



*Without the charisms,
one never completely escapes
the traps of poverty.*

Luigino Bruni

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CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

SOWING HOPE



Dearest Sisters,

We are immersed in the joyful climate of the Easter season—a season of grace that in the liturgical cycle links the mystery of the Resurrection to that of Pentecost. As Fr. Alberione emphasized when speaking

to the Daughters of St. Paul in 1956, “It is a season of special graces, among these, faith in particular.”

The Easter event is, in fact, the heart of the Christian faith because it is a perennially living memory of Christ “who died and truly rose again,” a beneficial and discreet presence...like the air we breathe. This is attested to by the Gospel accounts which the Liturgy proposes in the days following Easter. The Risen One seems to pop up everywhere! He is almost unrecognizable when he visits the garden (cf. Jn. 20:11-18). As a humble pilgrim, he approaches two disoriented disciples on the road to Emmaus, leading them to the table of bread and friendship (cf. Lk. 24:13-35). He comes silently into the house in which his disciples are barricaded, without unlocking the doors, and proclaims peace to them, showing them the wounds through which his love has conquered death and has been poured out on humanity forever (cf. Jn. 20:19-31). He patiently waits all night, incognito, on the lakeshore, the place of daily life, where communion with him and docile listening to his Word makes love evident and witness fruitful (cf. Jn. 21:1-19).

The Lord accompanies us with infinite tenderness, assures us of his presence (“Do not be afraid. I am with you”), and gives us the supreme gift of the Holy Spirit. As the Living One, he enters into the story of each person, sowing in each heart *seeds of robust hope* that will blossom in due time.

Easter is the place of hope, the sign of God’s promise: “Let us hope, hope with all our might, hope against all hope,” our Founder repeated.

There are, however, feelings that can infiltrate one’s heart—a mixture of indifference, dissatisfaction, distrust, resignation, sadness, loss of meaning, and waning zeal—that are the main enemy of hope. It is a blend that the desert fathers called *acedia*, the *noonday dev-*

il that attacks us in the midst of our daily life and activities, at times causing anguish and despair.

In a society characterized by uncertainty and relativism, in a disorientation that leads to the abyss of non-meaning in which even the hopes of history find it hard to breathe, questions like: *How can we have hope?* and *What can we hope for?* often resonate dramatically. Sometimes we ourselves ask these questions, especially when we look at our numbers, at our advancing age, at the works that need to be downsized, at the houses that must be closed, at the challenges we face... And we allow ourselves to be tempted by a feeling that borders on discouragement and is the opposite of the “hoping against all hope” of which St. Paul was both a master and witness.

French poet Charles Péguy writes in a low and shameful tone: “It is a hard thing to hope. The easy thing is to despair, and that is a great temptation. Father, lead us not into this temptation and deliver us from evil.”



Yes, Lord, *help us to overcome this temptation, and deliver us from evil* because for the Christian, for the believer, for a consecrated person, a consecrated woman, hope is a responsibility. We are called to answer for it to anyone who asks us about it: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope” (1 Pt. 3:15).

Pope Francis often speaks about hope; he even dedicated a cycle of Wednesday general audiences to this theme. In a homily in St. Martha’s chapel on 31 Oct. 2017, he compared hope to a mustard seed, a tiny grain that contains unimaginable strength: “Hope is the

humblest virtue, the servant, but where there is hope, there is the Holy Spirit who brings forth the kingdom of God." With Easter, he affirms, we have received a fundamental right that will not be taken away from us: *the right to hope*: "It is a new, living hope that comes from God... and fills us with the certainty that he knows how to turn everything to good because even from the grave he brings forth life."

Hope persists beyond the tomb. This is what the women who went to the tomb of Jesus experienced at the dawn of the resurrection. They made the transition from disappointment and distrust in a present without hope to the joy of proclamation and a journey toward the future:

This then is what the Lord's Easter does: it urges us to move forward, to leave behind a sense of defeat, to roll away the rocks that often block our hope, and to look with confidence to the future because Christ is risen and has changed the direction of history.

Here is the invitation that comes to us from this time of "special graces": *to live and sow hope*. We have no shortage of opportunities to do so: by cultivating the joyful certainty that our life story contains seeds of good that the Lord will bring to fullness; by continually renewing our bonds of communion; by stubbornly believing in God's future; by living the awareness that the Lord is with us on the paths of the world; by exercising the mission he has entrusted to us; by cultivating the ability to listen to and grasp more profoundly the needs of humanity; by taking to heart its sufferings; by radiating the light of the Gospel to everyone, especially the poor; by learning to relish the future and its breath of hope.

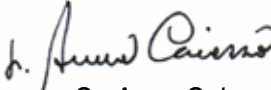
I would like to conclude with a quote from a great mystic and poet, Fr. David Maria Turoldo, a member of the Servants of Mary, who said:

You who believe / you who hope / race through every street and square / to reveal the great secret... Shout to the four winds / that the night is passing / that everything has meaning / that wars end / that history has a new vision / that love will ultimately conquer oblivion / and that life will defeat death. / You who have grasped this by grace / proceed on your journey / in order to spread your joy and continue to proclaim / that hope has no boundaries.

Sisters, I would be happy to know your thoughts concerning what I have tried to share. You could discuss your ideas about it together, in your community, and then make me the gift of your reflections. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to offer my prayerful best wishes to the temporary professed sisters who are making their perpetual professions in different circumscriptions in these days: *May you all be filled with joy, because the Lord is your happiness! Proclaim your joy to the world, so as to restore hope to humanity. And do not be afraid because although by ourselves we can do nothing, with God we can do all things!*

With affection, in the communion of joy and hope,


Sr. Anna Caiazza
Superior General

CALENDAR OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT (April-June 2023)

17 April – 15 May 2023	Fraternal Visit to Colombia-Ecuador Sr. Anna Caiazza Sr. Bruna Fregni Sr. Donna Giaimo
27 April 2023	Online Continental Meeting on the Trademark – The Americas Councilors for the Apostolate/Communications
04 May 2023	Online Continental Meeting on the Trademark – Europe Councilors for the Apostolate/Communications
11 May 2023	Online Continental Meeting on the Trademark – Africa-Madagascar Councilors for the Apostolate/Communications
18 May 2023	Online Continental Meeting on the Trademark – Asia-Pacific Councilors for the Apostolate/Communications
8-10 June 2023	Enlarged Council Meeting on the Redesign of Europe General Gov't and Circumscription Gov't of Europe "Casa San Paolo", Rome

INDIA

BLESSING OF THE NEW FSP BOOK AND MEDIA CENTER IN LUCKNOW



On 5 February, anniversary of the death of Venerable Thecla Merlo, co-foundress of the Daughters of St. Paul, the FSPs of India celebrated a very joyful event: the inauguration and blessing of the Province's new Book and Media Center in Lucknow. For the Diocese of Lucknow, the opening of a center for religious books and articles was the realization of a long-awaited dream because up to then there had been no store in the entire area in which people could find books and other material for their spiritual growth. The Daughters of St. Paul are deeply grateful to the Lord for opening this door for them and they sincerely thank Bishop Gerald Mathias for requesting our Pauline presence in Lucknow. After Sunday Mass on 5 February, all the faithful gathered in front of the new Pauline Center to participate in the blessing and inauguration ceremony. The theme of the event was a quote from Blessed James Alberione, who said: "Our book centers are places of light and warmth in Jesus Christ."

March in their book center, and 14 March in a local parish. The theme of the book center encounter was *Exodus*, as an event and as a book. Three names, all female, gave color and warmth to the evening. The first was Dr. Daniela Argento, a philosopher and Pauline Cooperator, who moderated the evening and presented the book *Exodus* by Michelangelo Priotto, published by the Daughters of St. Paul. The second two were FSP biblical scholars: Sr Emma Min and Sr Francesca Pratillo. Sr. Emma commented with enthusiasm on chapters 2 and 3 of the Book of Exodus, highlighting God's providence in the female figures who saved Moses, while Sr. Francesca spoke about his difficult journey from the desert to Mount Horeb. All three talks aroused much interest among the participants, who then shared their ideas and insights on the subject.

