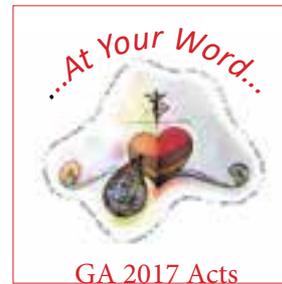


International Newsletter

Adorers of the Blood of Christ



Ping-pong and relationships

I PING PONG

I'm a ping pong ball
 I bring people together – by
 twos and fours
 Like a spider spinning a web
 I build relationships, make connections,
 As I bounce back and forth,
 from one to the other
 Across the table.
 All eyes are on me
 But I'm really bringing them together,
 Like weaving a tapestry or blanket.
 I weave the threads as they send me back
 and forth.
 Not always easy to stay on the table.
 When they smack me hard
 And return the favor, furiously fast,
 Oh how I love it!
 They concentrate on me with all their might.
 I make them laugh, cry, lament, curse, whoop
 and holler
 As I careen wildly here and there, on & off
 the long green table.
 It is delightful playing with them.
 But they do not know my secret job
 Is to bind them together
 Making a sweet and lasting memory,
 As I tirelessly bounce from one to the other.



The game of Ping-Pong has a lot to do with the dynamic and beauty of relationships. I did this reflection after having listened to a poem that Sr. Marcia shared during a community gathering. With lively, dynamic images she described to us the mission of a simple ping-pong ball.

It travels fast amidst the festive shouts of those who play... becoming the sole interest of each one. Involuntarily it helps build so much in us. It brings together the two players, weaves and connects them in friendship. It lets itself be slammed and knocked around, ... it bounces like lightning, but stays consciously faithful to its mission. The simple contemplative look of Sr. Marcia let us see beyond the appearance of things, the delicate web of connection that the ball weaves in its coming and going.

To weave gospel relationships is also one of the calls of the Acts of the 2017 General Assembly and it is the response that the ASC communities want to give to the fragmentation and individualism present in the world.

The community, sacred space of communion and of welcoming our diversity, challenges us every day to go out of the “Me” to build the “We”. This daily exercise will makes us capable of embracing the world and feeling, in our flesh and blood, the pain and the joy of the dear neighbor. It is for this that we Adorers walk the streets of the world, trying to be “sacrament of unity” because this is the precious gift that God has given to humanity, through the Blood that Jesus poured out on the cross. Our inheritance, which we live in faith, calls us to make a difference.

In our lifestyle, in the choices we make, in our way of carrying them out lies “the prophetic force of the How”, that makes the difference. That is how our sisters Martyrs of Faith and of Charity lived, with courage and prophecy weaving gospel ties, to be in faith in the world as sacrament of union and communion.

Sr Maria Grazia, asc

Sr Marcia Kruse, asc - Rome- August, 2017

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Celebration of the Installation of the New Administration



We wish to express thanks for such a warm participation at this intense and moving celebration. A strong moment during which we experienced the tender and strong love of the Lord Who precedes us and accompanies us with solicitude and patience, offering us each time, to a "more" of life for us and for others.



not tire of leading us always further beyond ourselves in gift in the bare obedience of faith. We are re-confirming our "Yes" to The Love!
We have celebrated the Eucharist during which all,

I thank Fr. Oliviero, brother and friend of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, for having shared God's Word, and for having helped us to celebrate the mystery of Christ in our life, and each of you who gathered to share this joy.

We thank all the priests, the seminarians, the international community, all the ASC who came from the communities and you friends. Finding ourselves around the chalice of the Beloved Lamb is surely the fullest opportunity to manifest that closeness to each other, that support and that trust that is needed when we find ourselves facing a new beginning.

The infinite patience of beginning...keeping alive the desire to constantly experience the newness that only God can place into our innermost heart.

There are many feelings with which we begin this service to the Congregation... Fear(Awe) and trembling... Awe for the awareness that the Lord offers Himself through unexpected invitations, trembling for the fear of not being capable to respond fully to his will.

