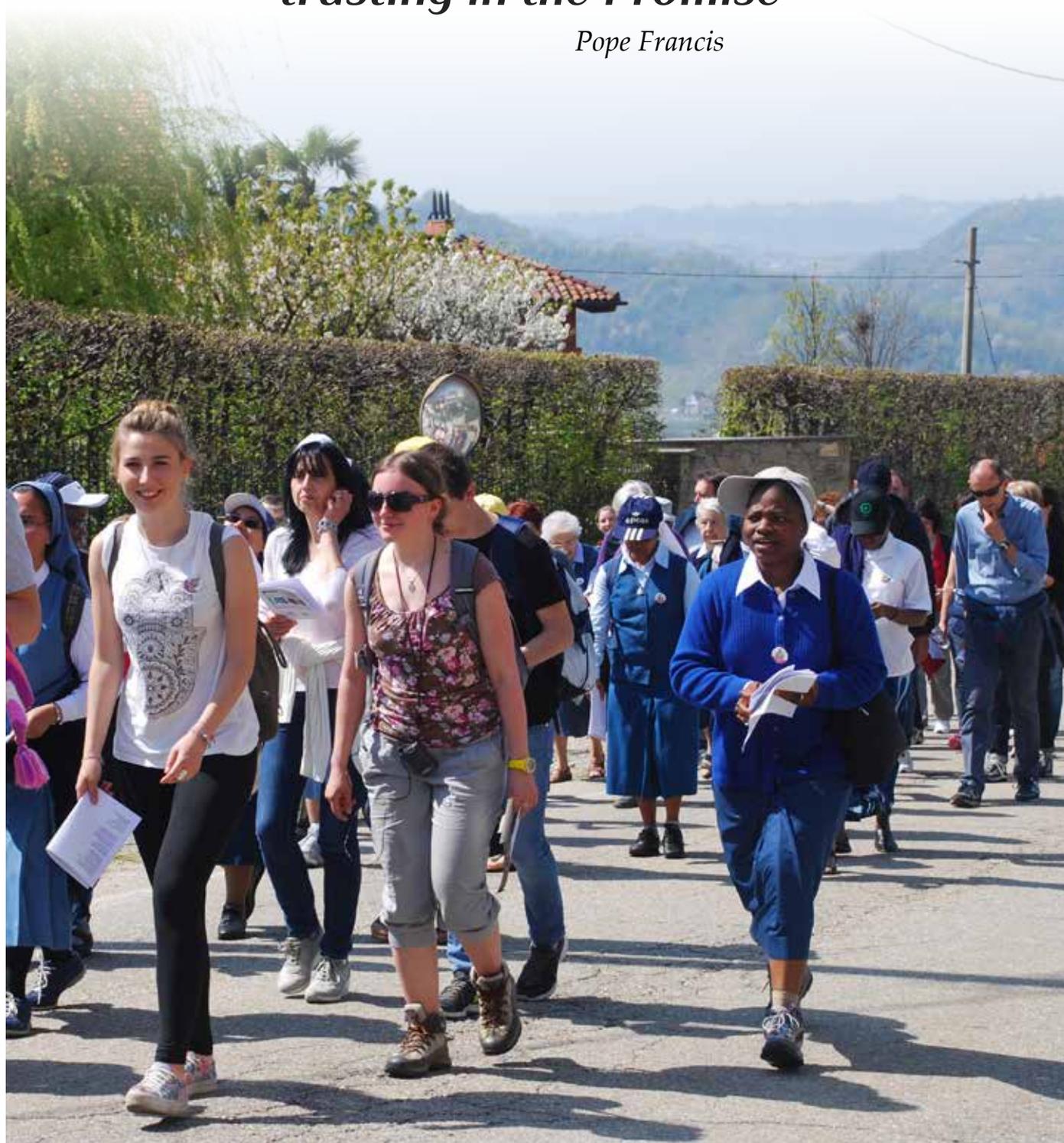


*“Arise,
go on your journey” (Dt. 10:11)
trusting in the Promise*

Pope Francis



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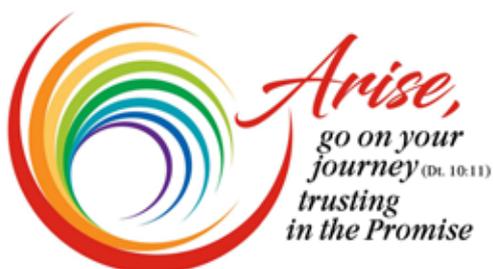
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**“ARISE,
GO ON YOUR JOURNEY...”**



Dear Sisters,

We are now almost at the vigil of our General Chapter and this is a wonderful opportunity for me to express my heartfelt and affectionate thanks to each one of you. I want to thank our senior sisters, who carried and continue to

carry the Congregation in their arms, praying, suffering, offering and consuming their existence in a liturgy of praise so that everyone may have Life.

I want to thank our young sisters, who help us dream of a Congregation better adapted to meet the challenges of today....

I want to thank our sisters in the maturity of life, who continue to open themselves valiantly to the signs of the times and who are often called to write pages of courage and at times missionary heroism.

Ours is truly a beautiful and marvelous family, a “mosaic of faces, races, languages and cultures”—universal faces that are a positive response to the many situations of intolerance experienced on this earth. There are many *saints* in our Congregation... And this is our greatest boast.

The theme of the Chapter invites us all to “arise.” *Arise* (in Greek: *anàstasis*) is a verb indicative of the resurrection, the return to life, of a dead person: “Arise, go on your journey...”; “Be valiant! Wake up! You are being called” (Mk. 10:49). It is a verb that indicates the “haste” of Mary, who set forth without delay.... It is a paschal verb... a verb of love.

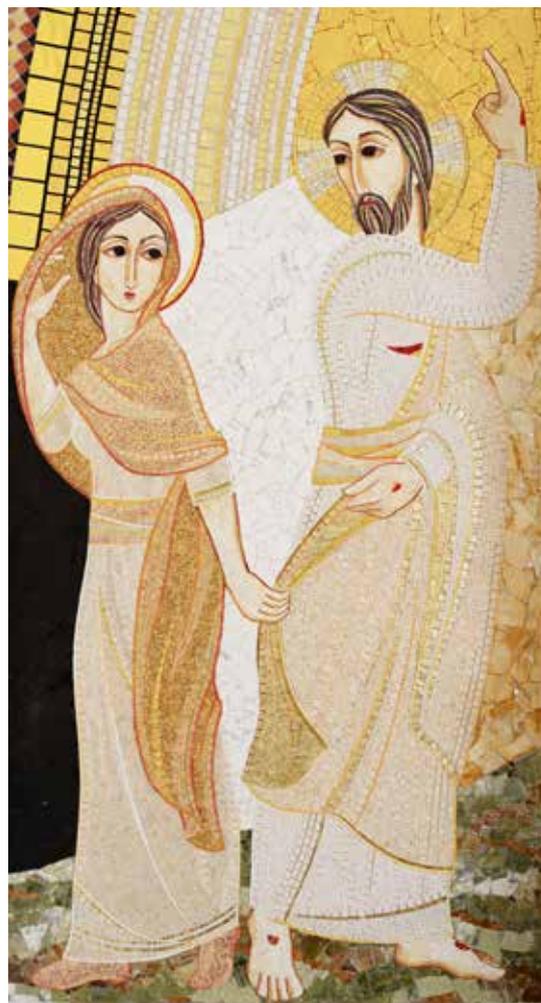
Like Mary of Nazareth and Mary Magdalene, we too are invited to arise and set forth, moved by love.

To set forth, leaving behind we’ve always done it this way so as to let ourselves be guided by the Spirit of the Lord—that Spirit who makes all things new, who opens fresh, unimaginable and wonderful paths.

To set forth with the daring, resourcefulness and creativity that characterized the life of Fr. Alberione, “humble, silent, tireless, always vigilant, always intent on scrutinizing the signs of the times.”

