it](http://www.paoline.it), and also translating books from Spanish into Italian for our publishing house here in Italy. Some of this work involves the collaboration of my sister Myriam, also a Daughter of St. Paul.

My whole life has been a challenging *interweaving* between the Lord of life and myself. As St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works which God has already designated to make up our way of life" (Eph. 2:10).

Sr. Bianca Rosa Magliano, fsp

## DOES THE “DIGITAL PERSON” REALLY PAY SCANT HEED TO THE SPIRIT?



The Internet is not like a system of water or gas lines. Nor is it a mass of cables, wires, tablets, cell phones and computers. It would be a mistake to identify the Internet and its use with the technological infrastructure that makes connection possible. Today the Web is, above all in its mobile form, an existential context in which one gets in touch with friends far away, keeps informed, buys things, and shares interests and ideas: it is the “connective tissue” of human experiences. An African student of mine at the Gregorian University once told me, “I love my computer because all my friends are in it.” Thus, communication technologies also contribute to defining a way of living in the world and organizing it, guiding and inspiring individual, family and social behavior. Benedict XVI wrote: “The digital environment is not a parallel or purely virtual world; it is part of the daily reality of many people, especially the young.”

In fact, *Gaudium et Spes* already spoke specifically about the impact of technologies on human knowing (*modus cogitandi*). In general, “technical inventions” are relevant because “they have a very direct relation to men’s minds” (*Inter Mirifica*, 1).

During one of his talks in 1964, St. Paul VI reaffirmed that “the mechanical brain comes to the aid of the spiritual brain.” The technological person and the spiritual one are therefore one and the same individual. Today’s cyberspace culture challenges anew our ability to formulate and listen to a symbolic language that talks about the possibility of transcendence and its signs in our lives. We live our lives, including our life

of faith, in an environment which is by now also digital. In the light of these considerations, what are the main challenges that we face and will face? Among numerous possibilities, we can single out at least two which, to me, seem fundamental.

### FIRST CHALLENGE

This is certainly tied to the fact that the digital environment is a social network in which relationships are born. If neurons interconnect within our brains, then our brains, with their cultural, spiritual and relational abilities, interconnect within the Internet. To communicate, therefore, no longer means to transmit content, but to share it.

Thus a radical question arises: Is it enough to multiply connections in order to cultivate mutual understanding and communion among individuals? To be connected does not automatically mean to establish a relationship with another person. A community does not automatically generate community. Connection in itself is not enough to transform the Web into a place of full human sharing because communion is not a “product” of communication.



In the digital environment, the Church is called to be not a “transmitter” of religious content but a “sharer” of the Gospel in a complex society in which our understanding of reality is compromised by fake news, manipulation, and the dominance of consensus. Still, the Web gives rise to the need for wide participation: each person can express himself or herself. If this is true in the political and civil spheres, it is no less true in the ecclesial. It is vital that the Church not be governed by algorithmic reasoning.

## SECOND CHALLENGE

This consists of the ability to understand what we once called—and with good reason!—“the interior life.” The spiritual life of people today is undoubtedly influenced by the interactive and immersive dynamics proper to the world of the Internet. In fact, accustomed as they are to the Internet, contemporary human beings seem more adept at interaction than internalization. Generally speaking, “interiority” is synonymous with depth, while “interactivity” is often synonymous with superficiality.

Some time ago, Alessandro Baricco [an Italian writer] compiled the following list: profundity has been replaced by superficiality, reflection by speed, analysis by serialization, deepening by “surfing,” expression by communication, and specialization by multitasking. Does this mean, then, that we are condemned to superficiality? Is it possible to pair depth and interactivity?

Those accustomed to interactivity succeed in internalizing their experiences if they are able to weave them together with relationships that are vibrant, not just passive and receptive. The modern person values experiences that call for participation and



involvement. This challenge is enormously important. What, therefore, will be the spirituality of people whose *modus cogitandi* is changing because they live in a digital environment?

This is also one of the principal challenges of modern education.