Contrasting feelings, as you can imagine; but if we are here it is to re-confirm our loving adherence to the Lord who does

in unique and singular ways, with awareness we renewed our intimate and deep belonging to our Beloved Spouse who leads us on unexplored paths, asking or us simply a docile abandonment.

There is a word that resounds repeatedly in today's liturgy and which is the profound invitation that the Father gently whispers to us, challenging our often divided heart... between "servile duties" and "loving desires of sons/daughters": to obey radically to the excessive and unmeasured Love of God.

We have savored one of the most beautiful texts of Scripture: the hymn of Christ, who emptied Himself for us and for our salvation. Fr. Oliviero, in his homily, broke this Word for us... And I, too, permit me, I will try timidly to share a thought... which is a prayerful sentiment, matured in my personal prayer and which warmed my heart.

Paul, with heartbroken tones, gives each of us a life plan; especially today, I hear/feel this Word for us, called to serve the Congregation for the next six years. It is a strong, demanding Word...hard ... addressed to me , to you Mattjia, to you Wieslawa, and to you Bridget, and to you Dani... it is for you Manuela, for you Maria Grazia...for us who begin this fascinating journey of placing ourselves humbly in the footsteps of Christ in order to learn again from Him what it means



to make a gift of oneself, in this service of leading the Congregation.

We wish to place ourselves in the school of the Master in order to assume these His same feelings (Phil 2:5) and learn the bare obedience of faith (cfr. Phil 2:8)... we will hold our gaze fixed on Him so that this our fragile response of love might express more life for every ASC spread throughout the world, by our transformed life. We wish to be Gospel which all can read through our choices and our life in community for mission.

We try to translate obedience into dedicating our life to what make it real, loving each person, seeking the beauty that heals the heart, the meaning of everything and the fruitful harmony of every meeting. We listen to the desires and dreams of each ASC, and seek concrete ways to make small steps together toward the future that God is dreaming for our Congregation.

We try to make choices in fidelity to the dreams of MDM..., seeking simple means and ways, but new ones, to develop paths, to live the challenges of today.

We don't do great things, but we try to be a small flame placed above a candelabra simply to give a little light and to give joy to those who wish to be warmed by this flame.

We choose a life of contemplation in order to nourish that interior disposition that will help us respond to the cry of the Blood.

We give a concrete response to the calls that we received in the GA2017 Acts, involving all in trying to listen to the voices of each one and of this our world, which constantly calls upon us and challenges us to be an outgoing Church.

We let our charism flow in our choices, trying not to pose resistance to the healing and reconciling power of the Blood of Christ.

We dispose ourselves with docility and openness of heart in listening to the Word, so that It may transform us and raise our existence up to that which renders it an authentic gift for others, seeking in our relation with the Lord and among ourselves, the courage to expose ourselves, to commit ourselves, become ever more deeply passionate for our common

mission in the Church, opening our heart to hospitality, choosing to help life grow.

On this journey we will not be alone... because we will be traveling together the same path traced out by Maria De Mattias, by Serafina Cinque, by the Sisters Martyrs of Charity and Faith and by every Adorer who preceded us and by those who walk beside us.

We follow the path traced by the Administration that preceded us, by the vision which we are acquiring as Congregation. We will walk together, on the same rope (as in mountain climbing). No one is excluded...all are called together to collaborate in openness to the Spirit for global unity.



Continue to pray for us. Accompany us with the trust that the Lord uses what is small and fragile to do great things. Evangelical logic is the logic of smallness, of newness, of the possible over our impossible... Believing in this is being open to the work of God and to the experience of faith. May the Lord make for Himself ever more space in our lives; and emptying us of ourselves, may He fill us with Himself and with that Charity that we are called to "retract and reflect" (Life Charter 2).

Again, heartfelt thanks.

*Sr Nadia Coppa, ASC
General Superior
and collaborators*



Continental Area: Europe
Mission of Albania

...25 years, Thanks to His Blood

On September 30, 2017 in Durazzo we celebrated the anniversary of our return to Albania. We cannot not remember that year long ago, 1940, when we opened the first ASC community at Lushnje (South-Central). The sisters served the "dear neighbor" in very difficult conditions, until they were restricted by the dictatorial regime to leave the country in 1946. The pain and suffering of our sisters have become that fertile seed that blossomed in 1992, the year in which the ASCs returned and opened the community at Durazzo (central), and afterward at Mamurras (north central).