*To set forth to rediscover itinerancy—that is, our rapport with a territory, with our local Churches—with a new missionary “face,” with apostolic instruments and methods capable of reaching those who do not frequent the customary “places” of our apostolate... (cf. *Work Instrument*, 30), esteeming with greater conviction the patrimony of faith, energy and creativity that are the laity....*

To set forth to communicate the Faith in an increasingly multicultural and interconnected world and Church; to adapt our mission to the questions about God that our contemporaries are asking; to reach those existential



peripheries “that are in greater need of the light of the Gospel” (EG 20), where there is no hope, where the values of life, of the family, of inclusive and supportive welcome, of creation, are threatened (cf. *Work Instrument*, 30).

To set forth so as to open our communities to a new life in which every sister is committed to living the humility of listening and to courageously renouncing self-affirmation; communities in which communion, dialogue, the mutual acceptance of weaknesses and the “mysticism of living together” are more visible.

To set forth, leaving behind our restricted views so as to offer young people the consecrated life “in its original attractiveness, as an antidote to the ‘paralysis of normality’ and as openness to grace that turns upside-down the world and its ways of thinking. To rekindle the allure of evangelical radicality among the young generations, so that they can rediscover the prophetic value of chastity, poverty and obedience as a harbinger of the Kingdom and the complete fulfillment of their lives” (cf. Synod on Young People, *Instrumentum Laboris*, 103).

To set forth from the narrow boundaries of our circumscriptions to embrace the Congregation in its entirety and globality, so as to acquire a feeling of “being a Congregation” even in our concrete choices; to nourish the *culture of encounter*, create more interdependence, collaboration, solidarity and communion in discernments that concern above all our missionary presence and the redesigning of our communities and circumscriptions.



May the Chapter be a charismatic event that will “revive the joyous awareness of being called to collaborate with the Spirit in the mission of God” (cf. *Work Instrument*, 47). May it enable us to perceive new paths of conversion and of updating the charism, so as to respond to our mission today—a *mission that configures all the dimensions of our life*.

We count on the prayer and self-offering of every sister so that we will all “enter into the Chapter”: in fact, the Chapter Assembly itself will be the living symbol of the whole Institute.

May the Spirit strengthen our faith in the Promise and may we truly, all together, accept his invitation to *arise and set forth on our journey*.

With profound affection and deep gratitude,

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

FOUR VERBS

Dear brothers and sisters, our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: *welcome*, *protect*, *promote* and *integrate*. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church’s mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated. If we put those four verbs into practice, we will help build the city of God and man. We will promote the integral human development of all people. We will also help the world community to come closer to the goals of sustainable development that it has set for itself and that, lacking such an approach, will prove difficult to achieve.

Pope Francis

THAILAND

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION



The Daughters of St. Paul in Bangkok, Thailand are a special presence for the Pauline mission in this part of the world. The foundation is the fruit of the Missionary Project of the FSPs realized in 1994 on the occasion of the centenary of the birth of Maestra Thecla.

The Lord opened the way to the establishment of this community through the late Bishop George Yod Pimphisan, who at that time was president of the Episcopal Conference of Thailand and chairman of the diocesan Catholic Social Communications Center. He invited the Daughters of St. Paul to bring their mission in his country and to help in the management of the Communications Center.

Thus, on 21 April 1994, one Japanese and two Filipino FSPs—Srs. Yoko Abe, Juliet Narisma and Clothilde de las Llagas—arrived in the Kingdom of Thailand, a predominantly Buddhist country, to start a new community and spread the Gospel via the social communications media. The sisters enthusiastically immersed themselves in the study of the Thai language, while at the same time carrying out the Pauline apostolate. In April of this year, the community celebrated its 25th anniversary of foundation with joy and gratitude.

To commemorate this event, the sisters made a pilgrimage to the significant places of their presence in Thailand, visiting various religious communities and individuals who had warmly welcomed them and contributed to promoting the Pauline apostolate in this beautiful country. They also organized book displays in the parishes, accompanied by presentations of our Institute and its mission.

Our sisters have many reasons to praise and thank the Lord, one of the most important being the celebration of the perpetual professions of our first Thai Thailandese FSPs in this 25th year of foundation. In fact, on 15 June 2019, in Bangkok, Sr. Athitaya Jamoo and Sr. Parichat Jullmonthon pronounced their yes forever

among the Daughters of Saint Paul. This important event was the crowning point of the community's faith, toil and sacrifices, especially those of its pioneer members.

The missionary and vocational journey of the FSPs in this "land of smiles" continues with St. Paul as an inspiration and model of faith in Jesus Christ: "I know the one in whom I have believed, and I am confident that he is able to guard what has been entrusted to me until that day" (2 Tm. 1:12).

SOUTH AFRICA

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION



Twenty-five years have gone by since the Daughters of St. Paul arrived in South Africa, the land of Nelson Mandela. Our presence in this country is a fruit of the Missionary Project the Congregation launched in 1994 to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Maestra Thecla. Our sisters of South Africa celebrated their anniversary of foundation by means of a solemn Liturgy presided over by Archbishop Buti Joseph Tlhagale of Johannesburg, in the presence of many priests, men and women religious, laity, friends and collaborators. The climate of joy and thanksgiving was enriched by testimonies about the life of our first community, two members of which are still stationed there.

The first four sisters arrived in Johannesburg on 12 April 1994, two weeks before the country's general elections, in which the majority of South African citizens voted for the first time. With the election of Mandela as president, South Africa emerged from the tyranny of racial apartheid. Deeply inhaling the fresh wind of freedom that was blowing through society and the Church, the Daughters of St. Paul set about integrating themselves into the country's new journey.

Making its own the motto of St. Paul, *I make myself all to all*, the small community has always had the traits of a missionary community—one that is international and open to all

ethnic groups and religions. These characteristics grew even stronger over the years with the arrival of new members, fresh steps taken in carrying out the Pauline mission, and the opening of a second community in Durban.

An article in the Catholic weekly, *Southern Cross*, and an interview with one of our first missionaries to this country conducted by Archbishop William Slattery of Pretoria and broadcast on Radio Veritas, helped to spread throughout the country the joyful news about our community's Jubilee.

ITALY

SR. MYRIAM CASTELLI HONORED



By a Decree of Italian President Sergio Mattarella, Sr. Myriam Castelli, fsp, a journalist and television host, received the honorary title of “Commander of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy.”

Sr. Myriam has to her credit almost 40 years of experience as a journalist and 20 as a television host. Italians around the world recognize her face everywhere, appreciate the qualities and spiritual strength that distinguish her, and admire her sweet and clear way of communicating—an exceptional charisma capable of penetrating consciences, giving a soul to actions, inspiring thoughts of peace and harmony, and above all giving meaning to existence.

“I dedicate this honor to all the Italians in the world,” said Sr. Myriam upon the bestowal of the title, “and I want to express to them my immense gratitude, overflowing with esteem and affection.”

The Italian community worldwide greeted the news of the bestowal of this honor with great joy, considering it a well-deserved recognition of Sister Myriam’s witness to the values of faith, culture, commitment and dedication to the cause of Italians living abroad. All agree in saying that she is “an emigrant among emigrants, a special woman for all of us who follow the RAI television program *Cristianità*,” which she hosts every Sunday.

The bestowal ceremony took place in the Prefecture of Rome on 14 June as an extension of Italy’s celebration of Republic Day (2 June). The honorific title was bestowed on fif-

teen people representing various areas of service to civil society, including entrepreneurs, economists, doctors, university professors, professionals and communication operators—all united by officially recognized merits.

PAULINE PRIZE 2019



To celebrate the 53rd World Communications Day, an encounter was held in Rome to reflect on the theme of the Day: *We are members one of another. From social network communities to the human community*. Like every year, the event was organized by the Social Communications Office of the Diocese of Rome and the Pauline Communication and Culture Association.

