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**Humility
is the climate
in which we should
always live**

Blessed James Alberione

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LIVE OUR PAULINE IDENTITY?



Dear Sisters and young women in formation,,

May the grace and peace of the Lord be with you. In this letter, I would like to reflect with you about a question that often challenges me: “What does it mean to live our Pauline identity?” In other words, I would like us to reflect together on our daily lives as consecrated women and as Paulines: “What are we seeking, and where are we going?” And, as we look at our community life: “What do we want to bear witness to, and how are we proclaiming it?” It is very important for each of us to stop for a moment, ask ourselves these questions, and take time for an honest examination of our lives. In the intense pace of daily life, we can easily forget where we are directing our lives and lose the joy and enthusiasm that accompanied the beginnings of our vocation. Therefore, the question we need to ask ourselves cannot simply be: “How faithfully am I living my vocation?” Rather, we need to ask: “In what way do I live differently from the world? Does my life reveal the newness and prophetic character of the Gospel?” From the outside, our daily lives may not appear very different from those of other people in the world.



And yet, within this very ordinariness, there must be a *difference* that distinguishes us. If this difference disappears from our lives, our identity is no longer alive, and the prophetic witness of the Gospel loses its power.

For “only *difference* can break through the indifference of the world. Only a prophetic presence that does not uncritically conform to the majority in the world, but lives differently according to Gospel values, can credibly bear witness to the Gospel in today’s world.”

This does not mean that our lives must be completely different from those of the world, but that, while living within the same reality, we choose to live according to different criteria. It is precisely this that reveals our identity.

St. Paul’s exhortation, “I therefore urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received” (Eph 4:1), encourages us to live more fully the Direction of the 12th General Chapter: “To joyfully live our Pauline identity.” At the same time, it calls us to recognize anew how precious the vocation we have received is and to renew our responsibility for living it.

Our Pauline identity is born, first of all, from our relationship with Christ, who has called us. In this relationship, our identity is nourished and grows, and from this relationship we are sent to carry the love of Truth to the world.

Therefore, at the center of our lives must be not ourselves, but Christ the Master, Way, Truth, and Life, the living Word who heals. Through our daily lives, centered on Christ, we are called to show what it means to be a *different presence*. Yet there are many threats and challenges that can hinder us from living faithfully according to our identity. We can compromise with the values of the world, allow ourselves to be guided

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by the desire to satisfy our own needs, settle into relationships in which we feel recognized and accepted, or habitually give in to laziness and comfort.

Even more serious is when, neglecting the value of the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience that we have professed, we insist on choosing, deciding, and living according to our own desires and our own way of seeing things. We may also neglect prayer under the pretext of the apostolate, even reaching the point of thinking that daily participation in the Eucharist is no longer important, or placing personal interests above community life.

Ultimately, such attitudes allow our identity to grow weaker and, through our own choices, cause us to lose the opportunity to live fully the vocation God has given us. Let us therefore renew in our hearts an awareness of the Lord's call and ask for the grace and courage to live this precious gift each day with joy and gratitude.

Let us remember in prayer our brothers and sisters throughout the world who are suffering because of earthquakes and natural disasters. I invite you not only to pray for them, but also to express our solidarity through concrete acts of sharing, according to what we are able to do. In a particular way, let us remember our sisters in Venezuela and Colombia who are going through this difficult time and, through our prayer and concrete expressions of closeness, offer them consolation and hope.

In the communion of hope,

Sr Mari Lucia Kim

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Superior General.



CALENDAR GENERAL GOVERNMENT

October 2-12, 2026	Fraternal Visit – Central Europea	Sr. Mari Lucia, sr Gabriella, sr Rosa
October 15-22, 2026	Fraternal Visit – Great Britain	Sr. Mari Lucia, sr Donald, sr Rosemary
November 2-13, 2026	Fraternal Visit – Portugal	Sr. Mari Lucia, sr Gabriella, sr Rosa
November 20-27, 2026	Fraternal Visit – Rome (Divina Provvidenza)	Sr. Mari Lucia, six councilors & Sr. Edward (general bursar)
December 10, 2026	Encounter with the Italian Provincial government	General government



BRAZIL

BIBLE MONTH

On the **55th anniversary of Bible Month (2026)**, SAB-Paulinas (Pauline Biblical Animation Service) and Paulinas Corsi (Pauline Courses) are sponsoring the **7th Online Bible Week, from September 1 - 4, 2026**, dedicated to the **Book of Daniel: Prophecy and Hope in Times of Crisis**.

In a world marked by fear and uncertainty, the Book of Daniel invites us to live with wisdom and discernment, reminding us that true security lies not in human power, but in a Covenant with God. Therefore, it is



essential to remain faithful and preserve prophetic boldness. In harmony with the theme of Bible Month 2026—the **Book of Daniel**—and its motto **“His Kingdom will not be destroyed”** (cf. Dan 7:14), Bible Week offers a journey of faith that strengthens discernment, fidelity, and hope.

The choice of the Book of Daniel is motivated both by the fact that, in the past 55 years of the Biblical Month, it has never been studied in a systematically and by its relevance in an election year. The book reflects on the nature of power, presenting God as the Lord of history even in times of political and religious crisis.

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ITALY

ENCOUNTER WITH ALBERTO MAGGI



On June 24, 2026, a presentation was given by Vincenzo Varagona at the Pauline International Bookstore in Rome on his book: *“Alberto Maggi. Calling a spade, a spade”*, published by the Paulines.

The event featured a conversation with the author and Father Alberto Maggi. It was moderated by the journalist Luce Tommasi, who retraced significant moments in Father Maggi’s life on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination.

A portrait emerged of a ministry lived with freedom and a passion for the Gospel—one marked by challenges that were transformed into

opportunities for growth in faith. Considerable attention was given to the experience at Montefano, a center for biblical study and outreach established to make Scripture accessible to all and to support individuals facing situations of vulnerability. The evening conveyed an image of a faith that is tangible and close to real life, capable of navigating pain in the light of hope. It was a well-attended gathering that offered a closer look at Father Maggi’s journey and his call to rediscover the liberating power of the Gospel.



