

2017 GA Acts

Adorers fo the Blood of Christ

Come always, Lord

Editorial



Come at night, but it is always night in our hearts: so, come always, Lord.
 Come in silence, but we no longer know what to say to ourselves: so, come always, Lord.
 Come in solitude, but each of us is always more alone: so, come always, Lord.
 Come, Son of Peace, we are ignorant of what peace is: so, come always, Lord.
 Come to free us, we are always more a slave: so, come always, Lord.
 Come to console us, we are always sadder, so come, always, Lord.
 Come to find us, we are always more lost: so, come always, Lord.
 You who love us, come, for no one is in communion with his or her brother or sister if he or she isn't in communion with you, Lord.
 We are all distant and lost and we don't know who we are or what we want: Come, Lord.
 Come always, Lord.

Father David Maria Turollo, Servant of Mary

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first Italian Adorers arrived there in 1969. The Sisters of the Region of Tanzania have already begun the process to prepare for their Golden Jubilee: 50 years of ASC presence in this extremely welcoming and open African country.

During our stay we were in all our communities and we met our Sisters filled with joy, hope and a great will to always do things better. The days of the Sisters begin very early each morning with lauds and the Eucharist. Attention to prayer is very heartfelt among the Sisters and we experienced great attention to community prayer everywhere we were. The well-prepared liturgy was an occasion for praising God in Kiswahili with psalms and singing accompanied

We want to joyfully share the beautiful experience of our visit to the Sisters of the Region of Tanzania which occurred two months after we began our term. While this was not the first visit to the Region for Sr. Nadia, for me everything was new. The purpose of our visit was to give continuity to the accompaniment begun by the previous administration. We spent the time of our stay meeting the Sisters to know the life communities, ministries and richness of their cultural reality better. They were very lovely days where we had the opportunity to meet the women in initial formation and begin to look at formation in the perspective of the international novitiate. We were able to spend some time working with the Regional Administration and helping the Region in the challenges they are called to face and which characterize every reality of the Congregation.

We left Italy with its already winter temperatures on November 25 and we arrived the same evening in warm Tanzania. Warmth awaited us not only in the climate but especially in the cordial welcome of the Sisters.

Tanzania is a country in eastern Africa with a tropical climate. The country obtained its independence in 1961 and is growing. The



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by rhythmic drums and instruments. We immediately noted that talent for singing, dancing and playing of instruments are among God's various gifts not only to our Sisters but to all the Tanzanian people.



is a big challenge.

The Sisters pray to the Lord daily for vocations ready to serve "our dear neighbor."

While we were in Dodoma the first seminar on "Circles of Reconciliation" was held for the sisters, led by Father Gregorio, CPPS and Sr. Florida, ASC. The participants shared their joy with us for having this experience of deep listening as an opportunity for getting to know each other and a process of inner healing. The joy of sharing in a deeper way and being together, each focusing on her own life gifted each with energy and renewed trust.

The two weeks spent with the Sisters in Tanzania were a time of study and reflection. The meetings and discernment processes transmitted trust and hope to all of us that the youngest region of our Congregation is developing and wants to grow in the responsibility of responding better to God's call.

On the occasion of our visits to the communities we were able to see the ministries the Sisters are carrying out, mainly in primary and secondary schools where hundreds of girls study and then the various dispensaries, the Village of Hope and the Good Samaritan Center. The Sisters work in hospitals, do parish work, sewing, and look for ways to help the poor, especially the children. Many Sisters are studying assiduously to prepare themselves for mission. The works and needs are many. Even though the region is growing in numbers, there are not enough sisters to cover the needs of the various ministries. This

Sr Wiesława Pryzbyło, asc



News about venerable Sr. Serafina

Knowledge about our dear Venerable Sister Serafina Cinque has made progress in 2017. As pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Father Danilo Rodrigues, a diocesan priest and former student of the Adorers in

