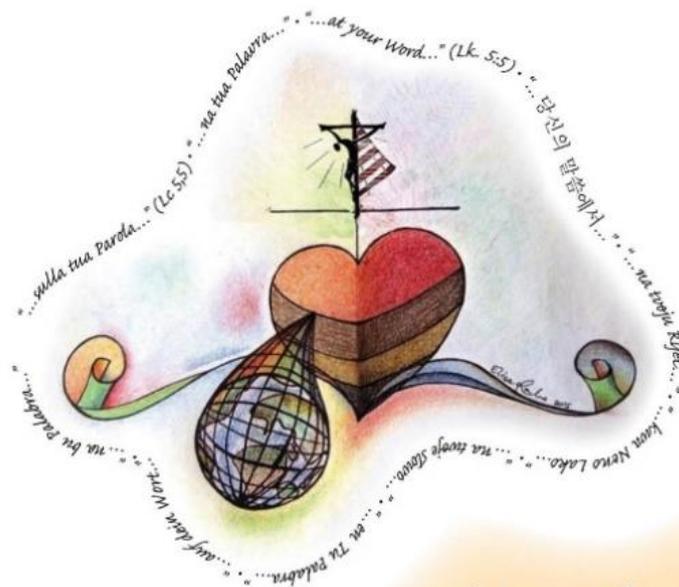


# Adorers of the Blood of Christ

## XXI General Assembly Acts



Lima, Peru  
5-28 Luglio 2017

*...At Your Word...*

**General Assembly  
Lima-Perú  
July 5-28, 2017**

**A C T S**

As Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,  
the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the Word of God,  
he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake;  
the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.  
Jesus got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon,  
and asked him to put out a little way from the shore.  
Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

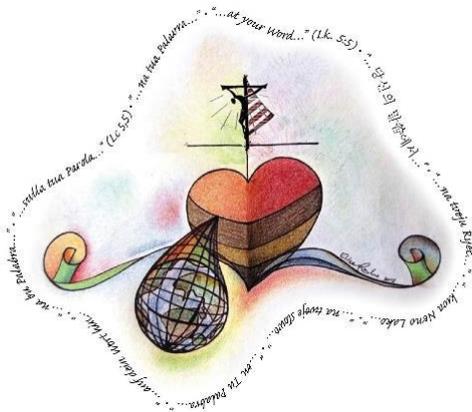
When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,  
“Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”  
Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night and have  
caught nothing; nevertheless **at Your word**, I will let down the nets.”  
When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish,  
that their nets were at the breaking point.

So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them.  
And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.  
When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying,  
“Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”  
For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish  
that they had taken; and so were James and John, sons of Zebedee,  
who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon,  
“Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching people.”  
When they had brought their boats to land,  
they left everything and followed Him. (Lk. 5:1-11)

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## **Members of the General Administration For the six-year term 2017-2023**

During the XXI General Assembly the following were elected:

Sr. Nadia Coppa, General Superior

Sr. Matija Pavić, General Councilor

Sr. Bridget Pulickakunnel, General Councilor

Sr. Dani Brought, General Councilor

Sr. Wiesława Przybyło, General Councilor

The General Councilors are listed in the order of succession established by vote of the General Assembly, according to *Bylaw* 75.

The General Assembly authorized the General Superior and Council to choose the General Secretary and General Treasurer.

They are designated:

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccomazzo, General Secretary

Sr. Manuela Nocco, General Treasurer

according to the procedures defined in *Bylaw* 76.

## ***The Letter promulgating the Acts of the XXI General Assembly***

Dear Sisters,

With sentiments of deep gratitude toward the Lord for the great and faithful love with which He accompanied us and with immense joy for the gift of each Adorer of the Blood of Christ, I promulgate the Acts of the XXI General Assembly “... At Your Word ...” celebrated in Lima (Perú) from July 5 to July 28, 2017.

In our hearts we have an experience of a blest time, a turning point, a “favorable time” that opens us to the future with trust in God’s faithfulness and in continuing the dream of St. Maria De Mattias.