The next day, our sisters of Arezzo set out for Levane parish, which had begged them to hold a conference on the biblical icon of Martha and Mary. This "Bethany evening" consisted of two moments: the first characterized by an attentive exegetical reading of the biblical text and the second by a profound and prayerful sharing session to which all the participants contributed. Despite the hard work involved in organizing and holding this 2-day project centered on the Word of God, our sisters say that both events filled them with great joy and that their community experienced the help of the Lord every step of the way.

MEETING WITH CARDINAL ROBERT SARAH



ITALY

AREZZO: TWO DAYS DEDICATED TO THE WORD



The FSP community of Arezzo organized two special days around the Word of God: 13

On 23 March 2023, the FSP International Multimedia Center, Via del Mascherino,

Rome, hosted a presentation of the book, *Catechism of the Spiritual Life*, the latest work of Cardinal Robert Sarah, published in Italian, English, Spanish, French and Portuguese, all of which are available in the Center. The Cardinal, of Guinean ethnicity, is Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and has authored numerous texts that have quickly become bestsellers.

The meeting was conducted with clarity and competence by journalist Marina Ricci, former Vatican reporter for Italy's channel 5 news network. The many people who participated in the event showed great interest in what the Cardinal shared with simplicity and passion and manifested their esteem for his witness of life. A man of prayer and deep faith, he reminded his audience of the importance of silence and a sense of the sacred in a society dominated by noise and media exposure that runs the risk of penetrating human lives always more, including those of believers.

At the end of the meeting, the Cardinal delivered a message to all those present and to those who followed the event online through the Pauline International Facebook page, urging everyone to help convince people that *Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever* because God does not change, and to awaken the faithful through prayer and the sacraments to live more authentic and profound lives as Christians.

THE SUSPENDED GOSPEL



Lent is one of the times when, as Christians, we tend to take the Gospel more seriously and try to render it visible in daily life. There are many ways to do this, but this year our FSP Book Center in Brescia teamed up with prison chaplains and several local parishes to concretize the words of Jesus in the Scriptures, "I was in prison, and you came to visit me."

Reading has always been a form of escape and education, and it can take on profound importance for people who are suffering because they are deprived of their ability to move around freely. Moreover, books can change lives, which is even more true of the Gospel, since it opens doors to light and proclaims messages of hope.

This year, the Pauline initiative known as *The Suspended Gospel* was held from 22 February to 2 April. It involved inviting book center customers to purchase a copy of the Gospel and place it in a special basket. The volumes collected were then donated to two prisons in the Brescia area. Each customer who participated in the project was encouraged to write a short message on the flyleaf of the edition they bought for this purpose, promising their prayerful support of the inmates in the difficult reality of prison life. At the end of the initiative, the Gospels were distributed to the prisoners by the prison chaplains and Bishop Pierantonio Tremolada, head of the diocese.

Members of about 20 parishes in the area, especially young people from different age groups, participated more personally in the initiative by holding a "banquet" at the end of each Sunday Mass to support the book collection project. When it ended, the FSPs from Brescia met with their collaborators so as to consolidate the experience through shared testimonies, the input of the prison chaplains, a moment of prayer and a concluding snack. Our sisters hope that this Gospel initiative will remain a meaningful experience not only for the prison inmates but also for all those who contributed to it in various ways.

NIGERIA

TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF FSP EDITIONS



This year, 5 February, the anniversary of the death of Prima Maestra Thecla, was a very special day for the FSPs of Nigeria, because it was on that very date ten years ago that Sr. Teresa Marcazzan arrived in Abuja to launch the FSP publishing apostolate in that country.

In recent years, our sisters have published more than 90 new titles in various categories and have also reprinted several books from our publishing house in Nairobi, Kenya, such as *Christian Prayer*, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* and *The Code of Canon Law*. To commemorate this important anniversary, our FSP community invited the children of their parish to celebrate the day with them.

The theme of the day centered on the vocation to the religious life. Eighty-one young people and their coordinators participated in the event and all were excited to learn about the Pauline vocation and the sisters' many apostolic activities, especially their current efforts to combat the evils of human trafficking by means of our publications.

The sisters ask us to pray for their apostolate and tell us they are also fervently asking Blessed James Alberione and Venerable Thecla Merlo to sustain their endeavors.

CZECH REPUBLIC

CINEMA, SPIRITUALITY AND DIGITAL LITERACY



Cinema, spirituality and digital literacy—these terms summarize a series of apostolic initiatives held in the Czech Republic in the second half of January 2023.

The community of the Daughters of St. Paul has been present in the Czech Republic for almost 30 years now. They are known there through their publishing apostolate and book center in the heart of the capital. This time, however, they wanted to highlight an-

other aspect of the Pauline apostolate—that of culture and formation.

For this reason, they invited Sr. Rose Paccatte, FSP, an expert in the field of cinema and media literacy, to guide a number of different events they had organized:

- A cineforum entitled *Spirituality and the Cinema* and the film *The Fablemans*
- A panel on the theme *From Hollywood to Andrei Tarkovsky*
- A dialogue with director Václav Kadrnka and journalist Lukáš Jirsa on the questions: *Do spiritual films exist? Can one find something other than entertainment in the cinema? How can films change the way we look at reality and life?*

In addition to these events devoted specifically to the field of cinema, Sr. Rose addressed issues concerning pastoral care, catechesis and evangelization in the digital age in four different encounters:

- The Plenary Assembly of the Czech Bishops' Conference: *Evangelization in the Digital Age*
- A conference and workshop for religious: *The Digital World and Religious Life*
- A workshop for catechists, teachers and parents: *Faith and Education in the Digital Age*
- A workshop for youth ministry workers: *Evangelization in the Digital Age*.

These stimulating sessions opened a window of reflection on the importance of digital communication in the Church and world. The Daughters of St. Paul are called to exercise to the full the power of their charism in this new reality.

ZAMBIA

NEW PAULINE CENTER



25 January 2023 marked an important date for the large FSP Delegation comprised of Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Sudan, Malawi and Zambia. On that date, the Delegation government joined the community in Lusaka (Zambia) for the inauguration of its new Pauline Center, made up of a book center and house for the sisters. Right Reverend Raphael Mweempwa, Bishop of the diocese of Monze, presided over the inauguration, which was attended by priests, sisters, collaborators and friends of the Daughters of St. Paul.

Delegation Superior, Sr. Rosemary Mueni Mwaiwa, reminded everyone that the Daughters of St. Paul have been in Zambia since 1994 and until 2021 they lived in a little house they had purchased, while instead their apostolic center was rented. But this "temporary" arrangement lasted for 27 years! Finally, in 2021, the sisters were able to tear down their small residence and construct a new building for the community's book center and living quarters. This project was launched in response to their desire to give new impetus to the Pauline mission in Zambia and intensify their work of evangelization outside the capital.

Bishop Mweempwa complimented the Daughters of St. Paul for this courageous expansion project, which was made possible in part through the generosity of the Congregation, its benefactors and various international agencies.

KOREA

THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING. WHAT ABOUT US?



This is the title of a book published by the Daughters of St. Paul of South Korea as a pledge to help reduce carbon emissions by donating a portion of the book's revenues to the planting of trees. And this pledge was fulfilled. Our sisters collaborated with the Ecol-

ogy and Environment Committee of Suwon Diocese to organize a project called "Trees, Please" to enrich the city's green spaces.

The event opened with a Eucharistic celebration attended by over 100 adults, children and families. After the Liturgy, the group planted more than 300 trees around Anoung Shrine, consecrated as a Youth Shrine. The planting activity, by the children in particular, served as a beacon of hope for the future, because it was a small step of ecological conversion for the participants, their families and generations to come. The joy with which the girls and boys planted each tree was an inspiration to everyone present. In the spirit of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, our sisters say they will continue to work tirelessly for ecological conversion.

PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS

March-April 2023



MUMBAI, INDIA

25 March 2023

Sr. Mariya Tirkey

Sr. Savitha Maria Lobo

NAIROBI, KENYA

14 April 2023

Sr. Elizabeth Mueni Mumbé

Sr. Jacinta Mukai Muindi

Sr. Lucy Nasimiyu Mutenyo

NACALA, MOZAMBIQUE

16 April 2023

Sr. Quita Ramos Mucussete

KAMPALA, UGANDA

21 April 2023

Sr. Violet Gimbo

LUALABA, CONGO

29 April 2023

Sr. Evangeline Yolo

Lopez Lushikuna

KISANGANI, CONGO

30 April 2023

Sr. Bahambo Cécile Bolunda

MATERNAL LOVE AS THE BASIS FOR LIVING THE VOW OF CHASTITY

Sr. AUGUSTINA OSINACHI AGOMUO, FSP



Sr. Augustina's thesis for a Diploma in Spirituality and Religious Formation from Tangaza University College, Nairobi, Kenya, emphasizes how maternal love is part of the very nature of all women and how women religious live and

express this maternal love in their evangelizing mission through the vow of chastity. The author explains how the Daughters of St. Paul practice maternal love and how it helps them live the vow of chastity, making them apostles of the Gospel through the means of social communication.

The content of this extended essay is developed four chapters:

1. *Understanding Maternal Love in Context.* The author opens this chapter by citing the example of Alice Hildebrand, a woman who contributed greatly to helping women better understand the maternal love inherent in every woman, because her story can shed light on maternal love as lived in African cultures, specifically in Kenya. The chapter offers a very rich presentation of the biblical context of maternal love, in particular as lived by Mary, the Mother of Jesus.
2. *Chastity and the Challenges of Living a Consecrated Life.* This chapter explains the meaning of the vow of chastity, the need for it in the Church, and the challenges facing those who strive to live it. It then offers several suggestions for living this vow well.
3. *Maternal Love as Lived in the Mission of the FSPs.* The author presents how motherhood is lived in the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Paul with reference to their mission, how community life can be a tool for fidelity, and how it is reinforced by the Eucharist.
4. *Embracing Our Maternal Roles as Consecrated Women.* The final chapter clarifies the meaning of maternal love and underscores Pope Francis' encouragement to women religious to be spiritual mothers.

Sr. Augustina concludes her thesis with some reflections on her theme in relation to the Pauline Family.

THE ROLE OF THE FAMILY IN PROMOTING VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE IN KAMPALA, UGANDA

Sr. FLORENCE LANYERO, FSP



The thesis of Sr. Florence Lanyero for a Diploma in Spirituality and Religious Formation from Tangaza University's School of Theology, Nairobi, Kenya, examines the role of the family in pastoral work for vocations

and the importance of this in the discernment process. Everything starts and develops in the family, asserts the author. Although her field of research is limited to the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Paul present in Uganda, her thesis offers flashes of light on how to promote religious vocations throughout Africa. The work is developed in three chapters, supplemented by a good bibliography of both ecclesial and charismatic material applicable to the FSPs.

1. Chapter One: *The Family and Its Role in Nurturing Vocations.* African culture is based on life; the purpose of marriage and the family are for the transmission of life. How should the vow of chastity be explained? From African culture to Christian culture: the family is the school of faith and ideal environment for nurturing a vocation to the religious life.
2. Chapter Two: *Factors Affecting the Promotion of Vocations in the Family, in particular to the Daughters of St. Paul in Uganda.* In this chapter, the author reflects on the Pauline religious life, the family as presented in the documents of the Church, the challenges involved in educating children today, and the problems young people face in corresponding to a vocation to the religious life.
3. Chapter Three: *Promoting and Supporting a Vocation to the Religious Life in Families.* The author presents the stages of formation in the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Paul and offers practical suggestions concerning how to accompany young women who feel the call to the religious life.

Sr Florence's thesis is a very useful reflection on how to welcome and accompany young women in the discernment process and their families as well, keeping in mind that negative experiences in the family are often the cause of personality problems in adult life, including the religious life.

A THEMATIC EXPOSITION OF DISCIPLESHIP IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 15:18-21 AND ITS EFFECTS ON CHRISTIANITY IN PAKISTAN

Sr. SLAMIT NOMI, FSP



The thesis of Sr. Slamit Nomi, fsp, for a diploma in Biblical Theology from Tangaza University's School of Theology, Nairobi, Kenya, begins with a presentation of the situation of Christians in Pakistan, who are a tiny minority of the country's population and are considered second-class members of it. In this, they resemble the persecuted members of the communities of the early Christian Church mentioned in the Gospel of John (15:18-21). The thesis, enriched by a bibliography and documentation, is developed in three chapters:

1. *The Gospel context*, in which the author explores the overall context of John's Gospel, the author, the period of its composition, its recipients, the situation of the Johannine community, and introduces the reader to an understanding of discipleship.
2. *An exegesis of John 15:18-21*, which consists of an analysis of this Gospel excerpt, with special emphasis on discipleship. In this section of the thesis, the author reflects on discipleship and hatred of the world (15:18-19); the cost of discipleship (15:20); and the consequences of the world's hostility to Christ (15:21). The world persecutes Christians because it does not recognize Christ as the Son sent by the Father. This sheds light on the "why" that underlies the reality of persecution in Pakistan.
3. *Application of John 15:18-21 to the situation in Pakistan*: this chapter offers an historico-political summary of Pakistan to help readers understand the roots of the current situation. It sheds light on why Christians are persecuted in Pakistan by summarizing the socio-political situation of the country, what it means to be a Christian there, and the cost of being a Christian in that particular context. Quoting a text from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Faith is a treasure of life that is enriched by sharing it," Sr. Slamit concludes by saying that Christians in Pakistan share and witness to their faith by accepting the fact that they will

be persecuted and humiliated as a sign of their fidelity to Christ.

Her thesis offers a good insight into the situation in which the Daughters of St. Paul in Pakistan live and work.

THE MISSION OF THE FSPs IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE WORLD OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Sr. EUNICE KASYOKA, FSP



Sr. Eunice Kasyoka's thesis for a Diploma in Spirituality and Religious Formation from Tangaza University College, Nairobi, Kenya, addresses a very current and relevant topic both with regard to social media in Africa today and to the mission of the Daughters of St. Paul.

Sr. Eunice develops her theme in three chapters, approaching it according to the *see, judge, act* method.

In chapter one (*see*), she reflects on how the FSPs use social media in their evangelizing mission, and then proceeds to consider the effects (benefits and risks) of this new technology on the lives of young people.

In chapter two (*judge*), she confronts the challenges of social media, which influence not only communication but also the way young people think and behave. These challenges include drug and alcohol abuse, cyber bullying, peer pressure, social media addiction and depression.

In chapter three (*act*), she asks how the Daughters of St. Paul are responding to the above-cited challenges posed by social media, and cites e-commerce, youth empowerment training, media literacy programs, spiritual accompaniment and personal conversion, as possible ways to become genuine apostles of social communication.

Sr. Eunice's thesis is supplemented by a bibliography rich in printed books as well as online material and Internet sources, all of which can encourage the Daughters of St. Paul to immerse themselves in the world of communication without fear or anxiety and invite them to face the risks of social media and other new technologies while at the same time remaining faithful to the Institute's mandate to use the swiftest and most effective means that progress provides to reach as many people as possible with the Gospel.

THE TYPES OF POVERTY ARE NOT ALL THE SAME



In line with the General Government's Planning for 2023-2025 (p. 12, Italian edition), the next four issues of the PaulineOnline Bulletin will contain a new section: a formative rubric written by Luigino Bruni, an Italian economist and academic. The articles will consist of his reflections and thoughts concerning what is happening in society, in the economy and in the Church, seen from different perspectives.