In this context, the Pauline Prize 2019 was awarded to Monsignor Marco Frisina, a composer and choir/orchestra director. The reason for this choice was “to offer public recognition to an artist who has dedicated his extraordinary talent to creating music that unites life and spirituality, encourages encounter with the Lord, and promotes the human community as an environment that manifests the communion which marks our identity as believers.” The event was enriched by Rome’s Diocesan Choir, founded by Monsignor Frisina in 1984, which performed some of the author’s pieces.

The Pauline Prize, now in its 13th edition, is awarded annually to persons or associations that clearly express the Pope’s Message for World Communications Day by means of their life, work or activities.

GREAT BRITAIN

FIRST RELIGIOUS SISTER APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL OFFICE FOR VOCATIONS

Sister Elaine Penrice, a Daughter of St. Paul, has been appointed as Director of the National Office of Vocations by the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales.



Announcing her appointment, Bishop Terence Drainey said: "I have worked with Sr. Elaine in her role as Religious Life Promoter and as the acting Director of the National Office for Vocations over the last few years and I am sure she will continue her innovative work into the future."

Sr Elaine currently works as Productions Coordinator for Pauline Books & Media, and also serves as Delegation Councilor in charge of pastoral work for vocations.

"It is both exciting and challenging to be the first woman to take up the position of Director of the National Office for Vocations," she said, "and I thank the Bishops' Conference for their support and confidence in me. To embrace one's vocation is the road to profound peace. The Church needs us all to witness to 'the riches of the glory of the mystery, which is Christ' (Col. 1:27)."

During the annual meeting of those in charge of pastoral work for vocations in the European Bishops' Conference, Sr. Elaine was appointed the new vice-coordinator of the department. We offer her our warmest best wishes!

CANADA

CHILDREN IN THE BOOK CENTER



Every year the FSP Book Center of Montreal organizes encounters for children on topics chosen to get young people interested in reading, acquaint them with new publications in the field and bring them closer to the wonderful world of books. These cultural events often include the presence and participation of the authors and illustrators of the texts,

who go to our book center to meet their audience—a privileged moment for the children, who are thus able to learn about the stages involved in creating a text. The authors and artists also carry out animation activities by means of stories, mimes, music and readings—all with the intention of fostering and increasing the children's basic cultural formation, reinforcing their relationship with the text, and helping them develop a taste for reading.

KENYA

RAISING VOICES



"Offer healthy and protected environments," this was the recommendation of Cardinal John Njue, Archbishop of Nairobi, at the opening of the meeting of CaPEIA (Association of Catholic Educational Institutions), which took place at the Catholic University of East Africa .

The theme of National CaPEIA Week was: *Raising Voices; Safeguarding All Children: Our Responsibility.*

Paulines Publications Africa, along with other publishers, participated in the event with an exhibit of their publications.

During the encounter, the FSPs presented 4 texts created in collaboration with the Local Church. In harmony with the pastoral invitation of Pope Francis, the initiative seeks to help parents, teachers and children respond to the different types of abuses that occur in today's society. The books, which were used and tested in the Catholic schools of the dioceses of Malindi and Kitale, are a testimony to collaboration between different religions (Catholic, Anglican, Muslim and indigenous), chosen as valuable interlocutors by means of seminars, workshops, discussions and sharing sessions in these dioceses.

UNITED STATES

PICCOLO SPOLETO MUSIC FESTIVAL IN CHARLESTON

The Daughters of St. Paul at Pauline Books and Media, Charleston, opened their doors to



a group of musicians during an annual music festival called “Piccolo Spoleto” and drew a crowd of about 700 people over the week.

The event, which featured 14 concerts, was presented by Listen for Life Productions, founded by Donna Stoering, a classical pianist, who performs jazz, Broadway musicals, and folk and Gospel traditions. This global nonprofit organization is dedicated to the preservation and advancement of music culture worldwide and to helping non-profit organizations. The Israeli Levoná ensemble, a Chinese Gusheng professional Winnie Wong, Spanish harpist Anna Maria Mendieta, and Broadway singer Stephen Guggenheim were all invited by Stoering to participate in the program.

Among the attendees were two families from the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where 11 people were killed in a mass shooting in 2018. Everyone said that they found the music healing and nourishing.

The festival allowed the attendees to become better acquainted with the Daughters of St. Paul and the Pauline mission. Our sisters hope that next year some of the members of their Provincial Choir may be able to attend the festival and even give a performance.

CONGO

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDED TO *GÉNIE FÉMININ*



On the occasion of the official launch of the platform for women for the economy of communion of the Focolari Movement in Kinshasa, the Daughters of St. Paul were awarded a certificate of excellence for their magazine *Génie Féminin*.

The magazine, now in its fourth year of publication, received the prestigious award thanks to its editorial line which, far from any sterile feminist claim, is committed to reawakening awareness of the true female conscience and revealing the best part of it.

The title of the periodical implies that speaking about woman today means recognizing the contribution she can make to building a better future for humanity. The twelve columns of the magazine serve as mouthpieces for promoting female leadership and entrepreneurship. They also present the testimonies of women who have made important contributions to society in the fields of art, health, politics, science, development of the ordinary person and education to peace.

Génie Féminin relies on the skillful editing of the Daughters of St. Paul but also on the collaboration of other women involved in fostering the progress of Congolese society. Its readership ranges from intellectuals to mothers to students to women religious.

ANGOLA

SYMPOSIUM ON BIBLICAL PASTORAL CARE



The Church in Angola has announced that it will be holding its 2nd National Symposium on Biblical Pastoral Care in September 2020. The event will be preceded by diocesan pre-symposia entrusted to the coordination of the Secretariat of the National Biblical Commission. The announcement was made at the end of the National Biblical Week held in the Archdiocese of Luanda from 1-5 July 2019.

A member of the organization team, Sr. Elisabete Corazza, FSP, who made a precious contribution to NBW on behalf of all the FSPs of Angola, said she was enthusiastic about continuing to work for biblical formation and animation in every sphere of pastoral work.

COURSE OF FORMATION ON THE CHARISM OF THE PAULINE FAMILY 2018-2019

FINAL PAPERS



SR. ANA PAULA RAMALHO, BRAZIL THE NIGHT, THE LIGHT AND THE MORNING



In this paper aimed at integrating the themes of our course, I chose to focus on Blessed James Alberione's prayer vigil in the Cathedral of Alba since this fundamental experience helped him take the first steps toward the ascetical-mystical life and allows us to glimpse the signs of his docility to the action of God and his movement toward God and others.

My paper is divided into several areas of reflection, namely: Fr. Alberione's preaching on asceticism and mysticism; an approach to the pages of *Abundantes Divitiæ Gratiaæ Suæ* from a theological-mystical-symbolic perspective, and a deeper reflection on the Eucharistic dimension of the Pauline Family, above all the Hour of Adoration, understood as a source of intimacy with Jesus, the source of our communion and transformation in him, and the origin and meaning of every apostolate.

In the course of my work, I came to understand that asceticism and Christian mysticism must be lived in a context of love. The Christian life does not consist in mechanically doing a thousand things for the Lord, but in con-

sciously welcoming the infinite manifestations of his love, which urges us on to become love. Love is like that: it begins in silence, with the exchange of glances, as young James Alberione experienced during that night between the two centuries. An experience of love that surprises us. A sudden, specific, transforming light....

SR. FRANCINE VOAHANGIMALALA, MADAGASCAR¹

THE PAULINE COOPERATORS



Fr. Alberione received the charism to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life, and he sought to respond to the divine invitation: "Come to me, all of you" by giving Christ to our needy world. Our Founder asked everyone's help in fulfilling this mission. In view of this, he set up different Congregations, launched works, and organized Cooperators and friends, who allowed themselves to

¹Just a few days after her return to Madagascar at the end of this year's Charism Course, Sr. Francine suffered a stroke, which led to an even more definitive return—this time to the house of the Father. We are sure that "from the other shore" she is now begging the Lord to concretize her dream of establishing the Association of Pauline Cooperators on her island.

be led by the hand of God. According to Fr. Alberione, we must unite our energies if we are to conquer evil and we should do this by utilizing the constantly-evolving means of communication so as to reach as many people as possible and announce the Gospel.

