



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

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



## Thank You

*"All things new in the Blood of Christ"*

Dear Sisters,

We wish to share our deep gratitude to each and all of you. The many greetings, calls, expressions of love have touched us deeply. We wish we could write personally to each of you, but for now, we can simply say a great thank you and promise our faithful accompaniment in the coming six years.

We are blessed to be among you. Let us go forth with courage and great hope.

In Christ,

The ASC General Administration

Sr. Maria, Sr. Wiesława, Sr. Patrizia, Sr. Danijela, Sr. Florida, Sr. Barbara, Sr. Monica

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GABRIEL



Sr. Barbara Perali

I was born and raised in the sunny countryside of Sabaudia, near Rome, in a simple family. I joined the ASCs in 1999. Since then I have tried to respond to God's call wherever there was need. Among the experiences I've made, those in the Philippines marked my life as a consecrated woman in a decisive way. Since 2011 I have been serving our congregation as a translator and interpreter. I entrust this new journey to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and trust in your prayers.

Sr. Monica Rini

I was born in Italy on April 13, 1975, and have been an ASC for about 20 years. Since my childhood I have known the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in my hometown, Mesagne (Br).

This allowed me to get to know Saint Maria De Mattias and to love her.

I have ministered primarily in the educational community for troubled minors in Neviano (Le), first as an educator and later as community animator and facility director. I was also a community animator for older sisters.

I have served in the ministry of general treasurer from 2020 to 2023, and I am grateful to the Lord for this time because I had

the opportunity to know our congregation more broadly and to love it. I

entrust my life and the service entrusted to me under the protection of Mary, Most Holy and to the prayers of all of you dear sisters in the Blood of Christ.

Thank you!



## More Listening and Sharing

The week before us posed many challenges and was filled with many voices from our work in diverse areas, all of which are important to the congregation.

### CIS

July 20 began with the presentation of the journey made by CIS from 2018 onward. Sr Elisabeth Müller and Rani Padayattil shared what they have done together with other sisters who have served in the CIS: Sr Barbara Perali, Sr Toni Longo and Sr Patrizia Pasquini. They listed pilgrimages to Vallecorsa and Acuto, seminars, Spiritual retreats, meetings for ASC Formators, a Spirituality Seminar in Tanzania; seminar for temporary professed close to perpetual vows and for sisters in mid-life, initial and ongoing formation meetings.



At the study level, CIS tried to offer concrete help by offering material to nurture communities, to update our documents, to update the Profiles Series, with the biography of Sr. Catherine Girrens. More Giovanni Merlini Merlini studies were published, three issues of the new *Hope-Speranza* series, and the spiritual exercises preached last September to ASC, CPPS and P.S. Missionary Sisters leadership.

### JPIC / VIVAT

Another topic we hold dear is that of Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation. Participation in the NGO VIVAT is a way of collaborating with this goal, in partnership with other religious congregations, to give voice to those who would not otherwise be heard at the tables of power in our world.

### FUND OF THE CONGREGATION *Maria de Mattias Heart and Hands*

Sr Monica Rini, General Treasurer and Sr Vicki Bergkamp, U.S. Regional Superior, presented the Congregational Fund report. The fund was established 25 years ago, when we "put our assets in common," and to date it has been able to support projects worth far more than the fund's initial deposit. In this way, it is still a great gift today as an instrument of love and generosity to so many realities in need.

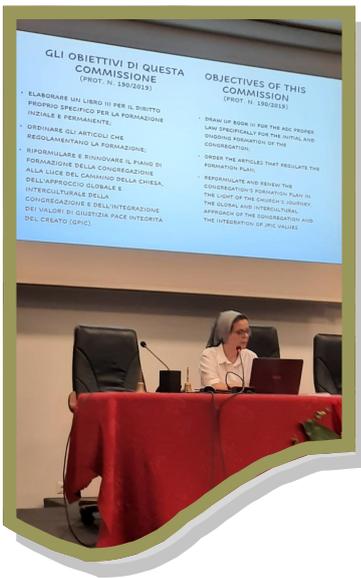
### ECONOMIC DIRECTORY



On the 21st General Treasurer, Sr. Monica Rini, presented the Economic Directory. This is a Fourth Book that completes the normative texts of our Proper Law. Significant in this text, the inclusion of an initial understanding that expresses the charismatic dimension in reference to "Evangelical management of goods in the service of the Mission." This directory will still need to be revised and deepened.

## RATIO FOR FORMATION

Sr Wiesława Przybyło, general councilor, presented a first draft of the third normative text at the Congregation level, the *Ratio Formationis*, where the foundations of our ASC style of Formation are presented. Sr Wiesława shared some of the difficulties encountered in drafting the text, mainly due to the withdrawal of some members of the Commission for various justified reasons.