The types of poverty are not all the same, and they are not all "bad". There are words that always and only express a negative reality: lies, racism, murder. Poverty however is not among these, because alongside "poverty," there are other realities – those of Christ, of Francis, of Gandhi, of many poets and upright people. If these ways were to be uprooted from this world they would leave it very impoverished and desolate. That is why, when we use the term poverty, particularly within the Christian world, we must specify what type of poverty we are speaking about. Is it that which opens one up to the Beatitudes or to the favelas (slums) of the world, or to the *Lady Poverty* of Assisi or the moral poverty of many people, almost all of them rich? Poverty is a plague, but it is also a *blessing* if chosen for the love of others. The semantic meaning of the word poverty ranges from the tragedy of those who suffer poverty (from others, from events), to the blessing of those who freely choose poverty out of love for others, making themselves poor to free others from unchosen forms of poverty (Is this not the profound meaning of the actions of tens of thousands of missionaries who work in the most destitute countries?)

The Iranian economist Majid Rahnema, identifies five forms of poverty: "The one

chosen by my Sufi mother and grandfather, like the great poor of Persian mysticism; that of certain poor people in the neighborhood where I spent the first twelve years of my life; that of women and men in a modernizing world, with insufficient income to keep up with the needs created by society; that linked to the unbearable deprivations suffered by a multitude of human beings reduced to humiliating forms of misery; and lastly, a poverty represented by the moral misery of the affluent classes and of certain social circles that I came across during my professional career" (*When Poverty Becomes Misery*, 2005, p. X).

Also from direct experience I am convinced that no form of poverty-misery can be resolved without loving it: only those who know how to see something beautiful in a form of poverty (woundedness) can redeem it (and transform it into a blessing).

This is why that without the charisms one never completely escapes the traps of poverty: institutions are not enough. Let's look at some examples. Ancient society saw manual labor as something proper only to a slave; Benedict and the Fathers of the monastic movement saw something *more and different* in it, and placed manual work at the center of the new life of their communities: *ora et labora*. The city of Assisi saw the poor only as the waste of society; Francis saw *Lady Poverty* in it, something so beautiful that it led him to choose her as the ideal of his life and that of the many who followed and continue to follow him. In the indigenous people of Paraguay, the Portuguese and Spanish rulers saw them as species not significantly different from the animals of the jungle, even denying the existence of their soul. The charism of Ignatius



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From the film "The Mission"

of Loyola made it possible to see something even *more and different* in these peoples, and to create a prophetic experience of civilization and inculturation within the *Reductions* (*Pueblos* or *Indian village towns*) of the 17th and 18th centuries, forming social economies *ante litteram* (ahead of the times). Louise de Marillac, Francis de Sales, Jane de Chantal, and then Don Bosco, Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, Giuseppe Benedetto Cottolengo, Father Calabria, Frances Cabrini, Fr. Milani, Fr. Alberione all received "different eyes" to see in the "outcasts" of their time as something great and beautiful for which it was worth spending their lives and that of the hundreds of thousands of others who followed them, attracted and inspired by those charisms.

When we speak of poverty, understood as deprivation and exclusion, as something "bad," we must bear in mind that this is above all an absence of "capital" which prevents the generation of "currents" (including work and its good profit) to allow us to carry out fundamental activities and to live a dignified and perhaps beautiful life. If we look at the multiple growing forms of unchosen and suffered poverty in which people find themselves trapped (still too many in the world, still too many women, and too many children), we realize, or we should realize, that situations of poverty, insecurity, vulnerability, fragility, insufficiency and exclusion are the result of the lack of *capital*, not only and not so much financial, but relational (broken families and communities), health care, technology, environment, social, political, and even more so educational, moral, motivational, the spiritual famine of *philia*, of *agape*. This is true of the most primitive understanding of poverty (such as lack of bread, food, education...), and even more so for the new poverty. When a person ends up gambling (with life), they are almost

always deprived of relational, motivational or educational capital. Therefore, to understand what kind of poverty a person experiences who is defined as poor (with less than 1 or 2 dollars a day), it would be essential to look at their *capital*. And, on this level, to intervene. We might discover that living on two dollars a day in a village with drinking water, without malaria, with a good basic education, is a poverty very different from that experienced by those living on two (or even 5) dollars a day, but who do not possess any capital or possess much less than those living on 1 or 2 dollars. Poverty is not just an individual matter but a public and political matter.

Therefore, every type of poverty is different. From the absence of money and income, as well as the more dramatic cases when we lose our job and can't find another because we don't possess "*capital*" (like having learned a trade over the years) which would be fundamental for procuring work. This is why to work for the development of culture, education, books and the press is an investment in people's "capital account," and as such is highly productive over time.



Finally, every process of escaping the traps of misery and poverty always begins by valuing those dimensions of wealth and beauty present in the "poor people" one would like to help. There is much poverty in the "rich" that could be cured by the *riches* of the "poor", if only they knew each other, met each other, touched each other.

Luigino Bruni

Italian economist and academic

IN MEMORY OF HER



THECLA. She left us on 5 February 1964, and every year we commemorate her departure for heaven on that day in a special way. She traveled a lot over the years, from one city to another, from one continent to another.

She visited our communities to support their various apostolic initiatives, which was not always easy.

Memoirs of those years reveal a person totally devoted to encouraging, collaborating with and promoting evangelization projects to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Her life was filled with events that she faced with great simplicity, paired with rare wisdom and insight, unshakable faith and unwavering courage throughout the long years of her mission.

Thecla had a delicate and difficult role to carry out at the side of a man of great talent, creativity and prophetic power, whose gaze was always focused on new horizons. She observed events attentively, glimpsing possible lights for the path she had embarked on in vigilant and intelligent collaboration with Fr. James Alberione, now Blessed, who would be the Founder of the Pauline Family. At the outset, this great family was yet to be realized, but nevertheless Alberione's goal was clear: to form men and women apostles who would use the new means of communication to spread the Gospel message.

His first meeting with Teresa Merlo took place on 27 June 1915. The 30-year-old priest was slight in stature, with an unassuming demeanor, but he was already a spiritual giant, his keen gaze fixed on future possibilities. He envisioned for the young woman standing before him a life of religious consecration in a new apostolate that would offer an important role to women in the field of evangelization. Teresa, who was twenty-one years old at the time, accepted his suggestion without hesitation, although she did not have a clear idea of just what her yes would involve.

It was the meeting of two individuals from very different backgrounds, both unaware of the great plan God was weaving for them in those years. What the priest proposed was definitely interesting to a girl living in the early 1900s, who had no future prospects as a woman either in society or in the Church. And if Alberione's project turned out to be just a utopia? Sometimes utopias find the right place and time in which to be realized.

And so it was for the future Congregation of the Daughters of St. Paul, which would not focus on kindergarten, school, hospital or hospitality apostolates. Its mission would be directed to people's minds, their thinking. Its purpose was to offer the message of the Gospel to society through periodicals, books and the new inventions of technology. In the beginning, Fr. Alberione called it "the apostolate of the Good Press." Today this apostolate is not restricted to the printed word, but has expanded to include the Internet, social networks, etc.—all useful tools for the proclamation of the Gospel, in line with the Vatican Council II decree *Inter Mirifica*.

In a certain way, Thecla Merlo was the "mother" of the whole Pauline Family, recognized as such even by the other alberionian foundations that were gradually taking shape. She was a point of reference for the Founder, who often sought her advice. Afterward, he might still do things his own way, but he nevertheless listened carefully to her input. Even more often, he would redirect to her people and situations with problems that needed resolving, undoubtedly relying on her tried and true wisdom. In addition, her role as a "mediator" helped to smooth many of the rough paths he pursued, especially when it came to making difficult decisions. The "Pauline adventure" was just beginning and things were not always clear; sometimes they just had to be accepted with trust, even when his followers did not understand the "why" behind his choices.



It can be safely said that Sr. Thecla Merlo, alongside Fr. Alberione, was the *counter melody* of a complex score of faith and courage for his great apostolic initiative. Her discreet and astute presence accompanied generations of young people in the religious life. Her reassuring smile encouraged everyone. "Even if one cannot always be joyful, one can always be at peace," she would often say. We are sure that peace was the Divine Master's gift to her in her conversations with him at the foot of the tabernacle. It is a peace in which she is now fully immersed in the luminous mystery of God.