Santarem, Para, with whom he maintained a friendship, wanted to spread the news about Sr. Serafina, for whom he has a great devotion, in the city of Belo Horizonte, the capital of the state of Minas Gerais in the central part of Brazil. Thus, in July, 2017 Father Danilo suggested to Sr. Marilia Menezes that the "Marriage Encounter" Movement of his parish take the person and story of Venerable Serafina as patroness and inspiration. The Coordinator, Mrs. Fabiola Cabral and her husband asked Sr. Marilia for suitable texts to get to know Serafina. They studied her life for about a month. The meeting involving



50 couples for 3 days was

held in November and was a success. Fabiola sent Sr. Marilia several small objects made by the couples and displayed during the meeting. The face of Sr. Serafina and the phrase that became the symbol of the meeting are imprinted on these works: COMO DEUS É BOM! (How good God is!)

VIDEO about SR. SERAFINA

In October of this year, LIBERAL TV, connected to the important GLOBAL NETWORK of Brazil, interviewed our Sisters Zelia Valentim and Jandira Barbosa, who are in charge of Divine Providence Home. The program shows pictures of the work the two Sisters do at the St. Gaspar Refuge for the pregnant women and the

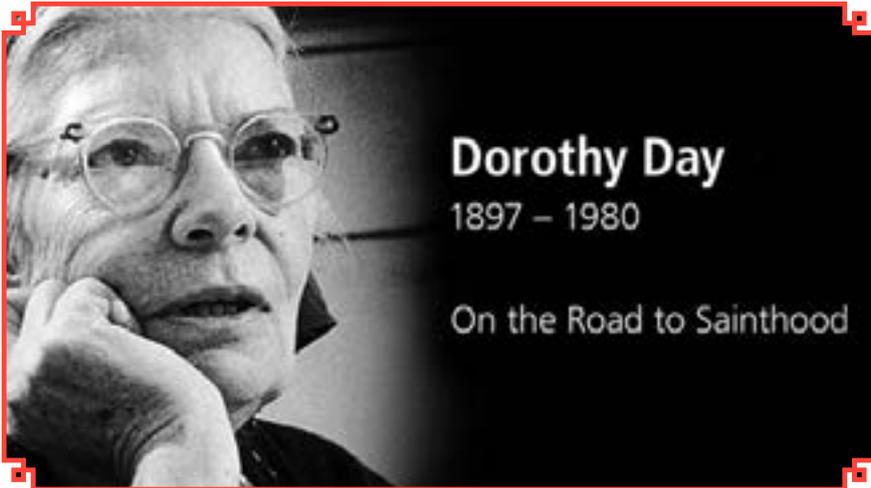
sick. The small altar of the parish church of Altamira, Para, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, with Sr. Serafina's earthly remains underneath was also filmed. As a complement to the work, they interviewed Sr. Marilia in Belem, showing

a part of the archives on Sr. Serafina, which is found in the community of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Belem. The video on Sr. Serafina's activities in Altamira and the progress of the beatification process is about seven minutes long. Its presentation in Altamira and Belem garnered great interest. In the video, Father Ivan Conceição da Silva, canon lawyer of the Archdiocese of Belem, spoke about the importance that the desired beatification of Sr. Serafina could have for the Church in Amazonia.

Sr Marília Menezes, asc



Letter from Dorothy Day Discovered in Ruma Archives



publication of Catholic Worker newspaper on May 1, 1933. So Angelita corresponded with Dorothy Day during the early days of the movement. How did Angelita know about the Catholic Worker movement? What was the “May meeting” the letter references? How did Angelita get money to send to Dorothy, when she was a first-year temporarily professed Sister? Who are “the forty” who might be recipients of copies of the prayers “presented by Ade Bethune?” Are those prayers hidden somewhere else in the archi-

Historians and researchers dream and fantasize about finding a hitherto undiscovered document, letter, or artifact hidden in some obscure area of files in archives.

Although I’ve done my fair share of daydreaming about that great discovery, I also knew it would probably never happen, until it did on Thursday, Nov. 16 when I was once again sorting through Sister Angelita Myerscough’s files. (I work in the Ruma archives one day a week).

There it was, buried in a file of articles about Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker. It’s a 1938 handwritten letter from Dorothy Day to Angelita, carefully protected by a plastic sleeve. Angelita knew what she had, even as a first-year temporarily professed Adorer.

