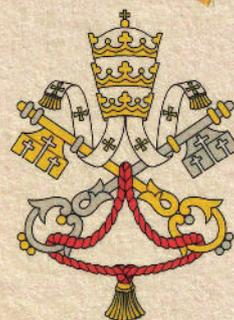
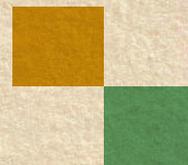
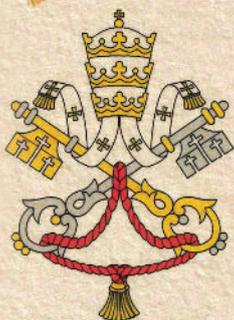


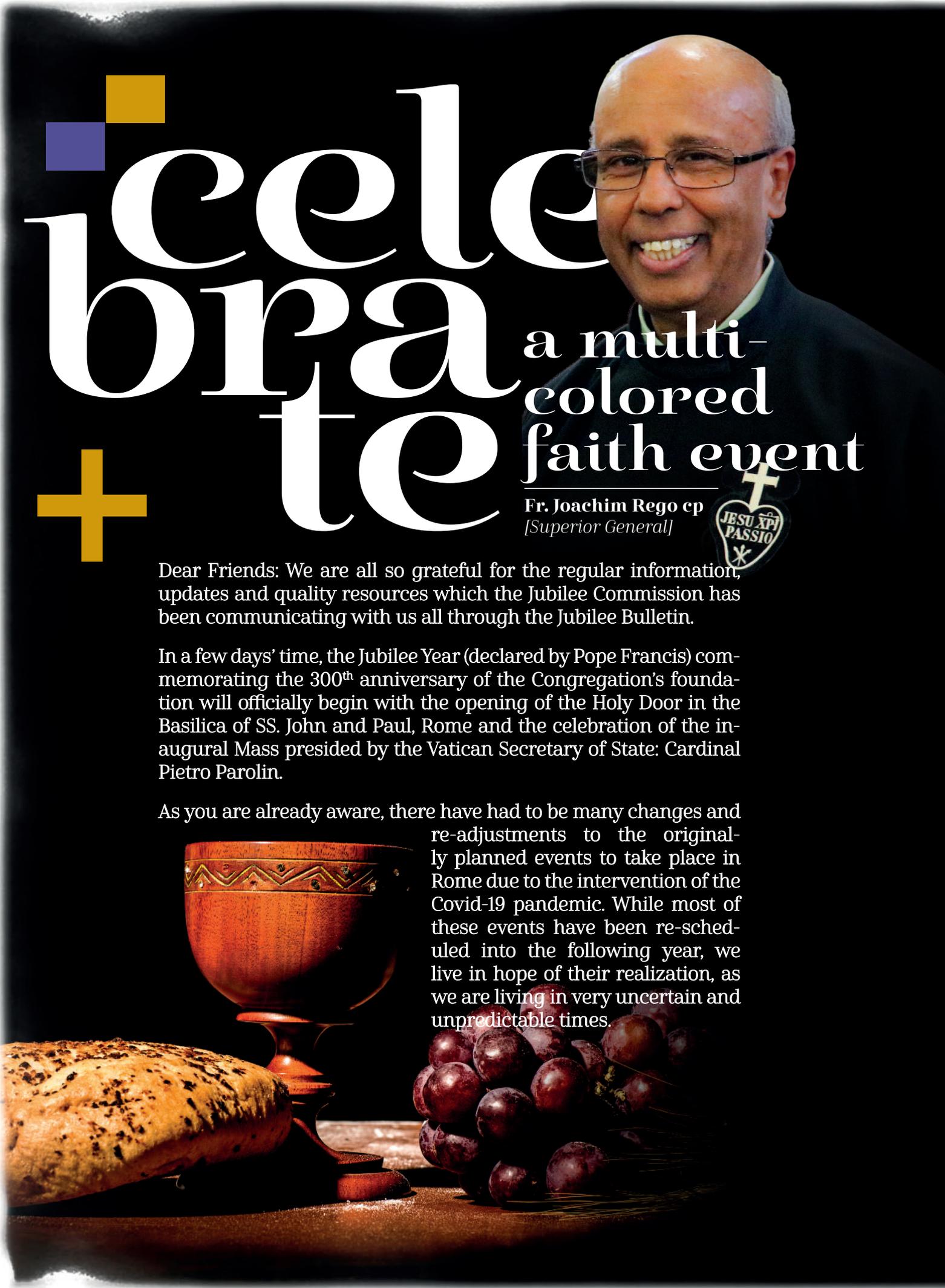


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NOVEMBER 22, 2020 - JANUARY 1, 2022