Beatrice Immediata, fsp

THE LORD HAS GIVEN ME BACK EVERYTHING AND MORE

When I was growing up, becoming a Sister was the last thing on my mind. I was never religious or pious. When I went to the UK for my university studies, I found the Catholic Church and liturgy an utter bore. I was attracted to the Christian Youth Movement and began a journey of searching for the “real” Church. So every Sunday I went from one denomination to another: from Anglicans and Methodists, to Baptists and Pentecostals, and more. Eventually I thought I could worship better in the Assemblies of God Church because the testimony of my fellow students during the service impressed me greatly and I saw Christ alive and active in them. I longed to have a lively and intimate relationship with Jesus! However, after a few weeks I was disillusioned by their lack of openness and stopped going to church altogether. In the meantime, I was in a relationship with a Muslim guy and it was not on our agenda to complicate matters with religion. However, thanks to the hand of Providence, I came across a book called *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. I can honestly say that this book brought me back to God. It answered many of my doubts and questions and convinced me that, yes, God exists!

After finishing my studies in 1989, I made an adventurous 2-month long Contiki vacation, travelling through all of Europe. My vacation included visiting famous churches

(St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, Notre Dame in Paris, the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona), but not once did I kneel down to pray. When I returned to Singapore and started working as a TV producer, a cousin of mine convinced me to attend a conference on Medjugorje. Initially I made fun of it because I was skeptical of these apparitions and was even anti-Marian at the time. But one Sunday afternoon, I found myself in an auditorium listening to a couple talking about the wonderful things that were happening at Medjugorje.

As the talk progressed, I found myself listening to and absorbing the “good news” not only with my mind but also with my heart.



Soon I felt like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus: My heart burned within me and I began to see light! I became hungry to deepen my Catholic Faith and chose a book that explained the Eucharist and another on the Rosary. I ended up being not only enlightened about Mary’s role in the Church but also convinced of my Catholic Faith and its traditions. I was, in short, “born again” in the Catholic Faith! I made my first confession after 7 years, began attending daily Mass, reading the Bible and fasting. Before long, I started a prayer group at work, and in September 1990 I made a pilgrimage to Medjugorje.

That was my first pilgrimage and it was an amazing spiritual experience. The peace I felt was indescribable. Back in Singapore, I felt inspired to join the New Evangelization Team (NET) School, which not only helped deepen my spiritual life, but gave me a taste of how sweet it was to serve the Lord. I felt a deep inner joy in giving and sharing myself.

I wanted to use my broadcasting skills for evangelization. One option was to join *Lumen 2000*. Then I discovered, to my sur-



prise, a modern and unique religious order, the Daughters of Saint Paul, a Congregation of sisters who use the media to spread the Good News.

After visits to the convent to observe and experience the Sisters' lifestyle in Malaysia as well as the Philippines (as the Sisters were not yet in Singapore), I made a retreat to discern my calling. During that retreat, a deep sense of peace pervaded me and I eventually submitted to God's call.

I remember sitting in my bedroom with tears streaming down my cheeks after deciding to give this new life a chance, bidding farewell to all that was dear to me. Looking back now, I realize that God never really asked me to give anyone or anything up. In fact, he has returned everything back to me and more! Truly, I have had many grace-filled experiences of the "hundredfold reward" promised to those who follow him. For example, being an only daughter (I have an elder brother), I always wanted a sister and now I have more than 2000 sisters around the world!



Knowing my limitations, I am still amazed that the Lord called me to the Pauline life. It has been an exciting and challenging journey for me. Through the years, God's love and faithfulness have sustained me. I believe he will continue to do so for the rest of my life – a life which I hope will grow in holiness and love.

Wendy Ooi, fsp

Sr Wendy's vocation story in its entirety can be read here



TALITHA KUM BATTLES HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Talitha Kum is an international organization of Catholic nuns founded by the International Union of Women Superiors General in 2009 to combat the trafficking and exploitation of human beings, victims who, according to the United Nations, are more than 72 percent women and girls, and one-third of whom are minors. Considered a Catholic charity, it works through fifty-five networks formed by Catholic, nongovernmental, governmental and intergovernmental partners based in 92 countries around the world and involves

792 religious congregations, nearly 92% of which are women.

In its latest report, *Talitha Kum* states that in 2021 it reached 336,958 people, of whom 167,396 were in Africa, 91,266 in the Americas, 35,824 in Asia, 24,189 in Europe, and 18,283 in Oceania. The organization treated a total of 19,993 trafficking victims and survivors. Of these, 13,404 received material, psychological and economic support (medical care, legal and bureaucratic assistance, training courses, etc.), primarily via shelters and safe houses that provided the victims with assistance until they were able to return to their own countries.



IS THE METAVERSE OUR FUTURE?



Metaverse is a mysterious but trendy word. Coined by Mark Zuckerberg, who borrowed it from a science fiction novel from the 90s for a relaunch of Facebook-related activities, the idea has sparked the interest of

other major players on various online platforms who have directed billions of dollars towards similar projects. For example, Microsoft, Google, Apple, Amazon, and Sony promote metaverse projects. But not just them, as we will see shortly. The name *metaverse* is associated with many other technological innovations as well, such as the cloud (a network of remote servers that can store data and provide computing services), blockchain (a digital ledger that records transactions in secure and transparent ways), or NFT (a digital method to certify something as unique). Even though they have no actual relationships, they create a collective imaginary of expectations for the future.

Metaverse is a magical word that promises many different things, all related to virtual reality with three-dimensional characteristics, shared online, in which users have “immersive” experiences within a reality “augmented” by digital features. The intent is to

make users’ online experience more attractive and to keep them there as long as possible in an environment that reproduces reality or creates an imaginary one, so much so that metaverse is now considered the term to indicate the future of the Internet.

How the metaverse is presented often leads to identifying every form of virtual reality with it. However, the metaverse assumes different characteristics in its other application sectors: commerce and professional services, entertainment and gaming, education, distance meetings, and conferences. With Roblox, Fortnite, and Minecraft as the leading producers, the gaming sector offers solutions for virtual reality “designed” instantaneously based on gaming situations. For commerce, virtual showrooms are available – exhibition halls where items for purchase are faithfully reproduced and accompanied by pages of detailed information. Professional services are provided online, customized to the user’s personalized needs, adding a touch of authenticity for a faithful simulation of a “personal” meeting with the interlocutor or instead with their “avatar,” the visual version of the increasingly popular voice assistant. The same is true for conferences and meetings. The field of education aims to use the metaverse to make learning experiential. And, of course, the world of art and museums can transfer their exhibitions to the metaverse’s virtual environments.

Many sectors, many metaverses. Vincenzo Cosenza’s *OsservatorioMetaverso.it*





counts more than 40, which benefit from a multiplying effect of public attention, even if different from each other.

IS THE METAVERSE ALREADY ALL AROUND US?

Although widely discussed, only some of the technical solutions necessary for spreading the metaverse are currently available. In particular, immersion in virtual reality still requires special visors and glasses to wear to see around oneself for the reconstruction of a virtual world. Soon, however, glasses may no longer be necessary. Still, there are other critical aspects to consider.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFICULTIES ON THE ROAD TO THE METAVERSE?

The main difficulty is the definition of *standard technologies* to allow users to move from one environment to another, from one world to another, without difficulty due to which company created the various metaverses. To this end, a consortium with over 30 participating companies has been formed, which brings together all the major manufacturers except for Apple, Roblox, and Niantic. However, the main difficulty seems to be the lack of content and the cost required to produce it. Rebuilding a historical scene in virtual reality, for example, requires considerable work, especially if you want to achieve a realistic effect. And many fields of learning, such as surgery, are linked to increasingly sophisticated machines that today develop training courses in a virtual environment that tomorrow may be interested in developing on metaverse platforms.

Despite this, *user interest* is still a gamble. Except for the gaming sector, it is not yet determined if users prefer virtual reality solutions to meet, socialize, and learn. Perhaps only in the commercial and professional services sectors can we predict its popularization, provided that companies know how to change their *strategies and business models* to adapt to the new reality, in which purchasing is just one moment in a continuous relationship between customer and supplier, who then become part of an ecosystem made up of virtual environments.