During these years, in our small way we've tried to give witness to the love of God in our lives, through various different ministries. The Blood of Christ has poured into our lives and transformed us into "little canals", through which the Blood of Redemption can flow through, the Blood of Reconciliation, the Blood that gives back life, that heals the wounds... "Let everyone know the Love of Jesus Crucified." has been and is now our greatest concern. Yes! To let our brothers and sisters know that the Blood of the

archbishop of the archdiocese of Tirana-Durazzo. The apostolic nunzio, Mons. Charles John Brown, the new bishop of the diocese of Rreshen, Mons. Gjergji Meta and many other priests. So many were with them in the celebration, including religious of other congregations, to give thanks to God for our presence over these years.

After the Eucharistic Celebration there was a round table in which the past spoke and for a short time became present, tangible, by means of the testimony of those who journeyed with us during these years.

There followed a time of agape to continue sharing together the bread of life... How many smiles of recognition and also how many tears of emotion, how many handshakes, how many hugs, how many THANKS... What unspeakable joy!

What can we say? Only Thanks!

Thanks to the Lord for his fidelity during these years and to all those who in various ways have collaborated with us in the mission: fellow sisters, brothers, missionaries, volunteers, friends, benefactors, etc...

May His Blood be our hope and our strength on the journey! With the memory of the past in the heart, let us try to live fully the present, reaching for the future, entrusting ourselves to our Crucified Love...

▪ Sr. Lirie Mëhilli, ASC



Son of God has been poured out also for them, even if they did not know, because they lived under a regime that proclaimed the death of God.

The celebrations of the memory of how the Lord has worked in us and with us had its culminating moment the Eucharist presided by Mons. George Frendo,





Continental Area: Europe
Region of Wrocław

Youth Day of St. Gaspar

The CPPS organized a Youth Day of St. Gaspar in Czestochowa August 17-20. For about nine years the CPPS Missionaries organize this day using the area annexed to the Shrine of the Blood of Christ. They collaborate with different congregations, but above all with the Adorers and the Missionaries of the Blood of Christ. The Sisters of St. Joseph also participated in this encounter. The purpose of these days is to help young people who are searching for their place in life, but above all to give them the possibility to learn to create more authentic relationships to build community. I accompanied a group of boys and girls around 15 years old and during the encounter I asked them a simple question: "What do you like to do in your free time, what is your passion?" I was disturbed by their answer. "I am...I am...bored...I spend so much time on the couch." For three days I, an ASC, with the CPPS Missionaries, the Missionaries of the Blood and the sisters of St. Joseph tried to demonstrate to our young friends that there are many ways to spend free time and also to share it with others. The first lesson as soon as they arrived was that

of sleeping under a tent and not in a comfortable room with a bed and bath. Among the topics was that of the human being as a psychological, physical, and spiritual unit. The teens participated in workshops about being man and woman. The youth were greatly impressed by the testimony of Mrs. Dagmara on her conversion and that of all her family. Extremely fascinating were the memories of Judith by Fr. Joachim Badeni, OP, contemporary mystic. We were struck by the testimony of the lay missionaries who told of their experience of God in the Philippines and at the Center of Reconciliation in Chicago. There were many prayer times with the Word of God, workshops for fitness, art, cooking, dance, and

manual arts. The concert by the young Christian hip-hop group was a great and joyful experience.

As always at the end of the program, I asked my young friends what they would have to take home, what has been the biggest discovery for them. They said two things: The encounter with the Word of God - *lectio divina*, and the work done together during the workshops.

I had a different experience with the youth: they do not want to live comfortably on the couch, they have their desires, their dreams, but they do not have the guides to help them realize them and live them.

