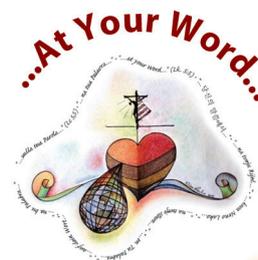


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A young Church with the scent of Christ

Editorial

What is there at the dawn of a new day with the scent of the Gospel? It is the longing of those who believe there is a light beyond the cross determining the path for new processes, activities to awaken those structures that are often rigid and projected to inaugurate movements of peace, solidarity and justice.

It is a matter of an outgoing path that asks to unconditionally follow the path with the quick steps of youth. The same pace between systolic and diastolic rhythm not indicating the least bit of fatigue, but proceeding with a speed not measured by chronometers because it done for love. It is the mad love of the lover moving toward the beloved, making no stops and being aware only that the enormity of the path is incalculable.

With open hearts, we must not be afraid of the newness, especially when it is the youth asking for it in parishes, religious institutes and in the

streets with cries of those who believe that the world needs to return to being the big garden of love.

We must say to those desiring to love, look, Jesus is the biggest revolutionary in history and really wants you to continue the journey along the footsteps of the Gospel.

We are not afraid of announcing with our voices the beauty of the Gospel and open the doors of our communities to make evangelical choices that smack of "revolution" because they "have the scent of Christ." We must not be afraid to boldly denounce injustice and any form of exploitation of the weak of the earth.

We must be a young and rejuvenated Church and, with the energy produced by kneeling before the Eucharist, move toward a present with "the scent of Christ."

Sr. Mimma Scalera, ASC

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Blood-Donor sister cities between Acuto and Vallecorsa



On Sunday, July 29, the ASC general administration was invited to attend the agreement to be sister cities between the AVIS associations (Blood Donor Associations) of Vallecorsa and Acuto. St. Maria De Mattias is the inspiration for this sister-city pact. Mrs. Giuliana Cardinali, president of the Acuto AVIS, began the meeting in the town hall by stating that St. Maria was “a strong and courageous woman capable of broadening her vision beyond the mountain of Acuto to enter into social connections and, through these, to build bridges of communion.” The respective mayors of Acuto and Vallecorsa, Dr. Michele Antoniani and Mr. Augusto Agostini, emphasized how St. Maria De Mattias’ presence thrust these two towns to be witnesses in the world of this Love of Jesus for everyone and thus to grow in their social responsibility by responding to the need of the “dear neighbor.”

Among the Sisters there was the first to be registered in the Vallecorsa AVIS, Sister Elisa Badiale, ASC, as its president, Mr. Carlo Cimaroli reminded the group.

The program for the event began with the Eucharistic liturgy celebrated by Msgr. Lorenzo Loppa, Bishop of Anagni-Alatri, and was animated by the parish choir of St. Maria. In addition to the official representatives and the citizens, others present were the ASC novices and the Sisters of the communities of Acuto, Vallecorsa and Fiuggi.

In commenting on the liturgy of the 17th Sunday (Jn. 6:1-15), the Bishop pointed out the importance of sharing. In fact, the miracle worked by Jesus with the multiplication of the bread says that the bread was not bought, but shared. Sharing is the secret to common well-being and peace. The same thing can be said of the Blood. It is the expression of the gift of self that gives life to others

During the time of the signing of the pact, Sr. Nadia Coppa, General Superior of the Congregation of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, was invited to speak to the authorities of the various towns who came for the celebration. She expressed her appreciation for the movement of so many people and actions

of sharing that the person of Sr. Maria De Mattias continues to enkindle today. Blood – Adorers, AVIS – ASC. “There is a great connection between the blood of Jesus that gives life to each of us and that of the blood donor who offers his or her blood to restore life to a brother or sister.” She then shared that during her years of experience as a blood donor what sustained her was the thought of Father Tonino Bello regarding blood donation. Bishop Tonino Bello said that this is the truest action of gratuity because there is anonymity between the one who gives the blood and the one receiving it. There is no relationship and, therefore, the donor expects nothing in return. The donor’s bed is the altar upon which the sacrifice of the gift is consumed. And the bag for the blood is the chalice being offered in the sacrifice. She had words of appreciation and encouragement for all blood donors so that they may continue to do this service in an evangelical spirit for the good of society.