We are all witnesses of how the Holy Spirit led us by beginning to open us to unexplored paths to be *the Gospel everyone can read* in our world. The strong experience of our Congregation allowed us to joyfully celebrate our interculturality and to welcome the strong desire to grow in unity. Accompanied in the search and discernment by the Fire of the Blood, we arrived at shared decisions that let us look beyond the threshold, embracing transformation as possibility and fruitfulness.

This document that is being entrusted to each of you is the voice of the entire Congregation, the fruit of an intense work of preparation, mutual listening, discernment on proposals from everyone, and open, vibrant and enriching dialogue among the members of the assembly.

Relying on “... At Your Word ...” we are ready to embrace the calls of the 2017 GA Acts with docility and openness of heart and to grow together in global unity.

In this journey that we traced together for the next six years, the desire is to focus on three important actions, which are key to welcoming the statements and decisions taken in order to set the entire Congregation on a simpler and more evangelical path in faithfulness to our charismatic mission.

- *Living in a state of formation*

As “missionary disciples” we will welcome the 2017 GA Acts by giving priority to listening to God’s Word, the daily source of intimate and transforming dialogue. We will give attention to ongoing formation by identifying holistic and personalized ways so that each Adorer may rediscover the joy of her own consecration and mission.

- *Being attentive to “the prophetic power of HOW”*

We are invited to simplify our choices and structures on all levels, convinced that what can help us personally and in community is to reflect upon

the power and newness of the “how.” It is our *way of doing things, our way of following Jesus*, that gives meaning to our being Adorers of the Blood of Christ.

The “prophetic power of HOW” flows from the way we make choices, the means we use to develop processes in order to live today’s challenges, and the interior disposition we assume to respond to the cry of the Blood. Our identity is enriched and enlightened by this “power”; this is the difference that distinguishes us and allows us to radiate the originality of our Charism in the world.

- *Weaving gospel relationships*

We want to pay special attention to our communities of life, sacred places of communion and acceptance of our diversities, by choosing to care for our interpersonal relationships so that they may be evangelical and ensure communal love like blood circulating in our veins and enabling us to be capable of embracing the world. Let us feel encouraged to rediscover community gathered around the chalice of the Lamb in order to allow ourselves to be transformed by Him in a sacrament of unity.

These 2017 GA Acts “... At Your Word ...” are entrusted to each Adorer of the Blood of Christ so that she may receive them as a gift and an invitation to continue to choose life; they are entrusted to each community so that the reading of them that we do together may enrich our reflection and identify ways to rekindle our passion for the Reign. The choices flowing from that will be a mutual support as we try to respond to God’s call for life fully lived.

May St. Maria De Mattias, Woman of the Word, journey with us and give us the courage to walk the roads of the world to be an *outgoing Church*, ready to make the cry of the Blood heard.

May the Lord bless each of our resolutions for good.

In friendship I send my loving greetings to everyone,  
in the Blood of Jesus, our hope.

Sr. Nadia Coppa, ASC  
General Superior  
and collaborators

Sr. Matija Pavić, ASC  
Sr. Bridget Pulickakunnel, ASC  
Sr. Dani Brought, ASC  
Sr. Wiesława Przybyło, ASC  
Sr. Manuela Nocco, ASC  
Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC

Rome, August 20, 2017

## Direction Statement

### **"...At Your Word..."**

We, Adorers of the Blood of Christ,  
embrace the process of transformation.

Together, we have a broader vision of our congregation,  
and a strong willingness to go forward as one.

We answer to the Spirit calling us to respond with passion and courage.

We give priority to daily listening to the Word, in a spirit of adoration and discernment,  
so that we are able to contemplate God's dynamic presence in our community and ministry.  
We are renewed by the fire of our charism,  
and announce the power of the Blood of Christ to all we meet.

We commit ourselves to international and intercultural formation, beginning with the  
Congregational Novitiate.

We continue throughout life to engage in holistic ongoing formation for mission.