GERMANY

LIVING CHRIST, GIVING CHRIST

The Pauline Central Europe delegation joyfully celebrated the perpetual profession of Sr. Verena Godde on Saturday, June 27, 2026, in her home parish of St. Martin in Gundelfingen, in southern Germany.



In preparation for this significant occasion, Sr. Verena—together with Sr. Anna Matikova, Sr. Christine Hirsch, and Sr. Margaret Michael Gillis—led a week of spiritual, vocational, and apostolic activities. The program began with a pilgrimage to the Church of Our Lady Untier of Knots in Augsburg, and continued with gatherings for children and young people, creative workshops, visits to the elderly at a residential care home, and times of prayer and adoration.



Special emphasis was placed on days dedicated to our Pauline devotions: Sr. Verena shared her vocational story on the Feast of St. Paul, while Sr. Anna Matikova spoke about devotion to the Queen of Apostles. A book exhibition was also set up for the duration of the week.

Sisters from across the Delegation attended the profession ceremony, joined by a group of 30 people who traveled by bus from Nuremberg. The Mass, broadcast live by Radio Horeb, was a profound moment of faith and communion.

For her perpetual profession, Sr. Verena chose the motto: *Living Christ, Giving Christ.*





ITALY

ASSEMBLY OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAMS OF THE EUROPEAN CIRCUMSCRIPTIONS

From July 2 to 5, in Rome, the General Government convened the leadership teams of the European circumscriptions, the superior of the Bucharest community (Romania), and the European Operational Unit (UOE) for an Assembly dedicated to the journey toward the establishment of the Province of Europe.

The Assembly took place in an atmosphere of peaceful and open sharing and was facilitated by Dr. Francesca Levroni of the Missione Emmaus Study Center, who guided the group's discernment on the challenges and opportunities of the present moment.

Reflecting on the question, "What is the Lord communicating to us through the present situation?" the Assembly identified several priorities: making courageous decisions in fidelity to the Gospel; safeguarding and renewing the charism; embracing the reorganization



process with confidence; strengthening collaboration among the circumscriptions; recognizing and fostering emerging opportunities; renewing the apostolate through the involvement of the laity; promoting vocation ministry; and continuing to care for every sister.

Through the synodal process of discernment, two possible organizational models emerged, a confederation model and a unified model, leading ultimately to the identification of a shared approach considered the most suitable for achieving the desired goal.

The Assembly also established January 25, 2028, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, as the date for the establishment of the Province of Europe, entrusting this new journey from this very moment to the protection of the Apostle to the Nations.

PORTUGAL

LISBON BOOK FAIR

The 96th Lisbon Book Fair—Portugal's premier literary event—took place from May 27th to June 14th, 2026, featuring over 2,200 events and attracting thousands of visitors.

Among the 900 publishing houses present across the 350 pavilions in Eduardo VII Park, Paulines participated with three stands, promoting the book "IA é Agora" (AI is Here) by Alberto Monteverdi.

Pope Leo XIV's encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas" generated great interest, with copies in demand from the very first days of the fair. Its official presentation was held on June 8th at the Lusíadas Auditorium. The event was promoted by the Patriarch of Lisbon, Bishop Rui Valério, and organized in collaboration with Paulinas and Paulus publishing. Speakers included former President of the Republic Marcelo Rebelo



de Sousa, Paulo Portas, and sociologist António Barreto, as well as others, who offered a multidisciplinary perspective on the themes of the encyclical.



UNITED KINGDOM

PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA

The **Pauline Books & Media** center in Liverpool continues to be a vibrant meeting place for readers and authors, regularly hosting book presentations in engaging formats. One of the most popular initiatives is the “Tea, Chat, and Signing” event—an occasion that fosters dialogue and encounter in a friendly atmosphere.

Recently, the book center welcomed Bishop John Keenan from the Diocese of Paisley, who presented his new book, *“According to Your Word: Praying the Mysteries of the Rosary through Word and Art.”* The event drew a large crowd and concluded with the traditional book signing session, which was greatly appreciated by those present.

In addition to offering a wide range of books, music, audiovisual aids, religious articles, and greeting cards—also available at www.paulineuk.org—**Pauline Books & Media** promotes numerous initiatives dedicated to evangelization and formation. These include courses and workshops for teachers and catechists; visits to parishes, schools, and conferences featuring a selection of publishing resources; and the organization of book fairs for students, offering multimedia materials tailored to various age groups.



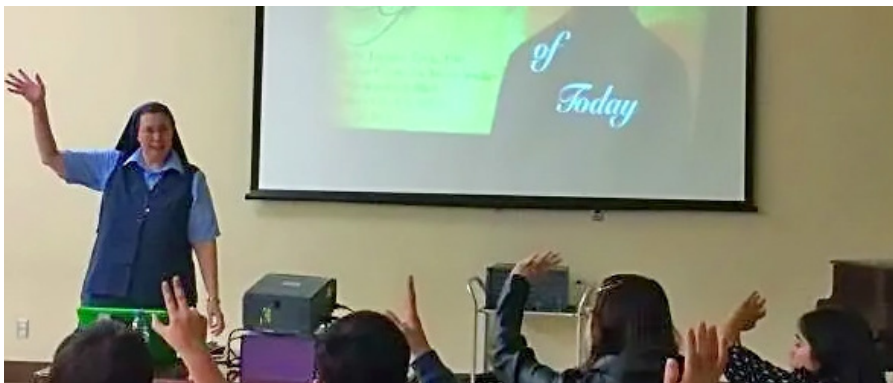
We offer our prayers and best wishes for the apostolic work of the sisters who, through this valuable cultural and publishing ministry, continue to proclaim the Gospel within the world of communications.

UNITED STATES

WHERE FAITH MEETS CULTURE

The mission of Pauline Media Studies is to foster media literacy and media mindfulness within the fields of culture, education, and religious formation.

Founded in Boston in 1995 by Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP, Pauline Media Studies relocated to Los Angeles in 2006. In 2015, an East Coast office was established in New York under the direction of Sr. Hosea



Rupprecht, FSP. This office was later integrated into the national structure in 2022.

Pauline Media Studies is one expression of the mission of the Daughters of St. Paul: to educate and form audiences in the critical discernment of messages conveyed through traditional media as well as emerging forms of social and digital communication.