The historical period in which Fr. Alberione began his work was full of problems: wars, different movements against the Church, etc. Many people turned away from the Faith. Sensitive to the plea of the Pope to take the Gospel to everyone, Alberione focused on the press so as to reach the maximum amount of people and he ordered his sons and daughters to make good use of the new media. St. Paul—whom he considered to be the true founder and protector of the Pauline Family—inspired him with courage and offered him a model of collaboration, organization and trust in others.

Sr. Francine concludes her paper by saying she thinks it is very important to establish the Association of Pauline Cooperators in Madagascar so as to help lay people participate in the beauty and spirituality of the Pauline apostolate. She urges the FSPs to accompany the laity in reading the signs of the times in order to concretize our mission and help it yield abundant fruit.

SR. GEMMA RIA LOURDES DELA CRUZ, PHILIPPINES
THE LIGHT THAT GUIDES EVERY PAULINE



Sr. Gemma’s paper seeks to reflect more profoundly on the light that shone in the heart, mind and soul of Blessed James Alberione, and she says that in the course of her research she came to a better understanding of the centrality

of the Light that is Christ for every Pauline.

In *Abundantes Divitiae Gratiae Suae*, our Founder uses the expressions: “the night of light” and “a particular light.” *Light* became the vital center that responded to the deeper meaning of Fr. Alberione’s life, giving rise to the spirituality and apostolate of the Pauline Family.

Primo Maestro spurred on many generations of sons and daughters to work for the

Church and humanity. In *Inter Mirifica* (a text which Sr. Gemma confronts with AD), social communication is a “place” of evangelization and the concept of *light* takes on new meaning. The spirituality of communication requires us to die to ourselves so as to live in Christ, the perfect Communicator, conform ourselves to him and give ourselves to others out of love for him.

It is Sr. Gemma’s hope that this light, present in the life of every Daughter of St. Paul, will continue to shine so as to help make the Church always more luminous and centered on Christ, and lead us to complete configuration to him until we reach the fullness of its radiance in the bosom of the Father.

SR. GISSELA I. GALARZA MENDOZA, BOLIVIA
SANCTIFICATION OF THE MIND



In her paper, Sr. Gissela attempts to update the language and concepts expressed by Fr. Alberione in his text *Sanctification of the Mind* and provide the reader with new tools for approaching

this theme. In view of this goal, she allowed herself to be enlightened by the concepts of two current fields of science: *neurocoding* and *multifocal thinking*.

God reveals himself to us through our mind, she says, because it is there that he makes himself known to us and allows himself to be found and questioned. There are such incredible processes at work in the human mind, she continues, that only an all-powerful Mind could have created it. No human knowledge can surpass divine Knowledge, but the many facets of human intelligence can little by little bring us to a deeper grasp of this Knowledge and help us understand the mystery of the human being.

Sr. Gissela then explains by way personal experience how growth in faith leads to sanctification by gradually moving the self *from managing his/her thoughts to God as the Lord and guide of one’s mind*. This is not an easy transition to make because it means gradually putting to death our desire

for control and power. But it is a very worthwhile route to follow since it leads to humility and freedom, enabling us to relate to God properly and in this way combat one of the diseases most damaging to human beings: mental pride.

SR. PIERMARIA RUMIKO KONDO, JAPAN

JESUS MASTER: ITINERARY OF HOPE IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD



Sr. Piermaria’s paper is an attempt to reflect on the inculturation of the Pauline method—Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life—in Japan. Her point of departure is the situation of Japanese young people in today’s globalized society, characterized by a loss of hope and an absence of role models. Her paper proposes two itineraries to restore these elements.

The first one is to deepen the Pauline method, which seeks to give the world Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life as an authentic model. In her reflection, Sr. Piermaria explores how it is possible for Jesus Christ to be formed in young people by utilizing the Pauline method in harmony with the traditional Japanese method of formation.

The second itinerary offered is the interpretation of several models proposed by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*, in which he invites young people to cultivate an intimate relationship with God and with others in daily life, putting into practice “doing the will of the Father” and considering Jesus as their true friend. In addition, the Pope invites the Christian community to become the “place” where everyone can meet the living Jesus.

In the end, three possible new models emerge for young people: the Father (God), one’s parents, and one’s teacher—to which can be added Jesus Christ, one’s Friend. For centuries, these models have carried out various civil, moral and religious roles in society. All the members of the Pauline Family in Japan are committed to recovering the values of these models from the evangelical perspective.

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SR. MARIA THERESIA SWAI, TANZANIA

THE WOMAN APOSTLE ACCORDING TO FR. ALBERIONE



Reflecting on Maestra Thecla, who dedicated her life to the Gospel, Sr. Maria Theresia’s paper focuses on the importance Fr. Alberione attributed to woman. In 1910, he received a new light and a deeper understanding of the

mission of woman as an individual in the family and in society. Woman, he said, can help in various ways to carry out the priestly mission.

Every Daughter of St. Paul can contribute in a special way to the ministry of *caring for souls*, using the means of communication. In Africa, the Daughter of St. Paul, as a woman, must meet many challenges while preaching the Word of God with the media. Her goal is to transform society through a proclamation of the Good News and by being a living witness to the Word in the Church. It means establishing what the Gospel calls “the kingdom of God” by promoting peace, justice and reconciliation, restoring human dignity and bringing the world as close as possible to the plan of God.

SR. SAMUELA LEE, SOUTH KOREA

THE SPIRIT OF REPARATION ACCORDING TO THE TEACHINGS OF BLESSED JAMES ALBERIONE



In the writings of our Founder, he repeatedly speaks about a *spirit of reparation*. In the ten volumes of his Opera Omnia already translated into Korean, Sr. Samuela focuses above all on the texts: *To the Daughters of St.*

Paul: Explanation of the Constitutions, To the Daughters of St. Paul 1940-1945, and To the Daughters of St. Paul 1955.

According to Fr. Alberione, when we genuinely live in a spirit of reparation, our life becomes “fertile soil” for living and giving Jesus Christ, Way, Truth and Life, to the world.

The prayer entitled *The Pauline Offertory*, which he wrote in 1923, is a powerful plea to all the members of the Pauline Family to live in reparation for the errors and scandals spread throughout the world through the instruments of communication, without however forgetting that a spirit of reparation is rooted in the mercy of God.

It is important, Sr. Samuela insists, to feel the obligation to make reparation and to commit our lives to this endeavor in the complex and often ambiguous world of communication.

SR. LISSY MARUTHANAKUZHY, INDIA

ONE MISSION, TWO APOSTLES



This brief paper takes into consideration the characteristics of the mission carried out by St. Paul and Blessed James Alberione, namely: *configuration to Christ, a spirit of universality, going out to*

the peripheries, and the recruiting of collaborators for this mission.

An unexpected personal encounter with Christ left an indelible sign on the lives of Paul and Alberione and completely transformed them. Both felt that the Lord was calling them to announce the Good News of Jesus to all people, everywhere. Paul went from place to place evangelizing, inviting everyone into the sheepfold of Christ. Alberione’s yearning to reach everyone led him to found the Pauline Family: 5 religious Congregations, 5 secular Institutes and the Association of Pauline Cooperators.

The mission of Paul and Alberione continues today, says Sr. Lissy, through their faithful collaborators. The four elements characteristic of their mission continue to be essential for us because they help us come out of our

“comfort zones” so as to embrace the concrete situations of people today.

NOELINE RAZANATSEHENO, MADAGASCAR

THE GREAT POWER OF THE HEART



In her paper, Sr. Noeline reflects on the theme of formation of the heart, taking as her point of reference the conferences of Blessed James Alberione collected in the text *Anima e Corpo per il Vangelo (Soul and Body*

for the Gospel), seeking to discover in them the “pearls” that contributed to the formation of countless members of the Pauline Family so as to share and propose this treasure to others.

