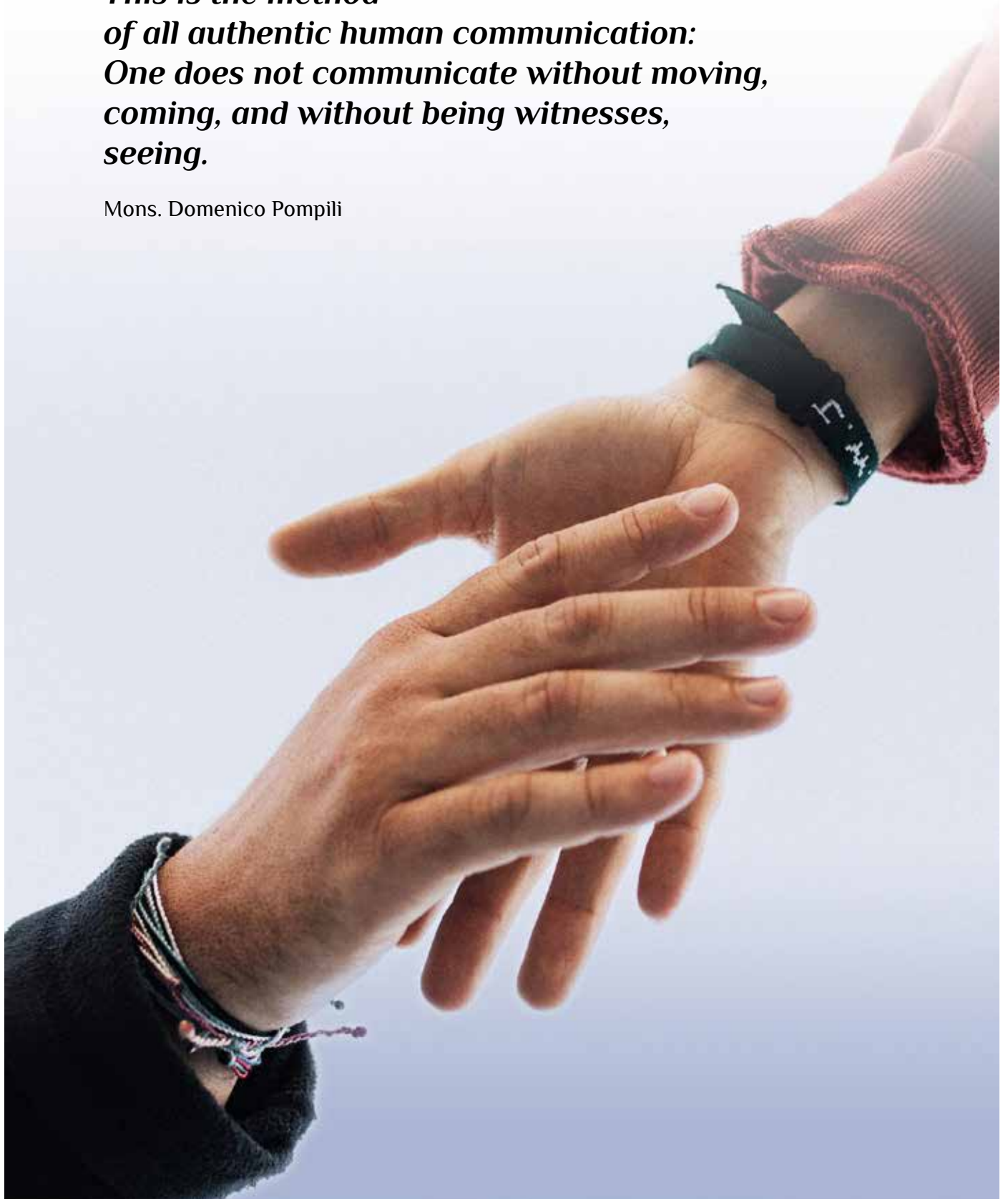


***This is the method
of all authentic human communication:
One does not communicate without moving,
coming, and without being witnesses,
seeing.***

Mons. Domenico Pompili



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ROOTS AND BUDS



Dearest Sisters,

We are on our great journey towards Easter, a celebration of the mystery of Life which overcomes all anguish and death. And more than ever, we need Easter especially in this overwhelming moment of upheaval which has

severely hit humanity. The message of light, hope, courage and resilience, that Easter brings is to be lived as a personal and community experience, as the evangelist John attests (cf. Jn 20: 1-31). The resurrection rekindled hope in the bewildered and disappointed disciples. It restored their dream of a diverse, renewed and united community. And that *small remnant*, who were frightened and in hiding, became the true “proof” of the resurrection. They were able to overcome their fear and have the courage to throw open the closed doors. They were able to announce the overwhelming power of new life and be a joyful sign of it.

In the light of the paschal mystery, even that which we have lived and, unfortunately, are still living, acquires *new* meaning with the suffering that marks and shakes our countries, our cities, our families, our communities. And it is precisely our communities which are the most suitable places to rethink and integrate the experience of this time so that it becomes an opportunity for maturing in what we are called to be. May it be an opportunity to verify the evangelical quality of our being together. Let us be attentive to our differences in attitudes, thoughts and words, those which unite us as well as those which divide us, those that strengthen our relationships and those that close us off from others. This time calls us into a school of freedom and renewed creativity. All these realities are essential conditions for being *effective apostles* whose complementarity of gifts places us at the service of announcing the Good News.

I often meditate on these words of Pope Francis: “...even worse than this crisis, is the drama of wasting it, closing in on ourselves”. And, to the many questions that haunt me,

I feel that the only response is to *exercise ourselves daily in the art of communication*.

The Constitutions offer us interesting goals. I will underline a few: the more we exercise charity “the more capable we become of forgiving, of living in reconciliation and of rejoicing in the good of others.” (Const. 60); “building up the truth in charity both within and around us” (Const. 61); letting ourselves be known, “by sharing the wealth of our person with its gifts of nature, grace and culture” (Const. 62), gifts received for the building up of the Body of Christ thus we live united, but not in a uniform and identical manner....

Let ourselves be known, so as to cultivate and live “evangelical and human relationships, which foster and nourish healthy conversations and a culture of esteem, looking at each sister through the eyes of Jesus, avoiding self-centeredness, exercising ourselves in love and mutual forgiveness” (DC2019, 45.1) and truly walking together.



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At this point, I would like to explain the meaning of the title of this letter: *Roots and Buds*. I will do so by quoting Pope Francis once again. In his *Message* for the 22nd World Day of Consecrated Life (2018), he emphasizes that:

We can never renew our encounter with the Lord without others; we can never leave others behind, never pass over generations, but must accompany one another daily, keeping the Lord always at the cen-

tre. For if the young are called to open new doors, the elderly hold the keys. An institute remains youthful by going back to its roots, by listening to its older members. There is no future without this encounter between the old and the young. *There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.* There is never prophecy without memory, or memory without prophecy and constant encounter.

Luigino Bruni, an Italian economist, passionate about biblical studies, in commenting on Joel 2:28 ("And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."), writes:

There is a link between the dreams of the elderly and the prophecies of the young, because young people can prophesy in an environment inspired by the hopeful dreams of the adults and the elderly. This is true for civil and economic life and it is even more so for communities and organizations gathered around collective ideals. A dying community can rise again if at least one younger person begins to prophesy within a space inhabited by the life dreams of the elderly.



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I conclude taking up again the reference to the necessity of being a *joyful* sign of new life marked by the resurrection.

Joy is the strong appeal contained in the beginning of *Evangelii gaudium*:

The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.... With Christ joy is constantly born anew. (EG 1).

It is the joy we read about in the accounts of our beginnings and which we see reflected in the experience and faces of many sisters, even those - too many - who left us in these months of this sad pandemic.

Joy is also an effective way to attract vocations... and an excellent antidote to ace-



dia, an evil that dangerously threatens consecrated life (and of which we speak very little).

May the Lord help us to cultivate this "pilgrim virtue... a gift that walks the paths of life with Jesus".

As always sisters, I would be happy to receive the gift of your community reflections and sharing on my letter. Thank you.

Happy Easter! With affection, in communion of prayer and of hope.

Sr. Anna Caiazza
Sr. Anna Caiazza
Superiora Generale

NEW WEBSITE
WWW.ALBERIONE.ORG



The new website www.alberione.org is now online, with a new graphic design and renewed contents.

The new website is made up of three main sections—Blessed James Alberione, Pauline Family and Opera Omnia—all accessible from its home page.

This structure fosters a deeper understanding of our Founder and the Pauline charism, and as well as knowledge of the many initiatives of the various Pauline Institutes around the world.

Enjoy your consultation!

BRAZIL

BIBLICAL YEAR OF THE PAULINE FAMILY



In communion with the Project of the Pauline Family Biblical Year, “*That the Word of the Lord may speed forward*”, SEPAC, on the last Wednesday of each month, conducts live videos with the aim of helping internet users to look at, meditate on and live the Word of God through the lens of communication. The meetings started on 24 February and will last until 24 November 2021.

Participants work on selected Biblical texts, using their own methodology. Sr Joana T Puntel and Sr Helena Corazza, take turns in reflecting on and providing useful elements to help keep an eye on the communication of Jesus and other biblical figures, observing and savouring the processes of communication presented in the biblical texts.

The event is broadcast on YouTube and Facebook, SEPAC Paulines

BRAZIL

OBSERVATORY OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATION



The Brazilian Conference of Religious (CRB) has set up the Observatory of Religious (OCR), composed of men and women religious from various Congregations and some lay people from the Justice and Peace Commission. The Daughters of St Paul could not be absent from this group. They are represented by Sr Maria Helena Corazza and Sr Patrícia Silva who, as Communications Councillor in the Brazilian Religious Conference, was already a member of the group.

The aim of the Observatory is to offer the National Conference of Bishops a perma-

nent, critical, proactive and concrete analysis of the various forms and means of communication of the Church in Brazil, as well as analysing the interaction of religious communication with society and politics.