KOREA

INTENSIVE MISSION IN THE DIOCESE OF CHEONGJU

From July 1 to 28, the Diocese of Cheongju was the setting for an intensive missionary experience involving three perpetually professed sisters and five junior professed sisters. It was a precious time of encounter, sharing, and renewed apostolic enthusiasm, lived with the desire to joyfully witness to the beauty of the Pauline vocation.

There were also challenges. The scorching heat and heavy rains that marked the summer put the missionaries to the test. However, the generous collaboration of the priests and the vibrant witness of faith by the diocesan communities made it possible to carry out the many initiatives, giving the sisters an opportunity to share their joy and gratitude for their vocation.

The mission included a rich program of activities: book exhibits, media presentations, songs and gestures of praise, times of adoration during the Holy Hour, and musical retreats. The various initiatives



reached 48 parishes throughout the diocese and resulted in the distribution of a total of 7,400 books.

At the conclusion of this intense experience, we lift our hearts in gratitude to the Lord for the graces received. In prayer and communion of hearts, we entrust to him the seeds of the Word sown throughout the diocese, that they may take root and bear abundant fruit in the lives of all those who received them.



INDIA

75 YEARS OF BLESSINGS

On June 30, the Daughters of St. Paul celebrated their platinum jubilee marking the 75th anniversary of their arrival in India with a solemn Eucharistic celebration of thanksgiving.

We share the reflections of Archbishop John Rodrigues of Mumbai, who presided at the Mass in St. Theresa's Church in Bandra, a suburb of India's financial capital. Also present at the celebration were Bishop Thomas D'Souza of the Diocese of Vasai, along with about thirty priests and religious, as well as benefactors, collaborators, and members of the faithful.

In his homily, Archbishop Rodrigues recalled the words of the founder of the Pauline Family, Blessed James Alberione:





“Everything comes from God and everything leads to the Magnificat.

Alberione had the grace to discern God’s will at every stage of his life, a gift that also inspired the first Pauline missionaries who arrived in India 75 years ago. We thank God for his great foresight and for those pioneers who came to India 75 years ago to begin their mission, called to be bearers of the light of Christ in the world. It is a light that must shine, enlightening minds and hearts and helping people recognize what is just and what is wrong.

“We are deeply grateful to the Daughters of St. Paul for dedicating these 75 years to helping people encounter Christ through their media apostolate and to grow courageously in the knowledge of God, thus becoming witnesses to the Gospel.”



RWANDA

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL AT THE SIGNIS WORLD CONGRESS 2026 IN KIGALI

The SIGNIS World Congress 2026 was held in Kigali, Rwanda, from August 3 to 8, bringing together more than 300 communicators, media professionals, educators, and religious from over 40 countries. For the first time, the SIGNIS World Congress was held in Africa.

The theme, *Digital Communication for Cultural Harmony and Environmental Wellbeing*, focused on the role of digital technologies and artificial

intelligence in serving the human person, peace, care for creation, and intercultural dialogue, while also addressing AI ethics, media literacy, disinformation, and digital evangelization.

The participation of three Daughters of St. Paul was especially significant: Sr. Rose Pacatte, who spoke on digital literacy; Sr. Anna Kipounamai, who moderated the Digital Media Literacy panel; and Sr. Joeyanna D’Souza, who spoke on digital discipleship and communication for communion. Sr. Olga Masango Jose and Sr. Mary Chantal Musabyimana of the EAMZZ Delegation were also present. The Sisters from Kampala also staffed a book exhibit, which was very well received by participants.

The choice of Rwanda, marked by the memory of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, gave particular significance to the Congress,



highlighting the responsibility of the media to promote truth, reconciliation, peace, and solidarity.

The Kigali experience strengthened collaboration among communicators from different cultures and renewed the commitment of SIGNIS and the Daughters of St. Paul to communication at the service of humanity, creation, and the proclamation of the Gospel in the digital world.



**Resurrection Garments:
Exegetical Study of 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Starting from the Metaphor
“ἐνδύω” as a Principle of Transformation.**

This research proposes an exegetical study of 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 and offers two main contributions to Pauline studies. The first is to demonstrate that the metaphor expressed by the Greek verb “ἐνδύω” (“to clothe”) is not a simple rhetorical convenience but represents the fundamental hermeneutical key to understanding the coherent and incoherent relationship of the resurrected body, summarizing the announcement of eschatological transformation.

The second contribution, closely related to the first, highlights how Paul, using the image of “garments”—a symbol widely presented in Second Temple Jewish apocalyptic literature and in the cultural imagery of first-century Corinth—elaborates an original theological perspective, re-establishing this symbolism in the historic-salvific event of Christ’s resurrection.

Arranged in five chapters, the research develops a progressive methodological approach that integrates the delineation of an excerpt, through rhetorical analysis, the semantic study of incompatible parallels (φθαρτὸν/ἀφθαρσίαν; θνητὸν/ἀθανασίαν), and an examination of Paul’s meaning of the metaphor “clothing.” The study demonstrates that only the integration of these different levels of analysis allows for an adequate understanding of the passage.

The study concludes with Paul’s answer to the Corinthians’ question: “How are the dead raised?” (1 Cor 15:35) and consists in the revelation of



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the mystery of transformation wrought by God, who clothes mortal humanity with incorruptibility and immortality. The metaphor of “clothing” thus emerges as the foundation of Christian hope: a hope that sustains the believer in remaining steadfast, constant, and ever generous in the Lord’s work, in the certainty that “in the Lord your labor is not in vain” (1 Cor 15:58).

Portrayals of Faith Experiences in Fene Luen Yang’s Saints

Sister Allison recently earned an MFA (Master of Fine Arts) in Creative Writing for Young People from Lasell University (Massachusetts, USA), focusing her work on creating Catholic fiction capable of nourishing and sustaining the spiritual lives of adolescents and young adults. Her critical thesis examined the work of Chinese American Catholic author Gene Luen Yang and, in particular, his young adult graphic novel *Saints*, analyzing the narrative techniques used to portray faith experiences that are credible, accessible, and capable of having a strong emotional impact on all readers, regardless of their personal religious experience.