ARE AVATARS THE FUTURE?

Continuous innovation is a requirement for the development of technology, including economics, that increasingly invades our existence. The metaverse promises to enclose us in a virtual world, ensuring that the encounters and social experiences we will have there will be equivalent to real ones. Looking at the recent past, the failure of “Second Life” suggests that the metaverse will not achieve all its expected results. But the idea of it creates a striking image of an impactful future we will increasingly have to deal with in our individual and social lives.

Editor's note: Although AI, or artificial intelligence, is not mentioned in this article, AI and the metaverse have many points of intersection and are likely to become more closely integrated as the technology behind both continue to evolve.

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BIBLICAL FESTIVAL 2023

This year, the annual Biblical Festival promoted by the Diocese of Vicenza and the Society of St. Paul focuses on chapters 1-11 of the first book of the Bible, *Genesis*, in order to stimulate reflection on how the Jewish and Christian Scriptures have a great deal in common with our contemporary world. Participating in the event were the dioceses of Treviso, Vittorio Veneto, Verona, Padua, Adria-Rovigo, Chioggia and Alba.



The first 11 chapters of Genesis are a narrative that centers on the origins of the world and of humanity—stories that open the door to vital questions with regard to the meaning of life. Themes such as the creation of the earth and the beginnings of the human story, relationships between created entities, the difficulties human beings have always had living together fraternally, freedom, transgression, sin, redemption, work, judgment, faith—all find space in the pages of Genesis 1-11, with clear connections to the present.

The 19th edition of the Biblical Festival raises questions about some of today's most pressing issues by presenting some of the major events described in Genesis, such as catastrophic weather changes and their environmental, societal and economic repercussions; the overcrowding of certain geographical areas, leading to the migration of peoples; economic inequalities; political



instability; the increase of conflicts and wars, etc. All these themes of fundamental importance raised by the opening chapters of the Bible can offer people today valid criteria for discernment in order help everyone realize the need to find and implement new and increasingly-collaborative forms of human resilience.

FIRST PROFESSIONS

January - March 2023



SEOUL-MIARI, KOREA

25 January 2023

Sol Ah Kim

Sang Hee Park

SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

12 February 2023

Taiane Aparecida De Oliveira

BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

12 February 2023

Wendy Pinzón

WINDOW ON THE CHURCH

MORE THAN 100 MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS KIDNAPPED, ARRESTED OR KILLED IN 2022



According to data collected by the Foundation *Aid to the Church in Need*, 12 priests and 5 women religious were murdered in different countries in 2022, while 42 priests and 9 nuns were kidnapped.

Around the world, the areas where Christians suffer the most discrimination and sometimes persecution are in vast parts of Africa, most notably in the Sahel, Chad, Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso and Nigeria, and, outside this continent, in South Asia (India, Pakistan, Myanmar), as well as in North Korea and China.

The director of the Italian branch of the *Aid to the Church Foundation* says that between 2021 and 2022 nearly 8,000 Christians were murdered out of hatred for the Faith or persecuted because Christianity contains a core of social justice that is unwelcome to jihadists and alarms other para-terrorist groups.

Particularly frightening to them is the activity of missionaries, who are perceived as peacemakers, as people who build channels of dialogue between differing groups, and who are considered close to the West and its values.

JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS



To continue to improve the relationship between Christianity and Islam, the prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Inter-

religious Dialogue, Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, and the secretary general of the Muslim Council of Elders, Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam, signed a memorandum of understanding on 6 March. The goal is to strengthen interfaith and intercultural dialogue between the two Faiths. The agreement calls for the formation of a permanent joint committee for Islamic-Christian dialogue between the Muslim Council of Elders and the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, to be co-chaired by both sides and to hold annual meetings for the coordination of joint efforts and initiatives that promote dialogue and coexistence among followers of different religions and cultures around the world.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

NEW PRESIDENT OF AIC



Tayde de Callatay has been elected the new president of the International Association of Charities (AIC), the oldest lay association in the history of volunteer work, for a 3-year term of office. The election took place at the end of the Association's International Assembly held from 21-25 March in Frascati (Rome), during which its initiatives and solidarity projects in different countries around the world were reviewed.

The press release says that the Belgian woman, who was elected by the 150 delegates representing the Association's national presidents and executives gathered in Frascati, takes over the office from Rose de Lima Ramanankavana of Madagascar, who led the AIC in the preceding three-year period.

More than 100,000 volunteers in over 56 countries around the world make up the AIC network, which serves society's most disadvantaged members on a daily basis, with the goal of building a better world together.

A VADEMECUM FOR SAFEGUARDING THE EARTH



Our Common Home: A Guide to Caring for Our Living Planet has been issued by the Stockholm Institute for the Environment and the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development. The booklet, replete with diagrams, builds on the contents of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato si'*, to offer the ordinary person scientific information on climate change and its consequences, along with suggestions as to how to use our planet's resources in a responsible way.

The *Guide* links science regarding climate change, biodiversity and sustainable resource use with the messages in *Laudato si'* concerning the earth, our common home. It presents scientific knowledge on today's most pressing environmental issues and explains how people and communities can take action to build a more sustainable and socially just future for everyone.

WINDOW ON COMMUNICATIONS

NETWORKING: A PROJECT OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Sowing Hope for the Planet is an initiative promoted by the International Union of Women Superiors General (IUSG) and its related institutions to put Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* into concrete action by sharing ideas, formation, and working in synergy to care for our sick planet.

Established in 2018, the project's goal is not simply to gather information and try to calm the distress about the environment felt by the earth's inhabitants at every latitude, but above all to strive to recognize what is happening to our planet in our own personal realities in order to determine what contribution each person can make to improving the situation.

So as to unify religious communities and congregations around the world with regard to this theme, the *Laudato si'* Platform of Initiatives was born: a bold and creative structure and a wonderful way to facilitate interconnection among all those who are sensitive to the needs of the earth and the rights of the poor.

IUSG: FIRST MEETING ON COMMUNICATING RELIGIOUS LIFE



Communicating religious life, particularly women's religious life, in order to strengthen networking and collaboration among various institutes and congregations, witness to the Gospel and build bridges: this is the goal of the first international meeting organized by the International Union of Superiors General (IUSG) to be held in November 2023. A webinar was held to present the event, which aims to make religious understand how to witness to the life experiences of the Gospel and create bridges between people. "Words," said Sr. Nadia Coppia, president of the IUSG, "and also the images and signs of religious communication, have the power to foster encounters and inclusion and, if chosen carefully, can generate peace, overcome misunderstandings, heal memories and promote change." At the center of the message, however, must be the human person, even and especially in the digital world. Digital tools, in fact, are a great gift from God but also a great responsibility. They can broaden horizons, inflame hearts and illuminate paths not only virtually but above all concretely, from the perspective of life as a journey.



First Prof.