KOREA

SR. M. DOROTEA D’OTO AWARDED AS OFFICER OF THE STAR OF ITALY



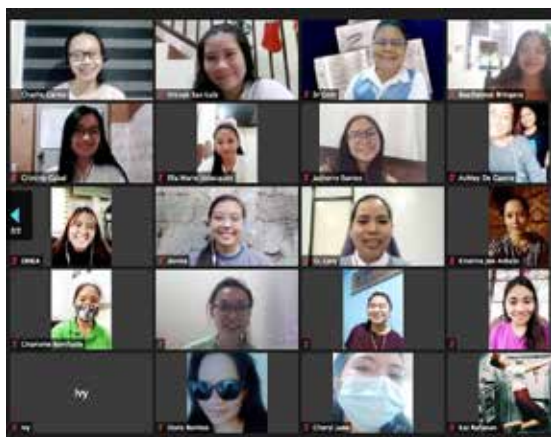
On January 26, 2021, in the FSP provincial house in Miari (Korea), the Ambassador of Italy in Seoul, Federico Failla, on behalf of the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella, presented to Sr. M. Dorotea D’Oto, missionary in Korea since 1966, the Honorary *Officer of the Star of Italy*. This recognition is awarded to those who have distinguished themselves in promoting collaborative relationships and bonds of friendship between Italy and other nations.

Among the motivations for the award, the Ambassador recalled her life as a missionary in Korea, at one time among the poorest countries in the world, “spreading the teachings of the Catholic religion in the most underprivileged areas of the capital Seoul, the cities of Daegu and Gwangju, etc.” He also pointed out that Sr. Dorotea has “contributed greatly to the organization of the community of the Daughters of St. Paul which is now a significant and well-known reality in the capital city.”

This Award is a great honor for our congregation. We are profoundly grateful to Sr. M. Dorotea for the witness of a life spent proclaiming the Gospel in a land far from her country, but which has become “her” country, to a people who have become “her” people. Even today, Sr. M. Dorotea travels, with unceasing prayer, the roads of Korea so that the Gospel may speed forward and spread far and wide.

PHILIPPINES

DIGITAL AT THE CENTER



The COVID-19 crisis has put the digital at the center of almost every interaction, forcing both organizations and individuals to adopt overnight to unprecedented changes. The Daughters of St. Paul in the PMPT province enthusiastically takes on these digital challenges and in the recent months have initiated formative, apostolic and faith activities to continue sharing the riches of the Pauline charism and mission.

Online vocation forum #vocFIRE: *Faith in Response to an Extremely Amazing Call to Love*, participated in by 46 young women from all over the Philippines and Malaysia.

Live-streaming 9 day Christmas Novena Mass or “Misa de Gallo” from the queen of Apostles Sanctuary in Pasay City.

Online Advent Recollection organized by the Paulines Institute of Communication in Asia, Inc. (PICA) for the Paulines Netvie Questers – an FB group created by PICA that looks into the movies and videos from the Internet (Netflix, Iflix, Pureflix, Dove.Org And Others On Youtube). The group regularly meets to discuss and talk about the values and disvalues presented by these movies. They also post relevant and spirit-lifting messages that promote Gospel values.

Two new online weekly programs “Walking with the Saints” prepared by sr Anna Bagadiona in collaboration with the Pauline audiovisuals, and a 30-minute “Lectio Divina Sa Panahon Ng Pandemya” (Lectio Divina in Time of Pandemic) by the Bible Ministry team.

May the Lord allow these initiatives to bear fruit and bless everything and everyone.

ITALY

A BOOK ... SET ASIDE FOR PRISONERS



The Pauline Book centre in Brescia, in collaboration with the magazine *Missione Oggi* [Mission Today] and the *Associazione Progetto Vangelo* [Gospel Project Association], is launching a solidarity initiative for the whole period of Lent.

The idea of a *book* for prisoners works like the *caffè sospeso* {coffee for ...} in Naples: in the Neapolitan city, people go to a bar, have a coffee and pay for two coffees, giving the second one to someone in need. In the case of the book set aside, you go into the Pauline Book centre, buy an extra book and leave it in a special container, remembering to write a dedication! Prison staff and chaplains will then collect the donated books and hand them over to the inmates.

A book can help those in prison to *escape* – even if only for a short time – from the harsh reality of life in which they find themselves, and to identify with what they are reading. A book can help you find your way back. A book can change your life.

NEW SOCIAL NETWORK SITE: PAOLINE E GIOVANI



The FSP Italian Province has launched a new Instagram page for young people entitled: *Paoline e Giovani*. Their Facebook page, already present on the Web, was also renewed for this occasion. The purpose of this renewal is to encourage contact with young people as Alberione would have wished: by letting the Gospel speak through one’s life. Each week Gospel excerpts and prayers will be posted, as well as a column on what it means to be a young person online, and also videos. Visitors to

the site will be accompanied by the presence of a young Pauline sister by means of realistic drawings. Our sisters say to one and all: "Visit us and make these initiatives known so that the Word may speed forward!"

MADAGASCAR

SUNDAY OF THE WORD



It was a happy coincidence that the audio edition of the New Testament and Psalms were published by the Daughters of St. Paul during the Pauline Family Biblical Year. The edition represents the first audio Bible in the Catholic Church in Madagascar. The three Pauline communities have sought the most fitting ways to highlight the Sunday of the Word in their own dioceses. In the three cities where they are present - Antananarivo, Fianarantsoa and Toamasina - they visited parishes to remind and encourage the faithful to nurture their love for reading and listening to the Word of God. Several radio programs featured continuous readings of biblical texts, recitation of the prayer, and singing of the hymn for the Biblical Year, translated into Malagasy: "So that the Word of the Lord may speed forward" (2Th 3:1).

PORTUGAL

STRETCH FORTH YOUR HAND TO THE POOR



In response to the call of the Holy Father for the World Day of the Poor, the theme of which was *Stretch Forth Your Hand to the Poor*, the Daughters of St. Paul of Portugal began a journey of preparation for this event.

It started with publication of the book *Stretch Forth Your Hand to the Poor*, after which our sisters held several online meetings to provide people with a space for prayer and sharing.

Listening to the Word of God and the message of Pope Francis, important guest speakers commented on the Holy Father's message, urging everyone to become more aware of what each individual or community can do to combat poverty in today's world.

Challenged by the message of Pope Francis and the difficulties that Portugal is facing because of the pandemic, the FSPs of this circumscription celebrated the last week of November as *Pauline Week*—an annual event that includes offering special book discounts to all their customers. In addition, in preparation for Christmas, they donated a percentage of the price of the books sold during this period to Caritas Portugal.

TAIWAN

DANCE WITH THE LIGHT



In the midst of the current pandemic, marked by so much suffering, the Lord gave our East Asian Delegation a wonderful surprise: their guitar album *Dance with the Light*, produced by the FSPs of Taiwan, won the 31st Golden Melody Awards (GMA) for best religious music album. (The GMA is the equivalent of the Grammy Awards in the Chinese-speaking world.)

Through this musical production, our sisters want to offer people a fresh interpretation of traditional Catholic music suited to the new generation of young people, both Catholics and non-Catholics, in this part of the world. The album, composed of a variety of hymns, is outstanding in quality due to the masterful touch of Paraguayan guitar master Roberto Zayas, whose heartfelt playing has resulted in music that "calms the heart and makes the spirit dance," as the presentation of the album says.

From Taiwan, our sisters write: “We hope that this music will help listeners feel the joy of the Lord’s presence in their lives. We thank and praise God for the grace of our apostolate and the gift of music, which allows us to extend the Christian message to many more people by means of the invitation: ‘Life is a dance and the God who loves us is saying, ‘Come, dance with me!’”

clear that 2020 would be a year like no other due to the coronavirus pandemic, the 3-week annual touring concert was transformed into a virtual event, involving all the Sisters of the Province who work in social media, who saw it as an opportunity to invite viewers to be not just an audience but *cooperators* in the Pauline apostolate.

UNITED STATES

#HOMEFORCHRISTMAS



Begun 26 years ago as an apostolic initiative to proclaim Christ to the people of the cities of New York and Boston through a lively program of Christmas caroling, the Daughters of St. Paul Choir has over time extended the Concert’s outreach from one coast to the other of the United States. When it became

In the light of this, the songs sung by the Choir were interspersed with brief and vivacious presentations of the Pauline mission and the history and charism of the Pauline Family, using quotes from Blessed James Alberione and Prima Maestra Thecla. Thus, the Founder’s words to the FSPs, “*your boundaries are the whole world,*” came true. In fact, people not just from the United States but from 36 countries around the globe watched *Home for Christmas with the Daughters of St. Paul* on Youtube, joining our sisters in celebrating the joy of Christ’s birth and leaving messages of appreciation on the Choir’s Facebook page (Facebook.com/DSPChoir) and through their own social media.

The #HomeforChristmas Virtual Concert remained available online through 10 January 2021 (Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord) and a total of 66,480 people watched the program.

CALENDAR OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT ¹

- 11.15 March** Meetings with the Superiors of the Circumscriptions of Europe.
- 17 March** Meeting with the International Youth Council
- 23 March** Meeting with the Provincial Government of Brazil, one year after the appointment.
- 24 March** Meeting with the Provincial Government of Colombia-Ecuador, one year after the appointment.
- 27 March** Meeting of the General Bursar with the Bursars of the Circumscription.
- 29 March** Meeting with the East Asian Delegation Government, one year after the appointment.
- 20 April** Meeting with the Delegation Government of Southern Africa one year after the appointment.
- 24 April** Meeting with the Provincial Government of Italy.
- 1.22 May** Meeting with the sisters of the Delegation of Australia.
- 11 May** Meeting with the Provincial Government of Japan, one year after the appointment.
- 18 May** Meeting with the Provincial Government of USA-EsC one year after their appointment.
- 24 May** Meeting with the Provincial Government of Korea, one year after the appointment.

¹ The scheduled meetings are in videoconference.