Following the exchange of gifts between the various AVIS representatives there was the naming of the playground as “Donors’ Park” in recognition of all those who make themselves instruments of sharing and true Love with the act of giving their blood.

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccamazzo, ASC

Update from the ASCs in Liberia



With grateful hearts for the prayerful support and emails, Sisters Zita Resch (Schaan) and Therese Wetta (USA) send greetings to all Adorers and Associates.

In response to a request, you are finding our first update from Liberia, West Africa. In 1971 Adorers from the USA went to Grand Cess to begin a new ministry. They served continuously until 1992 when the five ASC Martyrs of Charity died in Liberia's horrendous civil war. In recent years Sister Raphael Ann Drone has returned two times as a SMA volunteer.

In February Sisters Zita and Therese arrived in Monrovia, the capital. After almost two months of waiting and prodding to free their Land Cruiser from the port authorities, they arrived in Grand Cess on the evening of April 25 after a demanding two day road trip. They were warmly welcomed and greeted by the people and pastor, Father Francis, a diocesan priest who had been told by Bishop Andrew Karnley that the Sisters were returning. S. Therese and Father Francis had met

last May during the exploratory visit. The original ASC house was renovated two years ago and was being used by the pastor but vacated for the Sisters. Two bedrooms await other ASCs to join in being witnesses of reconciliation and hope in Liberia!

S. Therese felt a renewed call to Liberia from the 2011 General Assembly Acts that included the statement,

"We will accept the challenge to change our mindset and to have preference for courageous and unexplored ministerial choices in places where pioneers and prophets are needed."

Discerning with the leaders of USA Adorers and with S. Zita's willingness to return where she had spent six years of her ministerial life, the ASCs return to this country still suffering from the years of war and the Ebola crisis. Some people are willing to talk about the war; others prefer to be silent. Atrocities were common and pain and division remain although everyone wants peace.



Attitudes have been affected in a major way; there is more stress and violence and less peace and joy. Children do not share the desire to learn that existed in earlier times.

A new President and other officials with a pro-poor agenda (Liberia is among the poorest countries in the world) began their term in January and many expectations exist among the people. There are many daily challenges because the infrastructure was destroyed during the war, including the postal system. There is no mail delivery in Liberia per se. Electricity is slowly returning to the larger cities (not in Grand Cess but a generator supplies the ASCs electricity two hours a day) and potable water remains a problem as does sanitation. The gulleys roads and bridges are mostly unsafe. Sixty Percent of the land in this agricultural country has been leased to foreign companies that are not keeping their promises about clinics, roads, and jobs.

With half of the 6 million citizens age 18 and under, there is an urgent need for a stronger education system. In Grand Cess there is a government school K-12 and St. Patrick's school K-9 (about 300 students) begun by the SMA priests and where ASCs taught in the early years. School officially concluded July 6. Children in grades 1-4 are being invited to participate in a one hour phonics class for three weeks in July. S. Therese will teach this. She taught religion in grades 7,8,9 the last six weeks. And she plans to begin some activities and clubs for the girls.

Meanwhile S. Zita is working with some of the

people to restore the former home economics room in a separate building. The women have asked that she teach sewing classes again and S. Zita is diligently working to make this happen. Of course the real ministry will be in the compassionate listening to and interacting with them during the classes. And, like the Pied Piper, she attracts children to stop by to visit and practice reading. She is also visiting the elderly who were young when she was here 30 years ago.

Both Sisters are members of the parish council and help two catechists with Communion services when the pastor is away or at an outstation. S. Therese is working with lectors. There are three Catholic dioceses in the country, each with a Liberian Bishop. Serving in the diocese of Cape Palmas there are three women's and two men's congregations.

The needs among the people are many and the need for some younger Adorers to join in this mission is great. English is the language; ministries include social work, catechism, education, and nursing.

NOW is the time to listen to the Spirit, discern and come to make the ASC presence continuous in this country. The blood of our martyred Sisters cries for this living presence.



Sr. Therese Wetta, ASC e Sr. Zita Resch, ASC

“Precious Blood School” – Buenos Aires

On June 20, the elementary school students of our school pledged allegiance to the flag of the country, created by Manuel Belgrano along the banks of the river Paraná. The flag’s colors represent the colors of the Virgin’s cloak and the sky.