Sr. Tatiana Studentowa, ASC





Continental Area: Europe
Region of Italy

Canticle of love for her Beloved Celebration of the Change of Regional Administration



This past October 8th in Acuto the ASCs celebrated a particularly significant event for the Italian Region:

the new Regional Administration, chosen during the elective session held in Ariccia August 21-25, officially assumed the responsibility of leading our Region for the next six years, 2017-2022. During the Eucharist celebrated in the church of the Casa Madre, with gratitude for the journey accomplished by the preceding administration, Sr. Nicla Spezzati and the members of the new Council took on the responsibility of accompanying, guiding and sustaining the journey of the region at this time of significant transformation.

The members of the General Administration and numerous Adorers from various communities were present.

Sr. Nicla, in her greeting expressed the desire and the call to give priority to lovingly take care of each sister of the Region, following the example of Maria de Mattias who, intoning her canticle of love for her Beloved, cultivated every day the vineyard entrusted to her by the Lord, for the life of all the ASCs.

In Acuto, everything speaks of Maria De Mattias and it was beautiful to feel her presence as sister and mother. To her we have confided the journey of the next six years and from Acuto, where everything started, we opened our hearts to the hope of growing in union

Don Terenzio Pastore, provincial of the CPPS, together with other brothers and seminarians, presided over the solemn concelebration, proclaiming the word about the vineyard, which

Sunday's liturgy presented to us. After breaking open the Word, we invo-

ked the Holy Spirit together with the celebrant, and held the rite of passage. At the foot of the altar the members of the parting administration handed over to the new administration the lamp of the Region.

Raising the lamp, Sr. Nicla expressed her willingness to serve the Region to support the journey of each sister to the fulfillment of her baptismal consecration, in the following of the Lord Jesus in a life of adoration and apostolic service. To conclude the solemn celebration there was a floral homage at the altar of Maria de Mattias. In front of the relic of the Saint we continued to invoke her blessing so that her wisdom could sustain and illuminate the choices and the decisions that we would make for the good of the region. To the new administration which will guide us in the writing of new and fascinating pages in the life of the ASCs, we want to express our gratitude for the gift received by way of the sentiments of the hope of St. Maria De Mattias: "My hopes I have placed in the merits of the Precious Blood of Christ, and I hope not to be confused. He it is that gives me this great desire to help the dear neighbor in the present times, using all the means possible so that poor sinners be converted to God in their heart. In this institute we will always try, while we are always prepared to struggle, and to even give our lives for the wellbeing of souls" (letter 30)

Sr. Monica Rini, ASC



Missionary Month

Since 1926 October is a special time for those who work and support the missionary activity of the Church; it is the month dedicated to the Missions, a period that culminates on Sunday Oct. 22, 2017 with World Mission Day. The theme of this 91st World Mission Day was “the harvest is plentiful.” It deals with an expression of Jesus that is found in the Gospels with strong missionary value. In fact, in the so-called global village, there are still so many geographical and existential peripheries where it is urgent to announce and give witness to the Good News.

The Church is missionary by nature; if it were not so, it would no longer be the Church of Christ, but just one association among many others, that would

soon end exhausting its purpose and disappear, says Pope Francis. So, we are invited to ask some questions that touch our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers, in a world confu-



sed by so much delusion, hurt by great frustration and wounded by numerous wars of fratricide that unjustly strike down the innocent. What is the foundation of mission? What is the heart of mission?

The month of October lets us

gratefully remember the sisters, credible testimony of the infinite Love of God; it is the month in which we Adorers of the Blood of Christ remember the missionary disciples who have spent their whole life in announcing the Gospel not only with words, but with their life: the Martyrs of Charity and of Faith, and Blessed Serafina Cinque. Their example and their style of life encourage us to live that high level of Love, and challenges us to make of the ordinary, the extraordinary place of gratitude and of gift. In their way of doing things, of living, of choosing, we find “the prophetic force of the ‘how’ that gives meaning to our being Adorers of the Blood of Christ.”(Acts GA 2017).

*Continental Area: Asia
India Region*

Migrant Workers at Aradhana School



The commission for the migrants in the archdiocese of Bangalore and Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ(ASC) has organized a one day

orientation programme for the Garment migrant Workers at Aradhana School, Banneghatta Road, Bangalore on 1st October, 2017.