*Antonio Spadaro, sj*

(Source: the weekly newspaper *Avvenire*)

25 January 2019

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JAMES Mebitha – TOPNO Mina

## YOUNG PEOPLE, FAITH AND VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT: CHALLENGES FOR THE PAULINE FAMILY



Dear sisters and brothers,

In harmony with the synodal journey, lived as a Church, we, the members of the General Governments, believe that *“today too God speaks to the Church and to the world through the creativity and commitment of young people, as well as through their sufferings and appeals for help. With them, we can read our era more prophetically and recognize the signs of the times; this is why young people are one of the “theological places” in which the Lord makes known to us some of his expectations and challenges for building tomorrow”* (Final Document, n. 64).

From 8-10 January 2019, we embarked on a surprising journey. We approached the young so as to let ourselves be “infected” by their joy, hope, enthusiasm, concerns and desire to change the world. As in a new Pentecost, we experienced this process, which comes about gradually, first of all by listening to the diverse realities young people are living. And like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, our eyes opened little by little to a fascinating world, in many ways unknown and disturbing.

The first step was listening to the testimonies of two of the participants in the Synod of Bishops on Young People. Fr. Rossano Sala, sdb, Special Secretary of the Synod, shared the resonances and provocations that were the fruit of his synodal experience. The first thing to emerge was the importance of silence and listening, which is demanding: *“it requires humility, patience and a willingness to understand”* that *“transforms the hearts of those who experience it”* (Final Document, n. 6). But the true innovation was the concept of “synodality”: a new way of being Church and of walking together as a family in the diversity of its members. A method that helps us build communion, moving from an “office mentality”—received by competency—to a willingness to realize together projects that release energy and creativity.

Fr. Valdir José De Castro, SSP Superior General, offered us a “Pauline” reading of the Synod. And here we come to the second step: synodality, which helps us to interpret authority as service and to rethink the way we understand and live communication, not only as an instrument but rather as a rela-

tionship, communion and an anthropological experience. Among the provocations offered the Pauline Family, we welcome the need to walk with young people, work in teams, improve the man-woman relationship, and reinforce accompaniment and formation under the sign of the different characteristics of Pauline formation.

The third step led us to an environment typical of the world of youth: the Internet. Sr. Mariangela Tassielli, fsp, gave us a glimpse of this “parallel” environment, inhabited by teenagers and young adults. Many aspects of it are unknown to us. We do not speak their language. In general, our approach is inadequate and our apostolic proposals do not capture their interest. It is urgent to change, listen and walk together. This gave rise to a courageous invitation: do not be afraid of young people, their protagonism, abilities, differences and creativity. Let us learn to approach young people with humility so as to get to know them and inhabit this new space and time, which is also waiting for the Good News of the Kingdom.

Our next step took us on a “virtual trip” to a multi-cultural and multi-religious context in a suburb of Paris, France. By means of the film “*Les Héritiers*” by Marie-Castille Menthon-Schaar, we caught a glimpse of the restless face of youth: a group of forgotten teenagers, immersed in a series of problems, children of a society in crisis. A group, however, full of creativity and hope, able to transform itself the moment an authoritative adult helps them discover the ideal keys needed to motivate them.

Our journey continued in the form of a round table discussion coordinated by Fr. Andrea Lonardo, who hosted four university students from different religious and cultural contexts. Young people full of curiosity and worries, searching for the profound meaning of life. Pursuing different paths to faith, but sharing ideals and expectations. Young people who dream of a better world. They questioned us about who we are and “who we are for,” about our way of witnessing to the innovations of the Gospel, about the signs we are leaving behind us to help them on their way to adulthood.

This direct contact with young people was complemented by the voices and faces of our young men and women in initial formation throughout the world. By means of



a video and the presentation of the results of a questionnaire addressed to our Juniors and to young people close to our communities, we listened to the new Pauline generations. Tapping into their minds and hearts, we grasped above all their desire to make a constructive contribution to the Pauline mission in the world. This fills us with joy and hope. It manifests the “overflowing wealth” of our Family: experiences of fraternal life, witness, sense of belonging, cultural diversity, motivations, etc.—riches that will be deepened in different forms and places during our Vocation Year. To them we say: Thank you for your constructive contribution to our annual meeting!