In the first part of her reflection, Sr. Noeline explains a number of terms concerning formation and the purpose of forming one’s heart, namely: to gradually come to understand and live Fr. Alberione’s affirmation: “To root one’s heart in the heart of Christ.”

The second part of the paper is an analysis of the Alberionian text *To Form One’s Heart*, updated in the light of the Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*.

The third part concentrates on how the FSP publishing apostolate in Madagascar can apply the directives of the Founder to the Malagasy context.

“The heart is imprinted with the Holy Spirit,” says Sr. Noeline, quoting Fr. Alberione, “and it has great power.” Forming it is an art that lasts a lifetime. It is a commitment, a journey, a struggle, a beauty that one must learn to understand and to relish day after day. This journey requires an inner gaze perpetually fixed on a specific goal: to participate in the feelings of Christ; to allow him to replace our heart with his.

Calendar of the General Government

25-28 JJuly	Romania	Visit for a Specific Purpose	Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
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ENTERING INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE PACT OR SECRET OF SUCCESS



According to Fr. Alberione, the revelation of the Eucharistic Jesus to him on the night between the two centuries was decisive to understanding his vocation: “The night that divided the last century from the present one was crucial for the specific mission and particular spirit in which his future apostolate would come to light and be lived out...” (AD 13). Young James perceived with greater clarity the invitation of Jesus, “Come to me, all of you”: “Particular enlightenment came from the Host and a greater understanding of that invitation of Jesus, *venite ad me omnes*. He seemed to comprehend the heart of the great Pope, the Church’s call for help, and the priest’s true mission” (AD 15).

He felt compelled to respond to the appeal of the Lord and to associate other people to himself in this endeavor. He had a clear grasp of his nothingness, but at the same time he realized “that he could count on the Host, on Jesus, for light, nourishment, consolation and victory over evil” (Ibid.)

An intensive *intellectual formation* was indispensable for accomplishing that mission, but he and his young followers were able to devote only a few hours to study. Hence his conviction that he needed to receive help directly from God, which led him to make a very precise *pact* with him, in a climate of strong faith: “This faith is essential in the spirit of the House (as he called his Institute): just as its spirit is new, so too it possesses new means. A main and essential part of this spirit is the faith to learn without prolonged study” (these words of the Founder were recorded by Timothy Giaccardo in his *Diary* entry of 13 March 1918). Alberione then explained the nature of study in his “House”: “Study for half the time [necessary] and learn double the amount,” that is to say, study for one hour and learn for four.

Even more necessary for the lofty mission he had received was a decisive orientation toward *sanctity*. In view of this, Fr. Alberione taught [his followers] to intensify their race along the path to holiness: “A *multiplication* must take place: making one effort, you must achieve the results of ten [efforts]; making

one examination of conscience...[you must] progress in holiness as if you had made ten examinations; one Communion [must have the effect] of ten Communions...because the Lord is calling you to a very high sanctity, which you cannot reach through your own efforts and with ordinary graces... One million, three million, ten million souls weigh on your conscience... This is why you must be very holy—much more holy than ordinary priests. It concerns saving many souls: saving ten million or saving just one million...” (Giaccardo, *Diary*, 25 January 1919).

Later, the areas specified in the Pact would become four, in keeping with the four wheels of the “Pauline cart”: to *study* and *holiness*, the Founder would add the *apostolate* and *poverty*.

Even in the first formulation of the Pact (prior to 1922), awareness of the lofty mission received is very evident: “We must correspond to your very high will, arrive at the degree of perfection and heavenly glory to which you have destined us, and carry out our divine apostolate with humility and holiness for your glory and peace to men.”

And the proportions were very specific: he asked the Lord to answer his plea by “enabling us to learn four for one, by giving us holiness ten for one, proficiency in our work five for one, and material goods six for one.”

As we well know, two trustworthy guarantors are involved in the Pact: Mary, Queen of Apostles and St. Paul the Apostle.

Since it concerns a pact—a contract—the commitments of both parties are clearly set down, as can be seen in the first handwritten version of the text:

- *on our part*: “Trusting in your mercy, we promise and commit ourselves to seeking wholeheartedly, in all things, in life and in the apostolate, only and always, your glory and peace to men”;
- *on the part of the Divine Master*: “We trust that on your part, you will give us everything else: a good spirit, grace, knowledge, the means for doing good. According to your particular mercy for us, multiply the fruits of our spiritual work, of our study, of our apostolate and of our poverty.”

Let us live the anniversary of the Centenary of the Pact as a precious opportunity to enter more and more into the *spirit* of this covenant, which clearly is not just a prayer to be “recited” frequently, but a genuine Pact to make our own and live with deep faith.

Guido Gandolfo, ssp

**MAESTRA THECLA:
A FULFILLED WOMAN**



I think one of the greatest gifts I received from the Lord was the fact that the house in which I was born and raised was very close to the main houses of the Daughters of St. Paul and the Society of St. Paul in Rome. This had a deep impact on my life. In fact, in the 1930's, at the same time when Fr. Alberione was having the first Pauline houses built in Rome, my father was building a house for our big family: I had 8 brothers and sisters, including 4 who became religious (in fact, two of them were among the first Pastorelle Sisters). Our property bordered that of the Paulines—the wall that now separates the two properties did not exist then.

My father was a good friend and collaborator of Fr. Alberione and Fr. Timothy Giaccardo so they came to our house often. Even after my father died in 1939 (a year after my birth), Fr. Alberione continued to visit our family to bring communion and hear the confession of one of my sisters, who was bedridden for 3 years.

In those years, Maestra Thecla Merlo would also come to see my family from time to time. My memories of her are beautiful and filled with gratitude, and those feelings were shared by my whole family. I remember her as a straightforward, decisive and capable person—a woman who displayed great humanity toward my mother, a widow with 8 young children, and toward us. Indeed, right after the death of my father, Maestra Thecla invited one of my brothers and one of my sisters, who

were 5 and 7 years old at the time, to spend about 10 days with her at the convent.

Later, as I grew older and wondered what was wrong with two of my older sisters for having made the “strange choice” to enter the convent, I discovered that Maestra Thecla was a woman who had truly found fulfillment in the consecrated life.

My brothers and sisters and I took an active part in the Catholic Action Movement: my oldest siblings in the parish of St. Paul's Basilica, and we younger ones in the Collina Volpi Chapel, even though we belonged to Good Shepherd Parish. A Daughter of St. Paul guided our CA group and at times she would take us to the convent for recitations, prayer or a visit to the typography. On those occasions, I would see Prima Maestra from time to time. My childhood and teenage years were very serene and beautiful. The Daughters of St. Paul helped us abundantly and competently—just like sisters. I remember in particular Sr. Carmelina, Sr. Giuseppina, Sr. Eulalia (who later left for Korea), Maestra Assunta, who guided some of our meetings, and also several other sisters.

It is my belief that Prima Maestra Thecla provided the Daughters of St. Paul and indeed the whole Pauline Family with the encouragement needed to move ahead.

My mother said that when the first of my sisters to become a Pastorelle made her religious profession in 1940 at Genzano (near Albano), Prima Maestra and another Daughter of St. Paul went to pick her up and accompany her there. It was also Prima Maestra who suggested to Primo Maestro that he give my sister the name of my father (Agostino), who had recently died, and that is what happened. When another of my sisters got married, Prima Maestra gave her a beautiful hand-croched table cloth. All these “small” but at the same time “big” things revealed her great heart, which rejoiced at giving to others.

My encounters with Maestra Thecla continued even after I joined the Apostoline Sisters. Besides seeing her at the various celebrations of the Pauline Family, I remember one day in



1957 at Castel Gandolfo. I had not yet entered the Congregation and we were all outside in the courtyard when she arrived. Without getting out of the car, she handed me a small tape recorder. "This is so that you can record Primo Maestro's meditations," she told me. It was indeed a very useful gift! In 1958, when it was decided that we would wear the religious habit, we prepared a model and she came with Primo Maestro to examine it and give us her opinion about it.