Around 400 participants who hail from Jharkhand, Assam, Bengal, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, whole of North East and other ethnic groups along with the fathers and sisters who are caring in various ministries for the migrants gathered for the programme. The ASC, sisters who work among the garment workers made great effort to convince the garment hostel authorities to make them available for this day.

We had begun the day with a formal felicitation programme guided by members of Spiritual Revival Ministry (SRM) who were actively involved in taking care of migrants in Banga-



lore for those who are from north east of India, especially the migrants of Arunachal Pradesh. It was followed by Praise and Worship, Action songs, sharing testimonies of migrants and sharing the word of god and led everyone into a joyful and celebrative mood.

The participants were given chances for



making spiritual nourishments like confession, counselling and personal sharing. The Eucharistic celebration was celebrated by Rev. Msgr. S. Jayanthan, the Vicar General archdiocese of Bangalore along with con-celebrants who were from various institutions and spiritual directors for migrant communities. In his personal sharing with the migrant garment workers, the vicar general said, “we feel proud of you in our midst and we love you. We assure you every possible support to feel at home and cherish life dreams”.

Thereafter followed by a few cultural programme in which different communities showcase their traditional attire in the form of dance. Mrs. Dr. Muktha Tigga MBBS, who hails from Rourkela Orissa working as a company doctor with Aditya Birla in Bangalore helped the participants in aspects of hygiene, health care and prevention methods in day today situations. The participants were given chances to clarify their doubts and various health issues. Mr. Pawan Kuldip Kerketta who hails from Rourkela Orissa, working as a HR in Thoucentric Technology in Bangalore enlightened the participants with various labour laws, work related issues, varioious schemes and

support systems. He said, “ I feel so happy to attend the day like today where I feel at home with my brothers and sisters”. Mr. Anil Dunggulan from Simdega Jharkhand , working as a Marketing Manager in a Garment company in Kohlapur shared with the participants various aspects that helps them to empower them in garment industries. Hel told, “It was a home coming experience to share with my brothers and sisters”.

Miss Batina Sagma, one of the participants shared her joy by saying, “ we feel grateful to the commission for the migrants for taking care of us in this present day situations”. Miss Namita Lakra who is working in this garment industry for more than three years said, “ I feel very much blessed to participate programme

like this”. As the result of this gathering, the inputs and various concerns of the participants have sent to the commission to study the situation and have decided to create a help desk with persons who are available to support the migrant workers. It was a special occasion



for many garment girls and other groups to participate in such a gathering outside their workplace. Fr. Edward Thomas SDB, the Joint secretary, Fr. Shaju Kalappurakkal SCJ, the Executive secretary and other members from the commission for the migrants in the archdiocese of Bangalore expressed their gratitude towards the garment workers who had taken great effort to attend this programme.



Continental Area: the Americas
USA Region

For justice and care of our Common Home

The ADORERS, US Region (ASC) and LANCASTER AGAINST PIPELINES (LAP) Partner for Justice and Care of Our Common Home.

For three years, the Adorers have resisted accepting the request for a “Right of Way Agreement,” from Transco/Williams, for their Atlantic Sunrise pipeline project: The construction of a fracked



gas pipeline underneath a strip of land the Adorers’ own in West Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, PA,. The US Region refused to accept their offer because the US Adorers regard fossil fuel pipelines “as a profound violation of our deeply held religious convictions.”

A long time ago, in 2005 the US Adorers wrote a Land Ethic, which was approved and accepted at the Region’s Assembly in October of that year. (See the Land Ethic) Three key values, simply stated reflect our vision and values: Honors the sacredness of creation; Reverences Earth as a sanctuary where all life is protected; Treasures land as a gift of beauty and sustenance and legacy for future generations.

In the summer of 2016, the Adorers received a request from the grassroots coalition, Lancaster Against Pipelines, to install and use, and to invite other people of faith to use, a portable prayer

“chapel” on their land. The hope is that the structure can draw people to prayer and reflection about just and holy uses of land. The Adorers were quickly engaged in advocacy with LAP. The Adorers, in the fall of 2017 filed a federal Civil Rights complaint challenging a corporation’s “right” to “eminent domain.” (This “right” allows a corporation to take legal access of a section of land requested against the owners objections.)