It was brought with dignity and respect by the students who have distinguished themselves by their scholastic efforts, the example of their faith and exercise of acts of charity.

The children then gave homage to the flag with a choreographed dance.

What is important is that they always remain respectful and generous people and that they always love Jesus who gave his precious blood for our salvation.



Sr. Susana Misermont, ASC

Region: Brazil

The marvels of adult catechesis

I arrived in Altamira, Xingu on February 28, to work with the people of the Sr. Serafina Divine Providence Home.

Sr. Zélia and Sr. Jandira asked for my help in the catechesis of the workers of the center who are not yet baptized nor confirmed, nor have they received their first communion or been married in the church. I made a list of those wishing to receive the sacraments and attend lessons on the Bible, liturgy, catechesis and preparation for the sacraments of the Church, etc.

We began on March 15. Each Thursday at 6:00 p.m., the workers gather after work in one of the rooms of the house. It is great to see the thirst these people have for God!

Seventeen are preparing for Confirmation, three for Baptism, twelve are preparing to receive their first communion and six couples are preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony. In some cases, the woman wants the sacrament, but her husband doesn’t and sometimes it is the opposite. We are praying that these couples be freed from this fear forever. A twenty-six-year-old is preparing to receive Baptism

and Matrimony. It will be his second experience of being married. All the groups are preparing together for the sacraments of initiation because they need to know their Catholic religion and the Gospel of Jesus. Now I am preparing the formation plan about matrimony for all the adults whether they want the sacrament of matrimony or not so that they can discern more clearly, without fear.

There is a superstition here that says that when a couple is getting along well without the sacrament of matrimony, if they celebrate the sacrament, their love will be over. This is not true, but many people believe it and so it is not easy to get them to change their minds after so many years.

With the agreement of their parents and their respective pastors, I also prepare the children wanting to make their first communion.

Our Bishop, Msgr. João will be the celebrant for all the sacraments. He is very interested in the event and has already set the date aside for the celebration at the beginning of November.

Sr. M. Clara de Albuquerque Silva, ASC



Photo of the group of sacramental catechesis with their catechist.

Adorers Among Madonna High School Alum at 50-Year Reunion



In 1968, 144 young women graduated from Madonna High School in Wichita. This was the second year for the combined "Westside-all-girls-newly merged-Diocesan-school."

Both the Sisters of St. Joseph, Wichita, and the Adorers of the Blood of Christ had to close their beloved high schools and come together to form this new identity called Madonna, in 1966.

So, on June 2, 2018, 50 years after graduating, 46 alumni gathered to remember and celebrate the memories, experiences and relationships of their years together.

Three members of the class are Adorers Sara Dwyer, Nylas Moser and Susan Welsby. They were delighted to have about 10 members of the 1968 class honor an Adorer and special math teacher, Sister Marita Rother, ASC.

Sister Marita influenced many women who went on to have careers in math because of her inspiration.

In fact, one woman drove hundreds of miles to the event with the specific desire of "thanking Sister" for helping her find her path in life!

It was a lovely evening. Special thanks to Sister Nylas who was on the planning committee!

Sr. Sara Dwyer, ASC

Junior Associates Club - service day

The theme for the May 5, ASC Junior Associate service day at the Ruma Center was "Fourteen Billion Years of Love."

Through creative art and other activities, the youth and their families celebrated God's amazing creation of the universe, as well as the gift of more than 3,000 years of ASC vowed commitment lived by the Sisters who now are at home in Ruma. Included in their gift-giving to each Sister was a tiny wildflower heart that was then planted and watered. After sprouting, these were to be mingled in the outdoor wildflower patch that the Junior Associates sowed that day near the convent garden.

The ASC Junior Associate Club, begun in 2011, is a way of introducing youth, both girls and boys ages 10 to 20, to the spirit and mission of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, and to challenge these young people to "have a heart" for others right now and right where they are.

Sisters receive these young people as a part of

their special, extended ASC family, and include them in their prayers and support. Some Sisters also 'adopt' them as pen pals. Youth candidates and members receive a bimonthly newsletter as a way of communicating.