*“The Lord’s
year of favour”*





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a multi-colored faith event

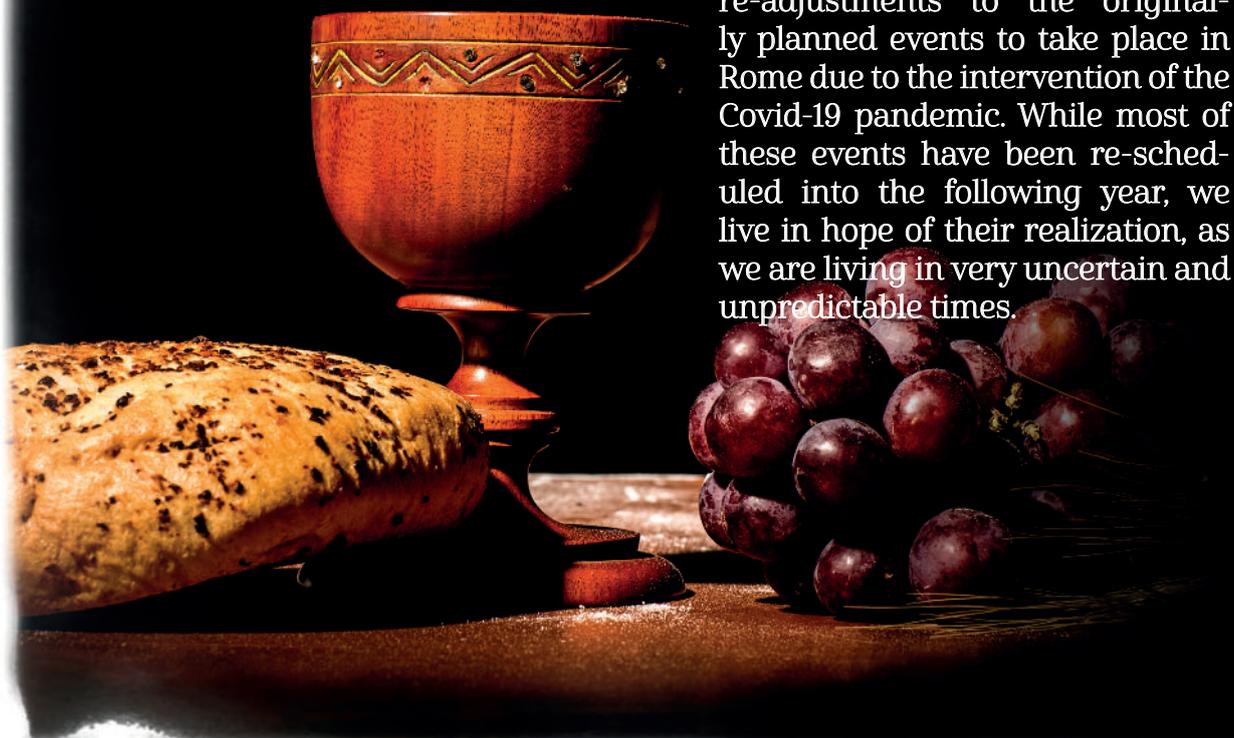
Fr. Joachim Rego CP
[Superior General]



Dear Friends: We are all so grateful for the regular information, updates and quality resources which the Jubilee Commission has been communicating with us all through the Jubilee Bulletin.

In a few days' time, the Jubilee Year (declared by Pope Francis) commemorating the 300th anniversary of the Congregation's foundation will officially begin with the opening of the Holy Door in the Basilica of SS. John and Paul, Rome and the celebration of the inaugural Mass presided by the Vatican Secretary of State: Cardinal Pietro Parolin.