**THE JOY OF SALVATION
IN THE BIBLE
AND IN CONSECRATED LIFE**

JOSEFA SOARES DOS SANTOS FSP



The thesis, prepared by Sr. Josefa at the conclusion of her Master degree from the Claretian Institute of Theology of Consecrated Life in Rome, highlights the theme: *Joy in the Bible and in consecrated life*. This research is meant to help one to understand the Bible as a total and unified narrative, focusing on the reasons for true joy in consecrated life. Given the magnitude of the theme, the author has chosen to follow the biblical track with a focus on salvation, the foundation of all joy.

Joy is the consequence of an existence full of meaning. It is a tangible sign that demonstrates how belonging to God gives meaning to one's existence, because only God can satisfy the human longing for love and fullness of life that we all carry in our hearts (cf. Ps 62: 2-3).

Living as consecrated persons means, first of all, cultivating the gift of being able to stay in daily contact with the Font of joy. This in turn becomes a spontaneous sign of our way of living and relating to life, to ourselves and to the world.

The fundamental point of reference for consecrated life is Jesus' style of life. He proposes a happy existence, amid tribulations, sufferings, persecutions.... It is paradoxical happiness that does not depend on health, human successes or on comforts, but on what God can do for a person and for humanity, in whatever situation they find themselves (cf. Mt 5:3-10).

This is the ideal of religious life and what people are expecting to encounter in the lifestyle of men and women religious. Human

existence, even that of consecrated persons, is entangled in human limitations. It moves between the ideal and reality, the possibility of choosing the right path or of making a mistake, of believing or doubting, of being faithful or disloyal, and of rejoicing or suffering. The biblical sense of joy is the basis of salvation given to us by God. It is His way of redeeming humanity, wounded by sin, by restoring the happiness of a life consecrated to God.

Sr. Josefa thus concludes: "Heartfelt thanks to God, the author of consecrated life, and to my sisters, the Daughters of St. Paul, for the opportunity given me to study and deepen my call to consecrated life".

THE NAME OF YAHWEH IS FIDELITY

MILLICENT OMONDI, FSP



The Master thesis in Biblical Theology that Sr. Millicent Omondi presented at the Gregorian Pontifical University in Rome is an exegetical study of Hos 2:16-25 with a pragmatic and communicative perspective (also called "pragmatic linguistics"), which focuses on the theme of fidelity.

The pragmatics of language is a discipline that deals with linguistic behaviors. It assumes two paths of research. The first concerns the influence of the context on the spoken word. This means that the interpretation of language must take into account the situational framework¹. The second track of research addresses the influence of the word on the situation, that is, the way in which

¹ In Paul's discourse in Acts 17:16-34, the context of the Areopagus can play an important role in understanding the communication strategies of an Apostle.

those who speak use language to influence the beliefs and actions of their audience².

In her study of Hos 2:16-25, Sr. Millicent primarily made use of this second aspect of the pragmatics of language by resorting to J. Stearle's speech theories on the philosophy of language. According to his theory, in uttering a word or an enunciation, the speaker always performs an action (a linguistic act). It follows that words not only inform but enable action. Even more so when the speaker is God. The main question that guided this work was: "What is YAHWEH communicating with the words he is uttering? How are these words influencing the beliefs of his listeners?"

Studying the linguistic dynamics of Hos 2:16-25, six stages emerged in the text in which the divine speaker tries to make his audience (Israel) return to him. In these six stages, the divine speaker, using various communication strategies, manifests himself as faithful. He reveals his own identity as a faithful God to his listener (Israel), and

² For example, when the prophet Amos in 4:4 says: "Go to Bethel and sin!", he certainly does not want to instigate his listeners to sin, but instead wants to discourage them from going to Bethel, due to the fact that YAHWEH is no longer there, and consequently their cultic behaviors will only accumulate sins.

in this way gradually draws them to himself. The first stage is the experience in the desert, where YAHWEH tries to revive the memory of his fidelity to Israel. In the second stage, God explains his identity to his people. In stage three, the divine speaker makes a covenant with Israel, sealing it with "the beasts of the field and the birds of the air" and assuring peace to his people. In the fourth stage, YAHWEH espouses Israel, giving her fidelity as a gift. The fifth stage is God's faithful response to the covenant with Israel blessing the sky and all the creatures of the earth. The final stage is the re-establishment of Israel in the (promised) land, where the latter recognizes God as "the Faithful One", and where the covenant with YAHWEH is renewed.

The journey of YAHWEH with Israel in these six stages is also the journey of YAHWEH with the readers of the book of Hosea, that is, all of us. This research therefore highlights the fact that this passage from Hosea invites us to take the seventh step with YAHWEH, in spite of our infidelities, that are part of the human experience, and in imitation of the journey fulfilled by Israel, to rediscover and know YAHWEH whose total Being is fidelity, and who invites us to partake in his faithfulness.



BIBLICAL FESTIVAL 2021: YOU ARE ALL SIBLINGS

The 2021 edition of the annual Biblical Festival organized and promoted by the Society of St. Paul and the Diocese of Vicenza centered on the theme *You Are All Siblings*, based on the Gospel of Matthew. In a statement publicizing the event, its organizers said that "it is especially significant and necessary today to emphasize the theme of universal fraternity in the light of the latest papal encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti: on fraternity and social friendship*. Pope Francis says that in addressing this subject, he drew inspiration from St. Francis of Assisi."

The Festival, which was broadcast live on its Facebook and YouTube channels and on its www.festivalbiblico.it web site, opened with an online event on 24 January, the Sunday dedicated to the Word of God.

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"In an age marked more and more by a pluralism without boundaries," the statement continues, "differences and singularities are multiplying to the point that the awareness of belonging to a single human family risks falling into oblivion. Precisely because of this, reawakening a sense of universal fraternity is vitally important for improving the quality of life of people today."

“THE COVENANT”: THE GOLDEN THREAD OF SACRED SCRIPTURE



In recent decades, the biblical category of the covenant has been extensively rediscovered and updated. The reflection on *women of the covenant* carried out by the 11th General Chapter of the

Daughters of St. Paul offers us a renewed understanding of its relevance.

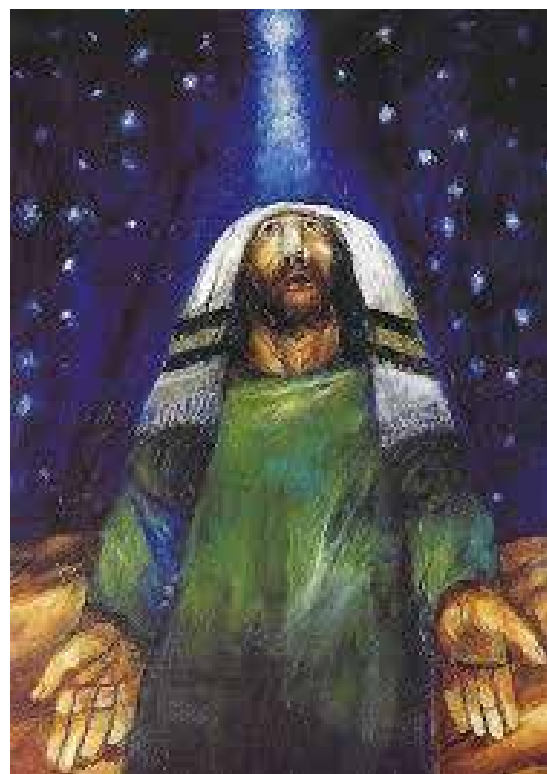
The binomial “women and covenant” is not easily understood because in the framework of the Bible, God made a covenant with the people of Israel through male figures. To enter into the mystery of women, who fully lived the logic of the covenant, it is necessary to strive to understand the term covenant in both its natural and biblical settings.

If there is one word that marks and un-girds all of Sacred Scripture from beginning to end, that word is “covenant”. If this word is the golden thread of the Bible, then why have exegetes called Sacred Scripture the “Old and New Testament”?

Covenant and *testament* are different words with different implications. To enter into a covenant always requires two people who, in full agreement, make a *bilateral agreement*. A testament, on the other hand, is based on the will of a single person, thus expressing the one-sidedness of the commitment. Therefore, in a covenant, one makes a pact with a partner, and in a testament one does not. In the Hebrew Bible, the noun we translate as “covenant” is *berit* תּוֹרֵב, but in Sacred Scripture that word has very diverse contexts with many meanings. To get closer to the original meaning of *berit* it is necessary to take into consideration the Akkadian language, spoken in ancient Mesopotamia. *Berit* in Akkadian is *biritu*, meaning precisely “between two”: between two men, between two kings, between a king and a vassal, between a man and a woman (marriage). Some ancient documents of the Middle East speak of different types of covenants: between tribes to seek peace, harmony, and a common defense; between States to face a more powerful enemy. There are also covenants to

prevent the exploitation of natural resources such as rivers, etc. In fact, covenants were the usual way of ensuring survival, especially in cases of need. Through a covenant, a person become more human in an environment of trust. And it is precisely trust that makes a covenant possible.

In the Near and Middle East and in the biblical world, the conclusion of a covenant [a contract of agreement] always involved a special rite (*karat berit*) to establish it. In the Hebrew Bible, *karat berit* refers to a precise blood rite, which took place at a specific time and in a specific manner. The contracting parties passed between the flesh of an animal that had been cut in half, calling down on themselves the same fate if they transgressed the clauses of the pact. They passed between the parts of the slaughtered animal, voicing the clauses of the covenant, followed by the oath: “May he who fails to fulfill the obligations of the pact have the same fate as this slaughtered animal!” However, at this point something new enters the picture.