The program has more than 40 youth participants from 14 towns in the Diocese of Belleville. Eight youth have joined from St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Smithton, two of whom now attend high school. Eight young adults beyond the age of 20 have now become ASC Mission Associates.

Each year, two Junior Associate service days are hosted at the Ruma Center. These family gatherings encourage intergenerational relationship-building, and allow for the young to share their love and energy with the retired Sisters. They also provide a time to welcome new candidates and to witness the promise of those who become full members.

Mia Barragan, of St. Clare parish in O'Fallon, Illinois, made her promise as a full member on May 5, and three new candidates of the Abuschon family of Waterloo were welcomed.

Other activities on May 5 included storytelling by Sister Jan Renz about an immigrant Adorer, Mother Clementine Zerr, who was the leader of a small band of Sister pioneers who arrived at Ruma in 1876. The day concluded with a bunko game that brought Sisters, youth and family together in laughter, movement and conversation.

Each Sister received a picture bookmark of a member of the Junior Associate Club to hold in special prayer, and each youth and family member who attended the day 'took home a Sister' whose tag was in a flower pot. They were asked to plant the flower and remember this Sister as they prayed a blessing for her.

Ada Jimenez, mother of the first ASC Junior Associate, expressed her family's involvement.

"There is so much that surrounds our children



that draws them away from Jesus' call to serve, love and sacrifice for others," she said. "The Junior Associates is an opportunity for us to have our children moved by those who have spent a lifetime saying "yes" to that call. The cards our children receive, the prayers they are lifted in are like a constant tether to the light of God. And the bunko with the Sisters is always great fun."

Sr. Cecilia Marie Hellmann, ASC

**Continental Area: Asia
Region: India**

International yoga day *Kid's world*

June 21 is celebrated all over the world as International Yoga Day. We in ARADHANA also celebrated the yoga day as we understand the importance of yoga as it enhances the flexibility, strength, coordination and body awareness. Yoga brings the marvellous inner light that all children have to the surface.

The ground was set with mats and children of kid's world (Nursery, LKG and UKG) were informed so, they were dressed in white T-Shirt and Black track pants. The instructor Mrs. Vijaylakshmi was too surprised with the amount of energy the children exhibited. They did the various poses like the Lion pose, the Banyan tree etc. These physical movements introduced kids to yoga's true meaning -union, expression and honour for oneself and ones part in the delicate web of life. Even our Principal Sr. Siji came forward to do some asanas to boost the energy of the children. The children in our School

use these asanas or poses as a spring board for exploration of many other areas namely music and playing instruments, storytelling, drawing and the time spent together will truly become a interdisciplinary approach to learning.

We, the kid's world staff extend our heartfelt thanks for the management to include yoga in the curriculum 2018-19 as it helps the children in the various spheres of life.



Aradhana School- India-Bangalore

Warm Welcome to the New Academic Year - June 4, 2018

The class X students and teachers had been preparing for the start of school opening day. The excitement in the campus was so positive. Finally it was on June 4, 2018 when our efforts were met with pure joy and excitement for our students.

Aradhana Academy always begins a new academic session with new learning garden. We had amidst us Sr. Mini Pallipadan Regional Superior, Sr. Siji, Principal, Sr. Celine, Vice Principal, Sr. Jiji, Secretary, Sr. Shiny, Treasurer, Sr. Lalitha and Rev. Fr. Joseph Francis, CFIC, who were the main guests for the day. The ceremony started with a prayer song followed by lighting the lamp.

Sr. Mini Pallipadan, the Regional Superior began with a few sweet words stressing upon holiness, joy and beauty. Sr. Mini welcomed the new students and motivated them towards a fresh start. She also added to enjoy the presence of everything in the Campus and further added expressing a good progress in the following year under the guidance and support of Sr. Siji. Finally Sr. Mini concluded "Let's go hand in hand with the parents, management, students, teachers and this new academic year brings new life to you all". She concluded by extending a warm welcome to new students and teachers.

The Academic Coordinator, Ms. Vasudha, highlighted the rules and regulations to be abided by the students. The teachers handling class X and PUC were appreciated for the best results in Board Exams.

Sr. Siji starts her words with great excitement towards students, parents and teachers and welcomes them after the vacation.