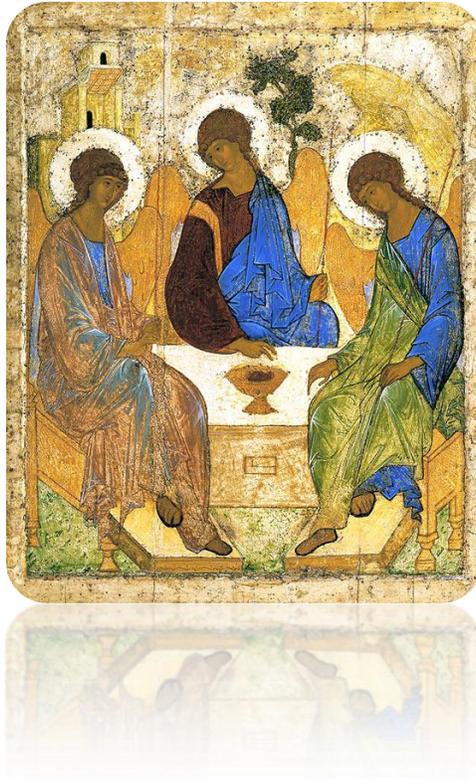
Our evangelical stewardship and equitable sharing of resources strengthen solidarity among  
us and with *"our dear neighbor"*.

We promote participative leadership, inviting all to place their gifts at the service of the  
whole; we work as partners with many others in co-responsibility for mission.

We seek to be a compassionate, reconciling presence, living in communion with the poor, the  
marginalized, and those who live on the periphery. With hearts attentive to the cry of the  
Blood, we care for our common home, and protect the life and dignity of every person.

Our simple, flexible, collegial structures free us to go forth with lightness and energy as  
Adorers on mission.

We call on Mary, Woman of the New Covenant and St. Maria De Mattias, gathered with all  
the Adorers who have gone before us, to accompany us and bless our lives, as we contribute  
to *"that beautiful order of things which the Great Son of God came to establish in His Blood."*



(Holy Trinity – Andrej Rublëv)

## **Assembly Mandate: Revision of the proper law of the Congregation: Books I (Life Charter, Statutes) and II (Bylaws)**

In the 25 years following the promulgation of the current *Constitutions* (Life Charter, Statutes) of the Congregation of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ, there have been numerous changes in the world and in the Church.

Likewise, the Holy See, through the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, has authorized a number of changes in the proper law of religious institutes, to provide for greater simplicity and flexibility.

In our congregation, there have been a number of geographical and demographic changes that call for adjustments in the proper law of the congregation.

For these reasons, the 2017 General Assembly hereby decides as follows:

1. The newly-elected general superior and council are to establish a commission to examine and, where necessary, propose revisions to the current proper law governing the congregation.

2. In particular, this revision will focus on the *Statutes* and *Bylaws*. Where necessary to achieve coherence, changes may also be proposed for certain elements of the *Life Charter*. Likewise, where needed, changes are to be proposed for other books of the congregation's proper law.
3. The commission should be somewhat limited in its membership, to provide for the smooth scheduling of meetings, the distribution of tasks among the members, and the limitation of costs.
4. One of the general councilors will serve as liaison between the commission and the general leadership of the Congregation, attending its meetings where possible, and assuring that the work is carried out in full cooperation with the general leadership. When appropriate, the commission will present progress reports to the general superior and council.
5. The commission will draw up, for approval by the general superior and council, a budget covering projected expenses for its work. This will include, as appropriate, provision for travel, secretarial assistance, translations, consultations, and so forth.
6. The commission will establish its time line, keeping in mind that texts must be ready for the next general assembly.
7. It will also develop a plan to provide for appropriate consultation of the sisters of the congregation before any text is presented to the general assembly for consideration.
8. The commission will, when its work is completed, present complete revised texts in Italian and in English. If possible, translation in the other working languages of the congregation will also be prepared throughout the course of its work.
9. It will be guided, in its deliberations, by orientations adopted by the 2017 General Assembly. Among these, the following could be mentioned:
  - the revised text is to take into account changes affecting the congregation;
  - the text is to be simple and flexible, written in such a way that frequent recourse to the Holy See for changes would not be required;
  - the principle of subsidiarity will be respected, providing for decisions to be taken at the most appropriate level;
  - the texts will clearly determine the respective responsibilities and expectations of leadership at the congregational, intermediate, and local levels;
  - as appropriate, new titles may be proposed for the various parts of the proper law and for the various structures and apostolic units within the congregation;
  - particular attention will be paid to the various intermediate levels of government within the congregation, in particular, the role and functioning of the *Continental Areas*, (*Provinces*), *Regions*, (*Districts*), *Foundations*, and *Missions*. This will include their relationships to the general superior and council and their proper functioning;