Sieger Koeder

It seems that only Israel conceived of a covenant between God and his people, which was clearly a lopsided agreement. To better understand this, it is necessary to distinguish a covenant (a bilateral pact) from a testament, which is always unilateral. This step is crucial! And to understand it, the help of the Apostle of the Gentiles is necessary. In

the his letters to the Romans and Galatians, Paul insists on the covenant God made with Abraham before his circumcision, making this patriarch the source of justification by faith for all those who believe and understand Paul's mission in the world. The foundational text of Genesis 15:7-18, to which Paul refers again and again, reminds us that precisely



Vetrata Mark Shagall

at the moment of the stipulation of the covenant, "as the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a profound and terrifying darkness descended upon him.... When it was dark, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between the pieces [of the animals]. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram." The author highlights that, only God, depicted as a torch of fire, passes among the slaughtered animals. This text reveals that the covenant between God and Abraham is one-sided, established by the love of a totally free and faithful God, who takes upon himself even the possible failure of his partner.

There is a direct connection between the covenant the Lord made with Abraham and the covenant made visible in Jesus of Nazareth who "took a cup, and after giving thanks gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins'" (Mt. 26:27). In Jesus, God manifests the price of his covenant: the blood of his Son, his life offered and given out of love. And it is in this unilateral covenant that we better understand the truth of a

God who always remains faithful even in the face of human betrayal, rejection and infidelity! Therefore, it is no longer a covenant between two parties, because only one of them sustains the covenant; only one of them remains faithful.

And here we see the re-emergence of the golden thread that runs through all of Scripture from Abraham to Jesus. This golden thread is the unilateral covenant founded on the love of God, which assumes the character of a testament. That is why the Bible is called the Old and New Testament. God always wants to save everything and everyone; because of this, he enters into a covenant with his people through certain chosen individual, namely: Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, David... And women? In a hidden way, the female figures of the Bible fully live the meaning of the "covenant at the service of the people of God". Let us recall Rachel and Leah, Ruth the Moabite, Queen Esther, Judith, Mary of Nazareth (Ark of the Covenant), Mary of Magdala, Tecla Merlo... and the Daughters of Saint Paul, whose "consecration inserts us fully into the mystery of God's covenant with his people" (Const. FSP n.6).

Francesca Pratillo, fsp

WORLD'S FIRST HOTEL WITH A LITERARY BUTLER

A hotel in Palm Beach, Florida, is offering guests the perfect literary service with a *butler* who is always ready to offer books, reading ideas and literary advice. The Ben West Palm



hotel has teamed up with The Palm Beach Book Store to offer the world's first in-room literary service. By picking up the phone, guests can order one of the books on the list left on the bedside table, or make a personalised request. The requested title will be served directly in the room, complete with a souvenir bookmark to take home and reuse for future readings.

At the end of the reading, guests can take their new book home or choose to leave it to be donated to the West Palm Beach Library Foundation.

FOLLOW HER ALWAYS!



When I arrived in Rome from Alba for my novitiate in 1954, I was placed for my three hours of daily apostolate in the so-called *Centre*. It was situated on the ground floor of the new Divine Master House, inaugurated in 1950. It was a

large rectangular room, where the Sisters of the book centres and the propagandists were supervised, with suggestions, organisational and formation aids. Sr Assunta Bassi was the soul, helped by Sr Fatima Mallocci and Sr Paola Honau. We, the young professed and novices: Cesarina Fra, Tarcisia Baltieri, Lucia Righettini, Daniela Baronchelli and myself, were the enthusiastic apprentices.

On the first floor was the office of Maestra Thecla and Sr Ignazia Balla, the bursar; there was the chapel and the new Sala San Paolo, with a very rich library for the editorial.

What do I remember about Maestra Thecla? I do not remember any particular episodes during that time. But I do remember a deep feeling: I was aware of the affectionate relationship with her – she was there, close by, upstairs – and I felt, we felt, that she appreciated us, she loved us, she was happy with what was being done to help the branch *Houses* to progress in the apostolate. Maestra Assunta sometimes told us the details of what Primo Maestro suggested, of which Prima Maestra was happy: organising propaganda better (the *vademecum* was then created); to help the Sisters to be more informed and competent, we started to prepare review card- registers for book centres, the kardex file, etc.

At that time the book archive and warehouse were also located in the basement of the same house. Sometimes I would pass her in the hallway or on the stairs. I, the newcomer, felt proud to think that she was happy, that the apostolate was in her heart. And it took on more and more meaning in my heart too, no matter if my job was just checking invoices, leaning on the window sill.

As a professed Sister, I worked for about five years at *Ut unum sint*. At different times, some of us found ourselves in difficult working situations. More than once, with Sr Cristina Schreil, we confided our problems and uncertainties to her. She listened to us, we felt that she understood us; and she gave us some advice on how to act.

Each time she returned from her trips abroad, we welcomed her back on behalf of the community, and she would give us a brief information about the realities she had encountered. The things that had impressed her, the life and apostolate of the Sisters... everything was so beautiful for us – it was as if she were projecting a documentary to broaden our horizon.

I have a jovial, somewhat funny memory of her return from a trip to Japan. To greet her, together with some Japanese Sisters in our group, we invented a song in Japanese (!!!) that included the names of all the towns in the communities she had visited: *Oedo nipponbasi nanadsudaci, adsunobori...* the tone of the song was very cute. She listened and looked at us with wide-open eyes, wondering what we were singing about. At the end she laughed with pleasure... giving us great satisfaction.

Among the beautiful memories of my youth in the community in Rome is that of 18 March, the eve of Saint Joseph's Day, the day on which we wished the Founder a happy feast day. One year, in 1959 to be precise, before giving a report on apostolic activities (propaganda initiatives, progress of the book centres, publications, catechetical movement, etc.), Maestra Assunta thanked the Founder the Founder for the gift of the Congregation, for the Pauline spirit, for the apostolate and "for having given us Prima Maestra". At the mention of this name, a great applause broke out in the hall. And Don Alberione, smiling, but also making a gentle reminder, immediately said: "But treasure it!" And at the end of his talk, he further said: "I am happy that you have made an enthusiastic reference to Prima Maestra. Follow her always.

To lead, there is no need for many words, nor is there any need for much study, it is enough to possess the wisdom of God and to be enlightened by God."

M Letizia Panzetti, fsp

PRELUDE: TO JOY!



It was during the bombardments in February 1943 in Frascati (RM) that my parents, originally from Albano Laziale, lost everything. Hiding in the straw in a Papal State truck, they landed at night in Umbria at the gates of Assisi in a little village called Bettonna. I saw the light between a bomb and anti-aircraft guns, and discovered that “under the sun”, there was not only fear but also a lot of love around to welcome me!

One day, a colleague of my father’s, knowing of his artistic abilities, offered him a job in the Principality of Monaco, in the south of France.

In 1950, we crossed the French border. An unforgettable journey... and a new world to discover for my parents and for us children.

Two years later, in August 1952, my parents wanted to return to Albano, at the cost of many sacrifices, in order to see their relatives again. It was our first return to Italy! The joy of my parents and of us children was enormous.

My father, a man of great faith, took advantage of this marvellous occasion to let me make my First Communion and receive Confirmation on 15 August in the Church of Maria Assunta di *Propaganda Fides* between Castel Gandolfo and Albano. For eight days, I was a guest of the Polish nuns of the Holy Family of Nazareth because one of them spoke French fluently. These were heavenly days for me. On the Feast of the Assumption, before Communion, *Mother Bogna*, the Pol-

ish nun, said in my ear with great determination: “Ask Jesus what you want and he will give it to you.” I did not think twice about it: “Lord, make me become a sister like them!”

The next day I entered the Pauline book centre in Albano for the first time, accompanied by two of my aunts from my father’s side of the family. They gave me a small book in Italian: *La vita di Imelda Lambertini* (The life of Imelda Lambertini) and a French-Latin missal, gold edged and in black leather! It was then that the very young sister named Assunta Cantone, who had recommended these gifts, asked me point-blank: “What did you ask of Jesus?” I answered honestly, because her eyes inspired confidence: “To make me a sister”. She replied: “A Pauline Sister, right?” I did not know who the Daughters of St Paul were; I only found out later. However, I felt very happy about her complicity in spontaneously sharing my secret desire, which had only been manifested to Jesus. This sister was beautiful, small, with loving eyes, happy but also clever. She spoke spontaneously in a language I understood. She did not ask me any questions to know if I was a good and obedient child! I immediately felt that she was a friend. Her way of being aroused a lot of curiosity in me: I would have liked to know what her secret was for being so happy....

Then we went back to France, and Sr Assunta started writing to me and praying for me. Unfortunately, every letter she wrote was opened by my father, who systematically underlined the errors in red, then closed it carefully and invariably wrote behind it: “Read, but not approved. Dad,” putting my budding vocation to the test!

I used to return to Albano about every two years in the summer. I looked forward to my visits to the book center where there reigned an atmosphere of happy, joyful people, united among themselves. Sr Assunta introduced me to her community at the Regina Apostolorum Clinic. I often played volleyball with them on Sunday afternoons, and noticed that even in games their joy was manifest. Then came the time for prayer, and seeing how absorbed they were in prayer led me to pray better.

They were all joyful, simple, quick-witted, and very happy in carrying out their apostolate. With great spontaneity and simplicity, they knew how to manage a book center,

climb up to the pulpit of a church to explain the Word of God during the Gospel mission days, drive a van, endlessly unloading packages... Every day, as they entered houses, they sowed the seed of the Word, certain that God would then make hope sprout and nourish faith in the hearts of the readers.

Why were they so different from the other sisters? What was the secret they all kept? Their secret was Jesus whom they always referred to as *Master!* In fact, very soon I realized that their day was filled with many and varied activities but always with just as much time devoted to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Their basic serenity showed a different way of looking at and breathing in God, life and people. Therefore, it was worth giving myself to God in my prime, giving all my freedom to Him and Him alone. I began to imitate them in wanting to breathe joy by practising trust in God.

I discovered over the years that in the Pauline apostolate, I would find an answer to my growing thirst for the Word of God but also space to nourish my love for art made up of sound, image, literature, color, movement, feeling, and physical strength. So I entered



the Daughters of St Paul in Rome with the freshness and strength that a young woman can have when she falls in love. It was a free choice. Everything in me was fascinated by the ideal that I had breathed in through my contact with the Pauline sisters: to follow the voice of the Beloved revealing to me his love and to accept being sent to all men and women, his creatures, to tell them of this love of God, with the instruments of communication and through my witness of joyful life.