Dorothy Day’s papers are housed in the Marquette University archives in Milwaukee, so I contacted Phil Runkel, the archivist who supervises her collection and sent him a scan of the letter and envelope.

Phil told me that they are in the process of digitizing Dorothy’s papers to send to Rome in support of her canonization. He didn’t find any correspondence from Angelita and didn’t know if this letter would be included in the collection sent to Rome.

So the letter leaves me with more questions than answers. The Catholic Worker movement dates its founding from the



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ves, since they weren't in the Dorothy Day folder? Were "the forty" other temporarily professed Sisters?

This letter is not a historically significant document for the history of Dorothy Day or the Catholic Worker, but it highlights Angelita's long interest in ministries to help the poor and Dorothy's warm, grateful response to someone she didn't know.

Written during the early days of their lives' work when a hand-written thank-you note indicated good manners, this letter captures some of the essence of why these two women are important to many of us.

More excavation in the archives might answer some of these questions and perhaps raise more. At this point, the letter came to light, and it's ours.

Sr Regina Siegfried, asc

Letter of Dorothy Day to Sr. Angelita

May 15

Dear Sister Angelita,

The office here was holding your very lovely letter until I returned from a speaking trip – hence the delay which I hope you will excuse. They should have acknowledged it first.

I cannot tell you how deeply touched we all are by your interest and how grateful we are for your prayers.

Yours is a power house indeed! (You know it takes only thirty men in a power house here to supply all of lower Manhattan with light and power?) Sometimes I feel so strongly how we are carried along by the prayers and sacrifices of such friends as you.

Please continue to pray for us all, for our Houses of

Hospitality and farming communes, for the lame, the halt and the blind among us (and we're all that.)

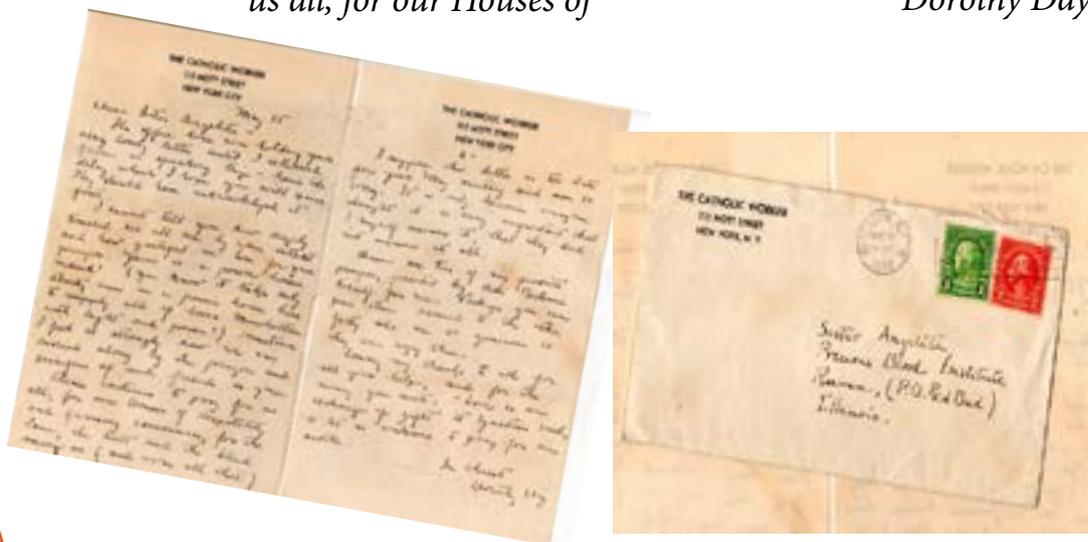
I suppose this letter is too late for your May meeting and am so sorry. It is only because everyone thought it so very important that I myself answer it, that they did not answer at all.

Here are two of my favorite prayers, printed by Adi Bethune herself for me. Perhaps you can pass them around to the other forty who are so generous so they can copy them.