Sr. Siji emphasizes upon academic excellence, to support students to achieve academic excellence. Sr. Siji further stresses towards students working forward by setting an example to all of you. Finally Sr. Siji showers by uttering "May God bless us, students at beginning of academic year. Help them to grow and feel respected and loved. We seek our blessings. Help parents to boast confidence our children. May God bless you all."

The graceful dance performed by the students of grade IX and X was excellent. The students took an oath and promised to abide by the guidelines of Aradhana.

Finally, "All good things come to an end". Teachers sang the School Anthem followed by vote of thanks. Rev. Fr. Joseph Francis blessed the students. As students dispersed to their classroom, they were thrilled and ready to start another wonderful year ahead in Aradhana.



The experience of an SMDMMC volunteer in Quezon City, the Philippines

When I joined the St. Maria de Mattias Mission Center as volunteer last January 3, 2018, I felt some apprehension that the group might not accept me or I won't come up to their expectations on a personal and professional level. But in spite of all those negative feelings, the decision brought excitement and purpose which I couldn't explain. As a nurse, I am trained to be sensitive and able to adapt to different kinds of people, situations, and always prepared in anticipation of the needs of patients and those around me. At present, I'm integrating myself in the group/community. I want to know each individual not only with regards to their health problems but also who they are as persons. I enjoy listening to them during interviews or playing with the children. Starting July, we are doing a 5-minute health education lecture to our patients as part of our service while they wait for consultations to start. Each collaborator is assigned topics like common diseases, the signs/symptoms, and how to prevent, manage or treat the disease using things they have in the house. Equipped with these basic knowledge, parents or guardians will be quick to react to situations with confidence, resourcefulness to gather enough presence of mind to take their sick family member/s to our clinic. Aside from the medical service we do in the clinic, we also extend our services to missions outside the area. Every 3rd Sunday of the month, we go to San Jose del Monte, Bulacan, for our medical mission. As I interview patients and ask them how they are since we last saw them and I ask them why they wait so long for their illness to be checked although I know the usual answer is that they don't have money for consultation fee, the more so to buy medicine. So, they always welcome our presence in their community because they will be examined by doctors & given free medications. As I think about it, even if they



go to our government hospitals or barangay health centers, they will not be attended to for lack of manpower as most are under staffed & our government medical facilities really have a huge problem when it comes to providing basic services offered for the health & wellness of our citizens. Being frustrated is not the solution for me. I have to be proactive and try to reach out to them, talking & showing empathy. A simple pat of the hand or a touch for me is my way of letting them feel that I care for them.

Sister Linlee also sees to it that our spiritual growth is taken care of. Here in Cenacle Drive, we have our Wednesday Bible study & sharing. I look forward to our Wednesday appointment with the LORD. We, the Collaborators, Jewels, together with the DOTS enrollees and their families, also celebrate Holy Eucharist every 4th Saturday of the month. Volunteering at SMDMMC helps me grow and change my outlook as to my sense of self worthiness. There is feeling of belongingness to a certain group and accomplishment when working together for the good of the community. It also helps me learn new skills especially COOKING. And most importantly, I am forming lifetime friendships with the Sisters, collaborators, and the communities we serve which I will treasure for as long as I live. I thank God for guiding me to a life of service and purpose for His glory and in His name. God bless us.

Felicidad Sevilla (ate Bems)

Open letter to Sr. Nadia



Dear Sr. Nadia,

With gratitude, we express our appreciation for the contents of the Promulgation Letter of the 2017 GA Acts.

In our weekly community meetings from January to May 2018, we made it the object of reading and reflection, having been deeply challenged by the following opening words, "this document being given to each of you is the voice of the entire Congregation."