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Her creative thesis, a novel for adolescents and young adults, is a science-fiction story set in an imagined future in which an oppressive regime has outlawed every form of religion. The story follows two protagonists: a teenage girl who belongs to the underground Catholic Church and is arrested for practicing her faith, and an idealistic young prison guard who is helping to develop an artificial intelligence system designed to interrogate prisoners.

The novel explores themes such as justice and mercy, faith in the context of persecution, trust in God and perseverance in prayer, as well as the importance of human relationships and true communion.



Heidegger's Being-With-Others And Authenticity in the Digital World: a Critical Evaluation of Social Media

We are pleased to present a summary of the doctoral dissertation completed by Sr. Philomena Laudi Agba, FSP, for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the School of Philosophy, Religion and Classics of the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa. The research investigates the relationship between the authenticity promoted by social media and the concept of authenticity developed by Martin Heidegger.

The first chapter presents the structure, research questions, objectives, and methodology of the study, analyzing the relationship between Dasein (being there) and das Man (the They) in the digital context. The dissertation highlights how social media can foster authentic relationships but can also encourage superficial forms of self-presentation and interaction that threaten personal authenticity.

The second chapter examines Heidegger's concept of Dasein in greater depth within the digital world, where the growing integration of the physical dimension and digital interfaces continually redefines identity and relationships, making online and offline existence increasingly interconnected.

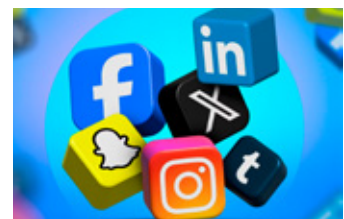
The third chapter examines Being-with-Others and the ontology (the philosophical study of being) of social media. Although these platforms foster connectivity and a sense of belonging, they can reduce relationships to quantifiable and commodified values. The comparison with Heidegger also highlights the tension between calculative thinking and meditative thinking in digital interactions.

The final chapter analyzes the fallenness of Dasein and the influence of das Man on individual authenticity. Social media can foster conformity and loss of self, including through norms and expectations shaped by algorithms.



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Idle talk, curiosity, and ambiguity can thus lead to an inauthentic existence.

The dissertation concludes, however, that through self-awareness and authentic, resolute choices, Dasein can preserve its authenticity even amid the complexity of digital relationships.



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HUMILITY

THE LIVING SPRING OF GRACE

Humility will be the living spring of grace for you and for the Institute.

In this, Prima Maestra sets an example for all of you, without exception, to imitate. She has always done so since the beginning of the Congregation. Her manner has always been simple, humble, and recollected. You owe everything to Prima Maestra, and I, too, owe a great deal to her because she enlightened and guided me in both joyful and difficult circumstances. She was a source of comfort in the trials that marked out journey.

Humility is the atmosphere in which one must always live. There must be humility of thought and judgment, not only as individuals, but also as members of the Institute. Each member must do his or her job well because we are an organism. Each person must consider herself a member and must

serve the other members. Humility is needed in editorial and technical work, in diffusion. Some do one thing and others another, and so the Institute moves forward. We are all at its service.

Safeguard your treasure. The Institute grows through the contribution of all. It grows as a plant, drawing nourishment from the soil, which is carried through the trunk to every part of the plant. It must grow through internal nourishment, not by adding things from the outside.

Offer your contribution to the Congregation with humility, never with pride. Carry out your duties well and with humility. Use your modest talents generously for the good of the Institute. Those who have received more education should be all the more humble, because they understand more clearly that, before God, we are nothing.

I would like you all to be like Prima Maestra. Without her nothing; with her, everything.

Follow Prima Maestra humbly and docilely. Lovingly do what she tells you.

Have humility of heart, true humility: in thought, judgment, and feeling. Do not aspire to what is not fitting for you. Humility in the apostolate, fulfilling one's duties well, whatever they may be.

Integrity in judgment is required, docility, and not so much idle talk! Maintain the Institute's moral standard; do not lower it but rather raise it. Love what belongs to the Institute, value it. Ensure that the Institute grows. It must develop through its own inner vitality, not by adding things from outside. Ask the Lord for these graces through the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

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FOLLOWING THE PATH MARKED OUT BY MAESTRA THECLA

Sr. Thecla Merlo, whom Fr. Alberione himself called “Prima Maestra” (First Teacher), was a quiet protagonist of an unprecedented adventure in the history of the Church. In docile and creative communion with Fr. Alberione, Founder of the Daughters of St. Paul and of the entire Pauline

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Family, she played an extraordinary role of mediation. She was the faithful and intelligent collaborator for this Prophet of the 20th century. Her humility and faith and her continual searching for God’s will were the secrets of her life. With great gentleness she provided a maternal contribution to the birth of the other Pauline Institutes.

Prima Maestra’s spiritual journey, marked by heroic faith, was expressed in a humble and serene adherence to God’s will. An adherence filled with trust and filial abandonment, which she expressed thus: “To lower myself and to draw God to me. For this, it is enough to think of my nothingness. To raise myself high with trust to reach God” (May 1950).

“The Lord,” the Founder testified in 1964, “did with her what He wanted, because she never resisted Him. She was a contemplative soul. She also knew how to turn to others for help, but first and foremost she turned to God. Everything had to come from God, and everything was for God.” Blessed James Alberione urged the Daughters of St. Paul to follow the path laid out by Maestra Thecla: “The Institute is according to God’s way of walking, the

path established by Prima Maestra... No deviations. Know Prima Maestra, even better, imitate her; ask for her same spirit. She has opened a deep furrow for you: God will always be with you.”

Sr. Thecla Merlo’s message is very timely: she, who wanted to have “a thousand lives for the Gospel,” can become a guide and inspiration for many young people who feel called to give their lives to God so that His Word, communicated even in this complex world of communications, may shine in the lives of the men and women of today.



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PARENZAN, FSP

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GAJARDO
RODRÍGUEZ, FSP

FROM MY PARISH TO THE PARISH OF THE WORLD

Although I grew up in a Catholic family in Chile, after receiving the sacrament of Confirmation I did not have a very close relationship with my parish. However, my sisters were members of the Young Catholic Workers (JOC), and our home was always open and available to participate in pastoral activities.