We reaffirm that young people are truly a “theological place” and that they help us scrutinize God under new perspectives. We feel the need to encourage our communities to welcome and listen to young people more and more. To interact with them and enter into their situations because “*all young people, without exception, are in the heart of God and therefore also in the heart of the Church*” (*Final Document*, n. 117).

The year that has just begun is an opportunity to establish a renewed vocational culture in our communities (cf. *Final Document*, n. 80) according to the indications set forth in the Letter of the Superiors General dated 20 August 2018. In harmony with the Centenary of the Pact, we are invited to adopt the *Secret of Success*, in all its depth and fecundity, as the official prayer of our Vocation Year.

To each and every one of you our affectionate best wishes in Christ the Master.

Ariccia, 10 January 2019

*The Participants in the XXXVI Meeting of the General Governments of the Pauline Family*

## WINDOW ON THE CHURCH

### DIALOGUE BETWEEN BUDDHIST AND CHRISTIAN NUNS



*Contemplative Action and Active Contemplation: Buddhist and Christian Nuns in Dialogue*: this was the theme of the first joint International Conference between consecrated women of the two religions, held in the city of Kaohsiung, in southern Taiwan, on the initiative of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, the Association of Major Women Superiors of Taiwan and the Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Monastery, site of the encounter. It is significant that the first formal Buddhist-Christian meeting, which took place in 1995, was also held at this Monastery.

Seventy Buddhist and Catholic nuns, primarily from Asian countries but also from Europe and the United States, participated in the event, as well as a European delegation from the World Council of Churches.

The meeting's agenda was marked not only by discussions in plenary sessions, but also by visits to sacred places in the region, conversations on the individual and small group levels, and testimonials about solidarity.

The objective of the Conference was to create more space for women to participate in interreligious dialogue.

### MISSIONARIES KILLED IN 2018



In 2018, 40 missionaries (most of them priests) were killed throughout the world,

almost twice as many as the 23 of the previous year. According to the data collected by Fides News Agency, 35 priests, 1 seminarian and 4 lay missionaries were killed in 2018. We use the term *missionary* for all the baptized, aware that "in virtue of the baptism received, every member of the People of God has become a missionary disciple" (EG 120). The missionaries lost their lives during attempted hold-ups and robberies, ferociously committed in impoverished, degraded social contexts where violence is the rule of life or where religion is used for other ends. Everywhere, these priests, religious and lay workers shared the same daily life as the common people, offering the evangelical witness of love and service to all as a sign of hope and peace, trying to alleviate the sufferings of the weakest, raising their voices in defense of their trampled rights, and denouncing evil and injustice.

### NUNS AND PRIESTS AGAINST SLAVERY



Since 2007, sixteen religious Congregations in England and Wales have provided safe accommodations for children, women and men rescued from prostitution, forced labor and other forms of violence and exploitation, settling these people on a total of 29 properties, with an overall value of 18 million euros. These are the findings of a survey conducted by *Arise*, a charity Foundation based in London and New York, which was started to combat all forms of slavery and human trafficking. According to the Foundation's latest report, in the past five years 172 religious, mostly nuns, have been engaged in rescuing hundreds of vulnerable people from falling prey to situations of exploitation and the degradation of human dignity.

Translated into numbers, the commitment of these religious amounts to 650 years of service, while total donations amount to over 11 billion euros. "An inestimable worth," says Luke de Pulford, Director of *Arise*. "It is an in-

estimable worth, yet religious Congregations are hardly ever consulted by government authorities when developing anti-slavery and anti-exploitation policies. Experts in this field are often unaware of the fact that such high numbers of nuns are in the frontline. The female members of religious congregations are the little-known heroines of the anti-slavery movement”.

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### WINDOW ON THE WORLD

#### 800 JOURNALISTS ASSASSINATED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS



Crimes against media workers are crimes against human rights because they violate fundamental freedoms and undermine the principles of the rule of law. These dangers were recognized on the international level by means of a UN General Assembly resolution in 2013, which established an *International Day to end impunity for crimes against journalists*. A report presented on the occasion of the International Day 2018 reveals that the bloodiest year for violence against journalists was 2012, with 124 murders. To date, the reality of the facts tells us that nine out of every ten crimes against journalists go unpunished. This year’s Day drew attention to 7 countries: Mexico, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Somalia and Ukraine. To address this problem, the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) is continuing the campaign #EndImpunity.

