



*Nel Sangue di Cristo... «nuove tutte le cose» Ap. 21,5*

*In the Blood of Christ... «all things new» Rev. 21:5*



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Our Congregation is going through a significant and sensitive phase of transformation. All of us desire a generative religious life that is dynamic and capable of transformation, one that is ready to generate real change within itself and in the Church, but for this to happen we have to start by regenerating ourselves, as individuals and as a community. We need to be open to the Holy Spirit who is the source of new life and authentic transformation.

We sense the need for a profound renewal that restores authenticity to our lives, vitality to our sororities/fraternities and fruitfulness to our mission. We have the awareness that strategies, programs and projects are important, but something more seems to be asked of us. A more docile listening to the Spirit of God is needed in order to be available and open to the Spirit's transforming action in our lives, in the Church and in the world.

How can we find "new life" that reawakens in our communities the freshness of the vocational fruitfulness, joy and missionary openness of our origins?

It is vital for us to effect an appropriate discernment, one that takes into account the mission to which we are called as consecrated women, but one that encourages us to restore priority to the Word of God and the centrality of Christ in our personal and community lives.

While being aware of the decrease in our personnel resources, we desire to continue to serve the Church and the world with ministries that respond to the needs of the most vulnerable and in poor areas of our world. Therefore, it is necessary to begin intercultural communities that can ensure apostolic presence in mission lands as well. The Congregation is present in 25 countries and in some through small and scattered presences. It is essential to accompany the small realities so that they can live their passion for mission with simple structures capable of fostering the inculturation of the charism.

Generating requires being deeply rooted in the Gospel, being aware of our identity and being ready to go out of ourselves to open ourselves to others through a life characterized by love, the only reality capable of making life full and fruitful.

This entails a conflict between the old that resists and the new that imposes itself with its force of change. Those who face this dynamic are required to live a healthy tension between the fear of losing what was, or was held as a certainty, and a renewed commitment to new, more humane and therefore prophetic lifestyles.

We are aware that becoming generative shifts the focus from doing to being and requires hearts that are in love, passionate, filled with desire, ready to put themselves on the line and give of themselves. We desire to be generative and therefore prophetic and ready to learn the ever new language of communion.

We hope that our communities will become places where life is generated: **communities or rather, places where through daily commitment we become artisans of communion and where we can experience the transition from community of life to communion of life by cultivating cordial, loyal and transparent relationships.**

*May the Blood of Christ...that makes all things new*, enable us to participate in Christ's way of living and being, in order to revive and narrate the humanness characterized by Jesus, through new ways of being in relationship and through authentic and concrete approaches that are rich in humanity and give us the prophetic courage to weave new relationships capable of leading to an encounter with the Risen One.

We desire to be courageous and prophetic Adorers, who dare, believe, and rely on the Word of God and, in faithfulness to the Spirit, continue to sow hope in the furrows of history.

As we continue to accept the invitation to "cast our nets," we gratefully look back on the journey we have made and open ourselves with hope to the newness the Blood of Christ is preparing for us. We believe that the Spirit of St. Maria De Mattias will continue to sustain us in our commitment and in "collaborating with Christ in his work of redemption" (LC 3) ready for radical choices that we want to make in the *Blood of Christ that... makes all things new.*



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# *Discerning our Charism in the Communion of the Cross-to illuminate the reality.*

Presented by Rev. Fr. Joel Nassal, CPPS on 06<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

This was an open session which involved the participants in presence and online. After the introduction of Sr. Nadia Coppa, our General Superior, Sr. Maria Hughes welcomed Fr. Joe Nassal, cpps, by giving to the audience a brief presentation of his work and ministry. His report has been very enriching in spite of technical issues that sometimes interrupted. At the conclusion, the Facilitator, Sr. Mercedes thanked him, and the assembly participants expressed their appreciation by a big applause. After being given some clarifications and a short break we came back to continue with reflection, discussion and sharing in groups based on the following questions:

- What inspiration from our spirituality and charism motivates us in our life witness and mission?
- As we look at the signs of these times, what are our priorities? Where are the margins, the peripheries? Where are the wounds in the church and society that we are called to address?

After the dialogue in small groups the feedback was very positive and a clear indicator of the direction we are called to move according to the inspirations received and priorities identified.