After graduation, I realized that the plans I had made for my life were no longer sufficient. I felt the need to rethink everything, to change my perspective. It was as if the vessel of my existence had been shattered into a thousand pieces.

It was my family that became the instrument through which the Lord brought me back to a path I had forgotten. My nephews' First Communion brought me back to the fold. At first, I felt like a fish out of water, but I agreed to be a catechist. Almost without realizing it, I found myself fully involved in the life of the

Church: in addition to catechism, I participated in youth ministry and, during the summer, in missions.

At the end of my first year as a catechist, I felt the voice of the Lord more intensely. A deacon served in our parish during his pastoral year. After being ordained a priest, he returned to celebrate his first Mass in our parish. It was during this celebration that I felt a powerful sense of meaning in the eyes of God. According to tradition, as I kissed the hands of the new priest, I said with all my heart, "Yes, me too."

Shortly thereafter, this young priest was appointed

pastor of our parish. With great confidence, I went to him and asked for help. Thus began my journey of vocational discernment.

Time passed and suddenly it was November, the month dedicated to Mary. In my country it coincides with spring, when nature blossoms and the Church lives a strong Marian devotion. During a pastoral meeting, the parish priest announced that the month would begin with the showing of a film about Our Lady of Fatima. All the parishioners were invited, especially the children in catechism classes.

On the day of the film screening, some sisters arrived. The priest introduced them and said that they were Pauline





Sisters from Concepción. That was the first time I met them. With great simplicity and skill, they set up the projector and started the movie in just a few minutes. Seeing the sisters handle a projector so effortlessly impressed me deeply. They had a style that fascinated me. I thought, "This is just right for me!"

At the end of the movie, I wanted to meet them, but they quickly drove off in their Citroën. I still wanted to meet them.

The opportunity soon came. The pastor instructed me to buy the hosts for Mass at the Pauline book center and give me an envelope for the sisters. I was surprised that he was sending me on this errand: "Can one buy hosts in a book store?" I had never been to the Pauline book center. As soon as I walked in, my heart began to beat, it was the same sisters who had come to the parish.

I gave the envelope to one of the sisters. She opened it, read the note, looked at me and smiled. Only later did I learn that she was the vocation director and that the parish priest had written: "She is a vocation for you."



That meeting was the beginning of my journey with the Daughters of St. Paul. I got to know their community, their chapel, their way of life. In the chapel, these words touched me deeply:

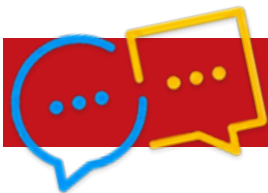


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"From here I want to enlighten..." Then I read *The Fullness of Life*, a biography of Prima Maestra Thecla. I immediately felt in harmony with her: I discovered in her the face of a consecrated woman, fully inhabited by God. From that moment on, the Prima Maestra became a constant presence in my life, a true mother.

After a brief experience in the house of formation, I entered the Congregation. Since then, the joy of feeling at home where the Lord had called me has never left me. Belonging to a religious family and experiencing the harmony between prayer and apostolate has given me a profound serenity. I have always been sure that it is the Lord who guides my steps, sustains me on my journey and gives me the strength to fulfill my mission. I often repeat: "I can do nothing by myself, but with God I can do all things."

Today, forty-seven years after I entered the Congregation, I can make my own the words of St. Paul: "We carry this treasure in earthen vessels" (2 Cor 4:7).



LEAVING A DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

HOW YOUNG PEOPLE CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD
BY ENGAGING THEIR COMMUNITIES



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Have you ever wondered what your digital footprint is—that is, what your use of digital media says about you and how it influences others? Have you ever felt the desire to do something positive for your community or society, using technology to lead others to God and help them become their best selves?

In today's world, technology shapes the way we connect, learn, and live out our faith. Digital platforms offer young people, in particular, opportunities to engage with their families and faith communities, helping to build a more humane world. However, these opportunities also come with responsibilities, such as ethical discernment and a commitment to maintaining positive behavior online, as Pope Francis reminded us in *Christus Vivit* (2019).

Here are some ideas on how young people—and young believers in particular—can use technology to integrate their faith into their digital presence.

1. Strengthening Community Ties

Technology can help strengthen relationships within families, parishes, and schools. Participating in online prayer groups, Bible studies, sacramental preparation courses, or vocational discernment programs allows us to stay connected even when we are physically apart. Social media allows us to share announcements, spiritual reflections, and uplifting content—as a way to lift others' spirits. By embracing technology, we fulfill the Church's mission to “proclaim the Gospel to all nations,” ensuring that every post and every online encounter spreads positivity and joy.

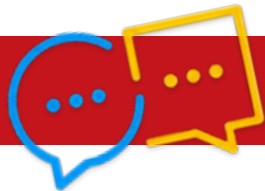
2. Digital Evangelization

Digital platforms offer creative ways to bear witness to our faith. Through video content, young people—and not just them—can share messages rooted in the Gospel. For example, short videos can explain topics such as social justice (human dignity, solidarity, and care for the most vulnerable) or Lent (for instance, the meaning of Ash Wednesday). In this way, we can reach people who otherwise would not have the opportunity to encounter the faith. Pope Francis urged young people to “become digital missionaries,” reminding us that “we cannot remain silent” when we are called to proclaim Christ in these new digital spaces.

3. Serving the Most Vulnerable Through Digital Means

Technology can be a powerful tool for service. Young people can





organize online fundraisers, volunteer programs, or awareness campaigns for charitable causes. Initiatives such as those of Catholic Action and AGESCI (Italy) promote peace through action. Crowdfunding platforms like GoFundMe and Missio support global projects, from building schools to providing medical aid. At the local level, young people can offer online tutoring to children or help the elderly with digital literacy. These actions embody the Church's social doctrine and demonstrate love for one's neighbor through concrete service.

4. Promoting an Ethical and Responsible Use of Technology

Young people are called to be models of ethical digital behavior, practicing kindness online, avoiding cyberbullying, and combating misinformation and materialism. Grounding one's digital activity in prayer and reflection helps create a culture of respect and truth. Pope Francis, in his message for World Communications Day 2020, warned against "digital toxicity" and emphasized the importance of "telling stories that build up, not divide." Young people can promote dialogue, unity, and healing by becoming "storytellers of hope" in a world in need of inspiration.