In drafting the document, we were aware of how complex the reality of youth is today and how serious is the challenge of seeking an updated Formation adequate for the new generations. A challenge for all of us, who desire the growth of our Charismatic Family, begun by our dear Foundress.

It is precisely she, St. Maria De Mattias, who sustains us and makes us feel the joy of being together as sisters from different parts of the world, to seek new ways that give relevant and truthful answers, to the youth of today.

Sr. Patricia Atarías, ASC



## Pilgrimage of Thanksgiving to the Eucharistic Shrine of Lancia

On July 23 we joyfully traveled to Lancia, where in the 8th century what is considered one of the first Eucharistic miracles took place.

The bus ride to Lancia, lasted about three hours and was filled with community and individual prayer which prepared our hearts for the encounter with the mystery of the Body and Blood of Jesus.

Lancia welcomed us with an atmosphere of peace, quiet streets and bright sunshine. The church, which holds the great mystery, captivated us with its simplicity.

The Eucharistic miracle occurred when a priest, who was experiencing a crisis of faith, doubted Christ's presence in the Eucharist. He prayed that "the Lord would remove from his heart this wound of unbelief." This account helps us deal with doubts and difficulties of faith. The priest's request to God for help was answered. During the consecration, the host turned into a fraction of heart muscle and the wine into blood.

With this extraordinary action, Christ shows us that despite our weaknesses, failings and doubts, He continues to come to us. The Eucharistic miracle of Lancia is God's response to the cry of a people longing for more faith. It is a gift that grows along with the need of the human heart. At Lancia, Jesus Christ responded to this need of the heart.

Scientific research in the 20th century has shown that the fragment of the Host that became flesh is a fragment of the dying heart of a man who is experiencing immense suffering.

What touched us in this study was the discovery that this heart is still alive. Both the heart muscle fragment and the blood are of blood type AB, as is the case in other Eucharistic miracles.

We were moved by the fact that Jesus makes himself close to us, hidden in the mystery of the Eucharistic miracle. When we approached the ciborium-it was only a brief moment-we felt that it was not us, but Jesus, who first touched us with his Love.

Our hearts were kindled with a love that did not come from us. This is the greatest gift we have received.

Although the miracle of Lancia is a great sign, let us not forget that every time we participate in the Eucharist, we witness the same miracle. Just as Jesus allowed Thomas to touch his wounds, so today Jesus, in the mystery of bread and wine, allows himself to be touched in his Body and Blood.

*Sr. Jolanta Chojnowska, ASC  
Sr. Ina Baltsevich, ASC*



## Path Of Unity And Communion



*"The Holy Spirit transforms and renews,  
creates harmony and unity, gives strength and joy for the mission."*

Pope Francis

As we walk together in this process of transformation and discern "in the Blood of Christ...all things new" - GA 2023 - we are experiencing how the faithfulness of God's Spirit is present in our congregation.

We have started a journey together trying to listen to the different realities and cries of the Blood of Christ throughout our congregation. Although sometimes we do not have the same feelings or do not have exactly the same ideas, we manage to achieve harmony and identify what our congregation wants for the future,

God is showing us the way of transformation in the pursuit of communion and the call to be a credible witness of gospel prophecy to the world.

May God help us to accept His will and let us be guided and transformed so that the newness will come with joy and be welcomed by every ASC.

May God's embrace manifested in his plan of salvation continue to be felt in our communities, in our mission and with our people, because we are all made worthy, we are all "worth the Blood of Christ."

*Sr. Sara Angelica Sandoval Palacios, ASC*

## Recital Maria De Mattias

God graciously offered us a magnificent moment of physical and spiritual rest on the eve of the conclusion of our General Assembly, while we were all nearly exhausted from the day. A group of about 25 people from Vallecorsa, Maria's home town presented her life. Songs and narrative were intertwined as they told the story from her birth to her canonization. It was simply beautiful! an amazing moment of reflection on the things God has accomplished in our Foundress life. Her profound relationship with God, her passion for the crucified Christ, and her zeal to spread that message to others. It was a truly enlightening and moving experience.

We were all moved by how effectively and professionally they sang while referencing various Maria's letters. We felt her closeness and she led us into prayer. The final song, Donna della parola, enabled us to return to St. Peter's Basilica on May 18,

2003, and relive the joyous occasion of Maria De Mattias's canonization. The group encouraged us all to join them in their singing and motions of the hand. We all had a great time, and it was a very pleasant evening. After that, everyone gathered for dinner. This was also great. An opportunity to spend time together, get to know one another, and strengthen ties with the Vallecorsa community.