As you are already aware, there have had to be many changes and re-adjustments to the originally planned events to take place in Rome due to the intervention of the Covid-19 pandemic. While most of these events have been re-scheduled into the following year, we live in hope of their realization, as we are living in very uncertain and unpredictable times.



More than just the production of memorabilia to mark this auspicious event, I know that you are all making great efforts to reflectively and meaningfully celebrate this Jubilee of the Congregation on the local level, in your local entities. And so it should be! The Congregation, while having its historical origins in Italy, is now blessed and enriched with faces, nationalities, cultures and customs from over 60 nations. And so, I thank you for what you have planned and all you are doing to celebrate this Jubilee with your specific colours, symbols and music – but, remembering that this is primarily an event of faith which must turn our minds and hearts with gratitude to God for His blessings, with a prayerful stance of listening to the Spirit now, and with a hopeful trust to walk with confidence into God's future.

“MAY THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST BE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.”

As we are about to begin this Jubilee Year, I encourage you in the communities, parishes, retreat/spiritual centres and households to pray the Jubilee Prayer each day, so that this graced event from which flows God's life, will be constantly in our minds and hearts as an opportunity to be received.

“It's really St. Paul of the Cross!”

The Tricentennial Jubilee has given us a new image of St. Paul of the Cross. It is an icon of the Founder, located in the chapel of the Retreat House of Sts. John and Paul, commissioned by Fr. Vito Patera, retreat director, in memory of his recently deceased mother.

The iconographer is Antonio De Benedictis, a well-known iconographer in Rome. The new icon received immediate approval. “It's St. Paul!” many commented when they saw it. In fact, the image is a close-up of his face, which emerges full of light from the gold background, and has the appearance that somehow reproduces the now traditional images based on the portrait of artist Giandomenico della Porta (1773) that is located in the choir of Sts. John and Paul.

Fr. Vito has been Director of the retreat house of Sts. John and Paul for 14 years, working continuously throughout the year. Obviously the retreat house had to close due to the Covid-19 pandemic for almost 4 months, during which time he worked continuously to repair, clean, and enhance the house and in particular make the necessary preparations to ensure safe distancing, sanitizing of hands, etc...

The house resumed activity in mid-July and has practically returned to full operation, while complying with Italian government's restrictions.



Jesus' proclamation of the Lord's year of favour, or Jubilee, in Luke's Gospel (4:18-19), calls for a reversal of fortunes for the poor, the captives, the blind and the downtrodden. This is a message consistent with other proclamations of Jesus found in Luke's Gospels regarding the coming of the Kingdom of God. But such a reversal of fortunes for the disenfranchised implies a reversal of fortunes for those at the other end of the spectrum. We see this pattern in Luke's version of the Beatitudes (6: 20-26), in Luke's Magnificat (1:46-55), and the parable of the rich man and Lazarus (16:19-31).

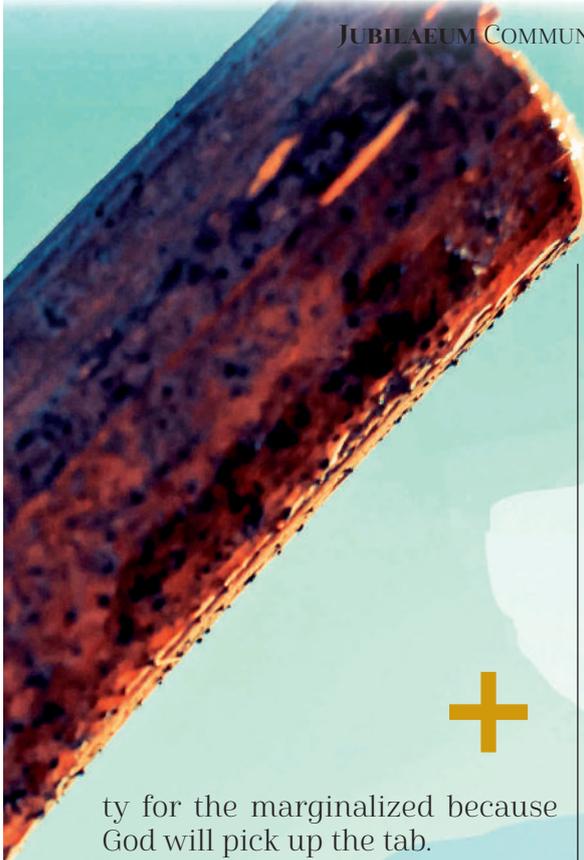
There is a saying that goes, "be careful what you wish for." There are unforeseen consequences for those at the other end of the food chain. The world's resources are finite, yet even now all the hungry can be fed, the naked clothed, the poor given a more secure living. All this is possible if we share our resources – if the 'haves' have less so that the 'have-nots' can have. I fear that those who