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FIRST PROFESSIONS 2021

Mumbai India, 25 January 2021

Alisa Narzary
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MESSAGE FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 2021

“COME AND SEE” (JN 1:46).
COMMUNICATING BY ENCOUNTERING PEOPLE
WHERE AND AS THEY ARE



COMMUNICATION IS AN ENCOUNTER

Pope Francis is not an expert in communication, but he is an exceptional communicator. As such, the Pope has always imagined communication not as a complex semiotic process, but simply as an event of physical proximity. For example, it happened that Pope Francis, in 2015, allowed himself to be inspired by Mary’s visit to Elizabeth (Lk 1:39-56) to describe the miracle of communication with a more realistic and convincing interpretation than that of many *media studies* (cf. *Message for the 54th World Communications Day*). This year, the invitation for the 55th World Communications Day is more or less similar: *Communicating by Encountering People Where and as They Are*. Francis, in short, asks journalists and communicators to *come and see*. This is the method of all authentic human communication. One does not communicate without moving, *coming*, and without being witnesses, *seeing*. It is not enough, therefore, to report news by hearsay. Three-dimensionality must be given: “we need to move, to go and see, to be with people, to listen to them and to confront reality, which will always in some way surprises us...” Because as Pope Francis writes, “...in order to know, it is necessary to encounter, to let the person in front of me speak...” Today we often speak locked in our own computer cubicles. There no longer seems to be room for wonder, for allowing oneself to be surprised by something you encounter. Everything is already predefined. Yet the secret of Christian communication from the very beginning is precisely this: to experience something or someone you had

not foreseen. The Pope thus seems to favor, without saying so, the genres of investigation and reporting. These genres prevent the diffusion of pre-packaged, self-referential information “from on high”, “that is less and less capable of grasping the truth of things and the concrete lives of people, much less the more serious social phenomena or positive movements at the grass roots level.” In providing information, the objective is to intercept the truth of things and grasp the phenomena and growing dynamisms. The only sure way to do this, however, is through encounter.

THE ENCOUNTER WITH REALITY COMMUNICATES

If the encounter decides communication, journalism is nothing other than the ‘telling of reality’. This requires *desire*, *curiosity*,



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passion and the *ability* to go where nobody else goes—particularly in those places in the world where abuses and injustices are committed against the poor or minorities. We understand why journalism in this sense can have a therapeutic function, especially for democracy and justice. This is also the way to avoid “photocopied newspapers” and information from “the palace”. To avoid this risk, which is very present today, we need to go where we think there is no need to go; where we think there is nothing good, nothing interesting to see. As the Polish journalist, writer and essayist Ryszard Kapuściński said, the problem with television and with all media in general, is that they have created a world of their own. A world that has little to do with reality, which is why the *cynic* is not suited to this job. There is no possible journalism outside the relationship with other human beings. Relationship with others is the indispensable element of our work. To write about someone, it is necessary to have shared at

least a little of their life. According to Francis, “The crisis of the publishing industry risks leading to a reportage created in news-rooms, in front of the computer, without ever ‘hitting the streets’.” In this sense, technological innovations are a resource because they create a network of “news that would not be available elsewhere”, and “encounters that otherwise would never happen.” The internet “can increase the capacity for reporting and sharing, with many more eyes on the world and a constant flood of images and testimonies.” Indeed, it is precisely thanks to digital technology that we have “timely first-hand information”. In fact, everyone, even with just a mobile phone in their hand, can “become witnesses to events that otherwise would be overlooked by the traditional media, offer a contribution to society and highlight more stories, including positive ones.” The internet allows us to tell the reality and share first-hand news. On the other hand, it is clear that if there is no verification, there is risk of manipulation, which can be carried out by anyone. Francis appropriately concludes: “All of us are responsible for the communications we make, for the information we share, for the control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it.”

THE JOURNALIST IS WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



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“Unless we open ourselves to this kind of encounter,” continues the Pope, “we remain mere spectators, [despite] all the technical innovations that enable us to feel immersed in a larger and more immediate reality.” However, he points out, every tool is useful only if it puts into circulation knowledge that otherwise would not circulate. In particular, he focuses on the opportunities and pitfalls of the web. The internet and social net-

works can multiply the capacity and speed of news-sharing, in a continuous flow of images and testimonies – for example when it comes to communicating news to everyone emergency situations – and can therefore be “a powerful tool”. There is, he notes, the risk of “misinformation”: not only news but also images are easily manipulated, sometimes “simply for sheer narcissism.” “Being critical in this regard,” the Pope asserts, “is not about demonizing the internet, but is rather an incentive to greater discernment,” with responsibility for the content disseminated and the “control that we can exert over fake news by exposing it.” He then reiterates, “All of us are to be witnesses of the truth: to go, to see and to share.”



The horizon of the pandemic, which has been sweeping the world since the beginning of 2020, decisively marks this Message. The Pope warns that there is a risk of describing it, like every crisis, “only through the lens of the richer nations,” of “keeping two sets of books.” In this sense, Francis’ thoughts go to the question of vaccines and medical care, to the risk of exclusion of the poorest populations. “Who would keep us informed,” he asks “about the long wait for treatment in the poverty –stricken villages of Asia, Latin America and Africa?” This is a danger that also affects the “world of the more fortunate”, where “the social tragedy of families rapidly slipping into poverty remains largely hidden,” where “people who are no longer ashamed to wait in line before charitable organizations in order to receive a package of provisions, do not tend to make news.” Economic differences therefore risk marking the order of distribution of the anti-Covid vaccine, with the poor always last and “the right to universal health care affirmed in principle, but stripped of real effect.”

The Pope also expressed his thanks for the courage of so many communication workers. “We owe a word of gratitude for the courage and commitment of all those professionals – journalists, camera operators, editors, directors – who often risk their lives in carrying out their work. Thanks to their efforts, we now know, for example, about the hardships endured by persecuted minorities in various parts of the world, numerous cases of oppression and injustice inflicted on the poor and on the environment, and many wars that otherwise would be overlooked. It would be a loss not only for news reporting..., were those voices to fade away. Our entire human family would be impoverished.”

THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE

“The invitation to ‘*come and see*’ was, and continues to be, essential,” the Pope reaffirms in the Message. “We do not communicate merely with words, but with our eyes, the tone of our voice and our gestures,” says Francis, referring to the great weight that non-verbal communication has in our experience of reality. The great attraction that Jesus exercised on those who met him “depended on the truth of his preaching; yet the effectiveness of what he said was inseparable from how he looked at others, from how he acted towards them, and even from his silence... Indeed in him – the incarnate *Logos* – the Word took on a *Face*.” The Message, which is addressed to those who deal with communication on a daily basis, does not fail to reference authors who have stressed the importance of concrete experience.

“Open your eyes with wonder to what you see, let your hands touch the freshness and vitality of things, so that when others read what you write, they too can touch first-hand the vibrant miracle of life.” This was the advice that Blessed Manuel Lozano Garrido – who lived in the 1900s and was beatified in 2010 – offered to his fellow journalists. In the early centuries of Christianity, St Augustine himself recalled that “we have books in our hands, but the facts [are] before our eyes,” urging us to see in reality the fulfilment of the prophecies found in the Holy Scriptures.

“In all areas of public life, in business as well as in politics, how much empty rhetoric abounds, even in our time,” reflects the Pope.

He also refers to the bold words of the great English playwright William Shakespeare, in *The Merchant of Venice*, on speaking infinitely, without saying anything. Francis assures us that these words, “also apply to us Christian communicators.” In this light, he points again to the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel that continues today, “whenever we accept the compelling witness of people whose lives have been changed by their encounter with Jesus.” These are people who have accepted the same invitation, *Come and see*, and “were struck by the ‘surplus’ of humanity that shone through those who bore witness to Jesus.”



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“That great communicator who was Paul of Tarsus,” imagines Francis, “would certainly have made use of e-mail and social messaging. Yet it was his faith, hope and charity that impressed those of his contemporaries who heard him preach.” Moreover, where he could not be encountered personally “the disciples whom he sent bore witness to his way of life in Christ.” Hence “the challenge that awaits us,” observes Francis, “is to communicate by encountering people, where they are and as they are,” as the very theme of the Message recalls. In a new way compared to his previous texts for this day, the Pope concludes with a prayer where he asks the Lord to teach us to “go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand, to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.” And he concludes, “[Grant us] the grace to recognize your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen.”

Mons. Domenico Pompili

Bishop of Rieti

President of the Episcopal Commission for culture and social communications, Italy

FINAL MESSAGE
 XXXVIII MEETING OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENTS
 OF THE PAULINE FAMILY ONLINE

THE LAITY IN THE PAULINE FAMILY FOR MISSION

Challenges to evangelization in a time of pandemic



*Dear brothers and sisters
 of the Pauline Family,*

At the end of the 38th Meeting of our General Governments, we are writing to share with you some of the wealth we received in these days.¹ For the first time in 38 years, due to the physical distancing imposed by the ongoing pandemic, this encounter took place in an unprecedented way. Not only because of the use of the Zoom digital platform, to which we were all connected, but above all because of the numerous and varied presences of some of the delegates from our Aggregated Institutes, and also our Pauline Cooperator sisters and brothers. In fact, their international participation expanded the borders of this Family gathering, fulfilling the vision of Blessed James Alberione, who reminded us that *“our parish is the whole world.”*

We share, as **links**, some of the themes that emerged from the contributions to which we listened. The **first link** is to inhabit suffering—the collective suffering inflicted by Covid-19—not by simply bearing it but by questioning it and allowing ourselves to be instructed by it as by a teacher of life. Learning as disciples is the characteristic attitude of those who live with their gaze fixed on Jesus, Way, Truth and Life, and who relate to him as the sole Master, the beautiful and good Shepherd. This maxim, reiterated by Prof. Stefano Zamagni, an economist, echoed the lesson of life

that pedagogue Chiara Scardicchio recounted to us. We are therefore paradoxically living in a time of grace that offers us the opportunity to rediscover the best in ourselves. To rediscover humility as truth, as a healthy “keeping our feet on the ground” so as to root ourselves in what is truly worthwhile. To exercise prudence in order to look ahead with vision and *parrhesia*. And, finally, to beware of the arrogance of centralization—an insidious danger for those invested with the responsibility of governing who fail to cultivate the culture of subsidiarity. Instead, to move ahead more and more in the synodal style of solidarity.