Community

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION (21)

ALBUQUERQUE Sr. Meera Helen	25.01.1998	VASAI
BARROS Sr. Marta	27.09.1998	BELO HORIZONTE-T
CHOI Tae Hee – Sr. Cecilia	25.01.1998	SUWON
DE OLIVEIRA Sr. Maria Goretti	27.09.1998	SÃO PAULO CP
HWANG Hyun A – Sr. Claudia	25.01.1998	WONJU
KANG So Young – Sr. Maria	25.01.1998	SEOUL-MIARI
KIM Kyong Hee Lucia – Sr. Noela	25.01.1998	EXCLAUSTRATED
NIRO Sr. Marie Lorahdawn	30.06.1998	DURBAN
NJERU Sr. Muthoni Caroline	30.06.1998	JUBA
PARK Jong Mi – Sr. Veronica	25.01.1998	MACAU
PARK Mun Jeong – Sr. Dafrosa	25.01.1998	DAEGU
PEREIRA DE OLIVEIRA Sr. Maria Eliene	27.09.1998	BELO HORIZONTE-T
PUTHUSSEY Sr. Josephin Mathew	25.01.1998	GUWAHATI
RASOARINORO Sr. Isabelle	30.06.1998	ANTANANARIVE
RUBIA Sr. Shalimar	30.06.1998	ROME (GENERALATE)
SHIM Kyoung Mi – Sr. Caterina	25.01.1998	SEOUL-MIARI
SOARES PEREIRA Sr. Renata Sebastiana	27.09.1998	RIO DE JANEIRO
SONG Mi Kyung – Sr. Veronica	25.01.1998	SEOUL-MIARI
VARGHESE SUSAI Sr. Maria Jenet	25.01.1998	MUMBAI-DAHISAR
VILLARREAL Sr. Carmen Alicia	28.06.1998	BOGOTA O
YU Ji Young – Sr. Modesta	25.01.1998	SEOUL-DAEHAKRO

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION (34)

ALVES DE LIMA Sr. Maria de Lourdes	01.05.1973	SALVADOR
ANTHIKKADEN Elsy – Sr. Elsa	08.12.1973	AHMEDABAD
ARCHUNDIA HERRERA Sr. Martha	29.06.1973	MONTERREY
BOTTIN Sr. Renata	29.06.1973	ROME DM
CASTRICO Sr. Laura	29.06.1973	BOLOGNA
CASTRO MARTINS Sr. Maria Ilza	01.05.1973	SÃO PAULO SP
CERICATO Sr. Jacinta	01.05.1973	SÃO PAULO TM
CHIARELLO Sr. Teresa	29.06.1973	ALBANO TM
CHIRIYAMCANDATH Clara – Sr. Clare	08.12.1973	BANGALORE
CUEVAS OCHOA Sr. Alicia	29.06.1973	MONTERREY
DOS REIS SOUZA Sr. Shirley	01.05.1973	CURITIBA
FASANO Sr. Maria	29.06.1973	LODI
GALINDO CRUZ Sr. Maria Leonor	29.06.1973	MEXICO-BAHAMAS
GARCIA MARTINEZ Sr. Maria Guadalupe	29.06.1973	LEON
IENNI Sr. Maria Nicola	29.06.1973	NÜRNBERG
KONZEN Sr. Ana Marlene	01.05.1973	SÃO PAULO CP

LOYOLA GUMERA Ernestina Carmen – Sr. Carmen	30.06.1973	SANTIAGO FL
MADATHIL Sr. Mary Paul	08.12.1973	TRIVANDRUM
MARTINEZ Sr. Ana Maria	06.05.1973	ABSENT
MEMOLI Sr. Anna	29.06.1973	CAGLIARI
MEZA ACEVES Sr. Maria Teresa	29.06.1973	MIAMI
PADINJAREMURY Mary – Sr. Marietta	08.12.1973	BANGALORE
PARENZAN Sr. Silvia	29.06.1973	ROME DP
PARUTHAPPARA Aleyamma – Sr. Elsy	08.12.1973	BANGALORE
PEREIRA Sr. Stella	08.12.1973	MUMBAI
PINTUS Sr. Maria Rita	29.06.1973	ROME Mascherino
REGINATTO Santa– Sr. Flavia	01.05.1973	BELO HORIZONTE-T
RODRIGUES DA SILVA Sr. Luzia	01.05.1973	BOGOTA O
SABATTI Livia Caterina – Sr. Livia	29.06.1973	ROME DP
SCOGNAMIGLIO – Sr. Assunta (Dina)	29.06.1973	NAPLES D
SENA DE OLIVEIRA Sr. Luzia Maria	01.05.1973	SÃO PAULO CR
THODUKAYIL Sr. Rosa	08.12.1973	TRIVANDRUM
VALLAYIL Sr. Ancy John	08.12.1973	MUMBAI-DAHISAR
ZANETTI Sr. Carolina (Lina)	29.06.1973	ROME DP

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION (50)

ABE Yoko – Sr. Maria Veritas	30.06.1963	BANGKOK
ANDERLONI Sr. Renata	30.06.1963	ALBANO GA
BALLARIO Margherita – Sr. Piermaria	30.06.1963	ALBA
BARBERIS Caterina Maria – Sr. Maria Sergia	30.06.1963	ALBA
BIGATAO Conceição Catarina – Sr. Beatrice	30.06.1963	BOSTON RA
BONAZZI Sr. Giovanna	30.06.1963	VERONA
BUGLIOLO Ofelia – Sr. Maria Emanuela	08.12.1963	BUENOS AIRES N
CANAG Sr. Evangelina	08.12.1963	PASAY RA
CAPUANO Agata – Sr. Maria Paolina	30.06.1963	ROME DP
CIPRIANI Sr. Irma	30.06.1963	SÃO PAULO TM
COSMIANO Leonora – Sr. Maria Aurora	08.12.1963	PASAY RA
D'AGOSTO Sr. Lucia	30.06.1963	NAPLES C
DATI Anna – Sr. Maria Antonella	30.06.1963	ALBANO GA
DE BIASI Celestina – Sr. Maria Agostina	30.06.1963	ROME DP
DE PRISCO Emmanuella – Sr. Elvira Maria	30.06.1963	NAPLES C
DEIDDA Sr. Rosaria	30.06.1963	TRIESTE
DELLE VEDOVE Sr. Silvana	30.06.1963	NOVARA
DOS SANTOS Sr. Conceição Aparecida	29.06.1963	SÃO PAULO TM
FERNANDEZ Maria Rosario – Sr. Maria Serafina	08.12.1963	PASAY RA
FONTES FERREIRA Sr. Maria	30.06.1963	SÃO PAULO CR
GALLINARI Idalina – Sr. Margarida	30.06.1963	SÃO PAULO DM
GENTILI Sr. Giovanna	30.06.1963	ALBANO
GRILLO Francesca – Sr. Maria Provvidenza	30.06.1963	ALBANO
IBANEZ Maria Leonor – Sr. Maria Daniela	08.12.1963	RESISTENCIA
KIDO Kazue – Sr. M. Concettina	01.11.1963	HIRATSUKA
KODAMA Tomie – Sr. Maria	30.06.1963	HIRATSUKA
LAURENZI Ines – Sr. Maria Piera	30.06.1963	ROME (GENERALATE)
LEE Marta – Sr. Mary Grace	30.06.1963	SINGAPORE
LUBE' Giacinta – Sr. Maria Timotea	30.06.1963	ALBA
LUMINARIAS Hermenegilda– Sr. Maria Luisa	08.12.1963	NAGA
MADONNA Rosaria – Sr. Gisella	30.06.1963	NAPLES C
MAKIYAMA Yoko – Sr. Maria Antonietta	01.11.1963	TOKYO-Tecla
MARIANO Narcisa – Sr. Francesca	08.12.1963	PASAY CP
MAZZA Sr. Giuseppa	30.06.1963	ALBANO GA
MAZZUCHINI Sr. Engracia Maria	08.12.1963	MENDOZA
MORO Carmela Enrica – Sr. Marialba	30.06.1963	MILAN PU

MUNARI Maria Therezinha – Sr. Maria Renata	15.09.1963	SÃO PAULO DM
OOMIZU Tokino – Sr. Maria Concetta	30.06.1963	NAGOYA
PARRA Sr. Maria Hersilia	29.06.1963	BARRANQUILLA
PERNA Rosaria – Sr. Maria Aurora	30.06.1963	ROME DP
POZZOLI Sr. Lidia	30.06.1963	FERRARA
RECH Sr. Adelia Antonia	30.06.1963	BELO HORIZONTE-T
RIQUELME RODRIGUEZ Haydee – Sr. M. Esperanza	08.12.1963	SANTIAGO FL
RONA Emiliana – Sr. Mary Domenica	08.12.1963	PASAY RA
RONCONI Alberta – Sr. Paola	30.06.1963	VERONA
SPANU Maria Caterina – Sr. Maria Chiara	30.06.1963	CAGLIARI
VARGAS Milagros – Sr. Maria Giustina	08.12.1963	ZAMBOANGA
VASQUEZ Luzviminda – Sr. Maria Tommasina	08.12.1963	LIPA
WESCHENFELDER Sr. Celina Helena	15.09.1963	SÃO PAULO CR
YOSHIOKA Toyoko – Sr. Maria Daniela	30.06.1963	TOKYO-Alberione