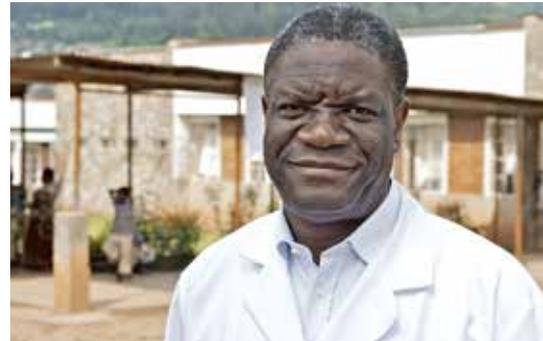
#### INDIAN WOMEN CLAIM THE RIGHT TO EQUALITY AND PRAYER

For the first time in the history of India, two women about 40 years old managed to enter the Hindu temple of Sabarimala, Kerala and pray in its “sancta sanctorum”—the



inner part of the temple accessible only to men. Last September the country’s Supreme Court abolished the ban that prohibited access to this temple to women of childbearing age. To affirm their right to equality and prayer, more than 3.5 million Indian women poured into the streets to form a human chain 620 km. (385 miles) long. They did not carry any symbols of violence in their hands but instead bright lights, like the offerings that are brought to Hindu temples. Millions of women and men throughout the country manifested strong solidarity with the women, in spite of vigorous protests from religious fundamentalists.

#### MOTHER TERESA AWARD 2018



“In a world in which the rights of women, children and those who cannot defend themselves are denied, Nadia Murad and Denis Mukwege are people who can explain their pain to a wider global audience.” With these words, Abraham Mathai, founder of the Harmony Foundation, set forth the reasons that led the institution to bestow its *2018 Mother Teresa Award* on the Yazidi activist and Congolese doctor, who had already won the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize. The coveted recognition, named in memory of the saint of Calcutta, has reached its 14th edition. At the awards ceremony, Nadia Murad told her story in person and launched a plea that the thousands of people still in the hands of the jihadists be liberated and helped along the road to recovery.

## WINDOW ON COMMUNICATIONS

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF *TELEPACE*



*Telepace*, an Italy-based Catholic radio-television network that disseminates in particular Pope Francis' audiences and celebrations, will be forty years old this year. In his meeting with the broadcasting staff, the Pope encouraged them to continue to be the voice of those who have no voice.

Quoting the *Telepace* motto, he highlighted the network's vocation to "genuine service of God and of man in the Church," together with its choice to depend completely on divine Providence by not accepting any type of advertising, supporting itself solely on the free offerings it receives.

The *Telepace* logo is a dove with an olive branch in its beak. In his address, the Pope said that he hoped *Telepace* would always be a "television of peace," a gift of God and a conquest of humanity, and that the radio-TV staff would be doves of peace that fly through the ether on the two wings of prayer and love.

### LET'S READ! A WEEK OF READING OUT LOUD IN THE CLASSROOM



From 22-27 October 2018, numerous elementary and high schools all over Italy celebrated for the fifth consecutive year *Libriamoci (Let's Read!) Week*—an initiative dedicated to helping young people discover the pleasure and power of reading and its ability to involve everyone when it is done out loud.

Almost 300 people, many of them well

known public figures, volunteered to "return to school" so as to read aloud some passages from their favorite texts to the students and discuss the content with them. Among these were 36 members of the Milan Pact for Reading, 44 publishers with their own authors, as well as dozens of actors, journalists, librarians and private citizens.

*Libriamoci* is a very creative initiative aimed at making the younger generations more aware of the importance of reading. "Reading should be a pleasure, not a constraint," said one of the coordinators of the event. "It is very useful and good for the brain."

### THE CATECHISM ENTERS THE DIGITAL CULTURE



A great multimedia production that for the first time transforms the full text of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

into a 25-hour film, divided into 46 half-hour episodes that take the viewer on an extraordinary journey across the five continents.

Distributed in DVD format by the SSP Publishing Group, the *Videocatechism* of the Catholic Church was realized by director Gjon Kolndrekaj and produced by the CrossinMedia Group in co-edition with the Vatican's Publishing House.