We are all caught up in the same storm, but we are certainly not all in the same boat: in fact, the results of this pandemic are not the same for everyone. The split in society is widening dangerously. It is imperative that we remain aware that we are interconnected on the social, political, economic and humanitarian levels. Thus emerges the **second link** between the proposal of Prof. Stefano Zamagni and the vision outlined in broad terms by the President of the European Parliament, the Honorable David Sassoli, who insists that the way out of this emergency lies in seeking and adopting common solutions.

The **third link** can be found in the recommendation to avoid abdicating the Pauline vocation of “studiosità,” understood as a love of research, as the courage to produce quality thinking that will help cultivate a new humanism in and around us. This reconfirms our need to

¹ The talks will be accessible on the www.alberione.org web site.

dedicate time and energy to cultural formation in order to make up for the loss of teachers, which was underscored with concern.

The critiques presented made us cognizant of a rampant poverty about which the media speak little but which bears within itself nefarious consequences on the human plane, namely: the consequences of the pandemic on ecclesial life. Although on the institutional level the gestures and words of Pope Francis and of some wise Pastors continue to resonate as a prophetic warning, on the pastoral level an alarming drift is underway in particular Churches. Certainly, at least in the Western Churches of the northern hemisphere, the bell towers “collapsed” a long time ago, but now, because of the pandemic, the consciousness of being a community—a people gathered in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit—is evaporating. And the results are there for all to see: in the sacramental life, in the fields of education and aggregation, in parish life. This is a theme that Prof. Marco Ronconi, a theologian, also discussed, but from a different perspective. The profound question of spirituality and meaning that was repeatedly raised opened our eyes to the disintegration of the awareness of being “ecclesia,” and therefore community, since the Lord brings those who are animated by the same Spirit into the same house. Here is the **fourth link**. It is up to us to choose whether to let time slip through our fingers like dry and sterile sand, or to treat it like a seed pregnant with new life (cf. Thomas Merton).

Prof. Ronconi then presented us with “the Church to come” from a lay person’s point of view, that is, as a baptized person, and therefore, like us and with us, part of God’s faithful. From this “people’s perspective,” we were invited to face reality as persons who have learned first of all to love it, not only explain or resolve it. Thus Prof. Andrea Grillo, a theologian specializing in Liturgy, with his input from the stance of “blessing,” that is, a positive reading of what is happening in our lives and in the public and private manifestations of the Christian faith, helped us discover the sacramental dimension of what we are living. Globally, *hands*, *face* and *space* have become not only catchwords associated with health protection, but also indicate a direct experience for recovering the quality of human relationships with God, with creation and with others. If the pandemic is currently forcing us to distance ourselves in space, then let us make our own the axiom of Pope Francis: “time is greater than space,” so as to rediscover in compulsory distancing alternative opportuni-

ties for relationships that build communion. This is the **fifth link**.

The **sixth link** is the theme of adulthood, which came up again and again transversally in all the interventions at which we assisted. The Church, society, young people, politics, culture and spirituality need adult, generative believers, which means people who have credibility and who are capable of authorizing others to creatively invest the inheritance they received. This is the same thing Jesus Master teaches us: those who lose their life (do not keep it for self) for my sake and the sake of the Gospel will find it (cf. Mt. 16:25), and will have abundant life (cf. Jn 10:10).

The online round table, coordinated by Fr. Vito Fracchiolla, SSP Vicar General, in which five Pauline Cooperators from different countries took part: Christin Jezak (California, USA), Rosane Manfro (Brazil), Lourdes Pechuela (Philippines), Antonietta Rago (Italy) and Mireille Yav Manyong (Democratic Republic of Congo), was a very effective tool for dialogue and mutual listening. With a responsible sense of belonging to the Pauline Family, these participants asked for continued Cooperator presence in the meetings in order to get to know one another, form themselves and share the mission of the PF by means of concrete projects.

We are aware that the Pauline Family, an ecclesial presence composed of baptized persons who live the common Christian vocation in different states of life—lay, religious and the ordained ministry—is challenged to respond to the new questions that are emerging. It is necessary to set in motion a courageous hermeneutical process for updating our unique charism in obedience to the Spirit of God and to the questions of the people of our time. It is up to us to express their questions well and to be attentive, without too many interpretative filters, to the voices of those everywhere who are seeking life and salvation, even without knowing it.

We are grateful to the Lord for what we lived during these days and for the rich and pro-active presence of all. We thank the Secretaries General who prepared the Meeting and all those who conducted it with human warmth, courtesy and professionalism.

With affectionate greetings in Jesus Master,

Rome, 11 January 2021

*The participants in the 38th Meeting
of the General Governments
of the Pauline Family*

WINDOW ON THE CHURCH

FAITH COMMUNICATION IN THE DIGITAL WORLD
TRAINING INITIATIVE OF THE DICASTERY
FOR COMMUNICATION



On Saturday 20 February, the Dicastery for Communication launched the “Faith Communication in the Digital World” project. This is a pilot initiative that intends to respond to the challenges of how the Church can and must be present online to adequately respond to the spiritual needs of people, especially through the digital platforms. It is therefore urgent and necessary, especially in the crisis generated by the Covid-19 pandemic, to learn an effective communication approach and guarantee a presence on social media that can testify to the “style” of the Gospel.

16 young communicators from: Cambodia, Canada, South Korea, Costa Rica, Philippines, Italy, Kenya, Mexico, Peru, United Kingdom, Spain, United States participate in this important initiative. A diverse group not only by origin, but also by experience and skills.

The young people selected for this project will be accompanied by several teachers, experts in digital communication. They will have lessons and individual coaching on topics and practical activities for the correct use of digital tools in the transmission of the faith. In this way they will be able to develop useful skills to serve the Church and contribute to its mission of evangelization in communication.

Among the 16 young people, there is also a Daughter of St. Paul: Sr. Nikki Ramos, junior of the Spanish delegation.

The weekly meetings are online. The project also includes a few residential weeks in Rome if the situation due to the pandemic allows it.

WOMEN READ *FRATELLI TUTTI*

On the occasion of International Women’s Day 2021, at the initiative of the World Union of Catholic Women’s Organisations, a rich

exchange between religious and diplomatic leaders took place in the webinar *Women Read Fratelli tutti*, organised by the Ministry of Culture and Interreligious Dialogue. Women from different religious and cultural backgrounds commented on the Pope’s encyclical from their own particular perspective. Many women took part as spokesperson: leaders of different religious communities, who expressed something of the echo aroused by the Pope’s message of brotherhood in their own communities, and not only on a personal level, but also on a diplomatic level, that stressed the importance of looking at the concrete reality of societies and international relations with the vision of *Fratelli tutti*.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

A 20-KILOMETRE-LONG SPIRAL LIBRARY
IN SYDNEY



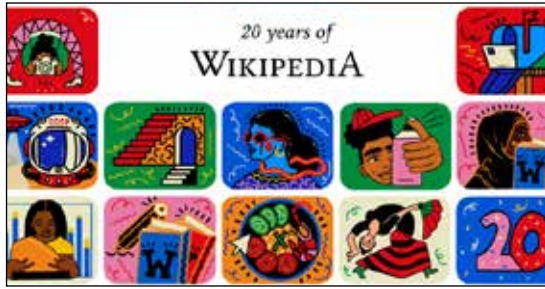
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Twenty kilometres of wooden ribbons from sustainable sources wrapped in a continuous spiral, without interruption. This is the extraordinary new public library in Sydney, Australia. Not just a container for books, but a meeting place for all those who love reading or want to spend a few hours relaxing, alone or in company.

A container of 30 thousand covers with reading rooms, study and work spaces, as well as an Asian literature section and an area dedicated to very young readers.

The authors of this original project say: “Our aim was to create an architecture as open and tangible as possible for the community. This is reflected in the circular geometry, which creates a building that is accessible and recognisable from several directions. The wood envelops the exterior of the building in a dynamic and exciting way.”

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WIKIPEDIA!



Wikipedia is 20 years old! With more than 55 million entries in over 300 languages, it is the largest encyclopedia ever written and is among the most visited web sites in the world.

The online initiative, whose content is created and maintained by a community of volunteer editors, came into being on 15 January 2001. To celebrate this milestone, Wikipedia's founder, Jimmy Wales, posted on Twitter: "The only long-term path to peace, prosperity and freedom is knowledge." He then went on to ask users to continue their financial support of the project, which is to cultivate a more caring and better-educated world.

Wikipedia's funding continues to rely on the economic contributions of Internet users. Its managers are preparing a new code of ethics that should come into force in the coming months.

WINDOW ON COMMUNICATIONS

VATICAN RADIO TURNS 90



On 12 February Vatican Radio celebrated its 90th anniversary. During these decades the Holy See's radio station has lived and commented on epochal moments in world history. It began broadcasting on 12 February 1931, the day on which Pope Pius XI's first radio message to all peoples was transmitted with the famous announcement « Hear ye, O heavens... ».

The broadcaster's mission was clear: to be an instrument at the service of the Pope

to bring the hope of the Gospel and the voice of the successor of Peter to the whole world.

Paolo Ruffini, prefect of the Dicastery for Communication, explains: «What we are celebrating is a story that has spanned practically the whole of the 20th century ; it is the prospect of a missionary future founded on the gentle power of the word spoken and heard.