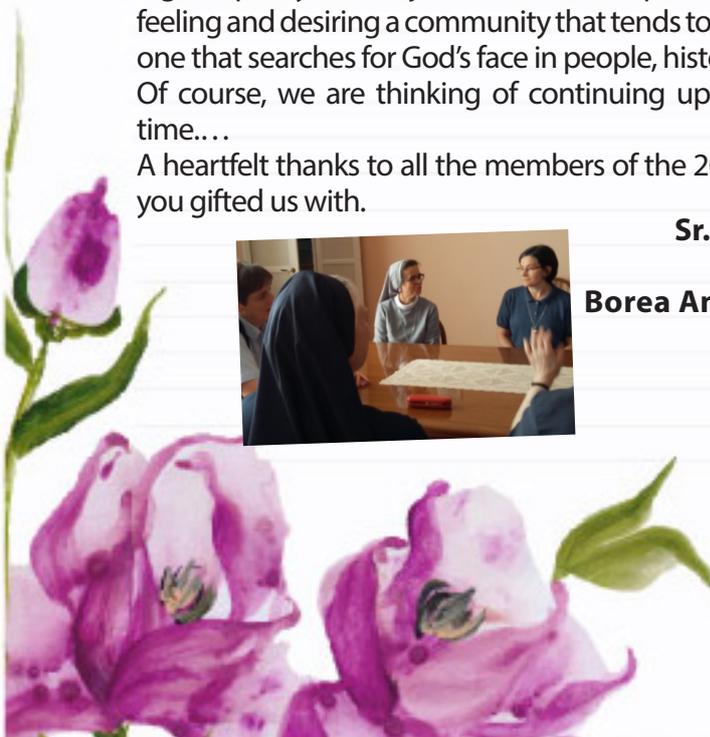
In our study, we spent time on the third point "weaving gospel relationships." In the seminar of self-formation, we also drew meaningful contributions from pedagogues, philosophers and mystics ... and we made use of study guides that gave direction to and compared many of our insights.

The various perspectives saw us involved in a lively discussion and intense dialogue that brought out the need to aim toward levels of higher quality life, not just to think about personal holiness, but to add feeling and desiring a community that tends toward holiness together, one that searches for God's face in people, history and daily events.

Of course, we are thinking of continuing up to 2023. There is still time...

A heartfelt thanks to all the members of the 2017 GA for the BEAUTY you gifted us with.

**Sr. Maria Di Giglio, ASC
ASC Community
Borea Angeli Institute – Bari**



A day with the Precious Blood Family

For some months, I have been collaborating with the Congregation of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ. This has been an occasion for ministry growth for me as well as an opportunity for getting to know a new “world” and discover new cultures.



On June 30, 2018, on the occasion of the feast of the Precious Blood on July 1, we laity, together with the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, ASCs, and the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, CPPS, had the opportunity to attend a meeting with His Holiness, Pope Francis, in Paul VI Hall.

It was a day filled with emotion, presented by Beatrice Fazi who involved everyone with her joy and energy.

In the course of the day, we had other opportunities for listening to the hymn of the Precious Blood and assisting at the exhibitions of dance by the “Holy Dance” school. We heard various presentations, testimonies and stories, among which were those by the CPPS General Superior, Father Bill and the ASC General Superior, Sr. Nadia, who spoke to us about the extraordinary nature of the Blood of Christ, which gives witness to His Love for every individual around the world.

A missionary to India, Father Varakumar, told us a touching and moving story about Father Victor, a Missionary of the Precious Blood who was imprisoned for a year because of calumny against him and false accusations by those opposing Christianity.

There was also the testimony of the men from the Messina Brewery who were visibly moved. After the bankruptcy of the factory where they worked, thanks to their strength of will and the help of the missionaries and generous people, they formed a society and put all their savings together to build

a brewery, transmitting an important message to everyone. The message was not to ever give up because of life’s difficulties and always count on faith, because thanks to the help of faith you can reach every goal in life.

The most moving moment was the arrival of the Pope, who entered the Hall to the waving of thousands of red handkerchiefs by the many people coming from all the regions of Italy.

Pope Francis was welcomed by Father Terenzio Pastore, Provincial Director of the CPPS and by Sr. Nicla Spezzati, Regional Superior of the ASCs, who presented the families, grandparents with their grandchildren, parents, Missionaries, priests and religious, everyone coming from different situations, but “All here as a family of the Precious Blood,” as Sr. Nicla Spezzati said.

The Pope began his discourse by thanking Sr. Nicla Spezzati and Father Terenzio Pastore for their words that began the meeting. He then continued by speaking about the Blood of Christ, the greatest expression of love and life given for others.

Pope Francis then continued with praise for the service to the Church and society that the ASCs and CPPSs carry out, also giving them some personal advice that can help the congregation in its activities and witness.

He concluded with 3 important pieces of advice: “the courage of truth, attention for everyone, especially the most distant, and the ability to attract and communicate.”