The fruit of 5 years of work and shot with the most advanced film technologies in 4K for a total of 800 hours in 16,000 different locations, the project involved 60,000 people throughout the world, including 3,000 readers, women and men from 200 different professions and states of life, 70 nationalities, 37 languages and 2,600 non-professional actors.

"It is an important work, above all today when catechesis is suffering," underscored Archbishop Rino Risichella, president of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, the Dicastery that deals with the diffusion of the Catechism and that sponsored the initiative. Important because "it introduces the Catechism into the new digital culture and highlights the doctrinal, cultural and spiritual heritage of the Church over its more than 2000-year history."



## Anniversaries of Religious Consecration 2019

### **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Religious Consecration (14)**

	<i>First Prof.</i>	<i>Community</i>
ALVARADO JIMENEZ Sr. Mariela de Jesus	30.01.1994	CARACAS C
DE SOUSA RODRIGUEZ Sr. Veronica Yasmin	30.01.1994	SANTO DOMINGO
HANITRINIAINA Sr. Marie Blandine Aimée	25.01.1994	COMO
HER Myeong Ju Sr. Bernarda	25.01.1994	SEOUL-MIARI
KERKETTA Sr. Asrita	30.06.1994	NAGPUR
KIM Choung Hee Cristina Sr. Serafina	25.01.1994	SEOUL-MIARI
KIM Mi Ok Juliana Sr. Virginia	25.01.1994	SEOUL-MIARI
LEE Gum Hee Bibiana Sr. Renata	25.01.1994	SEOUL-MIARI
LEE Kyoung Sook Sr. Agnes	25.01.1994	PUSAN
MAMINIRINA Sr. Eudoxie Marie	25.01.1994	ANTANANARIVO SP
NO Jae Shin Lucia Sr. Fidelis	25.01.1994	SEOUL-MIARI
TIGGA Sr. Suman Jacinta	30.06.1994	MUMBAI CP
VALLAYIL Mariam Sr. Regi John	30.06.1994	EAST HAWTHORN
YUN Young Ran Sr. Ilma	25.01.1994	SEOUL-MIARI

### **50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of Religious Consecration (39)**

ALDEGHERI Luciana Sr. Maria Caterina	30.06.1969	ALBA SG
ALEXANDRE DE OLIVEIRA Sr. Maria	30.06.1969	RECIFE
ANTONIETTI Sr. Vittoria Maria	30.06.1969	BUCHAREST
BERGAMIN Maria Teresa Sr. Maria Noemi	30.06.1969	ROME CG
BORELLI Sr. Virginia	30.06.1969	COMO
BUDAI Sr. Ferruccia	30.06.1969	BOLOGNA
CAPRIOLO Sr. Anna	30.06.1969	NOVARA
CASTELLI Maria Sr. Myriam	30.06.1969	ROME C
COLUCCIA Sr. Rosa	30.06.1969	TREVISO
CORAZZA Sr. Helena	30.06.1969	SÃO PAULO SP
DE OLIVEIRA SANTOS Sr. Ivete Virginia	30.06.1969	SÃO PAULO SP
DOBOS Marie Margaret Sr. Mary Stefanie	30.06.1969	BOSTON
FOSSON Agnese Costanza Sr. Maria Paola	30.06.1969	ROME C
GIOIA Sr. Caterina (Rina)	30.06.1969	ALBA
GRISA Sr. Adele Silvia	30.06.1969	ROME DP
HIGO Kikue Sr. Maria Teresa	30.06.1969	DÜSSELDORF
HONG Soon Heung Sr. Maria Augusta	30.06.1969	SEOUL-MIARI
HYUN Ki Suhn Sr. Maria Cecilia	30.06.1969	SEOUL CP
KONZEN Maria Therezinha Sr. Maria Edith	30.06.1969	SALVADOR
LEONARDELLI Sr. Lina	30.06.1969	ROME C
LOPES MOTTA Sr. Iracema	30.06.1969	SÃO PAULO DM
MASELLA Sr. Tommasa	30.06.1969	ROME MASCHERINO
MATSUDA Miyoko Sr. Maria Josephina	30.06.1969	TOKYO
MELONI Gesuina Sr. Chiaramaria	30.06.1969	PALERMO
MORREALE Sr. Rosa	30.06.1969	ROME DP
OIWA Kazumi Sr. Maria Tecla	30.06.1969	TOKYO
ORIZIO Sr. Francesca	30.06.1969	BUENOS AIRES N
QUINZAN Sr. Maria Pia	30.06.1969	TREVISO
ROCCOBERTON Sr. Angelina	30.06.1969	MANTUA
RONDA Milagros Sr. Rosangela	30.06.1969	PASAY R.A.
SATTLER Linda Elva Sr. Mary Bernardine	30.06.1969	MENLO PARK
SAWAMURA Kiyoko Sr. Maria Anastasia	30.06.1969	TOKYO-1
SEIKE Sachiko Sr. Maria Teresa	30.06.1969	TOKYO-1
SHIM Kil Ja Sr. Scolastica	30.06.1969	SEOUL-MIARI