When the Daughters of St. Paul held a vocation exhibit in Alba in 1961, they prepared a number of panels on that theme. Primo Maestro wanted them to give us the panels when they were done with them because we were just beginning the vocation apostolate. Some of the FSPs objected, telling Prima Maestra that a lot of expense and hard work had gone into creating them. She replied very serenely: "Not only are the panels to be given to the Apostolines, but you yourselves will deliver them to the sisters' house in Castel Gandolfo!" When I was told about this, I have to admit that I rejoiced more in Prima Maestra's big-heartedness than in the panels themselves, even though I deeply appreciated them because I had been placed in charge of our vocation exhibits! Prima Maestra's open and generous



way of behaving has always remained a characteristic of the Daughters of St. Paul.

I saw her for the last time when she was at the Queen of Apostles Clinic, Albano, drawing to the end of her life. Even though she was suffering intensely, she welcomed us with a sweet and radiant smile. I couldn't help but think of what she had said on another occasion: "We close our eyes here [on earth], only to open them in heaven and see God. How beautiful!"

In October 1985, I had the very welcome opportunity to make my small testimony on her behalf before the diocesan Curia in Alba.

I thank the Lord profoundly for having met Maestra Thecla and I sincerely hope to see her again!

Nazarena De Luca, ap

*"We give thanks to God always
for all of you"*

1 Th. 1:2

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SR. KAREN M. ANDERSON – Councilor for Formation
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SR. M. LUCIA KIM - Councilor for the Apostolate – Lay Collaborators
SR. SHALIMAR RUBIA - Councilor for Communication
SR. ANGELA PICCINATO - Secretary General
SR. GABRIELLA SANTON - Bursar General

Thank you!

FINDING CHRIST THROUGH BOOKS



My name is Piermaria Kondo Rumiko. I am the daughter of a carpenter and I was born in Ehime Prefecture, located in the northeastern part of the island of Shikoku, Japan. My family observes the traditional faiths of my country. When I was born, my parents offered me at the Shintoist Temple, in keeping with the Japanese custom. As a child, I always paid a visit to the Temple on the first day of each new year. When I was small, I followed the faith of my grandmother, who was very devoted to the practices of Shintoism and Buddhism. She would pray to Buddha whenever she saw a statue of him and this helped me to nourish a deep love for God.

Because I loved to read, I would often visit bookstores. There I found an abundance of titles that offered me incentives for my life. One day I picked up a book by Carlo Hilty entitled *For Sleepless Nights*. The text was filled with biblical citations. Those verses gave me great consolation and so I began to read the Bible.

I came to realize that no matter what happened to me in life, Jesus would never abandon me. This conviction was confirmed when I read in the Gospel of John: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me" (Jn. 6:37).

Later, through the words of a popular Protestant hymn—"Master, every offering of love is costly and sweet"—I seemed to feel the call of Jesus. I began to attend a Protestant church and little by little a yearning grew within me to dedicate myself to the Lord for all my life. When I told my Pastor about this desire, he suggested that I contact the Catholic Church because Protestant Churches were not organized in a way geared to meet the needs of people who wanted to follow a life of special consecration.

One day I made the acquaintance of a woman who worked at the reception desk in a Catholic parish. Later on, this woman would become my godmother. I told her about my desire to become a religious and she offered me guidance and encouragement. After two years of catechetical instruction and formation, I received the sacrament of Baptism. I became a Catholic at the age of 24, following a period of personal difficulties and health problems.

My godmother had two friends who were Daughters of St. Paul and through them I came to know the beauty of the Pauline vocation. The life witness of those sisters helped me understand in what direction the Lord was pointing me. And so I entered this marvelous religious Family.

For me, Faith was a tremendous gift and my vocation to the religious life made my happiness complete. My parents did not understand this but they allowed me to enter the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Paul, which I did, and in 2012 I made my perpetual profession. I never felt the need to try to convert my parents because faith is a grace and I was sure that they believed in God, even though they worshiped him in a different way.

Today, my father is no longer alive. My only brother does not understand my choice to become a religious and the same is true of my mother but out of love for me they continue to support my vocation, saying that they hope I am happy in the consecrated life.

Piermaria Kondo Rumiko, fsp

THE PEARL

I placed the pearl on the palm of my hand so as to examine it. I began to look at it from one side and the other: it looked the same from all sides. (Thus) is the search for the Son inscrutable, because he is all light. In his clarity I saw the Clear One who does not grow opaque; and in his purity, the great symbol of the Body of our Lord, which is pure. In his indivisibility I saw the truth, which is indivisible.

Saint Ephrem of Syria

FROM THE "CROWD OF SOLITUDES" TO THE TECHNOLOGIES OF COMMUNITY



Usually, we think of the media—above all the digital and social media—from the perspective of a weakening of bonds. As André Caron and Letizia Caronia pointed out a few years ago in a good book: if two people go out to dinner and each one has their own cell phone, then in fact it is dinner for four. Digital devices are actors on the social scene: they are not mere instruments because instruments do not alert us, they do not invite us to respond, they do not push us to do things. Moreover, these devices—small and always connected—allow us to fill the “dead times” (few, to be honest) in our day and to completely rethink our temporal experience.

Time is dense in the world of digital media. It is a space in which different times are packaged in layers and lived concurrently. This is why digital media weaken bonds: because they allow us to put in our due work hours while enjoying leisure time and also family time contemporaneously. That is what happens when I’m sitting in the living room with my son at my side, watching TV while answering my email on my laptop. The two of us seem to embody the title of Sherry Turkle’s book, *Alone Together*. Due to the presence of media devices, we are distracted and isolated; we forget about the other

person, who is consequently alienated. The erosion of bonds, the retreat into our private world, and disconnection understood as losing sight of relationships, is the price we pay for building a society that seems to promise us the exact opposite, that is, the opportunity to be connected always and everywhere.

In his Pastoral Letter *Ephphatha, Be Opened*, Cardinal Martini uses an eloquent metaphor to express this condition, calling it the “crowd of solitudes in which people brush up against each other but do not speak to each other.” It was this kind of a crowd that gathered around Jesus in Mt. 15:29-31: “Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, went up on the mountain, and sat down there. Great crowds came to him, having with them the lame, the blind, the deformed, the mute, and many others. They placed them at his feet, and he cured them. The crowds were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the deformed made whole.” Martini compares this scene to the one he witnessed on a visit to Varanasi (Benares), India, where he saw an immense crowd of suffering people preparing to bathe in the Ganges River. What struck the Cardinal forcibly in both the biblical scenario and the one before his eyes was the fact that each of the desperate people in those two contexts was thinking only of him/herself and his/her sufferings and that none of them spoke to the people beside them.

Two aspects stand out in the image of this “crowd of solitudes.” The first is isolation, a block of communication, focus on oneself: without a doubt, these are all valid ways of describing a certain way of using social media today—a way in which the other person doesn’t count. Instead, what counts is the capacity of the individual to make him/herself appreciated and to be the center of attention. But there is a second aspect that emerges in this image, namely that both crowds were made up of people who wanted to be healed, who were struggling to get out of their situation in some way. We could say that they were trying to engage in authentic communication, even though unintentionally and disjointedly.

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Catholic University of Milan, Italy



Touann Gatouillat Vergos-unsplash

CONGO

FOUR PAULINE COOPERATORS MAKE THEIR PROMISES



30 June was a day of great joy for the Daughters of St. Paul of Lubumbashi. After several years of formation, four lay people—Micheline, Yvonne, Donald and Pierre—were welcomed into the Association of Pauline Cooperators: a great gift of the Lord to our Congregation and the whole Pauline Family, which is celebrating 2019 as a Vocation Year. The Mass to solemnize the occasion was presided over by Fr. Blanchard Makanga Mfidja, SSP

Representatives of all the Institutes of the Pauline Family present in Lubumbashi participated in the event, along with relatives and friends of the new Cooperators and many members of the faithful. Recalling the directives of Fr. Alberione concerning this branch of the Pauline Family, Fr. Blanchard invited the Cooperators to strive for holiness, to spread the Word of God, to take an active role in the life of their parishes and to imitate Fr. Alberione, Maestra Thecla and Mother Scholastica, who dedicated their lives to disseminating the Word of God throughout the world—a mission in which these new members of the APC now share.