- The most frequently mentioned inspirations include the image of Blood as an expression of life and healing; Mary standing at the foot of the cross, invites us to be bridges of reconciliation, signs of hope to humanity and the entire creation.
- Priorities identified are giving space to the other by listening and inclusivity, “being” with others, witnessing and courageous in confronting all forms of evil in the families, communities, church, and the entire world.



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## Reflections after Sr. Carmen's report



Sr. Carmen's contribution touched on many aspects that concern us as Religious in the Church and the world today. Her talk was in line with the theme of our XXII General Assembly, "In the Blood of Christ... all things new." Newness is me, it is us, converts; in a special way we were reminded of our duty as prophetic women living in this changing world, calling for vigilance, attention to the signs of the times in

order to be the leaven of the Gospel for the society around us.

Being the leaven of the Gospel is only possible when we accept to surrender ourselves into God's hands so that his word may shape us and bear fruit in us, making us see the world, in need of evangelization, with different eyes. We live in a confused society in need of re-evangelization! In what way? With our actions instead of words.

How to become more aware of my responsibility and how to be a witness in the community around me; how to see the pain around me? We must bring a sign of life, which is God's love, to those who are hopeless, according to our charism and spirit.

These teachings reminded us that great changes in the world depend on my change, on my/our testimony that will be possible if we stick to the Word of God. It will be the Word that will strengthen, grow and mature our faith, lead us to radical change and be witnesses of what we believe through our daily lives.

St. Maria De Mattias, in her day, was able to do many things that we are proud of today. Our Foundress lived what she believed and this gave her the strength to witness to Jesus Crucified in her life. Our charism and spirit is the Gospel of God's love in today's world. We are reminded to continue, in the places where we are, to participate with Christ in the work of redemption, to be the face of Jesus for those who have no hope.

Let us ask God for the strength of his grace, for without him we can do nothing without him we cannot participate in the redemption of our world today.

*Sr. Lucina Johannes, ASC*

# International Novitiate

Friday, July 7 is the day we dedicated to the ASC International Novitiate review. After two generations that have been directly in the newness of the experience, it was necessary to say thanks to God and thanks to all those who gave their all for this newness of the Congregation that has been wanted for so many years.

Commitment and good will have been spent on the Congregation's Novitiate. In today's day we devoted ourselves to a realistic review of all the benefits, but also the challenges faced in this area by the specific people working there.

We tried to listen to every voice, sensing in what was done love and care for the congregation and for the girls and young women who want to follow our charism. In our sharing we have widened the spaces of our vision for a comprehensive evaluation of formation. We feel very much the need to address the problem of language barriers, but also to work on other phases and dimensions of formation, both initial and ongoing.

Every ASC has at its heart the good of the person and the good for the congregation, so it is important to have enough time for true listening, discernment and action that leads to the "beautiful order of things."

*Sr. Danijela Anić, ASC*



## Return to the Mother House

When I think of Acuto, of the mother house, I always come to mind Maria De Mattias, our mother who gave birth to the Congregation there. A woman who courageously embraced to conceive the Congregation, to look for a suitable place so that her daughters could grow the work she began by moving from one house to another until she found the "old hospital," later restored with the help of the whole town. In the generativity of the Spirit she welcomed people into her home with one goal: to make the love of Jesus known to all. Love signed with His own blood.

Last Sunday, July 9, we had the privilege of returning to Acuto as members of the General Assembly. It was good to see the ASCs, called to share the charism of St. Maria from all over the world, return to the place of our origins, to the place where it all began. As we climb the mountains toward Acuto, in my heart is the image of Maria traveling on a donkey, scanning the landscape with many plans in her heart.

The Sisters who welcomed us in the two houses (the mother house and the spirituality center) embodied the motherhood of St. Maria De Mattias. Their welcoming presence and love made us all feel "at home." In different groups led by a sister, we walked through the history through the different areas of the house, the was truly a journey within ourselves and a journey together.

The testimonies of the town mayor, catechists and the parish priest confirmed the influence of the ASC congregation there. St. Maria, the house, and the sisters who have been there have become part of Acuto's history, its culture, its spirituality, and even its daily life. The town has welcomed us as part of the family with the prayer that our presence there will continue to be generative. Indeed, the roots that Maria established are deeply rooted in that small town.

Prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist created a space of silence in our hearts and helped us enter into the spirit of Maria who managed that place as a cradle for thirsty souls. She was a maternal presence for the people of Acuto but did not neglect to go farther to reach other places. This legacy of hers continues in the sisters who have followed in her footsteps.

How would Maria like that place to be today and in the future? These are the questions we need to reflect on in order to continue to be faithful to Maria's wishes and her missionary commitment.



It was a sad feeling to come down from that place, but the richness we brought in us and among us remains in our hearts. We are, after all, daughters of Maria. As we continue our journey as Adorers, secure in her maternal presence and intercession, let us continue to invoke the power of the Spirit who worked powerfully in the life of the Foundress, that He may draw us all together as one family overcoming human limitations and differences.

*"Be courageous! Let us prepare our hearts to receive the grace to undertake, with the greatest possible zeal, the work in the vineyard that has been entrusted to us. Let us love Jesus Christ very, very much; we must carry Him always in our hearts."  
St. Maria De Mattias*

Sr. Flor Manga, ASC

# Chronicles

July 6, 2023

These days we are in a stance of listening. We heard from the Regions and Foundations. Yesterday we heard the voice of the General Administration and today the Assembly engaged in a spiritual conversation process listening to the voices of our sisters across the congregation and their response to the strong calls. The Spirit is moving among a op-purend around us as we move through this moment.



This afternoon we listened to Fr. Joseph Nassal, CPPS with great attention as he reflected on the theme "Discerning Our Charism in the Communion of the Cross".

We were happy to be joined by our global community through Zoom. Fr. Joe challenged us to stand upright beneath the cross as witnesses of courage, compassion and communion. Following the presentation we turned to one another in a time of reflection and sharing with two questions



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Holy dance - Dance: In the Blood of Christ...  
All things new



July 7, 2023

Today we listened, reflected and shared concerning our Congregation Novitiate. Sisters Matija, Wieslawa, General councilors and Mariamma, novice director, presented a comprehensive report and evaluation of this ad experimentum experience since it's opening. The delegates expressed their deep gratitude and appreciation for the great care Sr Mariamma has given as novice director and for all those who have and are serving with her. The energy of the conversation gives evidence of our sincere desire that there be quality formation for each woman as she grows in her identity as an Adorer in a global context.



Adoration time

July 8, 2023

Today was dedicated to consideration of our Casa Madre, our congregation root. The General Administration presented a report about this house and the new International community. An initial study has been engaged with consultants on how we might best tend and use this building. After a presentation by an engineer and architect, showing some possibilities for preserving this rich heritage and ways of using space, the Assembly engaged in their own conversation and considerations.



This afternoon the Assembly participated in a creative way of sharing. Using images to describe our dreams and ideas as we think of our relationship to our Casa Madre.

July 9, 2023

### Visit to Acuto

Greeting of the Mayor and the Parish Priest

A day rich of emotions, prayer and joy.



July 10, 2023

We began this morning after coming down the mountain from Acuto. Our hearts burned as we continued our sharing and dreams for our Casa Madre as a place for spirituality, charism, and mission both locally and globally.

The afternoon the Assembly heard of the work done in these years by the Commission for the Generalate. Listening and reflecting.

The day ended with a beautiful encounter with the St Egidio community. Our relationship with these committed men and women is a place of grace.



July 11, 2023

This morning was given in listening to our sisters who have made transitions to mission or delegation. We were grateful to those who shared from their heart and made their reality present for us. We heard from Spain, Phillipines, Bolivia, Schaan and Argentina.



This afternoon we continued reflection and sharing on intermediate structures as we seek the Newness within us.

July 12, 2023

The morning began with a beautiful Eucharist honoring those among us celebrating 50 and 25 years of vows. 50 years Sisters Cecilija and Mirjam from Croatia; celebrating 25 Danijela from Croatia and Milena and Laura from Italy and Ina from Poland. Grateful for their yes. A wonderful witness of love and commitment.

Today we heard the General Administration's report on the topic of the laity and the work done in collaboration with the CPPS .

In the afternoon we addressed the topic of new forms of consecrated life.