call themselves Christians, who live a secure and comfortable life in first world countries, listen to Jesus' proclamation at the synagogue in Nazareth thinking that the poor will be elevated to a better standard of living, but that this will not affect them in any way. In fact, they can further abdicate responsibility-

"THE LORD'S
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being allowed to celebrate public masses, parish missions, and retreats. The risks of going to a doctor's surgery has meant putting such visits on hold unless absolutely necessary. All this has given me a small taste of what the majority of the world's population deal with everyday.

But it has also made our society more conscious of the homeless and the health risks they have – that if we don't shelter them then they can fall victim to COVID-19 and this in turn can worsen local outbreaks. It has made us more conscious of how much we took for granted the noise from jet aircraft flying overhead, along with the pollution they contributed to the environment. We've seen the photos of the waterways of Venice cleared up so that dolphins could be seen swimming there, and of the air clearing over cities in China so that the people could see the sky again after so long. These lessons have taught us how interconnected we all are and everything is. It has shown us that, if we can shift our vision to seeing ourselves as part of a global village, we have the power to bring about a world that captures something of the vision of Jesus' Jubilee.

Unfortunately, we probably won't take up this invitation to change. We will easily and speedily return to previous patterns of behaviour

once the pandemic is brought under control.

A prosperous farmer rushed into his house and cried out to his wife in an anguished voice, "Rebecca, I have just heard a terrible rumour that is spreading through town like wildfire – the Messiah has come!" After thinking about what her husband had just said, Rebecca replied, "What is so terrible about that? Why are you so upset?"