It was an intense day that made me reflect upon the meaning of life, rejoice in the little things, help when my neighbor is in difficulty, give love and not be discouraged in the face of obstacles.

Debora Brunetti



International Conference on the 3rd Anniversary of Laudato Si'

On July 5 – 6, 2018 I had the privilege and honor of representing the Adorers at the International Conference on the 3rd Anniversary of Laudato Si': Saving our common home and the future of life on earth. The conference was organized by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and took place at the Vatican. During these two short days, I learned a lot and I shared a lot. My mind was filled, my heart was inspired and my hands were moved for action.



In the course of the conference, we had the opportunity to listen to scientists, UN professionals, cardinals and bishops, economists, government officials and on and on but the talks that struck me most were those given by the grassroots contingency... the youth, indigenous peoples, community organizers, those who are doing their part in the streets, in their communities, those who are putting their faith into real, concrete practice... and that is what I believe we are each called to do, in whatever way we can do. And as I listen to the many speakers...the call that came through loud and clear from all sectors...is that to act is what we must do...and we must ACT NOW. The message of urgency was reiterated over and over. Time is running out...as Card. Pietro Parolin said..."we are facing the greatest challenge of our time, the collapse of the very home that sustains us."

We heard the testimony of Jade Hameister, 17 year polar explorer who shared her photos and the impact of melting ice at both the north and south pole. She pulled us up from our comfortableness and gave another perspective when she said..."the debate should not be about how to save the earth...the earth will live, it will heal itself after we are gone. The debate needs to be about how to save the human race...we are the one species that is facing extinction from our own making." She calls out

that her generation will inherit this great threat of global warming and the political decisions of today's leaders. In her words... "I am confident that my generation will have the technology, the passion and the unified movement to make a meaningful difference, but it is up to current world leaders to make sure we still have a fighting chance. Please, give us that fighting chance".

My soul was torn as I listened to poet Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner from the Marshall Islands, describe her nation, land of many islands, where if global warming is not stopped at 1.5°C rise by 2030 their beautiful nation will be disappeared... under water...forever. Time is running out.

And then I was inspired as I listened to ecology and peace activist, Yeb Sano, sharing how he left the diplomatic world to join the people's movement in the fight against climate change...a crisis that he calls us to respond to with urgency and with hope. A hope that comes from our faith, faith in God, faith in our ability to transcend our differences and faith that we change the world. He shared a map



showing red areas that will become inhabitable if warming continues at its current rate...these red areas are the same areas where right now the most poor live...those who bear the biggest price are the poorest of the poor. Yeb called us to action on the ground...as he said, words and more words are getting us nowhere. Mass movements working for transformative change is the future for humanity. "Everything seems impossible until its done."



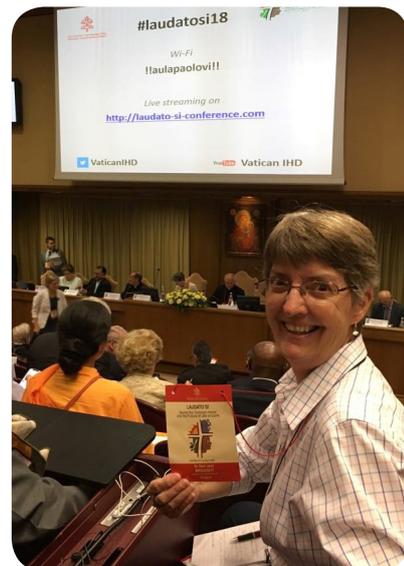
And I could go on and on with the many good and frightening and convincing things that were said...but I am left with the question...What can I do? What can we do? What can our congregation do? I don't have any easy answers...but this I heard and this I know...we must each do something, no matter how small, do something, act locally, wherever we are. Coming together with others to act locally is a powerful way of getting things done. And our local actions will be a complement to national and international acting. Start today to make changes in the way you live (how can we make our homes more sustainable with renewable energy), in the way you consume (how can we stop accepting single use plastic), in the choices you make (how can we join our voices and actions with others) and call those around you to do the same.