On the occasion of the anniversary, a new website is being launched and with it web radio, which will allow anyone in the world, from their smartphone or computer, to listen to Vatican Radio in their own language. Every language on the radio, with its own programme schedule, strengthening the bond with our listeners. »

ONE YEAR SINCE THE *ROME CALL FOR AI ETHICS*



It is one year since the *Rome Call for AI Ethics*, the manifesto for ethics in the development of artificial intelligence signed in the Vatican by the Pontifical Academy for Life with Microsoft, IBM and FAO. The manifesto, approved by Pope Francis, calls for a commitment to the development of transparent, inclusive, socially-beneficial and responsible Artificial Intelligence technologies. The aim of the *Call* is to create a movement that expands and involves other actors: public institutions, NGOs, industries and groups to produce a direction in the development and use of technologies derived from Artificial Intelligence. After a year, support for the project has grown, likewise dialogue with other religions. In a tweet, Pope Francis recalled the Artificial Intelligence initiative: "Today marks one year since the signing of the #RomeCall for Artificial Intelligence and I hope that more and more people of good will would cooperate for the promotion of the common good, the protection of the least [considered unimportant people] and the development of a shared algorithm."

Thus Pope Francis said in a tweet on his: @Pontifex account.



Anniversaries of Religious Consecration 2021

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ALARCON Romina Angelita	30.06.1996	LEGASPI
ALVAREZ PEREZ Carmen Yanet	28.01.1996	QUITO
BACAY Catherine Justine	30.06.1996	PASAY CP
CHANG Hee Kyoung Cecilia - Fides	25.01.1996	SEOUL-MIARI
CHO Seong Ja Rosa - Rosa	25.01.1996	SEOUL-MIARI
CHONG Shirley Su Lee - Shirley	30.06.1996	PASAY RA
CHORAPOIKAYIL Jessy Jacob - Regina	25.01.1996	MUMBAI
DKHAR Helena	25.01.1996	SHILLONG
DUGAS Tracey Lynn - Tracey Matthia	15.08.1996	CHICAGO
ESCOTO Erlinda	30.06.1996	PASAY CP
HER Myoung Soon Helena - Mari Vita	25.01.1996	SEOUL CP
HIDALGO MEJIA Judith	30.06.1996	PRAGA
HONG Eun Young Elisabetta - Giovanna	25.01.1996	GWANGJU
KIM Young Ju Lucia - Luciana	25.01.1996	SEOUL-MIARI
LILIO Fedalina - Lalaine Joseph	30.06.1996	LIVERPOOL
MUINDI Nduku Anastasia - Anna	30.06.1996	ROMA CG
RANDRIANIRINA Marie Solange	30.06.1996	ANTANANARIVO SP
RAVELOMANANA Dolly Volasoa	30.06.1996	ANTANANARIVO SP
RAZAFITSIRAHONANA Eleo Philibertine	30.06.1996	NAIROBI
SHIN Myoung Hee - Emma	25.01.1996	SEOUL-MIARI
SON Hee Soon Juliana - Daniela	25.01.1996	ROMA CG
SUSAI Metilda Rose	25.01.1996	MUMBAI CP
VATTATHARA Rosy Mathew - Rosamma	25.01.1996	PANJIM (GOA)
VENGALLOOR Divya Mathew	25.01.1996	MUMBAI CP
VILAKKUMMARUTHUKAL Sarita Benedict - Mary	25.01.1996	TRIVANDRUM
YANG Bok Hee Agnes - Agnes	25.01.1996	BUSAN
ZULETA GARRON Sandra Maria	04.08.1996	LA PAZ

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AGLIARDI Bambina	2.06.1971	ALBANO TM
AGLIUZZA Anna Maria	29.06.1971	NAPOLI C
ALMICI Rita Lucia	29.06.1971	KINSHASA CD
BARRETO Julie	29.06.1971	MUMBAI
BAYBAY Monina	30.06.1971	LEGASPI
BERTON Maria De Lourdes	01.05.1971	BELO HORIZONTE
CABRAS Flosina Eufrosina	29.06.1971	ROMA DP
CAVARZAN Antonietta	29.06.1971	ALBA
CELONA Grazia - Maria Grazia	29.06.1971	ROMA DP
CRUZ Mary Margaret	29.06.1971	TRICHY

DA COSTA Maria Lindomar	01.05.1971	RECIFE
DALAGUIT Federica	30.06.1971	DAVAO
DE LAS LLAGAS Clothilde	30.06.1971	PASAY CP
DUGO Carla	29.06.1971	ROMA CG
FERREIRA DA SILVA Walkyria Maria	29.06.1971	SÃO PAULO CR
GALFRE' Gemma	29.06.1971	ABIDJAN
GHEZZO Maria	29.06.1971	BOLOGNA
KUZHIYANIMATTATHIL Cecilia	29.06.1971	PANJIM (GOA)
LAVAGNINI Anna	29.06.1971	ALBA
MELIS Dolores	29.06.1971	ALBANO GA
MONTEBUGNOLI Lea	29.06.1971	PALERMO
NELLUVELIL Myriam	29.06.1971	CALCUTTA
NUNES Ivy	29.06.1971	VASAI
PANDANATTU Aleyamma - Elizabeth	29.06.1971	TRIVANDRUM
PODDA Aurelia	29.06.1971	ALBANO
PONMANI Annie	29.06.1971	MUMBAI
PROVENZANO Oliva (Lia)	29.06.1971	MESSINA
RUSSO Maria - Rosaria	29.06.1971	SALERNO
SOUSA DA SILVA Maria Fernanda	29.06.1971	PORTO
ZONI Carla	29.06.1971	SALERNO

60° ANNIVERSARY OF RELIGIOUS CONSECRATION (43)

ALEANDRI Maria Pia	30.06.1961	ALBANO
BALDO Anna - Paola	30.06.1961	ROMA RA
BERTA Catarina Zelinda - Andreia	30.06.1961	LISBOA CD
BISOTTO Lucia - Anna Teresa	30.06.1961	ALBANO
BOLOGNANI Rita - Maria Donata	30.06.1961	ALBANO
CADAWAS Maria Carmen - Maria Benigna	08.12.1961	PASAY CP
CANE Anna Maria Consolata - Carla Maria	30.06.1961	ALBANO
CAPALBO Battistina	30.06.1961	MILANO PU
CORNALBA Maria - Maria Luisa	30.06.1961	MANTOVA
D'SOUZA Alice	08.12.1961	MUMBAI
EHLERT Elisabeth - M. Auxiliadora	30.06.1961	ALBANO
FAA Chiara	30.06.1961	ALBANO TM
FACHIN Lourdes	30.06.1961	SÃO PAULO CR
FARIAS Gertrudis Del Carmen - Maria Tecla	19.03.1961	SANTIAGO FL
FERNANDES DE OLIVEIRA Juvaldise - Aparecida M.	30.06.1961	RIO DE JANEIRO
FONSECA Maria De La Luz - Maria Estela	30.06.1961	MEXICO
GHISLANDI Olide - Maria Celeste	30.06.1961	SÃO PAULO TM
GRECO Diega - Maria Albina	30.06.1961	NAPOLI C
IMMEDIATA Antonietta - Maria Beatrice	30.06.1961	ROMA C
LORU Assunta - Maria Lucina	30.06.1961	NAPOLI C
MACCARI Zelia Maria - Natalia	30.06.1961	ROMA CG
MANFIO Neli	30.06.1961	SÃO PAULO SP
MANGANARO Maria Iolanda - Maria Iole	30.06.1961	ROMA DP
MURA Elisa - Maria Giuliana	30.06.1961	ROMA DP
NAGAHAMA Akiko - Maria Celeste	30.06.1961	TOKYO CP
NISHIKAWA Shigeno - Maria Alma	30.06.1961	TOKYO-ALBERIONE
OKADA Harumi - Maria Fides	30.06.1961	TOKYO CP
PALPACELLI Anna Maria - Maria Assunta	30.06.1961	ALBANO GA
PETTITI Delfina - Maria Giovanna	30.06.1961	ALBA
PEZZATO Bruna	30.06.1961	ALBA
PULICKEL Annie - Mary Bernarda	08.12.1961	MUMBAI
PULITA Elide Terezinha	30.06.1961	SÃO PAULO DM

RODRIGUES Carmine - Mary Lorenzina	08.12.1961	BANGALORE
RONCONI Alessandra	30.06.1961	ALBA
ROTOLO Croce - Salvina Maria	30.06.1961	PALERMO
SANTACA' Luciana	30.06.1961	FERRARA
SIMULA Maria Teresa - Maria Celina	30.06.1961	CAGLIARI
STRAZZARI Maria - Maria Caterina	30.06.1961	ALBA
VIVAS Juana Maria Edith - Maria Ruth	08.12.1961	BUENOS AIRES N
WATANABE Hiroko - Maria Graziana	30.06.1961	HIRATSUKA
WICKENHISER Margaret - Mary Mark	30.06.1961	BOSTON
YANAGIZAWA Chie - Anastasia	30.06.1961	TOKYO-REGINA
ZUCCHETTI Ada Maria - Maria Emilia	30.06.1961	ALBA