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION (23)

ALVES DE PAIVA Josefina– Sr. Clelia	25.01.1953	SÃO PAULO CR
ARNANNO Luigia – Sr. Maria Lucia	19.03.1953	ALBANO GA
AYME Sr. Claire Marie	19.03.1953	ROME GENERALATE
BRAIDA Luigia – Sr. Maria Emanuella	19.03.1953	ALBA
CONNELL Sr. Mary	19.03.1953	LIVERPOOL SP
FARRONATO Sr. Lina	19.03.1953	ROME RA
GALLIAZZO Giuseppina – Sr. Redenta	19.03.1953	ALBA
GIARDIELLO Rosa– Sr. Maria Nicolina	19.03.1953	ALBANO GA
ISHINO Mioko – Sr. Maria Ignazia	30.05.1953	TOKYO-Paolo
MANCILLA Auristela – Sr. Maria Amalia	19.03.1953	SANTIAGO FL
MERENDE Sr. Dirce	25.01.1953	SÃO PAULO CP
PEREZ SANCHEZ Sr. Adoracion	19.03.1953	MADRID
PEROTTO Sr. Cecilia	25.01.1953	CURITIBA
PIONER Sr. Angelina	25.01.1953	SÃO PAULO CR
PORRU Maria – Sr. Teresina	19.03.1953	COMO
RIGHETTINI Sr. Maria Lucia	19.03.1953	ALBANO GA
RONCONI Rina – Sr. Celina Maria	19.03.1953	ROME DP
SARTOR Vitoria – Sr. Valeria	25.01.1953	SÃO PAULO CR
SOUZA Sr. Maria Tereza	25.01.1953	CURITIBA
TIBALDO Carmen – Sr. Maria Elena	19.03.1953	BUENOS AIRES N
TIBALDO Imelda Teresita – Sr. Maria Fidelis	19.03.1953	BUENOS AIRES N
ZANELLI Sr. Adriana	19.03.1953	ROME DP

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION (8)

CARMELO Lillian – Sr. Maria Lorenzina	19.03.1948	BOSTON RA
DEL BEM Sr. Jandira	28.03.1948	SÃO PAULO CR
FANTIN Caterina Sr. Maria Virginia	19.03.1948	ALBA
MENEGAT Sr. Assunta	28.03.1948	CURITIBA
PANDOLFO Mercedes – Sr. Eugenia	28.03.1948	SÃO PAULO CR
QUAGLINI Maria – Sr. Maria Agnes	19.03.1948	ALBANO GA
SERGI Laura – Sr. Maria Luigia	19.03.1948	ROME DP
THOMASI Helena – Sr. Esther	21.03.1948	CURITIBA

80TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION

MANERA Maria Paolina – Sr Maria Adriana	19.03.1943	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. Maria Teresa Pati, age 85 - 02.01.2023 - Albano TM, Italy
 Sr. Tommasa Marella, age 81 - 08.01.2023 - Albano GA, Italy
 Sr. Redenta Maria Vannini, age 88 - 20.01.2023 - Albano, Italy
 Sr M. Agnes Yoko Yoshioka, age 89 - 22.01.2023 Hachioji (Tokyo), Japan
 Sr M. Nives Rita Bormolini, age 80 - 28.01.2023 - Alba, Italy
 Sr. M. Costanza Purificacion Justo, age 94 - 29.01.2023 - Pasay CP, Philippines
 Sr. Bianca Rosa Teresa Magliano, age 94 - 04.02.2023 - Rome (Hospital), Italy
 Sr. M. Irene Loreta Faraglia, age 88 - 07.02.2023 - Rome (Hospital), Italy
 Sr. Teresa Beltrano, age 54 - 26.02.2023 - Rome AP, Italy
 Sr. Pierangela Bonaria Usai, age 81 - 27.02.2023 - Albano, Italy
 Sr. Grazia La Carrubba, age 91 - 10.03.2023- Albano GA, Italy
 Sr. M. Elisa Aiko Nagata, age 86 - 15.03.2023 - Hirasuka (Hospital), Japan
 Sr. M. Dorotea D'Oto, age 91 - 28.03.2023 - Seoul-Miari, Korea
 Sr. Cecilia Segnanfreddo, age 91 - 13.04.2023 - Albano GA, Italy

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Sr. Speranza Yu Mi Kim (Mother, Young Sim Cristina), of the Seoul-Miari community, Korea
 Sr. Teresa Chen (Mother, Liu Maria Assunta), of the Taichung community, Taiwan
 Sr. Nicoletta Rossi (Father, Alduino and Mother, Silvana) – at home, Italy
 Sr. Joanna Coleiro (Father, Joseph), of the East Hawthorn community, Australia
 Sr. Josephine Olmilla (Mother, Lucia), of the Cebu community, Philippines
 Sr. Milagros Miranda Rivera (Father, Jorge), of the Rio Piedras community, Puerto Rico
 Sr. Janet Shidoo Anande (Father, Daniel Ngisan), of the Abuja community, Nigeria
 Sr. Fides Hee Kyoung Chang (Mother, Seol Ja Lucia), of the Incheon community, Korea
 Sr. Carmencita Garcia (Mother, Pulqueria), of the Generalate community, Rome, Italy
 Sr. Bernarda Myeong Ju Her (Mother, Hei Suk Lucia), of the Seoul-Miari community, Korea

PAULINE FAMILY

Br Shinri Paolo Giuseppe Abe, ssp, age 64 - 16.01.2023 Fukushima, Japan
 Sr. M. Rosangela Santina Cerami, sjbp, age 86 - 18.01.2023 - Negrar, Italy
 Fr Gino Giuseppe Baido, ssp, age 93 - 19.01.2023 - Alba, Italy
 Sr. M. Lidia Teresa Schirru, sjbp, age 89 - 27.01.2023 - Albano Laziale, Italy
 Fr. Vito Antonio Ventricelli, ssp, age 80 - 03.02.2023 - Rome, Italy
 Sr. M. Scolastica Maria Misano Yamano, pddm, age 96 - 06.02.2023 - Tokyo, Japan
 Sr. Giuseppina Elide Squarzon, sjbp, age 80 - 08.02.2023 - Negrar, Italy
 Sr M. Lelia Elvira Matera, pddm, age 72 - 10.02.2023 - Rome, Italy
 Br. Renzo Stanislao Putti, ssp, age 92 - 11.02.2023 - Rome, Italy
 Sr Maria Giuseppa Mariangela Cossu sjbp, di anni 78 - 12.02.2023 Negrar, Italy
 Br. Kazuyoshi Pietro Giuseppe Hikazutani, ssp, age 87 -24.02.2023 - Tokyo, Japan
 Sr. M. Angela Benigna Robles Contreras, pddm, age 85 - 27.02.2023 - Bogotá, Colombia
 Sr M. Alejandra M. Luisa Cabrera Rangel, pddm, age 79 - 03.03.2023 - Aguascalientes, Mexico
 Fr. Joven Jose Lagdamen Jagurin, ssp, age 49 - 03.03.2023 - Rome, Italy
 Sr. Estelita Mañabo, sjbp, age 76 - 16.03.2023 - Bundoora, Australia
 Fr. Nelso Gabriele Casolari, ssp, age 86 - 19.03.2023- Rome, Italy
 Sr. M. Costantina Fernanda Natalia Caron, pddm, age 93 - 27.03.2023 - Rome, Italy
 Sr. M. Leonarda Alessandra, pddm, age 95 - 28.03.2023 - Sanfrè, Italy
 Sr. M. Rosanna Zaira Butani, pddm, age 83 - 30.03.2023 - Rome, Italy
 Sr. M. Arcangela Carmela Brugiolo, pddm, age 99 - 30.03.2023 - Albano, Italy
 Br. Jesudass Gabriel Amirthan, ssp, age 67 -10.04.2023 - Kochi, India