- the role and functioning of various congregational meetings will also be examined, and, if appropriate, recommendations presented for change;
- provision is to be made for the composition and functioning of the general council. The possibility of having some general councilors appointed, rather than elected, shall be integrated into the texts, as well as insights into the responsibilities to be attributed to certain councilors.

10. Depending on the progress of the commission's work, the general superior and council, acting collegially, will determine what would be the most appropriate and effective means of presenting the revised texts to the general assembly. This might entail the convocation of an extraordinary assembly, or the holding of the next general assembly in two sessions.

11. This important task is entrusted to the guidance of St. Maria De Mattias so that the identity and vocation of the congregation may be duly protected and preserved.

### **Assembly Mandate: Vulnerable Regions and Foundations**

Art. 49 of the current *Statutes* (Book I) provides as follows: "The decision to suppress a province [region] is made by the General Assembly upon request by the general superior and council." This same Statute also refers to the possibility of defining a province [region] in another way.

Because, ordinarily, the general assembly is scheduled to be held at six-year intervals, and because this time period might be too long in the case of a region that is requesting suppression or a different status, the 2017 General Assembly of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ hereby delegates the general superior and council, acting collegially, after consultation with the sisters concerned, to take any steps necessary to provide an appropriate response to a situation that could arise in any region which finds itself in a vulnerable situation.

### **Assembly Mandate: Intermediate Structures**

The 2017 General Assembly of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ hereby delegates to the newly-elected superior general and council, acting collegially, the right to make adjustments, as necessary, to the various intermediate structures mentioned in the current By-laws, so that if situations arise in relation to missions, foundations, districts (if such exist), or the continental areas, adaptations can be made after appropriate consultation with the Sisters concerned.



*(Visitation – Kenya)*

The assembly, pending the approval of revised constitutions and complementary documents at the next general assembly, authorizes the same leadership, acting collegially, to approve revised terms of reference for these intermediate apostolic units.

As for the Regions, the provisions of the constitutions relating to provinces shall be followed, but matters found in the current By-laws relating to regions may also be adjusted if necessity arises.

A report on the use of this delegated responsibility shall be made at the next general assembly, for purposes of evaluation.

### **Assembly Decision: Representation at the next General Assembly**

Because of the demographic and geographical changes occurring regularly throughout the Congregation, and to provide for an equitable selection of delegates to the general assembly, the 2017 General Assembly of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ hereby decides as follows:

1. Articles 56, 57 and 58 of the current *Revised ASC Bylaws* (2014) are hereby suspended pending a revision of the current Statutes and Bylaws.
2. In their place, the assembly determines that:  
The general superior,  
acting collegially with the general councilors,  
determines how delegates are to be elected to the assembly,  
taking into account the demographics of the congregation  
and particular situations to be addressed.

The method adapted for the selection of delegates must provide that all sectors of the congregation are duly represented.

### **Assembly Decision and Recommendation: Congregational Novitiate**

The general assembly affirms the decision to establish a congregational novitiate, in English, in 2019, if possible, or at the latest in 2020.

The general assembly also affirms the research being done by the Commission for Congregational Formation regarding the possible location of the novitiate and recommends to the general superior and council that they:

1. entrust the same commission with the completion of this task;
2. appoint the first novice director of the congregational novitiate.

## **Assembly Recommendation: Generalate Building**

The general assembly acknowledges the importance and significance of our generalate in Rome.

At this time, we recognize the need to study the long-term use of the generalate building, as it is now.