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BALDINI Luigina - Maria Augusta	19.03.1951	ALBANO TM
BORGHETTI Maria Virginia - Maria Cristina	19.03.1951	ALBA
BOSIO Bruna - Maria Grazia	19.03.1951	ALBA
BUGNOLA Giovanna - Maria Donata	19.03.1951	ALBANO
CARLEO Lucia	19.03.1951	PALERMO
CHIONNA Vincenza - Maria Lucis	19.03.1951	ALBANO GA
CORREIA NOGUEIRA Clelia - Maria	19.03.1951	SÃO PAULO CR
CREMON Cesarina Maria - Maria Agnes	19.03.1951	ALBA
DE STEFANI Maria - Maria Renata	19.03.1951	ALBA
D'OTO Elena - Maria Dorotea	19.03.1951	SEOUL-MIARI
FRA Maria - Cesarina Maria	19.03.1951	ROMA RA
GALLESI Silvia	19.03.1951	ALBANO GA
GIORDANI Celina - Giampaola Maria	19.03.1951	MANTOVA
KLOSTER Maria Monica	15.08.1951	BUENOS AIRES N
LABAY Anacleta - Maria Assunta	19.03.1951	PASAY CP
LENTI Tommasina - Maria Virginia	19.03.1951	ALBA
MAGLIANO Emma - Myriam	19.03.1951	ROMA DP
MENOSSE Leonilda	19.03.1951	SÃO PAULO CR
NAVELLI Maria	19.03.1951	ALBANO TM
ODDI Helen - Mary Louise	01.07.1951	BOSTON RA
PEROTTO Candida - Escolastica	19.03.1951	CURITIBA
RODRIGUES MAR Maria - Maria Ines	19.03.1951	SÃO PAULO DM
SALMASO Teresa	19.03.1951	LYON CD
ZACCAGNINO Maria Incoronata - Maria Daniela	19.03.1951	ALBANO GA

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AIMO Giovanna - Maria Rosaria	03.10.1946	ALBA
BECCHIS Anna - Maria Giovanna	29.06.1946	BRESCIA
GIGLIOTTI Rosa - Maria Filipina	17.02.1946	SÃO PAULO CR
MASTROSTEFANO Livia - Maria Mercedes	03.10.1946	ROMA DP
MENEGUZZI Rosa - Maria Atilia	17.02.1946	CURITIBA
MICHELS Maria Ana - Maria Angelica	17.02.1946	SÃO PAULO CR
NUERNBERG Lucia - Maria Edviges	17.02.1946	SÃO PAULO CR
SANTI Maria Anna	17.02.1946	SÃO PAULO CR
TENANI Antonietta - Maria Rosanna	30.06.1946	ALBA
TOSCHI Anna - Maria Imelda	29.06.1946	ALBANO
TURRA' Maria Carmela - Maria Rosa	29.06.1946	ALBA

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CONTI Maria - Maria Ida	19.03.1941	ALBA
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*"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. M. Clemens M. Regla Rabaya, age 74 - 29.11.2020 Pasay City, Philippines
Sr. Maria Carla Caterina Castellino, age 82 - 04.12.2020 Alba, Italy
Sr. Rita Campara, age 89 - 05.12.2020 Alba, Italy
Sr. Eugenia Maria Camilla Montersino, age 101 - 06.12.2020 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Candida Gina M. Torneri, age 90 - 08.12.2020 Verduno, Cuneo, Italy
Sr. Irma D'Angelo, age 92 - 09.12.2020 São Paulo, Brazil
Sr. Bertilla Turcato, age 83 - 11.12.2020 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Teresita Clelia Caceffo, age 89 - 12.12.2020 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Elena Rita Sanchez Espinosa, age 76 - 12.12.2020 Mexico City, Mexico
Sr. M. Ausilia Maria Girardi, age 99 - 15.12.2020 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Domenica Vincenza Attardo, age 80 - 18.12.2020 Albano, Italy
Sr. M. Carla Teresa Della Noce, age 93 - 19.12.2020 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Marina Raffaella Correddu, age 81 - 19.12.2020 Albano TM, Italy
Sr. Porferia Ocariza, age 63 - 22.12.2020 Pasay City, Philippines
Sr. M. Edvige Leny Pastorfide, age 86 - 25.12.2020 Pasay City, Philippines
Sr. M. Cristina Bernardetta Mei, age 85 - 30.12.2020 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Joseph Maria Concetta Li Castri, age 89 - 31.12.2020 Albano GA, Italy
Sr. M. Immacolata Caterina Tripodi, age 84 - 04.01.2021 Albano GA, Italy
Sr. Maria Zuccherino, age 83 - 05.01.2021 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Luisa Giulia Morbini, age 89 - 06.01.2021 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Theresa Pauline Jane Monteiro, age 84 - 26.01.2021 Mumbai, India
Sr. Marie Odile Irene Chabanel, age 90 - 26.01.2021 Villeurbanne, France
Sr. Lina M. Maria Lina Salvato, age 89 - 26.01.2021 Alba, Italy
Sr. Mary Paula Catherine Kolar, age 93 - 29.01.2021 Boston (MA), U.S.A.
Sr. Priscila Nilza Zuchetto, age 97 - 31.01.2021 Curitiba, Brazil
Sr. Elena Cotza, age 85 - 02.02.2021 Albano, Italy
Sr. M. Aurelia Giuseppina Silvia, age 78 - 02.02.2021 Roma (Hospital), Italy
Sr. Angela Elda Rosa Villalba, age 93 - 05.02.2021 Buenos Aires, Argentina
Sr. M. Angela Francesca Sotgiu, age 87 - 07.02.2021 Albano, Italy
Sr. Italy Saitta, age 84 - 11.02.2021 Albano TM, Italy
Sr. Ida Paola Nedda Spinucci, age 97 - 18.02.2021 Albano (Hospital), Italy
Sr. Raffaella Maria Vincenza Carella, age 85 - 21.02.2021 Albano (Hospital), Italy
Sr. Rosaria Mazza, age 85 - 22.02.2021 Roma (Hospital), Italy
Sr. M. Vincenza Urso, age 89 - 23.02.2021 Ariccia (Hospital), Italy
Sr. M. Helena Cecilia Masiero, age 93 - 24.02.2021 Curitiba, Brazil
Sr. Anna Piccolo, age 87 - 26.02.2021 Albano (Hospital), Italy
Sr. M. Donata Italia Acampora, age 93 - 03.03.2021 Albano GA, Italy
Sr. Rosaria Mal Nam Do, age 62 - 05.03.2021 Seoul-Miari, Korea
Sr. Amalia Pezzi, age 96 - 05.03.2021 Albano GA, Italy
Sr. M. Lilia Domenica Lauria Pantano, age 96 - 06.03.2021 Albano GA, Italy
Sr. Eulalia Viola Concetta D'Ettore, age 100 - 06.03.2021 Albano GA, Italy
Sr. Estela del Carmen Berra, age 83 - 14.03.2021 Buenos Aires, Argentina
Sr. Gennarina Pani, age 89 - 15.03.2021 Albano, Italy

PARENTS OF OUR SISTERS

Sr. Lucy Thesiirou Shea (mother, Y. Charou) of the community of Mumbai, India
Sr. Jennifer Chidimma Ogu (father, Modestus) of the community of Abuja, Nigeria
Sr. Ghazia Akbar (mother, Rafia Bibi) of the community of Faisalabad, Pakistan
Sr. Mary Ann Salvilla (father, Fernando) of the community of Langley, Great Britain
Sr. Dulce Maria Tramontina (mother, Anita) of the community of São Paulo IA, Brazil
Sr. Silvana Bighellini (mother, Vittoria) of the community of Verona, Italy
Sr. M. Magdalena Barbarita Aranda Gavia (mother, Celsa) of the community of Mexico, Mexico
Sr. Jyothi and Sr. Rosina Melettu (mother, Aley) of the communities of Mumbai and Ahmedabad, India
Sr. Maria Km Ngan Bui (father, Lam Quang) of the community of Boston (MA), U.S.A.
Sr. Roseling Siaw Chen (father, Pei Yang Siaw) of the community of Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
Sr. Leiry Zanchet (mother, Adelaide) of the community of Curitiba, Brazil
Sr. Ancilla Oh (father, Soon Jae Joseph) of the community of Seoul-Miari, Korea
Sr. Teresa Mele (mother, Maria Concetta) - with family, Italy

THE PAULINE FAMILY

Don Giglio Marino Stefano Adani ssp, age 77 - 29.11.2020 Modena, Italy
Fr. Vincenzo Mario Franco Moscatello ssp, age 81 - 04.12.2020 Alba, Italy
Sr. M. Modesta Pietrina Albanese sjbp, age 97 - 10.12.2020 Albano (Hospital Dei Castelli), Italy
Sr. M. Candide Marie Pierette Lafrenière pddm, age 81 - 22.12.2020 Montreal, Canada
Fr. Gabriel José Aparicio López ssp, age 73 - 04.01.2021 Alcorcón (Madrid), Spain
Don Francisco Julio Anta Olevar ssp, age 85 - 09.01.2021 Madrid, Spain
Sr. M. Albana Angela Vacchetta pddm, age 88 - 14.01.2021 Sanfrè, Italy
Sr. Nair Mantoan sjbp, age 79 - 14.01.2021 Caxias do Sul/RS, Brazil
Sr. Claudia Maria Piemonte sjbp, age 87 - 20.01.2021 Negrar, Italy
Don Tommaso Antonio Mastrandrea ssp, age 78 - 24.01.2021 Bari, Italy
Fr. José Tiago Henriques Gonçalves ssp, age 80 - 04.02.2021 Santa Maria da Feira, Portugal
Sr. M. Vitally Idelma Mazzocca pddm, age 81 - 10.02.2021 Cinisello Balsamo, Milan, Italy
Sr. Francesca Luciana Longoni sjbp, age 88 - 19.02.2021 Pompeia di Caxias do Sul/RS, Brazil
Sr. Assunta Iracy Maria Festa sjbp, age 86 - 23.02.2021 Pompeia di Caxias do Sul/RS, Brazil
Fr. Shigeo Michele Giuseppe Yamauchi ssp, age 90 - 25.02.2021 Tokyo-Yotsuya, Japan
Sr. M. Nancy Severe Nancy Crasta pddm, age 51 - 26.02.2021 Goa, India
Sr. M. Auxilia Maria Rosa Beltrán Urrea pddm, age 84 - 27.02.2021 Bogotá, Colombia
Sr. M. Marta Giuliana Bonvecchi pddm, age 76 - 27.02.2021 Sanfrè, Italy
Sr. M. Gabriella Gemma Racca pddm, age 78 - 04.03.2021 Iesi, Ancona, Italy
Sr. Angelica Anna Maria Malfatto sjbp, age 91 - 09.03.2021 Negrar (Hospital), Italy
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