SPITERI Sr. Josette	30.06.1969	GLASGOW
TAJIRI Ritsuko Sr. Teresia Irene	30.06.1969	TOKYO
VALERO ANGULO Delia Del Carmen Sr. Paulina	29.06.1969	RIO PIEDRAS
VASSALLO Sr. Salvina	30.06.1969	ALBANO GA
VATTERONI Sr. Anna Rosa	30.06.1969	ALBA
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ALLARD Sr. Alice	27.06.1959	MONTREAL
ALTAFINI Anna Maria Sr. Maria Gabriella	30.06.1959	VERONA
BAGNACANI Francesca Sr. Maria Timotea	30.06.1959	ALBA
BARCO Genoveva Sr. Maria Dolores	19.03.1959	MANIZALES
BENEDINI Sr. Emma	30.06.1959	ALBA
BERRA Sr. Estela Del Carmen	08.12.1959	BUENOS AIRES N
BERRA Ustolia Del Carmen Sr. Maria Cecilia	08.12.1959	BUENOS AIRES N
BIZZARRI Dea Sr. Fernanda Maria	30.06.1959	ROME CG
BRUSAMARELLO Graziella Sr. Marie Dominique	30.06.1959	ALBA
BURKE Mary Sr. Mary Patricia	30.06.1959	LANGLEY CD
CAGAYAT Andrea Sr. Maria Margherita	30.06.1959	ILOILO
CAMINA Maria Coronacion Sr. Mary Nazarene	30.06.1959	PASAY R.A.
CARLI Maria Teresa Sr. Maria Fidelis	30.06.1959	ALBA
CATALUCCI Celinda Marie Sr. Mary Assumpta	30.06.1959	NEW ORLEANS
CELESTIAL Zoila Sr. Maria Caterina	30.06.1959	PASAY R.A.
CONCILIO Maria Sr. Maria Bernarda	30.06.1959	ROME DP
CONTI Sr. Rosanna	30.06.1959	ROME CG
COZZI DE MANE Sr. Giulia	30.06.1959	ROME DP
CUTRUPI Sr. Marianna (Anna M.)	30.06.1959	ROME DP
DAL MAGRO Sr. Anna Pia	30.06.1959	ALBANO TM
DESMARAIIS Cecile Sr. Dominique	30.06.1959	MONTREAL
FISSORE Rosangela Sr. Maria Ester	30.06.1959	ROME DP
FOURNIER Sr. Jeannine	27.06.1959	MONTREAL
GARAY OLAGUE Guadalupe Sr. Martha	30.06.1959	MEXICO CITY
GORNIS Felipa Sr. Eugenia Maria	30.06.1959	PASAY R.A.
HEFFERNAN Eileen Therese Sr. Anne Eileen	30.06.1959	BOSTON RA
HOGA Kazuko Sr. Maria Ida	30.06.1959	NAGOYA
HORII Tsuruko Sr. Bianca Maria	30.06.1959	HIRATSUKA
ISHUIN Hideko Sr. Maria Viola	30.06.1959	TOKYO-1
LANZONI Maria Pia Sr. Maria Gloria	30.06.1959	ALBANO GA
LO CURCIO Giuseppa Sr. Maria Edoarda	30.06.1959	ALBA
MALIZIA Sr. Anna	30.06.1959	ALBA
MANTI Caterina Carmela Sr. Federica Maria	30.06.1959	MESSINA
MARCOLIN Giuseppina Maria Sr. Maria Luisa	30.06.1959	NOVARA
MARCON Sr. Maria Bianca	30.06.1959	TREVISO
MARRONE Teresa Sr. Maria Francesca	30.06.1959	CAGLIARI
MARTINEZ Olga Sr. Mary Guadalupe	30.06.1959	BOSTON RA
MERLO RAMIREZ Balbina Sr. Maria Gema	30.06.1959	MEXICO CITY CP
MEZZARI Anita Sr. Maria Chiara	30.06.1959	BOLOGNA
MOREIRA LOPES Sr. Adelia	30.06.1959	LISBON CD
NISHIDA Midori Sr. Maria Colomba	30.06.1959	TOKYO
NODA Kayoko Sr. Maria Silvana	30.06.1959	HIRATSUKA
PASTORFIDE Leny Sr. Maria Edvige	30.06.1959	PASAY R.A.
PATI Sr. Maria Teresa	30.06.1959	ALBANO TM
PEÑA GONZALEZ Eufrasia Sr. Maria Ines	30.06.1959	MADRID
PERONA Sr. Franca Maria	30.06.1959	KINSHASA CD
PICCOLO Irma Sr. Maria Tarcisia	30.06.1959	TRIESTE
RENE' Sr. Huguette	30.06.1959	MONTREAL
RODRIGUES Sr. Doris	30.06.1959	MUMBAI
RUFFINI Giulia Vittoria Sr. Micaela Maria	30.06.1959	ROME DP
RUSSO Vincenza Sr. Vitamaria	30.06.1959	ALBANO TM
SACCOMAN Sr. Anna	30.06.1959	EAST HAWTHORN
SALINAS LARRION Natividad Sr. Maria Yolanda	30.06.1959	BARCELONA
SANTAGIULIANA Anna Maria Sr. Maria Bertilla	30.06.1959	ALBA
SCANO Vitalia Sr. Maria Loreta	30.06.1959	ROME DP
SEBUMPAN Consuelo Sr. Maria Gesualda	30.06.1959	PASAY R.A.
SEDDA Maria Giuseppa Sr. Maria Ambrogia	30.06.1959	ALBA
SOTGIU Francesca Sr. Maria Angela	30.06.1959	ALBANO TM
TERRANO Sr. Anna	30.06.1959	NAPLES C
TESTA Maria Francesca Sr. Maria Pacis	30.06.1959	ALBA SG
TWAMLEY Elizabeth Sr. Mary Thecla	30.06.1959	LIVERPOOL