With an attitude of gratitude and profound joy we said good bye to the Vallecorsians. We thank God for providing such a wonderful evening. THANKS A LOT TO THE OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR ORGANIZING THIS WONDERFUL EVENING WITH THE RECITAL MDM!



*Sr. Mariamma Kunnackal, ASC*

# From the 2023 GA Closing Address

*In the Blood of Christ ... "all things new"*

[... ] We have experienced days of listening, formation and information ... that have allowed us to continue to grow in the global vision of our Congregation and to recognize the unity of a culture, the ASC culture, that surpasses all cultures. We want to continue to build and re-envision our future on this culture, our charismatic culture.

Listening deeply to our realities, we reiterated that we want to go to the essentials, to Gospel radicality that makes us credible and authentic missionary disciples. We encouraged each other to continue searching for the Face of the Lord in the face of humanity.

[...] The world needs our witness as women who are deeply in love and who are not afraid to be committed. We want to liberate our charism.... translating it more and more into concrete actions: conjugating the verbs of our Paschal identity to say who we are with new awareness (hence the vibrant direction statement that we all accept as a commitment and mandate) in the fabric of our daily lives, there where we are called and flourish.

[...] We return to our realities, ready to share the beauty of what we have experienced and eager to walk together with renewed passion.

With gratitude in my heart, in the dynamic flow of the Holy Spirit, I declare the XXII General Assembly closed.

May Mary most holy intercede for us and enable us to reflect the beauty of God's love, of which the Blood of Jesus is the expression, measure and eloquent sign, through our transfigured lives.

In the Blood of Christ ... all things new (Rev. 21:5)

*Sr. Nadia Coppa, ASC*  
Outgoing General Superior



# Chronicles

July 20, 2023

This day began with greetings from across the congregation for the new general council and gratitude for the current general administration. We are happy to be back to work in Assembly. Sisters Rani and Elizabeth shared a comprehensive report for CIS and JPIC/VIVAT.



We thank the Lord for the work done by the Congregational Fund Committee for supporting the needs of ASC mission and formation.



July 21, 2023

Sisters Monica Rini, General Treasurer and Teresa Jaszczyszyn presented the draft of the Economic Directory prepared by the Commission. We are grateful for this very important part of our life. Sr Wiesława then led us through the development of the draft of the Ratio for Formation. Both of these documents will be further studied and deepened across the congregation.



This afternoon our facilitator invited us to common adoration followed by a deeper sharing into our Strong Calls. The Spirit is calling us to Newness in the Blood of Christ.

July 22, 2023

Today started with a free morning. We were all grateful. There were outings, time for prayer, laundry and for some, other meetings.



In the afternoon we joined in a creative process through small groups. Each group was assigned a topic previously discussed and began to form a direction or synthesis. The work was passed to another group and deepened or revised. The Newness continues to emerge.

July 23, 2023

Today, Sunday, we have the opportunity to experience a different day. We go to the Eucharistic Shrine in Lanciano with the company of the novitiate community.



July 24-25, 2023



These days the Assembly is discerning and forming what we hope will be our direction and commitment for the next 6 years. All things new in the Blood of Christ. May the Spirit continue to flow among us.

July 25, 2023

It is with great joy that we welcome Sr Barbara Perali as general secretary and Monica Rini as general treasurer.



July 26, 2023

The Assembly continued deeper conversation and direction for the 6 years ahead. It is a path of discernment.



July 27, 2023

The days are passing quickly. This morning was spent considering the work of the various committees for each of the actions of the Assembly. The morning ended with Sr Beth Simone sharing a song she wrote, inspired by the sharing throughout this Assembly and the logo. The Spirit continues to create.

We conclude our working day with a prayer and dance from the Andes.



July 28, 2023

The last full day of work centered around the draft of the Acts of the Assembly. The delegates took great time and care.

The day ended with a beautiful and faithfilled concert on the life of St Maria DeMattias. It was presented by 3 choirs from St Maria's town of Vallecorsa.



July 29, 2023



With joy we entered the closing day of the General Assembly. We began with a prayer of gratitude for Sr Nadia, Sr Matija, Sr Bridget, Sr Elsie, Sr Maria Grazia, Sr Monica. We then entered into prayer for all the Assembly and our congregation throughout the world. The new Administration was presented with a symbolic bouquet representing the realities of our congregation.

The Assembly then received the Acts of the Assembly and approved this direction and call for the next 6 years.

The morning closed with Eucharist presided by Fr. Giovanni Francilia and CPPS brothers of the community.

With gratitude to God and the prayers of our congregation we say Thank you and leave in the Newness of our communion.