Since his election as pope in 2025, Pope Leo XIV has repeated encouragement to young people about their digital lives. Some of these themes are:

- Use technology without becoming controlled by it.
- Remain authors of your own lives, not products of algorithms.
- Cultivate silence, prayer, and an interior life.
- Seek real friendships rather than merely virtual connections.
- Use digital media to strengthen faith, learning, and service.
- Develop the wisdom to ensure AI and technology serve the human person, rather than replacing human relationships or moral responsibility.

Technology offers young people an unprecedented opportunity to live out their faith locally and globally, creating a digital footprint that reflects the love of Christ. By strengthening community ties, engaging in evangelization, serving others, and adopting ethical digital behavior, they can become digital disciples—ambassadors of hope, compassion, and truth. Guided by the teachings of the Church and by figures such as Pope Francis, St. John Paul II, Pope Leo XIV and St. Carlo Acutis, young people can transform technology from a mere tool into a powerful means of spiritual and social transformation.





KOREA

FROM PRAYER TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

TWO WORKSHOPS FOR THE PAULINE FAMILY

Sharing the Pauline method of prayer and preparing to face the challenges of the digital age with awareness: these were the two programs that brought together numerous members of the Pauline Family in recent months.

Last April, Sr. Triphonia Kim Hwa Soon published the book *Prayer: Way, Truth, and Life*, with the aim of introducing the Pauline method of prayer and sharing it with an ever-growing number of people. Following the book's publication, the Pauline Family gathered from July 13 to 15 for an intensive period of formation and reflection devoted specifically to prayer according to the Pauline method.



Participants included members of the Institute of Jesus the Priest, the Institute of Our Lady of the Annunciation, the Holy Family Institute, the Society of St. Paul, and the Sisters of Jesus the Good Shepherd. It was a valuable opportunity to share experiences and reflections and to rediscover together the richness of the spiritual heritage that unites the Pauline Family.

The journey continued in August with a second gathering, this time devoted to a highly relevant topic: artificial intelligence.

At the initiative of the Daughters of St. Paul, approximately 80 members of the Pauline Family participated in an "AI Literacy Workshop" from August 21 to 23. The three-day program offered an opportunity to learn more about the world of artificial intelligence and to reflect on the mission entrusted to the Pauline Family in the digital age.

The workshop, led by Sr. Julia Park Jeong of the Daughters of St. Paul, brought together participants from the Society of St. Paul, the Pious



Disciples of the Divine Master, and the secular institutes of the Pauline Family. Through sessions of formation, reflection, and sharing, participants explored the opportunities and challenges presented by new technologies.

At the conclusion of the experience, there was a deep sense of joy in the journey shared and gratitude for an opportunity for formation considered especially meaningful. The two workshops differed in subject but shared a common desire: to continue growing together, safeguarding the Pauline spiritual heritage while responding responsibly and creatively to the new challenges of the present.



ITALIA



CRISTIANAMENTE

NEW INSTAGRAM PAGE FROM THE PAULINES OF ITALY



Cristianamente (In a Christian Way) is the new Instagram page from the Society of St. Paul of Italy. It is a project born from the desire to inhabit social media with the Pauline spirit: bringing the Gospel into the language of today, reaching those places where young people live, stay informed, ask questions, laugh, discuss, and seek something authentic. It is not an official institutional page in the strict sense, nor merely a space for news and information. *Cristianamente* aims to be a place where faith, current events, culture, and real life intersect. The initiative draws direct inspiration from the prophetic vision of Blessed James Alberione, founder of the Pauline Family, who—over a century ago—grasped the importance of using the most advanced means of communication in his time to proclaim the Christian message. Today, in the era of social networks and digital communication, that same vision continues to guide the Pauline mission.

Throughout 2026–2027, this project will also take shape through meetings, events, and activities organized across various regions of Italy, engaging Pauline communities and young people who wish to deepen their personal and spiritual journeys.

VENICE FILM FESTIVAL: KOREEDA'S "LOOK BACK" WINS SIGNIS AWARD

The World Catholic Association for Communication awards the SIGNIS Film Prize at the Venice Film Festival to a Japanese film about friendship and talent that shows how art can transform pain into hope.

Hailed by the Jury as “an act of hope and healing”, Japanese director Hirokazu Koreeda’s film “Look Back” has won the prestigious SIGNIS Award at the 83rd Venice International Film Festival.

The SIGNIS Film Prize, which was established in 1948, is the oldest independent award at the Venice Film Festival.

Announcing the winner, this is how the SIGNIS jury motivated its choice:

“Following the story of two girls who are different from one another but united by their passion for manga, this moving film tells the story of the birth of a creative vocation, nurtured through tireless dedication and professional commitment. Hirokazu Koreeda sensitively captures the strength of human solidarity, showing how mutual support and the gift of friendship lead the protagonists out of isolation and towards discovering their place in the world.

“The film also touches on a profound spiritual dimension: the recognition of artistic talent as a transcendent gift, received with gratitude and cultivated through commitment. In confronting guilt, tragic loss and the harsh blows of fate, “Look Back” reveals that acceptance and reconciliation emerge from honouring the bond of friendship that has shaped their lives.

“Finally, artistic creation emerges as an act of hope and healing, a bridge that transforms pain into purpose and rekindles the courage to move forward.”



GLOBAL NOBEL LAUREATES ASSEMBLY



The *Global Nobel Laureates Assembly on Artificial Intelligence and Nuclear War* took place between Castel Gandolfo and Rome. It was a three-day forum that brought together thirty Nobel laureates, former heads of state and government, religious leaders, and international experts in artificial intelligence.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the participants signed **Rome Declaration**, inspired by Pope Leo XIV's encyclical *Magnifica humanitas*. "Disarming the next arms race"—spanning both the nuclear and digital realms—is the goal stated in the opening lines of the document, which is founded on six key principles: disarmament, responsible development, responsible use of artificial intelligence, governance, leadership, and nuclear disarmament.

The Declaration calls for ensuring that no organization initiates, and no government authorizes, fully automated recursive self-



improvement processes in artificial intelligence systems without adequate monitoring mechanisms and the capability to be promptly halted if necessary.