ITALY

BIBLICAL FESTIVAL



The 15th edition of the Biblical Festival organized by the Society of St. Paul, which from Vicenza has extended over time to other cities in the Venice region (Padua, Vittorio

Veneto, Rovigo, Verona), is also reaching the territories of Como, Alba and Treviso starting this year. The initial intention of the Festival remains unchanged, namely: to bring the Bible into the fabric of everyday life through a wide variety of cultural events ranging from specialized analyses of the sacred text to others more suited to the general population. The heart of the Festival is a presentation of the Scriptures in the light of today's reality through the use of multiple approaches (biblical and theological, anthropological and living, socio-cultural and political) and languages of communication that investigate the three perspectives at the center of a particular theme, which this year is that of *Polis*.

ITALY

COMMUNICATIONS WEEK AND FESTIVAL 2019



To highlight the importance of World Communications Day, the Society of St. Paul and Daughters of St. Paul of Italy hold a *Communications Week and Festival* every year.

Throughout Italy, a series of pastoral and cultural initiatives are organized (conventions, contests, workshops, activities in our Pauline book centers, video programs, musical and theater performances and much more—all enriched by the participation of journalists, communication operators, and well-known personalities from the ecclesiastical, artistic and entertainment worlds.

Great attention is focused on the school environment: in fact, teachers, students and parents become the protagonists in contests with specific themes, games and creative workshops; they participate in performances and video programs, and are encouraged to help produce "happy books," videos and magazines. And all this because communication involves dialogue, listening, innovation and creativity.

The Communications Festival programmed in collaboration with the Chioggia/Venice diocese was held from 17 May–2 June.

WINDOW ON THE CHURCH

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FOUNDATION



The Catholic Biblical Federation (CBF) celebrated its International Congress in Rome with the goal of making the Bible always more the center of the lives of believers. This year's meeting included about ten guest speakers, times of comparison of ideas among the participants and, in closing, a meeting with Pope Francis.

The theme of the Congress was *The Bible and Life: the Biblical Inspiration of the Entire Pastoral Life and Mission of the Church – Experiences and Challenges*. The Congress, which was held in conjunction with the Federation's 50th anniversary of foundation (it was inaugurated by Pope Paul VI on 16 April 1969), reflected on the work the Federation has accomplished and on the fruits reported by the Federation itself, identifying the challenges facing biblical ministry in the current ecclesial situation and outlining its objectives for the coming years.

Today, the Catholic Biblical Federation, an international organization at the service of the biblical apostolate according to the directives of Vatican Council II, is present in 127 countries. The Institute of the Daughters of St. Paul has always been an associate member of the Federation and fully shares its objectives, namely: the promotion, translation and distribution of the Bible in different languages; Bible study and the production of educational tools that make the Word of God accessible at all levels; cooperation between biblical studies and biblical ministry and the exchange of experiences relative to this; interfaith dialogue based on the Scriptures, etc.

This year's Congress was attended by the following FSPs: Sr. Noemi Bergamin as our Congregation's representative; Sr. Teresa Marcazzan (East Africa); Sr. Zuleica Aparecida Silvano (Brazil) and Sr. Elisabete Corazza (Angola).

RELIGIOUS: SOWERS OF HOPE



From 6-10 May 2019, about 850 women Superiors General from all over the world gathered in Rome for the XXI Plenary Assembly of the International

Union of Superiors General (UISG). The theme of the meeting, *Sowers of Prophetic Hope*, focused attention on how women religious can be signs of hope in the midst of the world's conflicts and wars, especially for suffering women and children.

Interculturality, a vision of the future of religious life, the integrity of creation as presented by Pope Francis in his Encyclical *Laudato si'*, and interreligious dialogue were the topics on which the participants reflected and shared ideas. At the conclusion of the encounter, the Superiors General had a private audience with the Pope, who took advantage of the occasion to launch the Campaign: *Nuns Healing Hearts* in honor of the 10th anniversary of Talitha Kum, the International Network of Women Religious against human trafficking.

A HEROINE IN THE BATTLE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Sr. Gabriella Bottani, a Comboni missionary and the international coordinator of *Talitha Kum*, the worldwide network of consecrated women against human trafficking, was honored as a *Heroine* in the 2019 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report Launch Ceremony hosted by U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on 20 June 2019, at the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See Callista Gingrich said: "Sr. Gabriella's dedication to combatting human trafficking has saved countless lives." She then went on to recall the crucial role played by the missionary in Brazil, where she started by serving vulnerable children and women in disadvantaged areas.

Sr. Gabriella was at the ceremony in representation of the over 2,000 consecrated women involved in anti-trafficking activities, as well as the children, women and men suffering from this crime. The acknowledgment arrives at a very important time for the Talitha Kum Network, which will be celebrating its 10th anniversary this year by holding a General Assembly from 21-27 September 2019. Over 90 participants from 77 countries worldwide will be participating in it.

Accepting the honorific, Sr. Gabriella invited the members of the audience to “courageously raise the bar, and our dreams, in order to open new pathways toward freedom.”

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PUBLISHING DAYS



An International Meeting of Catholic Publishers was held in Rome from 26-29 June, organized by the Holy See’s Dicastery for Communication in collaboration with the Na-

tional Office for Social Communications of the Italian Bishops’ Conference. Representatives of over 50 Catholic publishing houses from every corner of the globe took part in the event, confirming the will to overcome linguistic and cultural barriers so as to share experiences matured in different geographical contexts to face the challenges of the digital world.

The program included conferences, debates and work groups focused on the opportunity to rethink publishing strategies in the light of today’s changed multimedia consumption habits as well as the complexity of the economic context and the dynamics of the digital market.

Sr. Natalia Maccari of the FSP International Secretariat for the Apostolate (SIA), based in Rome, participated in the encounters as the representative of our FSP publishing apostolate.

MORE BOOKS THAN PEOPLE

The holder of this record is the Norwegian town of Mundal, which welcomes the most avid tourists and readers from May to September. The “book vocation” unites all the in-



habitants of this town, so much so that it has earned the title of *Norwegian Booktown*. There is no snack bar, shop, waiting room or public office without books. It is estimated that Mundal, which numbers 280 residents, also has a “population” of at least 150,000 books. Four kilometers (2½ miles) of shelves full of texts to browse, buy or even photograph, spreading the culture of sharing and the sharing of culture. Every book lover is in paradise here, among second-hand shops, stalls and book shelves overlooking fjords and hundreds of quiet little places to sit and read in peace.

CHILD LABOR EXPLOITATION



152 million children between the ages of 5 and 17 are the victims of child labor exploitation. That is to say, 1 in 10 children worldwide: 64 million girls and 88 million boys. Unable to attend school and deprived of their childhood, almost half of these children (about 73 million) are forced to carry out hard and hazardous jobs that put their health and safety at risk, and that also have a serious psychological impact on them. This data was released by the Save the Children Foundation on the occasion of World Day Against the Exploitation of Child Labor, celebrated on 12 June.

Save the Children general director Valerio Neri says: “Instead of going to school and living their childhood to the full, far too many children even in our day are forced to work in very difficult conditions, are subjected to physical efforts inappropriate to their ages, and are compelled to work grueling hours (even as

much as 12-14 hours a day). All this is a very grave risk to their physical and mental health.”

The goal proposed by the United Nations to eradicate all forms of child labor by 2025 as one of its Objectives for Sustainable Development is still a distant dream.