Despite the Adorers’ refusal to cooperate with this endeavor, Transco has gotten approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) granting them the right to construct, maintain and operate a pipeline on this land for the Atlantic Sunrise Project. Even though, the federal court order of eminent domain, is in effect,



Transco decided not to remove the “chapel” from the easement, but to place a covered fence, to tall to see over, at the edge of the land bordering the “chapel.” We still await the Courts resolution on our Civil Rights case. And, during this time, ASC’s, LAP and people committed to ‘care of the earth,’ gather regularly at the Chapel for prayer, singing and non-violent civil disobedience.

Those engaged in this re-

sistance, believe that having the physical presence of the “chapel,” for however long, gives tangible witness to our belief in the sa-



credness of Earth. Further, it represents our deep resolve to STAND as a community against corporate greed and the desecration of natural resources.

GO TO: www.wear Lancaster.org and Facebook: Lancaster Against Pipeline as well as the US Adorers web pages www.adorers.org/stand-for-justice where you can download the LAND ETHIC statement and read more about how the ASC’s of the US Region partner with others and respond to the call of the Blood through justice and peace actions.





XXV Jubilee Anniversary
Adorers Martyrs of Charity

Missionaries of the Blood of Christ

On October 20 we celebrated the commemoration of our sister Martyrs of Charity in Liberia; generous women full of courage who, twenty five years ago, gave their lives in service of the people of Liberia. The sisters shared daily life with the people and also their death as thousands of Liberians were killed during the civil war. Their lives are interwoven. We are proud to be part of this community.

Srs. Agnes Mueller, Barbara Ann Muttra, Joel Kolmer, Kathleen McGuire and Shirley Kolmer, who died in Liberia had worked in the field of education, health care, social work, religious formation, faith formation... wherever they could help better the lives of the poor.

Twenty five years ago civil war paralyzed the country; the people fled the area. The sisters handed out food and water to those fleeing, but would not themselves leave as long as there were people they could help. Then it was too late to leave. The war closed in upon them. They were singled out by the rebels and shot. So heavy was the fighting that their bodies were not recovered until weeks later. Our sisters, our friends gave us an example of total self-giving that we can never forget. We celebrate their life and their spirit.

In the celebration of the Eucharist, every day we hear the invitation of Jesus: "Take and eat, this is my body, offered in sacrifice for you... This is my Blood poured out for you and for all. Do this in memory of me." These sisters did just that—they gave



their body for others. They poured out their blood for others, just like Jesus.

And this is what we are called to as Adorers of the Blood of Christ—to give our all even to the point of shedding blood.

Sr Marcia Kruse, ASC



RUMA, MOTHER

You are a good mother like the mother in Macabees. You raised us well simple country girls with simple desires.

Nurtured on real cows milk and fresh farm eggs, and inspired by the spirit of maria de Mattias.

You raised valient women within your walls. What is your secret, that makes these women so bold and fearless so kind and caring so crazy and funny

so sincere and down to earth?

Is it the farm, the home-grown food? the open skies, or fields of wheat? or the "corn" we grew up with?

Over 100 years you've been teaching us to live and die for the Lord, as the Lord.

we're a motley crew who have said Yes!

Loyal to the People of God sharing their joy and suffering, We spend ourselves, put out lives on the line for the sake of the "dear neighbor"

You taught us well.

You taught us the truths that meke us do what we have to do

go where we have to go.

And now you reap the consequences as, there, at the foot of the cross, you receive these brave daughters into your warm earth.

Thanks, Mother, Ruma. You have the grace to change common country girls into valient women, saints and martyrs!

"The Victory belongs to out God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb"

Blessed be the Blood of Jesus!

December , 1992





Adorers Martyrs of Faith

Their blood poured out for the faith

Josepha and Eulalia, two Adorers, two women of the Word, who became martyrs of the faith because of their proclamation of the Word during the communist regime in Croatia.