Two major concerns are the cost of operating the Generalate building and of finding Sisters for the generalate community.

Therefore, the general assembly recommends that:

The general superior and council establish a commission to study the long-term use of the generalate building, and to make recommendations to the general administration.

The commission will be guided, in its deliberations, by orientations developed by the general assembly. Among these, the following could be mentioned:

1. The commission will work in close collaboration with the general administration and will find suitable means to involve the members of the congregation.
2. The commission will consult laypersons and members of other congregations with expertise in this area, as needed.
3. As the process proceeds, the general administration will take the necessary steps to implement the decisions.
4. Aspects to consider could include:
  - a. What is the purpose of the generalate?
  - b. What do we need in the building?
  - c. What living space and for whom?
  - d. What multi-purpose possibilities or possibilities related to our common mission can we explore?
  - e. What would be renovation costs, alternatives to this building, cost reduction methods?
  - f. What are options for disposition of the building, should it be determined that the congregation no longer needs the space?
  - g. Explore the benefit and risks of obtaining the title to the land.

## **Assembly Recommendation: International Center for Spirituality**

The General Assembly affirms the value of the International Center for Spirituality (CIS) as a resource for our Congregation.

We acknowledge its ongoing contribution to:

- inculturation of the charism and the spirituality of the Blood of Christ in all our entities;
- deepening our experience of being an international, intercultural congregation;
- increasing our commitment to Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC);
- providing opportunities for ongoing formation.

Therefore, we recommend to the general superior and council that they

1. appoint a small coordinating team for CIS that could include sisters and associates or lay collaborators.
2. consider appointing one member of the coordinating team as congregational representative to VIVAT and clarifying her role.
3. name a member of the general council as liaison to CIS.
4. explore the possibility of closer collaboration with the CPPS Missionaries in programs offered by CIS.
5. seek to facilitate an integral approach to ongoing formation by including education and action for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation in the mission of CIS.

We suggest, as a first step in planning programs, that the coordinating team consult all entities of the congregation, regarding needs.

Among the offerings that could be helpful, the assembly suggests that the following be considered, and offered in collaboration with the CPPS Missionaries, where possible:

1. programs that respond to the expressed needs of the congregation, regions and foundations.
2. programs that place the accent on incarnation of the charism and of our spirituality today, in each reality.
3. sessions in geographical areas as well as international sessions.
4. pilgrimages to historical places of ASC and CPPS.
5. Circles of Reconciliation.
6. formation programs: in preparation for final vows; for temporary professed sisters; ongoing formation for various groups of the ASC family.
7. international seminars on spirituality; intercultural living; leadership skills; social justice; care of creation.

The General Assembly asks that an update on the work of CIS and VIVAT be given regularly at meetings of the Extended General Council and that they be evaluated before the 2023 General Assembly.

## Authorized Expenses

The 2017 General Assembly authorizes that, for capital expenditures, the following sums may be spent or authorized by the general superior and by the regional superiors with or without the consent of their councils:

|                  |                                 |     |           |
|------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Brazil           | With the consent of the council | \$  | 200,000   |
|                  | Without consent                 | \$  | 10,000    |
| India            | With the consent of the council | \$  | 250,000   |
|                  | Without consent                 | \$  | 5,000     |
| Italy            | With the consent of the council | €   | 1.000.000 |
|                  | Without consent                 | €   | 10.000    |
| Poland           | With the consent of the council | €   | 100.000   |
|                  | Without consent                 | €   | 3.000     |
| Schaan           | With the consent of the council | CHF | 700.000   |
|                  | Without consent                 | CHF | 6.000     |
| Tanzania         | With the consent of the council | €   | 180.000   |
|                  | Without consent                 | €   | 2.000     |
| USA              | With the consent of the council | \$  | 5,000,000 |
|                  | Without consent                 | \$  | 10,000    |
| Zagreb           | With the consent of the council | €   | 300.000   |
|                  | Without consent                 | €   | 5.000     |
| General Superior | Without consent of the council  | €   | 15.000    |

**Chronicle of the XXI General Assembly**  
**Lima, Peru July 5-28, 2017**  
**... At Your Word...**

The XXI General Assembly of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ was held in Lima, Peru from July 5 -28, 2017. The dramatic and poignant theme ... *At Your Word* ... was the guiding principle of all of the work that the participants shared with intensity and responsibility. They came from all over the world as messengers of the whole congregation. The 44 members and the helpers gradually adapted to the climate and food of Lima and were able to appreciate, the culture of the host country. The Center, the home of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny and not far from the Pacific Ocean, is a place that favored the personal and community reflection needed to make important decisions this Assembly required.

