



Nº64

NEW SERIES  
II-2025

# BIP

**PASSIONIST  
INTERNATIONAL  
BULLETIN**



# CONTENTS

- 03 THE JUBILEE YEARS OF ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS.  
Giovanni Alberti, CP
- 08 THE 1900 HOLY YEAR – THE ONLY JUBILEE OF  
MARIA GORETTI (“MARIETTA”).  
Giovanni Alberti, CP
- 10 «MAY THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST BE ALWAYS  
IN OUR HEARTS».  
Conf. Alexis Yobani, CP
- 12 SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN THE PROVINCE OF THE  
CRIST THE KING, DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025.  
Francisco Valadez Ramírez, CP
- 16 PASSIONIST PILGRIMS OF HOPE.  
Alberto Sorcinelli, CP
- 21 SOLEMNITY OF STS. JOHN AND PAUL.  
Photos by Andrea Marzolla
- 26 THE SECOND GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE CONGREGATION  
OF THE NUNS OF THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST.  
Sr. Cecilia Mongiardino, CP
- 31 CONTINUOUS CREATION AND DIGITAL POLLUTION.  
Andrea Marzolla
- 34 IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE “WITNESSES OF HOPE” –  
A PILGRIMAGE FOR THE OCCASION OF THE  
“JUBILEE OF MARTYRS” DURING THE HOLY YEAR.  
Edited by Andrea Marzolla
- 42 A MILESTONE IN THE MISSION OF THE PASSIONISTS IN  
FLORES, INDONESIA. THE NEW MONASTERY OF ST. PAUL  
OF THE CROSS INAUGURATED WITH GRATITUDE AND HOPE.  
REPAC PROVINCIAL SECRETARIAT.
- 42 PUBLICATIONS  
Archives of the General Curia
- 43 NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA  
SPE
- 44 NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA  
GETH
- 45 NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA  
PATR
- 46 NEW VICE-PROVINCIAL CURIA  
VULN
- 47 NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA  
MATAF
- 48 DECEASED  
General Curia Secretariat
- 50 PROFESSIONS AND ORDINATIONS  
General Curia Secretariat

PASSIONIST  
INTERNATIONAL  
BULLETIN  
N. 64 - NEW SERIES - II 2025

**Managing Editor** Curia of Passionist  
**Generalate** Editing and translation  
Rafael Blasco, CP, Lawrence Rywalt, CP,  
Maurizio Buioni, CP, Andrea Marzolla  
**Photographs** AA.VV., Vincenzo Fabbri,  
CP, Andrea Marzolla **Administration**  
Communication General Curia Pza.  
Ss. Giovanni e Paolo, 13 - 00184 Roma  
(Italy) Tel. 06.77.27.11 Fax. 06.700.84.54  
Web [www.passiochristi.org](http://www.passiochristi.org) e-mail:  
[commcuriacp@passiochristi.org](mailto:commcuriacp@passiochristi.org)  
**Design** Andrea Marzolla  
**Printing** Grafica Animobono, Via  
dell'Imbrecciato 71A - 00149 Roma.  
[www.graficaanimobono.it](http://www.graficaanimobono.it)  
Tel. 06 55285277



# THE JUBILEE YEARS OF ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS



Giovanni Alberti, CP

There are four Jubilee Years that Paul lived in special and different situations. In each one God's love was poured into his heart. The last one in 1775, he lived on the altar of sorrow.

## THE HOLY YEAR 1700

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim the glad tidings and to proclaim a year of the Lord's favor." (Lk 4, 18).*

Paolo Francesco Danei was born on 3 January 1694, in Ovada, a town in the Republic of Genoa located at the confluence of the Stura and Orta rivers. His parents, Luca Danei and Anna Maria Massari were merchants well established in the socioeconomic fabric of the area but also burdened with legal problems. As many as 16 children were born from their union. Paul was the second son and his brother, born 15 months (4 April 1695) after him, was his faithful companion in the great adventure of founding the Passionist Congregation. Paul's birth brought hope and comfort after the profound grief following the death of Luke's first wife (Maria Caterina de Grandis) and their first daughter.

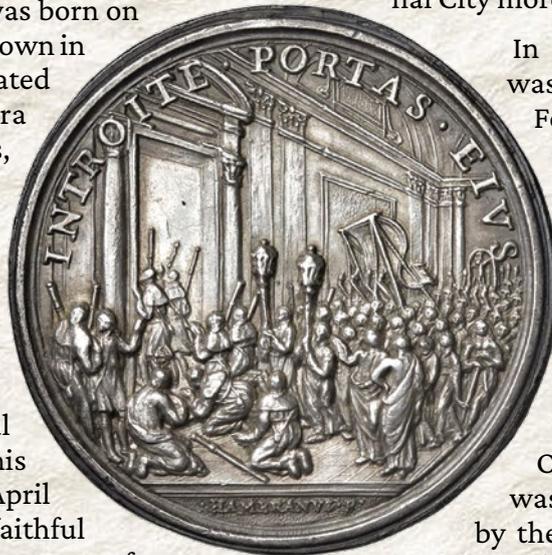
The 16th Jubilee in Church history was proclaimed by Pope Innocent XII (1691-1700) on 16 May 1699 with the bull "Regis Saeculorum". Poor health prevented the Pontiff from presiding over the rite of the opening of the Holy Door and other jubilee events. From the balcony of the Quirinal Palace on Easter Day he limited himself to blessing the large number of pilgrims who arrived. He died after a few months, on 27 September 1700. It

would be his successor, Clement XI (1700-1721), who would end the Jubilee Year ravaged by the flooding of the Tiber River in Rome. Because of this calamity, the basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere replaced the papal basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, which was completely inundated by the water. We owe to Innocent XII the construction of one of Rome's charitable works-- the hospice of San Michele a Ripa and the construction of the Port of Anzio to enable pilgrims to reach the Eternal City more easily.