Josepha was tortured to death when she was 39. After leaving the community during the war in 1944, she worked in pastoral care with children, youth and adults. According to the statements of witnesses she was arrested and detained by communist authorities. After she was free, she returned to Rusevo and continued to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Still, at the beginning of October of 1946, in spite of the warning of the parishioners to leave the country because of threats, she stayed in the town. The last day, before they arrested her, she spent the day in prayer in a chapel, going through the agony of death. That afternoon they took her away and in a private home she was terribly tortured by those who did not recognize the beauty of what she was doing and Him for whom she lived her life. Her body

was found some years later buried in the woods. It was secretly transferred and buried in the cemetery in the town of Djedina Rijeka, and with great love the inhabitants to this day take care of her tomb.



Eulalia was 37 when she lost her life for her faith in Christ. After the Second World War, in 1946 the communists had taken all the schools and houses of the sisters. Eulalia, as many other sisters, went to look for work. She was at Pleternica and worked as teacher and organist. She was tortured and killed in the beginning of March, 1947, and her body was thrown into the river Orljava. Her body was found March 25, 1947, after the snow melted. She was buried in the local cemetery in Pleternica.

Dear Sisters Josipa and Eulalia!

It seems a bit strange, but I do not want to write about you, I write to you because I feel your presence and that your lives speak to me very strongly—like the truth that free. So, truth brings life. The truth about you came to light after a long period of time but has brought life to us Adorers of today.

Thinking about you and writing these few lines, I live life as a most beautiful gift. Because only when we share life can we feel the beauty of the encounter that our Creator and Redeemer has brought into our heart.

Dear Sisters, we were not born in the same period of time, we never met, but in some extraordinary way I feel that we have stitched the same embroidery because the Blood of the Lamb has joined us. We are rooted in the charism of the Crucified.

I learned about you about ten years ago reading a



magazine for catechists. The article was entitled: Sister Josipa Nevistic, Adorer of the Blood of Christ, Protector of Catechists. I was very surprised and deeply touched with the testimony that I read about you. And so, it brought me an interior fervor...to know you better, to come close to you as sister. I visited the places in which you lived and worked, the places where you suffered, loving God and your neighbor, and where you were killed. You were young, but ready and courageous for higher goals. You were announcers of the Word of God in the small towns in hard and dangerous times.

Someone, other than the townsfolk who loved and appreciated you, saw your work for the Reign of God and wanted to turn off the voices of the Good News. But, strangely, today your voices are even stronger because the truth always speaks and has brought us life.

Thank you!

Your sister, Matija ASC



Disciple and Missionary



Sr. Serafina Cinque, ASC. – Angel of the Amazon

To speak about Sr. Serafina Cinque means to relive a time of grace and blessing that God has given us. It is to hear that beautiful phrase that Sr. Serafina always used to say resound ever more forcefully: “How Good God Is.”

I had the grace to live with her in two different times in my life: when I was a postulant, in Altamira, and later, as a junior in the community of Manaus.

What impressed me the most was her witness: woman of a great faith, boundless and full of life. In everything she was able to see the hand of God, in everything, Divine Providence, above all when things were not going the way she had planned. She lived her relationship with God through the Eucharist and daily meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. She spent hours in front of the tabernacle on her knees. Her devotion and friendship with Mary, the mother of Jesus, was visible with the recitation of the rosary every day and her trust in her maternal intercession.

Her whole life was consumed with the service of the dear neighbor through attention to people she met and above all the poor, pregnant women, and all those who sought her help.

When you looked at the person of Sr. Serafina, you saw a simple woman, fragile, but always looking ahead, confident and trusting, full of courage and hope.

Sr. Socorro, ASC

Region of Poland:

60 °of Professional Wows

November 12, 2017



Sr. Marianna Konefal
Sr. Malgorzata Braszko
Sr. Magdalena Karaban
Sr. Lucja Partyka



Many wishes and blessings!

Thank you for who you are!



They have returned to the Father's House

Region of Italy

*October 12, 2017
Maria Stellini*

*October 15, 2017
Angela De Cesare*

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Angela Armia Congiu*

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