Convey my thanks to all for all your help, and for the money you sent. "Love is an exchange of gifts," St. Ignatius said – so let us continue to pray for one another.

In Christ

Dorothy Day



Happy Birthday



On Wednesday, Nov. 8, Sister Leona Riebel celebrated her 100th birthday. Her dear friend, Msgr. Walter Rossi, from Washington, D.C., presided at a 10 a.m. Mass that day in the Chapel of the New Covenant in Wichita.

We congratulate Sister Leona on this joyful occasion.

In the photo, from left, are Sister Mary Kevin Rooney telling stories; Msgr. Walter Rossi, with whom Leona had worked at the National Shrine; her 101-year-old sister, Sister Florentia; Sisters Jan Renz and Diana Rawlings; and her 93-year-old sister-Sister Barbara.

Sr Nylas Moser, asc
Sr Fran Schumer, asc



Continental Area: Europe
Region of Wrocław

... At Your Word ... We accept the challenges of the Acts of the 2017 XXI General Assembly

This was the theme of the formation meetings for the ASCs of our region that were held for two groups of sisters from November 6-8 and November 10-12, 2017 in the Bolesławiec. The meetings were led by the Sisters who had participated in the XXI General Assembly.

The first group of meetings was led by Sr. Ewa Kleps, regional superior; Sr. Elżbieta Kurnatowska, regional councilor; and Sr. Teresa Jaszczyszyn, a delegate. The second group was led by Sr. Ewa Kleps and Sr. Elżbieta

Kurnatowska. The delegates shared with us the rich experience of the long period of the General Assembly. When they presented how the days and the work unfolded during the assembly, we understood the importance of the preparation, mutual listening, discernment, dialogue and care and effort so that the document that was handed to us could be the voice of the entire Congregation. In reading the letter of promulgation and presenting the General Assembly Acts, Sr. Ewa emphasized the actions that are the key for implementing the document: living



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in a state of ongoing formation, being attentive to the “prophetic power of the HOW,” and weaving gospel relationships.

After the ceremony of handing out the Acts, preceded by the song “Your Word is a lamp for my feet and light along my path” and the reading of the passage from Luke’s Gospel (5:1-11), we were given some time to read the new document of our Congregation. The next day, using the contents of the Acts, we worked in four groups to respond to the following questions:

1. To what do the ACTS of the XXI General Assembly call me in order to undertake the process of transformation?
2. How can the ASC community respond to these challenges?
3. How do I welcome the ACTS of the XXI General Assembly?

The summaries of the response will be utilized during the Regional Assembly to be held January 12-14, 2018

During the meetings we participated in the Mass celebrated by Father Adam Langkamer-pijar. Each participant had time for personal prayer, communal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers from the breviary.

During the Mass at the end of the formation meetings we prayed for the sisters who celebrated their 60th anniversary of profession: Sr. Małgorzata Braszko, Sr. Magdalena Karaban, Sr. Łucja Partyka



and Sr. Marianna Konefał.

We also prayed for the deceased members of this group: Sr. Róża Abramek and Sr. Esther Chlastawa, asking God’s mercy for them and the fullness of life with Him in the joy of heaven.

I think that all the Sisters returned to their communities with a reflection upon the specificity of our life in religious community based on the spirituality of the Blood of Christ and faithfulness to the charism of Maria De Mattias.

May the intercession of our Mother Foundress and the blessing of God open our hearts, enlighten our paths and give us courage to carry out our mission as Adorers of the Blood of Christ.

United in the adoration
of the Blood of Christ,

Sr Bernadetta Pajdzik, asc



And what does the Lord require of you...
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly
with your God (Micah 6:8)



As the current Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) contact person for the General Council, I recently had the opportunity to attend the annual JPIC promoters formation workshop, sponsored by the UISG (International Union of Superior Generals) commission. The workshop was held in Rome, with participants from over 20 different countries. Some of the participants, such as myself, are residents of Rome and members of our congregational general councils but many others came from the different corners of the world

and carry out the ministry of JPIC coordination for their communities. The workshop was designed to provide information, develop skills for planning and encourage networking among those of us responsible for our international congregational JPIC efforts. And I must say, over the 3 days we were together, we accomplished this...and much more.

