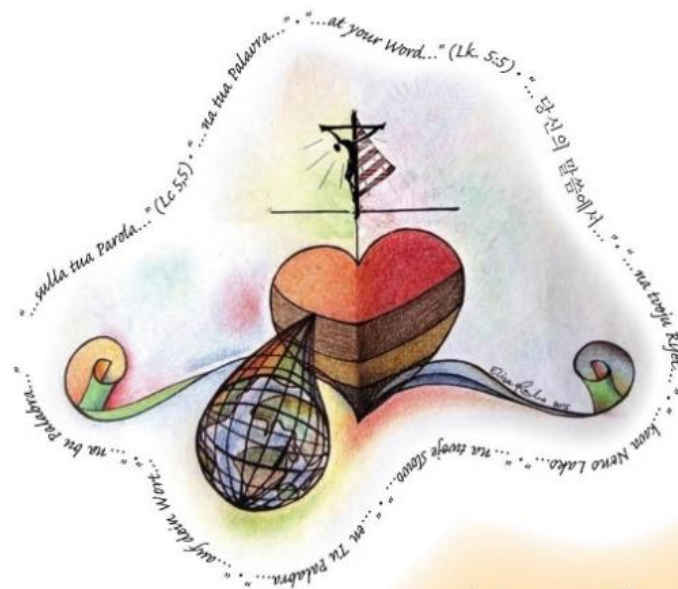


Adorers of the Blood of Christ

XXI General Assembly Acts



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5-28 Luglio 2017

...At Your Word...

**General Assembly
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A C T S

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

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

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

**General Administration
Adorers of the Blood of Christ
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Members of the General Administration
For the six-year term 2017-2023

During the XXI General Assembly the following were elected:

Sr. Nadia Coppa, General Superior

Sr. Matija Pavić, General Councilor

Sr. Bridget Pulickakunnel, General Councilor

Sr. Dani Brought, General Councilor

Sr. Wiesława Przybyło, General Councilor

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

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

They are designated:

Sr. Maria Grazia Boccomazzo, General Secretary

Sr. Manuela Nocco, General Treasurer

according to the procedures defined in *Bylaw* 76.

The Letter promulgating the Acts of the XXI General Assembly

Dear Sisters,

With sentiments of deep gratitude toward the Lord for the great and faithful love with which He accompanied us and with immense joy for the gift of each

Adorer of the Blood of Christ, I promulgate the Acts of the XXI General Assembly “... At Your Word ...” celebrated in Lima (Perú) from July 5 to July 28, 2017.

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

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

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

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

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

- *Living in a state of formation*

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

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

We are invited to simplify our choices and structures on all levels, convinced that what can help us personally and in community is to reflect upon the power and newness of the “how.” It is our *way of doing things, our way of following Jesus*, that gives meaning to our being Adorers of the Blood of Christ.

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

- *Weaving gospel relationships*

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

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

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

May the Lord bless each of our resolutions for good.

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

Sr. Nadia Coppa, ASC
General Superior

Rome, August 20, 2017