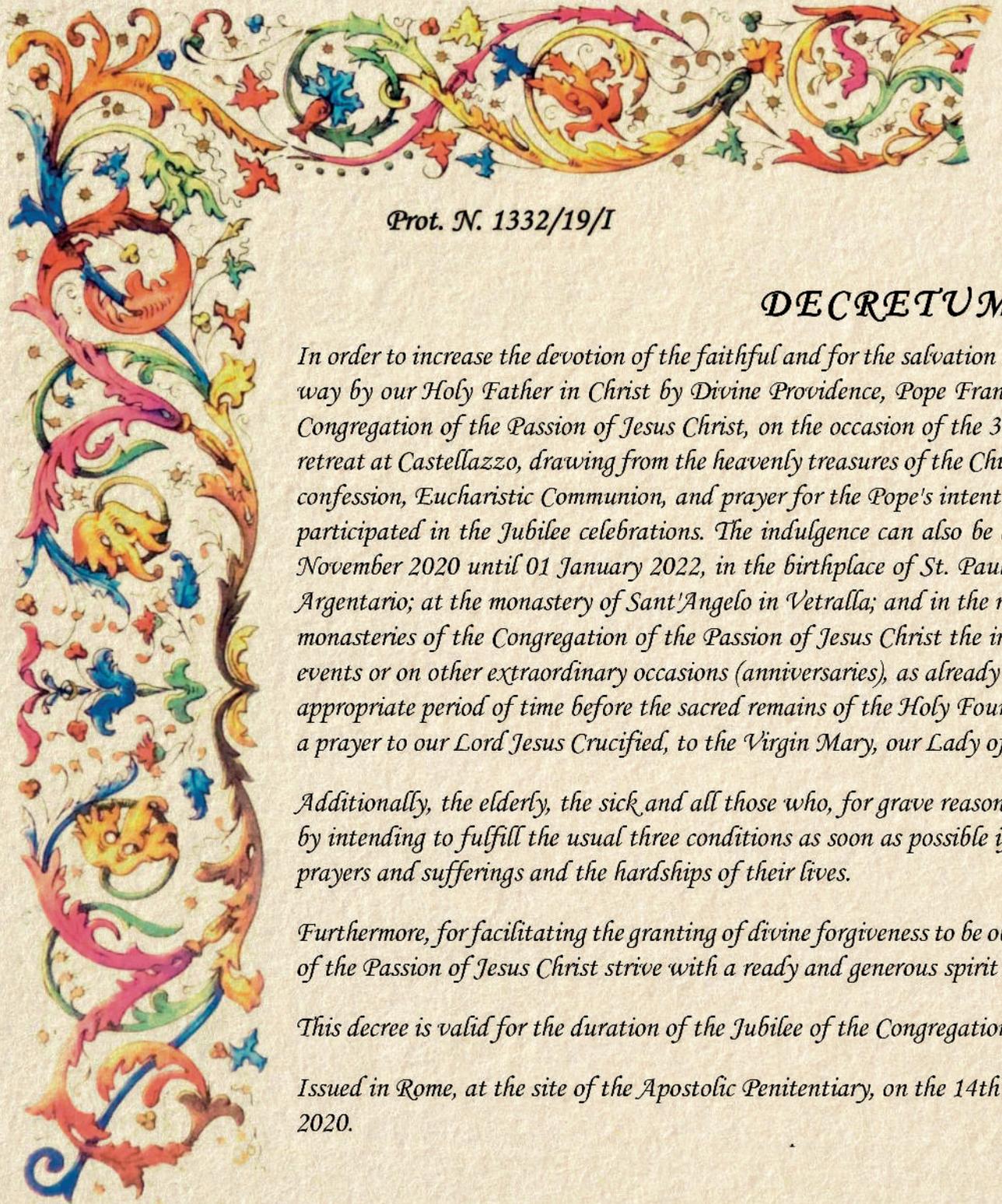
"I'm upset because after years of sweat and toil we have finally found prosperity. We have a thousand head of cattle, our barns are full to overflowing, and all our trees are heavily laden with fruit. What if the Messiah tells us to give it all away and follow him?"

"Calm down. We Jews have endured great suffering and hardship down through the ages. We have been enslaved by Egyptians, exiled by the Babylonians, slaughtered by the Romans, herded into ghettos by Christians. We have endured the Holocaust and the vengeance of the Arab world, and yet we have survived. Just have faith, my dear husband. When the Messiah comes, we will find a way to deal with him."

ty for the marginalized because God will pick up the tab.

The gift for me of the pandemic has been to open my eyes to how comfortable we can get as religious, living a lifestyle that includes ease of travel, ready access to medical treatment, regular meals at restaurants, and a secure financial base. The pandemic has forced us to give it all up, and I have found not only that it is easy to do so, but that it has enhanced our community life. Instead of going out for meals, we've had to stay home, cook for ourselves, regularly eat at home together, and share the household chores. The travel restrictions have saved us money in petrol or flights, which have balanced the loss of income with not

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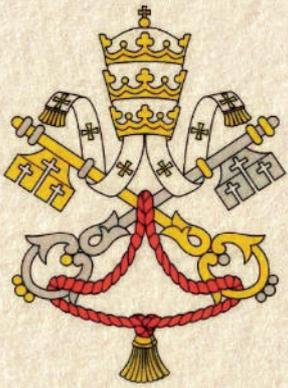
In order to increase the devotion of the faithful and for the salvation of soul way by our Holy Father in Christ by Divine Providence, Pope Francis, ac Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, on the occasion of the 300th a retreat at Castellazzo, drawing from the heavenly treasures of the Church, b confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions) b participated in the Jubilee celebrations. The indulgence can also be applic November 2020 until 01 January 2022, in the birthplace of St. Paul of the Argentario; at the monastery of Sant'Angelo in Vetralla; and in the monast monasteries of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ the indulge events or on other extraordinary occasions (anniversaries), as already indica appropriate period of time before the sacred remains of the Holy Founder in a prayer to our Lord Jesus Crucified, to the Virgin Mary, our Lady of Sorro

Additionally, the elderly, the sick and all those who, for grave reason, cann by intending to fulfill the usual three conditions as soon as possible if they prayers and sufferings and the hardships of their lives.