USAI Anna Sr. Anita Maria	30.06.1959	REGGIO CALABRIA
VANNACCI Renata Sr. Maria Elena	30.06.1959	VERONA
YAMAMOTO Fumiko Sr. Maria Luisa	30.06.1959	TOKYO

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CANDIAN Carolina Sr. Maria Silvana	08.12.1949	SÃO PAULO CR
DE LEUCIO Gilda Sr. Maria Giselda	19.03.1949	NAPLES C
DEHO' Camilla Sr. Maria Adeodata	19.03.1949	ROME CG
DEL BIANCO Luisa Sr. Maria Maurilia	19.03.1949	ALBANO GA
FERRARETO Natalia Sr. Maria Leticia	08.12.1949	SÃO PAULO CR
GRANDI Aparecida Sr. Paulina	08.12.1949	SÃO PAULO DM
GREGOLINI Teresinha Sr. Maria Alice	08.12.1949	SÃO PAULO SP
LEDDA Maria Angela Sr. Maria Nives	19.03.1949	CAGLIARI
LETIZIA Filomena Sr. Maria Augusta	19.03.1949	NAPLES C
MAURO Carmela Sr. Maria Emilia	19.03.1949	VERONA
MENEGAT Gemma Sr. Maris Stella	08.12.1949	SÃO PAULO CR
PEGORER Hermelinda Sr. Maria José	08.12.1949	SÃO PAULO CR
QUAGLINI Sr. Caterina Adriana	19.03.1949	ALBA SG
SPINUCCI Nedda Sr. Ida Paola	25.01.1949	ROME DM
TOMMASI Sr. Tarcila	08.12.1949	SÃO PAULO DM