Laudato Si' serves as our guide and inspiration for actions to face these challenges. Many of the speakers stressed that our faith convictions, as brought out in Laudato Si' give us the hope to continue in the struggle to change our way of living at all levels, so that the human race can continue to live. Do something, however small... As one of the speakers said..."if you think you are too small to do anything or that your ability to act is insignificant, imagine yourself going and sleeping in a bedroom with a mosquito!"

As Adorers, we too are called to respond to the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' which for us is so clearly stated in our 2017 Assembly Acts "with hearts attentive to the cry of the Blood, we care for our common home, and protect the life and dignity of every person."

And so we encourage and support one another in this struggle, together. As participants, we were

encouraged by the presence and words of Pope Francis who greeted personally each participant. And I want to share how thrilled I was when Bill McKibben, world renown leader of the climate change movement, in speaking about Pope Francis' call to keep fossil fuels in the ground and the effectiveness of nonviolent resistance...gave a shout out about our congregation, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, and our struggle against a pipeline company in Pennsylvania, US. His words of support were motivating as we celebrated the one year anniversary of an outdoor chapel built on ASC land that had been taken for the installment of a gas pipeline. And who is on the frontline of the protests, who leads prayer at the interfaith chapel, who goes to court to give witness, who gives the example that impels others to join...our 80+ year old sisters living in rural Columbia...they are the mosquito to the pipeline company.



Here is the link to the webpage for all of the proceedings of the conference, including the program, speakers and recordings of the sessions. <http://laudato-si-conference.com/> The ASC's are mentioned in the third session at minute 41. Now as Adorers, together in solidarity and hope we move forward in action. **WHAT WILL YOU DO TODAY?**

Sr. Dani Brought, ASC

Best wishes to the new US Regional Administration

2018-2024 Regional Administration
Sr. Vicki Bergkamp - Regional Superior
Sr. Janet McCann - Councilor
Sr. Maria Hughes - Councilor
Sr. Mary Catherine Clark - Councilor
Sr. Angela Laquet - Councilor and Regional Secretary
Sr. Jan Renz - Regional Treasurer



First Profession

September 15, 2018

Tania Mendes - Guinea Bissau
Bighada Tambà - Guinea Bissau
Victoria Mangal - Guinea Bissau

Perpetual Profession

August 18, 2018

Sr. Christine Innesappa - India
Sr. Jiya Elappungal - India
Sr. Martha Veedhi - India
Sr. Renita Noralina - India

August 19, 2018

Sr. Sunčica Kunić - Zagreb

Anniversaries of religious profession

25th anniversary of religious profession

August 15, 2018

Sr. Renata Wukadin Zagreb

50th anniversary of religious profession

August 8, 2018

Sr. Toni Longo USA

August 15, 2018

Sr. Adelka Steko Zagreb

Sr. Arkandela Brkic Zagreb

Sr. Berhmana Dominikovic Zagreb

Sr. Krescencija Delas Zagreb

Sr. Irena Zeba Zagreb

Sr. Liubica Sumic Zagreb

Sr. Severina Sokic Zagreb

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Sr. Agnes Ramsauer Schaan

60th anniversary of religious profession

August 15, 2018

Sr. Marina Domic Zagreb

Sr. Natalija Ivanis Zagreb

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Sr. Helene Trueitt USA

65th anniversary of religious profession

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Sr. Dolores Ann Rapp USA

Sr. Theresa Marie Braun USA

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With gratitude for the gift of your vocation



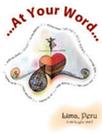
Birthdays: celebrating life

Table listing birthdays of nuns with columns for age, name, date, and location. Includes entries for Sr. Francesca Palamà, Sr. Isabella Ticconi, Sr. Elizabeta Glasnovic, Sr. Nada Abramovic, Sr. Litty Parekkat, Sr. Valerija Sokic, Sr. Milva Fabbi, Sr. Elena Frioni, Sr. Michelina Santoro, Sr. Rosalia La Verde, Sr. Michelina Miletta, Sr. Antonietta Agherbino, and Sr. Natalija Ivanis.



***They have returned to
their Heavenly Home***

July 9, 2018	Sr. Donata Pacifico	Italia
July 13, 2018	Sr. Gemma Dursi	Italia
July 14, 2018	Sr. Anna Greco	Italia
July 15, 2018	Sr. Concetta Mantino	Italia
July 24, 2018	Sr. Mary Evelyn Di Pietro	USA



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