Furthermore, for facilitating the granting of divine forgiveness to be obtained of the Passion of Jesus Christ strive with a ready and generous spirit to adm

This decree is valid for the duration of the Jubilee of the Congregation of th

Issued in Rome, at the site of the Apostolic Penitentiary, on the 14th day of 2020.



souls, the *APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY*, by virtue of the faculties granted to it in a very special accepting the request recently addressed to us by Father Joachim Rego, Superior General of the anniversary of the founding of the aforementioned Congregation by St. Paul of the Cross in his i, benignly grants a plenary indulgence. It may be attained via the usual requirements (sacramental s) by all Christians who are sincerely repentant and motivated by piety, and if they have devoutly died in suffrage for the souls of the deceased faithful in Purgatory. It may be obtained from 22 the Cross in Ovada; at the monastery of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monteastery of Saints John and Paul in Rome. Additionally, during the Jubilee year in all convents and lgence may be obtained on a day to be freely chosen by the religious and nuns during four special icated in the letter of request. Furthermore, the indulgence may be gained by at least spending an r in devout meditation and concluding with the prayer of the Our Father and the Creed, and with rrows, and to St. Paul of the Cross.

cannot leave their homes, will be able to obtain the plenary indulgence by repenting of all sins, and ey have spiritually participated in the Jubilee celebrations, having offered the merciful Lord their

ined through the Church, this Penitentiary strongly recommends that the priests of the Congregation administer the sacrament of Reconciliation.

f the Passion of Jesus Christ. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary by anyone.

y of the month of September, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, in the year of our Lord,

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CHRISTOPHORUS NYCTEL
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+ FIRST COMPANIONS

of the first hour

Fr. Gabriele Cingolani cp
(MAPRAES)

The renewal of religious life must be accomplished with the involvement of every member of the institute. When the Second Vatican Council imposed this process, we were all taken by surprise, and the reactions ranged between enthusiasm and fear. Allowing everyone, not only the usual superiors to participate at Chapters, to get our hands on texts that were revered and venerated by generations concerning traditions that were unchanged over the centuries sounded like a harbinger of doom. After more than fifty years, we are all aware of the co-responsibility that governs us at

various levels of our existence, from belonging to civil society to being baptized in the Church. The collegial rhythm of the Church's journey imposed by Pope Francis makes it clear that involvement is essential to every human way of life. The theology of consecrated life has made it clear that a charism has a participatory dimension which, in addition to its foundational dimension, is essential for those who envision a new form of life. Everyone who is chosen is called to be a personal reflection of the Spirit for the good of the entire entity. In our time, this aspect has become indispensable; but it has always been operative in the dynamic of the Spirit. This was obvious at the beginning of our Congregation, in the interplay that existed between Paul of the Cross and his "first companions".

In first place was Paul's brother **John Baptist**. Everything pertaining to him has been lost—writings, words, even his body after death; yet everything that is said about Paul must be also be said in proportion about him. A man of silence, whose presence next to his brother was a guaran-

tee of success. Constant traveling companions, they were together during the first turbulent experiences of the charism, on missions, during bureaucratic appointments, and without ever claiming merit. Without him Paul could not have realized his project. For thirty-five years, from priestly ordination to death, he was Paul's spiritual director. He died at the age of seventy-- ten years before the death of his brother. At his death, Paul felt a tremor of disorientation. When Paul left for Rome by himself in 1721, when he experienced his first failure, John Baptist had warned him-- "Without me you won't be able to persevere," as if to say, you won't be able to accomplish anything. He left an imprint on the charism of his unshakable perseverance in faith, in the silence of fraternal communion that went far beyond that of a blood relationship.