**75<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of Religious Consecration (4)**

DALLA VALLE Imelda Clara Sr. Antonietta	19.03.1944	ALBA
GIRARDI Ida Sr. Arcangela	25.01.1944	CURITIBA
NICOLUSSI Antonia Maria Sr. Teresa	19.03.1944	ALBA
PREZIOSO Maria Sr. Cecilia	20.08.1944	BUENOS AIRES N

**80<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of Religious Consecration (3)**

GUIDETTI Adelma Olga Sr. Maria Lorenzina	10.02.1939	ROMA DP
SALVA' Rina Sr. Vincenza	10.02.1939	ALBANO TM
SARTOR Maria Sr. Claudia	15.01.1939	ALBA



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

John 11:25

### **DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL**

Sr. Ines Maria Tibaldo, age 81 - 11.11.2018 - Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Sr. Iolanda Mancinelli, age 90 - 27.11.2018 - Albano GA, Italy  
Sr. M. Leonia Shindo, age 87 - 08.12.2018 - Hiratsuka, Japan  
Sr. M. Angelica Ramos, age 93 - 14.12.2018 - Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Sr. Pierangela Yano, age 85 - 15.12.2018 - Tokyo, Japan  
Sr. Gabriella Potrich, age 89 - 18.12.2018 - São Paulo, Brazil  
Sr. M. Bianca Panaro, age 90 - 25.12.2018 - Alba, Italy  
Sr M. Eulalia Bravo, age 92 - 27.12.2018 - Pasay City, Philippines  
Sr. Angela Moretti, age 87 - 19.01.2019 - São Paulo, Brazil

### **PARENTS OF OUR SISTERS**

Sr. Marie Josée Ngave Dz'za (Mother, Françoise), Kisangani community, Congo  
Sr. Rachael Nduku Muli (Father, William), Juba community, South Sudan  
Sr. Lucia Macuacua (Mother, Lourdes), Luanda community, Angola  
Sr. Oluwakemi Matilda Akinleye (Father, Alfred Kolawole), Abuja community, Nigeria  
Sr. Serafina Kin (Father, Joseph Shi Yong), Wonju community, Korea  
Sr. Lynette Chan (Mother, Swee Sum), Taipei community, Taiwan  
Sr. Delia Bete (Father, Daniel), Pasay RA community, Philippines  
Sr. Larissa Zhia Nge (Father, Ephraim), Nairobi community, Kenya  
Sr. Lucia Simula (Father, Raimondo), Generalate community, Italy  
Sr. Vilma de los Angeles Osto Balaguer (Mother, Carmen), Puerto Ordaz community, Venezuela

### **PAULINE FAMILY**

Sr. M. Agnese Giuseppina Menocchio, pddm, age 75 - 21.10.2018 - Rome, Italy  
Fr. Davide Antonio Maria Arpe, ssp, age 76 - 07.11.2018 - Rome, Italy  
Sr. M. Angelica Amelia Spezzani, sjbp, age 89 - 12.11.2018 - Negrar, Italy  
Sr. M. Paola Domenica Bogliotti, pddm, age 87 - 20.11.2018 - Sanfrè, Italy  
Br. Aurelio Mariano Martin Varillas, ssp, age 87 - 20.12.2018 - Madrid, Spain  
Fr. Gerardo Joaquin Velasco Acosta, ssp, age 57 - 24.12.2018 - Xalapa, Mexico  
Sr. M. Ilaria Rosanna Benedetti, sgbp, age 79 - 31.12.2018 - Negrar, Italy  
Fr. Juan Manuel Esteban Galaviz Herrera, ssp, age 77 - 07.01.2019 - Havana, Cuba  
Sr. M. Alba Lorenzina Scellato, pddm, age 94 - 12.01.2019 - Fresno, United States  
Sr. Franca Laratore, ap, age 74 - 21.01.2019 - Castel Gandolfo, Italy