On July 5, all gathered in the Chapel for the solemn opening of the XXI General Assembly. The procession opened with symbols carried in by different participants: The Word of God, the logo, a small ceramic boat with a candle in the center, flowers and a picture of S. Maria De Mattias.

The Presider at the Eucharistic Celebration, Erwin Kräutler, CPPS, Bishop emeritus of the Diocese of Chingu (Brazil), invited all the ASCs present to follow the example of the Apostle Peter, trusting the Word of the Lord, and, on that Word, to take steps that, with only our own strength we could never do.

In the afternoon another significant moment honored the official beginning of the Assembly. The ASCs entered the Assembly room and washed their hands with scented water, a sign in the Peruvian culture of acceptance and welcome. The General Secretary, Sr. Patrizia Pasquini, invited the participants to respond to the call with one sentence that expressed their willingness to receive the grace that the Lord reserved for those days. They then would take a piece of the net, and with red ribbons as a sign of Christ's blood, create a larger net that became a symbol of the whole Congregation as one body.

Sr. Mariamma Kunnackal, General Superior, declared the XXI General Assembly open. She pointed out that *"it is always a good time to listen and accept the salvation that comes into our lives. It's time to listen to the Lord who speaks to us through the signs of the times ... sharing a time of serenity without prejudice ... a favorable time to exercise the spirit of exodus and hospitality ..."* She invited each member to be courageous and cast their nets to the other side (Lk 5:4).

The report of the General Superior and the administration, the contributions of canonist Fr. Frank Morrisey, OMI, and Sr. Marían D'Ambrosio, Superior General of the Sisters of Divine Providence, marked the path during the early days of the work in the Assembly.

The General Administration's report, presented in two stages, gave a personal and community reflection on the challenges relating to the present and the future of the Congregation. Fr. Morrisey spoke on the revision of the ASC documents, presenting the ecclesial context that justifies a revision of the proper law of the institutes of consecrated life. With his experience, illumined by faith that shines through in his life, he encouraged all to make important decisions that will mark the life of the congregation for the next six years. His words that "all must have mutual trust as a precondition to the revision of the bylaws" resonated in the Assembly. These changes are made necessary by our changing, challenging world.

With great amazement, during these three days of personal and group work, the assembly approved unanimously many decisions regarding the revision of our proper law.

Sr. Marían D'Ambrosio offered a reflection on the 'focus' of religious life today. Inspired especially by the three Marys at the foot of the cross, she defined them as the first Adorers of the Blood of Christ. Starting from the danger of fragmentation that is felt in the three aspects of religious life, consecration, community and mission, the presenter invited the participants to find a balance, starting with the community where we express our charism and mission. She pointed out that it is the prophecy of the "how" from which we operate which makes credible our life of discipleship to the Lord today. She invited each ASC to give future to our past because it is visible and life-giving in our community today. In the days that followed, members continued to reflect and make decisions on important aspects with of the life of the Congregation. At almost the halfway point on the journey of the GA, we had already taken decisions to revise the Constitution as needed, examining the Statutes and Bylaws for necessary changes, being mindful of the importance of flexibility of the structures: establishing the congregational novitiate; setting a direction for determining the future use of the Generalate.

It was time to start working on the directional statement of GA. Each participant was asked to express her dream of "... *At Your Word* ... "which was" caught "in a net on the wall. This gave rise to high hopes about formation, community, the clear identity of the Adorers, and our spirit of mission.