WINDOW ON COMMUNICATIONS

GIFFONI FILM FESTIVAL 2019



The 49th edition of the Giffoni Film Festival is being held from 19-27 July in Giffoni Valle Piana (Salerno), Italy. The event brings together 6,200 jurors from 53 countries around the world to the region’s Cinema Citadel and Multimedia Valley, where they are in the process of judging 101 films in the 7 competition sections of the Festival.

The center of the event is attention to environmental sustainability and the protection of the ecosystem in the light of this year’s chosen theme: *Air*. (Last year’s theme was *Water* and next year’s theme will be *Earth*.) The purpose is to involve the new generations in a fundamental reflection that will hopefully be translated into an ecological promise. The Logo, created by Luca Apolito and Chiara Pepe, aims to evoke awesomeness, ideas and hypotheses on the environment collected over time, some of them clearly evident and others hidden, like secrets waiting to be unveiled.

The first studies on the element of *air* are attributed to Leonardo Da Vinci. This year we celebrate the five hundredth anniversary of the death of this great genius. The Giffoni Film Festival is an ideal opportunity to dedicate a very special tribute to him, taking as a point of departure the Festival’s theme.

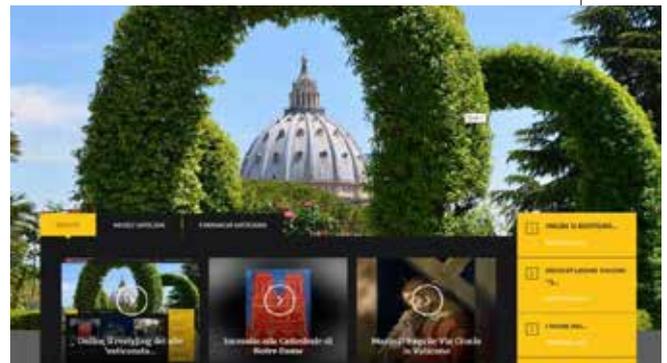
LUYS TV: THE FIRST TV NETWORK IN ARMENIAN AND TURKISH

In Armenian, *luys* means *light*. And the first television channel in Armenian and Turkish, inaugurated in Turkey, goes by the name of



Luys TV. It is headed by Turkish-Armenian journalist Aram Kuran, who told local media that the project to create a bilingual Armenian-Turkish channel started two years ago. The Luys TV channel was launched only on the Internet on 6 January 2019 to broadcast Christmas Mass according to the Armenian liturgical rite. It was precisely the large number of people who watched the Mass in Armenian on TV that prompted the promoters of the initiative to create a genuine network capable of broadcasting programs and celebrations in Armenian.

NEW WEBSITE FOR THE VATICAN CITY STATE



Vatican City’s Internet website has been renewed in continuity with the objectives of “rationality, economy and simplicity.” About 12 years after its creation, the site now features a new graphic layout that, although very different from the previous one, is still inspired by the intention of those who created it, namely: the possibility of immediately accessing news relating to the composition of the City State’s bodies of government, its regulations, information of all kinds and—why not?—curiosities inherent to the State’s activities and history.

On the new home page, more visibility has been given to the Vatican’s operating bodies and also to information useful to site users. New photographic material has been added to the historical sections. Navigation is easy and streamlined and can also be done from mobile devices.

<http://www.vaticanstate.va/it/>



FIRST PROFESSIONS 2019

Philippines – 24 June

Mei Ling Aemy Soo
Nantini Devi Kowal

Nigeria – 29 June

Janet Shidoo Anande
Maryann Chinazaekpere Nnanna

Germany – 29 June

Verena Godde

United States – 29 June

Amanda Detry

Kenya – 29 June

Silvia Mwangi Njoki

Congo – 29 June

Judith Masabungu
Marie Claire Manyonga Sifa
Marie Antoinette Mfuila
Sylvie Masika Mathumo
Godelieve Ciama Kazaki

Angola – 30 June

Lizandra Pinto Teixeira
Matilde Filipa Tchanda

Brazil – 30 June

Janine Sousa Boaventura
Jaqueline Ferreira Da Silva

Madagascar – 30 June

Colombe Razafimanatsoa Tolotriniavo
Véronique Rasoamampihonona

PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS 2019

Brazil – 5 May

Sr. Ana Paula Ramalho de Sousa

Madagascar – 12 May

Sr. Hoby Berthe Rakotonjatovo
Sr. Alexandra Rasoanjanahary
Sr. Tahiry Elysée Tahirisoa

Kenya – 18 May

Sr. Jackie Jean-Marie Gitonga*

Nigeria – 18 May

Sr. Veronica Queen Amaechi

Indonesia – 1 June

Sr. Daisy Pondaag

Korea – 14 June

Sr. Augustina Baek
Sr. Chiara Jang
Sr. Beata Lee
Sr. Mari Paula Oh
Sr. Helena Cho

Zambia – 15 June

Sr. Agatha Zimba

Thailand – 15 June

Sr. Athitaya Jamoo
Sr. Parichat Jullamonthon

Brazil – 16 June

Sr. Viviani Moura

Colombia – 29 June

Sr. Adelaida Leon Montanez

*Sr. Jackie Jean-Marie Gitonga is a member of the United States Province, but she made her perpetual profession in Kenya, her native country.



*"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. Giuseppa (Giuseppina) Scichilone, age 84 - 01.05.2019 - Albano GA, Italy
- Sr. Anna Liscia, age 81 - 05.05.2019 - Alba, Italy
- Sr. Elsa Minnig, age 91 - 08.05.2019 - Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Sr. M. Assunta Canali, age 89 - 18.05.2019 - São Paulo, Brazil
- Sr. M. Amabilis Suzuki, age 89 - 22.05.2019 - Tokyo, Japan
- Sr. Teresa Groselj, age 74 - 30.05.2019 - Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Sr. Evandra Galbusera, age 84 - 08.06.2019 - Albano GA, Italy
- Sr. M. Raffaella Lombardozi, age 80 - 13.06.2019 - Albano, Italy
- Sr. Francine Voahangimalala, age 49 - 19.06.2019 - Antananarive, Madagascar
- Sr. Maristella La Gioia, age 79 - 19.06.2019 - Albano GA, Italy
- Sr. M. Teresa Fornaro, age 93 - 27.06.2019 - Rome DP, Italy
- Sr. M. Angelina Prosperi, age 91 - 28.06.2019 - Albano GA, Italy

PARENTS OF OUR SISTERS

- Sr. Ann Marie Nemenzo (Mother, Minda) of the Pasay CP community, Philippines
- Sr. Angellah Mutethiya Mwinzi (Mother, Teresia) of the Nairobi community, Kenya
- Sr. Alexandra Rasoanjanahary (Mother, Monique) of the Antananarive community, Madagascar
- Sr. Anna Truong (Mother, Ann) of the Taipei community, Taiwan
- Sr. Deborah Marie Dunevant (Father, Ralph) of the Chicago community, United States
- Sr. Ines Arroyave (Mother, Rosmira) of the Bogotá CP community, Colombia
- Sr. Argelia Chi Bracamontes (Mother, Elia) of the Mexico City community, Mexico

PAULINE FAMILY

- Sr. M. Judith Mascarenhas, pddm, age 57 - 26.04.2019 - Mangalore, India
- Fr. Nicola Baroni, ssp, age 81 - 28.04.2019 - Alba, Italy
- Br. Francesco Conrado Tsuruda, ssp, age 64 - 30.04.2019 - Tokyo, Japan
- Fr. Domenico Beltrame, ssp, age 84 - 09.05.2019 - Rome, Italy
- Sr. M. Lourdes Piva, pddm, age 93 - 09.06.2019 - Rome, Italy
- Br. Thomas Gerard Roche, ssp, age 92 - 21.06.2019 - Austintown, Ohio, United States
- Br. Ermanno Roberto Caporaletti, ssp, age 84 - 26.06.2019 - Rome, Italy