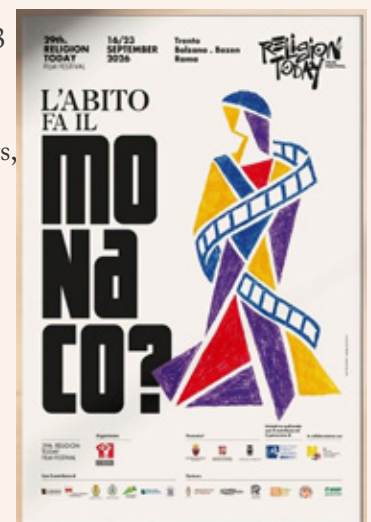


RELIGION TODAY FILM FESTIVAL: QUESTIONS THAT GO BEYOND APPEARANCES

The 29th Religion Today Film Festival was held in Trentino from September 16 to 23, with the theme "Do Clothes Make the Monk"? The festival featured 63 films in competition from 37 countries and explored fashion and sustainability, responsible consumption, reuse, and the need to overcome prejudice. Clothing, however, is more than what we wear. It represents what we choose to show others, how we want to be seen, and the often subtle relationship between identity and appearance.

This led the festival to consider fashion as a cultural and social language. As artistic director Andrea Morghen observed, clothing has always expressed spiritual and cultural identity and is also an art form central to cinema.

Behind every garment lie the consequences of a disposable system: pollution, waste, and the exploitation of workers and children in poorer countries. The festival thus offers an opportunity to invite younger generations in particular to reflect on responsible consumption, circular fashion, reuse, and the need to look beyond appearances and prejudice.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

PRAGUE: THE EUROPEAN MEDIA SUMMIT

THE 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EUROPEAN
BROADCASTING UNION (EBU)



The 96th General Assembly of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), the organization that brings together 113 public broadcasters from 56 countries, was held in Prague from June 24th to the 26th.

The meeting, hosted at the Cubex Center, focused on the challenges posted by Artificial Intelligence, the international geopolitical context, and the future of public service information in Europe. The topics discussed included the impact of global crises on the media, the balance between digital innovation, the quality of information, and the role of public media in fostering informed choices by citizens and policymakers.

The General Assembly is the EBU's highest governing body and is responsible for defining the Union's strategy, approving its budget, and adopting key decisions to achieve its objectives.



TALITHA KUM EXPANDS ITS NETWORK

On the occasion of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, Talitha Kum, the international anti-trafficking network led by Catholic sisters, released its 2025 Annual Report.

Trafficking in human beings continues to represent one of the most serious violations of the dignity of the person. According to estimates by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), at least 50 million people live in conditions of modern slavery, while human trafficking and related forms of exploitation generate illicit profits of \$236 billion each year.

In this context, on the occasion of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, Talitha Kum presented its 2025 Annual Report, which documents the growing commitment of the international network promoted by the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) in the fight against a constantly evolving phenomenon.

During 2025, Talitha Kum reached 1.21 million people, a 29.6% increase over the previous year, through initiatives focused on prevention, assistance to survivors of human trafficking, promoting access to justice, advocacy, and international cooperation.

"Behind every number there is a person, a family and a community," the Report points out. "These figures represent lives achieved, communities mobilized and hope restored."

Today, the network is present in 113 countries through 68 national networks and involves 6,387 sisters and partners, along with 882 women's religious congregations and 100 men's congregations. This is an increasingly extensive commitment that testifies to the growing involvement of the Church in the fight against human trafficking.





#GIFFONI56

ICARUS TAKES FLIGHT FOR "IMPOSSIBLE THINGS"

The 56th *Giffoni Film Festival* welcomed more than 5,000 young jurors from over 40 countries and 500 Italian cities and towns. They took part in the festival's various sections. The program took shape day by day until it reached its final form, featuring premieres, special events, films in competition, and appearances by Italian and international guests.

At such a difficult time for the world and for Italy, marked by uncertainty and a challenging economic situation, the Giffoni festival, despite facing many difficulties of its own, seeks to remain a source of possibility. Today more than ever, the festival feels the weight of this responsibility.



For 56 years, the Giffoni film festival has been a point of reference for families and young people, accompanying them on a journey of education, learning, encounter,

sharing, presence, and growth.

It is in the imagination that the impossible begins to give way to the possible. This is where what the world has not yet seen begins to take shape, where ideas emerge that no one yet knows how to bring to life.

This concept inspired the image for the 56th edition of the Giffoni Film Festival, scheduled for July 17–25. Artistic director Luca Apolito chose Icarus, a timeless symbol that has endured through the centuries and still challenges us today, to represent this year's theme: *Impossible Things*. It is an invitation to imagine, to open new horizons, and to have the courage to take flight.

— Opening of the School Year at Pauline Books & Media in Jamaica Plain —

UNITED STATES

On September 1, forty teachers from Holy Name School, located near Pauline Books & Media in Jamaica Plain, began the new school year with a Mass celebrated in our chapel.

The pastor, Father Tom, the principal, and the director of campus ministry worked with Sr. Margaret Charles Kerry of the Daughters of St. Paul to organize the day. The welcome gathering took place in Cushing Hall below the chapel. The director of campus ministry provided breakfast, while a young woman discerning with us, who also attended the gathering, helped set it up.

As requested, Sr. Margaret prepared the program on the theme, "The Identity of a Catholic School," leading four small-group discussion sessions. At the end, the teachers went to the chapel for half an hour of adoration. Sr. Margaret introduced this time with a meditation on John 15, "Remain in Me."

The day had a twofold purpose: to rediscover and deepen the identity of the Catholic school and, at the same time, to renew the teachers' relationship with Christ.