This intense work performed with much personal responsibility, earned the participants a two-day break. On July 15, the ASCs were guests of Missionaries of the Precious Blood at their school, St. Francisco de Borja, where we learned about the vision and mission of the school. We celebrated the Eucharist and then tasted the typical foods of Peru. In the afternoon we had a tour of some of the characteristic areas of the city.

On July 16, we had a tour of the special places of St. Rose of Lima. The participants visited the house where St. Rose spent seven years of her life and the church where she received the sacrament of Confirmation. During the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist, the celebrant greeted us and invoked upon us the blessing of the Spirit through the intercession of St. Rose. After the festive Eucharist, we ate lunch in a small restaurant where the staff dealt with feeding so many people from a very small kitchen. Although the last were served shortly before 4:00 pm, all enjoyed very tasty dishes.

In the days to follow we worked on the directional statement. On the basis of personal work, each table formulated its own statement. It was a beautiful work, but exhausting, having to summarize in a single text the thoughts of six or seven people!

The time for election of the new general team that will guide the Congregation for the next six years arrived. This important and delicate moment was preceded by a thanksgiving, intense and moving, uniquely shared by each region and foundation, recognizing Sr. Mariamma Kunnackal and the outgoing administration.

The following day, each participant was asked to consider and agree upon the behaviors that will accompany faithful discernment. We then shared about qualities, attitudes and talents necessary for the general superior and councilors to perform their ministry. Everything was accompanied by personal prayer and Eucharistic adoration.

On July 21, Sr. Nadia Coppa was elected general superior of the ASCs for the six-year period 2017-2023. The following day the Assembly, after a period of discernment, elected three General Councilors: Sr. Matija Pavić, Sr. Bridget Pulickakunnel and Sr. Dani Brought. On July 23, after a time of discernment, Sr. Wiesława Przybyło, the fourth Councilor was elected; however she was not present at the Assembly. On the evening of the same day the new team was greeted with a moment of prayer and celebration.

On July 24, the members enjoyed another relaxing day, visiting the center of Lima accompanied by some of the ASCs from Peru and Brazil. At noon, some witnessed the changing of the guard at the Presidential Palace, noting the feeling the anticipation of the national holiday that Peruvians celebrate on July 28. At 5:00 pm, all the groups gathered in the home of the ASCs for a snack; at 6:00 pm all participated in the cultural presentation prepared by the faculty and staff of the CPPS Missionaries' school in honor of the new general superior, Sr. Nadia Coppa, and the newly-elected general council.

At the end of the evening, Sr. Mariamma Kunnackal thanked the Missionaries and all those at the school who were committed to making the evening so enjoyable and entertaining. A toast was made using pisco, the typical Peruvian drink, and a tasty buffet closed the day that was spent with joy and gratitude to the Lord.

On July 25, the participants welcomed Sr. Wiesława Przybyło, who arrived from Italy where she had attended a training course, congratulating her on her election and entrusting the Lord's grace upon her as we had done for the other elected members.

The last days of the Assembly were characterized by the sharing of suggestions that every region and foundation gave to the newly-elected leadership for the choice of secretary and treasurer, and for the continued work of CIS and VIVAT. On July 27, the delegates voted on the recommendation for CIS and VIVAT and continued to reflect on the directional statement of GA '17. An hour of personal prayer on the draft of the directional statement, followed by sharing and offering more suggestions for improvement, preceded the unanimous approval of the document.

On July 28, the last day of work, the GA Acts '17 were ready and all were handed a copy. Two ASC's from the Writing Commission read, in Italian and English, the entire document that was then approved unanimously as a whole.

Sister Manuela Nocco presented a video in which she captured significant moments from this Assembly. All participants, in an atmosphere of prayer, expressed their gratitude to the Lord as they manifested their wish or dream for the future.

The moment of thanks did not exclude anyone, especially the ASCs of Peru and Brazil who welcomed the participants. Very special thanks were given to Sr. Brid Long, SSL, our facilitator, who masterfully led the group. She was able to keep centered the thread of each topic of discussion, giving space when needed to emotions and feelings, but taking concrete and effective orientations for the Assembly. Everyone appreciated her skill, a sign of her prolonged experience. One last greeting and gratitude was given to Sr. Mariamma Kunnackal, president of the Assembly, who with humility and wisdom led the Congregation from 2011 to 2017.