Fulgenzio **Pastorelli** joined Paul's adventure in 1733, following a mission Paul preached in Tuscany. He was the first assimilator of the charism which he immediately transmitted as the first master of novices. He embraced the austere lifestyle to the point of exaggeration, which to Paul's consternation, he could not moderate. Eventually he ruined his health. He adhered to the ideal and he appropriated it, thus confirming its validity as a means of human and eternal salvation. He was an authentic extension of the Danei brothers in community and mission.

Giuseppe **Pitruzzello**, known among us as "Brother Joe", was the first to persevere in the implementation of the charism without exercising clerical ministries. He was known for his humility, industriousness, simplicity, and gifts of mystical oration. His mantra was that poverty and humility are the bellows of God's love. He resolved all the organizational problems of community. When he died in 1768, for Paul it was like losing a pillar of the building.

Marcaurelio **Pastorelli** was a native of Nice (France). Before entering the Passionist Congregation, he was a religious and master of the novices of the French Institute of the Priests of Christian Doctrine. He was profoundly inspired during a mission that Paul preached in Civitavecchia in 1742. John Baptist advised him not to change religious institutes, but Paul offered him criteria for discernment that helped him to decide peacefully. Subsequently, he appointed him master of Passionist novices and students. He developed a formation program for the new Congregation, whose influence continued for centuries. He was also a missionary, Provincial and General Consultor. He was a model of adaptation to God's plan, even amid troubling situations.

Tommaso **Struzzi** joined the Congregation, and immediately after the approval of 1741, he was like a double locomotive next to the Founder. He was native of the city of Senigallia in the Le Marche region of Italy. He graduated from the La Sapienza University of Rome and he was already a priest and notable preacher when, at the age of thirty-seven, he went to pray in a Roman church and met Paul. The meeting was like a bolt of lightning. He joined Paul on Monte Argentario in 1745 and remained his right-hand man for twenty years, placing at the service of the Congregation his legal and managerial skills that were necessary for the beginnings of the Institute that were threatened by various obstacles. The retreats that were founded south of Rome were the fruits of his missionary and organizational abilities. He was a preacher and trained the young Passionists in mission preaching skills. He was the first Provincial and Procurator General. However, this type of person could not go unnoticed by the hierarchical Church. He became the first Passionist bishop, initially in the Italian city of Amelia, and then in the city of Todi. The early geographical expansion, missionary structuring and cultural solidity of the Congregation was due in large part to his efforts.

Giammaria **Cioni** was a native of the city of Bagni di Lucca. He assimilated the charism directly from the Founder and promoted it by faithfully living and transmitting it. At a notably young age he succeeded Fulgenzio Pastorelli as a master of novices. He was also a Superior and spiritual director. Throughout his life he held positions in the government of the Congregation, first alongside Paul, then with his successor Giambattista Gorresio, eventually succeeding him as Superior General. The Founder entrusted him with the most delicate tasks. After the death of Paul's brother John Baptist, Paul chose him as his spiritual director, confessor, confidant, and an intimate confidant as his physical strength declined. He sensed the validity and historical importance of the charism, which can be seen in his work of the "Annali" that recorded the beginnings of the Congregation. Even today they are of inestimable value. Paul wanted him next to him at the moment of his death so that he could "close his eyes".

There are other companions of the Founder who are similarly noteworthy figures from the beginning of our history, but space only allows this limited list. However, there is one question that cannot be omitted. If each of them left an imprint on the charism entrusted to them by the Spirit for the enrichment of all, what contribution, at least what trace, will each of us leave on the charism?

Passio news

THE JUBILEE MEDALS

Even though our Jubilee will be somewhat low-keyed and austere it was decided that we could not do without a commemorative medal. Fr. Massimo Parisi willingly responded and accepted the honor and responsibility of the enterprise. Here are the three medals-- bronze, silver and gold. The design is classic and therefore always current. The front: linear, illuminated, one would say, by the beautiful face in bas-relief of the Founder; the back: an adaptation of the Jubilee logo. The text: in Latin, so as to be acceptable to everyone. Someone commented that the three metals, gold, silver and bronze, represent the three centuries of life of the Congregation: gold the first century of life, silver the second, and bronze our century. In fact, all three centuries are golden. If there were any doubt about our century, this would be the motive for celebrating a Jubilee/ Holy Year-- to turn it all into bright gold. In fact, the Postulator had envisioned three gold medals-- one for each century of the Congregation's life!