EVENTS AND APPOINTMENTS

FIRST PROFESSION JUNE 2026

Abidjan, Ivory Coast, June 27, 2026

Adjoua Dibia Germaine TANE

Kinshasa, Congo, June 29, 2026

Immaculée MWANSA KILUFYA

Monique MANGITUKA ZOLA

Myriam KAHAMBU SIVIHWA

Kampala, Uganda, June 30, 2026

Monica NYAKATO

Catherine Namata AJUNA

Nairobi, Kenya, June 30, 2026

Maureen Nechesa MAKOKHA

Scholastica BOSIBORI

Antananarivo, Madagascar, June 30, 2026

Aimée Josephine RANDRIAMANANTENA

Tiana Marie Yollande RAHARIMALALA

Abuja, Nigeria, June 30, 2026

Mary Rose Ukamaka ODO

Lahore, Pakistan, June 30, 2026

Komal PERVAIZ

Eva RIAZ

Sadaf SAMUEL



PERPETUAL PROFESSION

(JUNE–AUGUST 2026)

Taiping, Perak, Malaysia, June 13, 2026

Sr. Nantini Devi Laurin KOWAL

Nairobi, Kenya, June 13, 2026

Sr. Sylvia Njoki MWANG

Lagos, Nigeria, June 14, 2026

Sr. Mary-Ann Chinazaekpere NNANNA

Lahore, Pakistan, June 15, 2026

Sr. Anum NAZIR

Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, June 20, 2026

Sr. Aemy SOO

St. Louis, United States, June 27, 2026

Sr. Amanda Marie DETRY

Barquisimeto, Venezuela, June 27, 2026

Sr. Marianny ARRIECHE OLIVEIRA

Gundelfingen, Germany, June 27, 2026

Sr. Verena GODDE

Kinshasa, Congo, June 30, 2026

Sr. Godelieve CIAMA KAZADI

Sr. Judith MASABUNGU MBO

Sr. Sylvie MASIKA MATHUMO

Sr. Marie Claire MANYONGA KABWE

Sr. Solange MFUILA MULEDI

Manila, Philippines, July 18, 2026

Sr. Judith MA

Taipei, Taiwan, August 22, 2026

Sr. Teresa TRAN





Daughters of St. Paul

Sr. M. Patricia - Edith Rincon Vanegas, 84 – 6/15/2026 Bogotá, Colombia
 Sr. M. Crocifissa - Lorna Villodres, 87 – 6/15/2026 Pasay RA, Philippines
 Sr. M. Augustine - Adele Rose Nemer, 87 – 6/16/2026 Boston RA, United States
 Sr. Maria de Lourdes Quartiero, 88 – 6/19/2026 São Paulo CR, Brazil
 Sr. Rita Maria - Maria Aloja, 90 – 6/23/2026 Rome DP, Italy
 Sr. M. Olga - Olga Lama, 97 – 7/6/2026 Albano GA, Italy
 Sr. M. Assunta - Angela Cerri, 92 – 7/11/2026 Alba, Italy
 Sr. Anastasia - Chie Yanagisawa, 92 -7/29/2026 Tokyo, Japan
 Sr. Krystyna Maria Bagińska, 58 – 8/2/2026 Albano, Italy
 Sr. Vittoria Carboni, 88 – 8/8/2026 Rome, DP, Italy
 Sr. M. Lilia - Vicenta Violeta Malata, 81 – 8/17/2026 Pasay CP, Philippines
 Sr. Victoria - Tae Hirakawa, 95 -8/18/2026 Hiratsuka, Japan
 Sr. Paulina - Aparecida Grandi, 95 – 8/21/2026 São Paulo DM, Brazil
 Sr. Giulia Cozzi de Mane, 89 – 8/27/2026 Rome, DP, Italy
 Sr. Patrizia - Anna Pappalardo, 91 – 8/30/2026 Rome, DP, Italy
 Sr. M. Bernarda - Maria Bruna Sauro, 92 – 8/31/2026 Alba, Italy
 Sr. M. Elena - Carmen Guadalupe Tibaldo, 91 – 9/2/2026 Buenos Aires N, Argentina
 Sr. Teresina Maria - Rosalia Scavetto, 91 – 9/9/2026 Albano GA, Italy
 Sr. M. Caritas - Gemma Maria Pintani, 91 – 9/9/2026 Albano, Italy
 Sr. M. Fiorenza - Luciana Varotto, 87 – 9/11/ 2026 Albano GA, Italy

Parents of Our Sisters

Sr. Iracema Leal Farias (mother, Joana), community of São Luis, Brazil
 Sr. M. Eugenia Salazar Portugués (mother, Josefina) community of Monterrey, Mexico
 Sr. Vanessa Horácio Mutemba (mother, Ricardina Langa) community of Luanda, Angola

Pauline Family

Fr. Alberto Mauro Fusi SSP, 78 – 6/16/2026 Vatican City
 Fr. Bruno Pietro Simonetto SSP, 86 – 6/16/2026 Roma, Italy
 Sr. M. Dolores - Assunta Rosa Costa, SJBP, 106 – 6/202026 Albano, Italy
 Fr. Egidio Gianfranco Trimani SSP, 87 – 6/21/2026 Rome, Italy
 Sr. M. Terezinha - Jurema Clary Meletti SJBP, 90 – 6/29/2026 Caxias do Sul, Brazil
 Sr. M. Flores - Lucia Maria Tibaldi PDDM, 104 – 6/30/2026 Rome Italy
 Sr. M. Gesuina - Yuko Ogawa PDDM, 86 – 7/02/2026 Tokyo, Japan
 Sr. M. Domitila - M. Cecilia Dos Santos SJBP, 81 – 7/08/2026 São Paulo, Brazil
 Sr. M. Osanna - Laura Maria Ostelli PDDM, 98 – 7/09/2026 Sanfrè, Italy
 Fr. Juan Pericles Guouman Duce, SSP, 64 – 7/10/2026 Córdoba, Argentina
 Sr. M. Timotea - Hye Kyung Kang PDDM, 75 – 17/12/2026 Seoul, Korea
 Fr. Carlo Ambrogio Recalcati SSP, 89 – 7/17/2026 Alba, Italy
 Sr. M. Elena - Maria Paula PDDM, 94 – 7/18/2026 Rome, Italy
 Sr. M. Fidelia - Maddalena Spanu PDDM, 95, – 7/11/2026 Rome, Italy
 Fr. Francesco - Kenichi Mattia Akabae SSP, 81 – 7/26/2026 Osaka, Japan
 Sr. M. Luisangela – Laura Ghigi PDDM, 85 – 9/1/2026 Safrè, Italy