A Peruvian dance then placed at the Center once again, the Word of God on which the ASCs have placed their confidence, casting their nets for an abundant catch.

In closing remarks, Sr. Mariamma Kunnackal expressed her deep gratitude to the Lord for the steps that each member took to reach this milestone, a point of arrival but at the same time a starting point. Each delegate masterfully combined the symbol of the net that had accompanied all the work of the Assembly with that of the seed that also had to accept the transformation of dying.

This transformation also reminds us that for us there is a promise of new life if we let go of what prevents us from bringing life wherever we are called.

At 4:00 pm, the chapel was ready to welcome the participants and a group of associates of the spirituality of the Blood of Christ, for the celebration of the Eucharist with Fr. Dionisio, CPPS, presiding.

This Eucharist was a celebration of all the different cultures and people of the Assembly with songs and readings. At the offertory, the altar cloth was carried up and placed on the altar by the Tanzanian sisters; the bread and wine were presented by a Korean and a Peruvian sister; all wore their traditional dress. Then, Sr. Nadia Coppa and her council carried to the altar a fishing net which held the GA Acts '17.

At the end of the Eucharist, Sr. Mariamma Kunnackal officially closed the XXI General Assembly of 2017.

Each ASC, returning to her own reality, carried with her a heart full of rich and positive memories, and even moments of great challenge. Above all, the awareness of the Kairos that the Congregation is called to live: that of a profound transformation, which, if accepted by all in a spirit of humility and faith, the nets cast ...*At Your Word...* will yield an abundance of grace.

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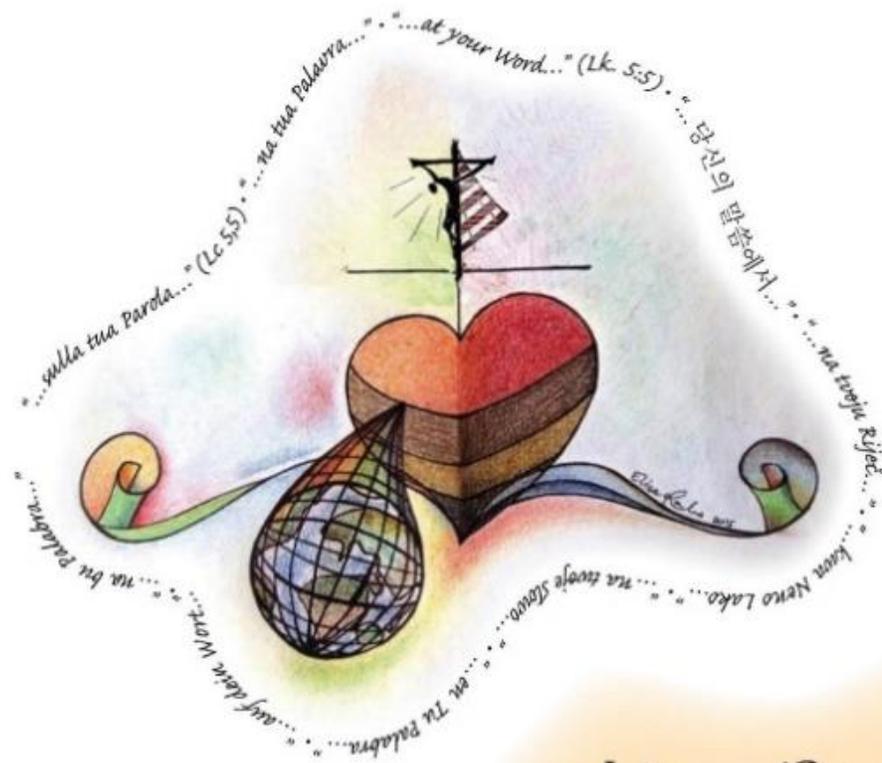
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