Some of the many topics included JPIC as Integral Human Development; Laudato Si and Contemplation; JPIC in Religious Vows and Prophetic Religious Life; JPIC Role, Structure and Network-

king; See, Judge, Act as Guide for Pastoral Planning and Sharing of JPIC Best Practices. We also deepened our knowledge and understanding of JPIC through shared prayer, small group discussions and joining together in a fun cultural night.

Running throughout the workshop was a constant call to authentically live an integrated spirituality of JPIC, that it is not just about isolated actions and activities that we do, but it is part and parcel of our mindset, the movement of our hearts and beings and for us, as Adorers, a true enfleshing of





our charism “to be a compassionate, reconciling presence...with hearts attentive to the cry of the Blood.” (GA Acts 2017) If we listen deeply to the Word of God, we hear that we must not only promote justice but we must live justly, that we must not only speak of peace but our actions must be peaceful and nonviolent, that we must not only pray in thanksgiving for the gift of creation but our daily actions must care for the common home where we find ourselves locally. We can talk and theologize about the gospel, but until we live the radical example of Jesus, in relationship with the poor, as liberator, as one who challenges structures that do not uphold human dignity, our lives will not be prophetic.

•What now, is needed for us as Adorers of the Blood of Christ to truly



live an integrated spirituality of justice, peace and care of creation as a response to the call of the Blood?

•In reflecting on our 2017 Acts, HOW are we “living in communion with the poor, the marginalized and those who live on the periphery” and what choices must we make for “increasing our commitment to Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation?”

•And I ask you to let us know...How can we, as General Council, support, animate and be with you, our sisters in the Regions and Foundations, as you transform the world in the spirit of the Gospel through lives in mission and ministry of justice, peace and care for the integrity of creation?

If you would like more information on any of these topics presented at the workshop, please let me know and I would be happy to share the richness and any of the materials that I had received...we learn one from another as we work together “towards bringing about that beautiful order of things.”

Sr Dani Brought, asc



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Administration Calendar

General

December 4: Sr. Matija Pavić, Sr. Dani Brought, Sr. Bridget Pulikakunnel accompany Sr. Patrizia Pasquini to her new local community in Castelplanio.

December 9: participation in the international community Advent day of prayer.

December 11: Sisters Nadia Coppa and Wiesława Przbyło return to Rome after their visit to Tanzania.

December 13-15: formative meeting of interculturality of the general administration led by Sr. Marian Murcia Pineiro, HFB.

December 17: participation at the inter-congregational Christmas concert in the Church of the Most Precious Blood.

December 27: From December 27 to January 20 2018, Sr. Dani Brought will visit the Bolivian Foundation with a stop in the US.

January 6-17: Sr. Bridget Pulikakunnel and Sr. Wisława Przbyło visit the Region of Wrocław.

January 10-11: Sr. Nadia Coppa attends the Annual Assembly of the Rome constellation of UISG.

January 15-31: Sr. Nadia Coppa and Sr. Matija Pavić visit the Region of India.



They have returned to the Father's house

Region Italy
December 16, 2017
Sr Bruna Ziotti

Region Italy
December 18, 2017
Sr Maddalena Orlando

Region USA
December 22, 2017
Sr Helen Ridder



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Best Wishes to the new administration of the Foundation of Korea

Term of office: January 2018 – January 2023

Sr. Hee Kyung Julianna Kim - Coordinator
Sr. Mi Sook Francesca Kwak - Counselor
Sr. Kyung Mi Rosa Kim - Counselor



Regional Assemblies

January 12- 14, 2018 XV Regional Assembly of Poland
January 26-29, 2018 V Election Assembly of India

Foundation Assemblies

January 4-7, 2018- Bolivia
January 10-12, 2018- Argentina

From the beginning of my vocation I
felt my heart was stolen
by Crucified love,
and from then on I have always
experienced a martyrdom of jealousy
and I will never be happy if my heart
does not belong totally to Jesus.

MDM, November 26, 1850