Cost Medal

Gold Euro 80,00

Silver: Euro 30,00

Bronze: Euro 20,00

Size Medal: ø 5,5 cm/2.16 inches

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15 x 24 (closed)

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On cardboard

Format 18,5 x 15 (with
the logo and the Jubilee prayers
in Italian, English, Spanish)

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Size: 6.5cm x 12.3cm.
with the Jubilee prayer.

Cost Euro 0,03

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THE JUBILEE EVENTS IN ROME

* 22 November 2020

At 10:30 AM: opening of the Holy Door, followed by the Eucharistic concelebration with Card. Pietro Parolin, Vatican Secretary of State, as the principal concelebrant.

Due to anti-COVID capacity restrictions, physical presence in the Basilica will be limited. However, the ceremony will be re-transmitted via streaming.

* 9-18 August 2021

Meeting of young Passionist religious.

* 21-24 September 2021

International Congress "The wisdom of the Cross in a pluralistic world" (Lateran University)

* 18-22 October 2021

Meeting of Passionist bishops during the General Synod of the Congregation, including the communal celebration of the feast of St. Paul of the Cross.

* 01-22 November 2021

Meeting of Passionist formators

* 01 January 2022

Conclusion of the Jubilee



Indulgence Where? When?

EVERY DAY

of the Jubilee year in the following locations associated with the presence of St. Paul of the Cross:

- * **Ovada (AL)**, visiting the Founder's birthplace;
- * **The monastery of the Presentation of the B.M.V.**, on Monte Argentario, the first retreat founded by St. Paul of the Cross, where he lived from 1727 to 1744;
- * **The monastery of Sant'Angelo of Vetralla (VT)**, founded by St. Paul, where he lived from 1744 to 1770;
- * **The monastery/basilica of Sts. John and Paul**, Rome, where the Founder lived the last two years of his life and

where he died (October 18, 1775) and where his sacred remains reside.

ONE DAY

4 occasions of choice during the Jubilee year in all Passionist monasteries and convents. During Chapters, Assemblies, Congresses of the Congregation, Passionist Educational meetings, retreats preached in our retreat centers or preached by Passionists, as well as at meetings of spiritual, theological, or pastoral formation.

How?

One of the following ways

1. Repentance for one's sins with sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, prayer according to the Pope's intentions;
2. Repentance for one's sins, meditation/prayer for a reasonable time before the sacred remains of St. Paul of the Cross in Rome, to be concluded with the recitation of our Father, of the Creed, of a prayer to Jesus Crucified, to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. Paul of the Cross.
3. The elderly and the sick and those who for serious reasons cannot leave their house can receive the indulgence if they are repentant of all sin and have the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions and the desire to participate in the Jubilee celebrations, offering to God their prayers, sufferings, and the hardships of their lives.

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ITALY

PALERMO

31 October-5 November

BORGETTO

ROMITELLO (PA)

6-8 November

MASCALUCIA (CT)

9-13 November

FORINO (AV)

14-15 November

AIROLA (BN)

16-18 November

NAPOLI

19-24 November:

MONDRAGONE (CE)

25-27 November

CASAMICCIOLA (NA)

28-29 November

ITRI-CIVITA (LT)

30 November-2 December

SORA (FR)

3-5 December

CECCANO (FR)

6-8 December

PALIANO (FR)

9-11 December

CASALOTTI, ROME

12-14 December

PORTUGAL

BARROSELAS

15-17 December

FEIRA

18-20 December

BARREIRO (LISBOA)

21-22 December

ANGOLA

CALUMBO

23-26 December

UIGÉ

27-30 December

JANUARY - JUNE 2021

**PASSIONIST OF AFRICA
CONFIGURATION (CPA)**

CONGO, TANZANIA,

BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA,

SOUTH AFRICA, KENYA

AND MOZAMBIQUE.

JULY - DECEMBER 2021

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(PASPAC)**

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ZEALAND, PAPUA**

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JAPAN, INDIA, VIETNAM.

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