In the Danei household Giacinto was born during the Holy Year (15 February 1700) but he lived for only a few months, as would be the case for some of our Saint's brothers and sisters. The chronicles (according to the vast majority of authoritative biographers) obviously tell virtually nothing about how Paul and his family observed the Jubilee Year. However, in Ovada the religious component was very evident and documented by the presence of various confraternities and religious orders such as the Dominicans and the Capuchins. Certainly the death of Pope Innocent XII was an event that deeply affected popular sensibilities.

The entire Danei family was a member of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Annunciation.

In Paul's childhood (the early 1700s) a decisive role was played by his mother Anna Maria, especially concerning his education in the faith. *"Would to God that I had the goodness of my mother. If I did any good I owe it to her teachings. If I am saved I owe it to the instruction I received from her,"* Paul declared during a mission.





Myriads of people arrived in Rome during the Jubilee of 1700. In this regard, we have the testimony from an English pilgrim-- *“The crowds kept passing through the Holy Door of St. Peter’s on their knees with such a rush that I could not make my way through to get in.”* A folklore detail notes that Pope Innocent XII went down in history as the last (?) Pontiff to have a beard and mustache.

### THE HOLY YEAR 1725

*“You are my witnesses—oracle of the LORD—my servant whom I have chosen to know and believe in me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, and after me there shall be none.”* (Is.43:10-12).

The Jubilee was proclaimed by Pope Benedict XIII a month after his election on 26 June 1724, with the bull “Redemptor Et Dominus Noster.” On 15 April 1725 at St. John Lateran Basilica he inaugurated the Roman Synod and on the occasion of the Holy Year also the famous Spanish Steps, to facilitate the passage from the square to the Church of the Most Holy Trinity. He also revoked the excommunication that Innocent X had decreed for those who sniffed tobacco in the Vatican basilica. During the Jubilee, Aloysius Gonzaga, John of the

Cross, Stanislaus Kostka, John of Nepomuk, and Margaret of Tortona were canonized.

Paul and John Baptist Danei, after the mystical experience of Castellazzo and Monte Argentario, asked for approval and support regarding the charismatic inspiration they received.

In August 1724 they reached the city of Troia in the Puglia region of Italy hoping that Bishop Emilio Cavalieri would take an interest in the foundation of this new religious family. The bishop governed the diocese for more than 30 years and was a prominent figure in the Italian episcopate. In fact, he was appointed bishop at the age of 31 on 19 April 1694. Bishop Cavalieri established a great friendship with the Danei brothers, reviewing the “Rule” that Paul wrote during the experience at Castellazzo. He advised them to go to Rome to obtain from the Holy See the faculty to receive companions and start the first religious community.

Unlike Paul’s experience in 1721 when he was abruptly rejected by the Quirinal officials, this time the Danei brothers armed themselves with the credentials of Bishop Cavalieri and some valuable addresses. After a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Michael the Archangel on the Gargano penin-



sula, they departed from Troia on 5 March 1725 and reached Rome on 16 March.

Paul and John Baptist performed all the rites required to obtain the Jubilee indulgence and on Via delle Quattro Fontane they providentially meet Bishop Marcello Crescenzi, a canon of St. Peter's Basilica who showed interest in their project, promising them an audience with Cardinal Corradini. This influential person arranged a private meeting with Pope Benedict XIII and even sought employment for them at the San Gallicano Hospital that was under construction. The meeting with the Pope took place on 21 May 1725 in the church of the Navicella, where the pontiff had gone [to verify the progress of the recent renovation work.] The Pope listened carefully to Paul's requests and "vivae vocis oraculo" granted him the faculty to be able to gather companions.

Unfortunately, there was no written record of this decision of Benedict XIII.

Toward the end of June they went to the city of Gaeta to deal with the complex controversy regarding the foundation at the Church of the Madonna della Catena. It did not go well. After many vicissitudes, the two brothers landed at the shrine of the Madonna della Civita but then returned to Rome at the invitation of Cardinal Corradini, who gave them an assignment to serve in the new San Gallicano Hospital, specifically to "offer spiritual assistance to the hospital patients and ensure that discipline was observed everywhere and by everyone." Bishop Emilio Lami, a medical priest and co-founder of the hospital, along with Cardinal Corradini himself, showed esteem and respect toward the Danei brothers by proposing priestly ordination to them. Paul and John Baptist accepted the proposal and went to the theological center of St. Bartholomew on Isola Tiberina to attend the school of liturgy that was directed by Fr. Dominic Maria de Roma of the Observant Friars Minor.

On 7 June 1727, the two brothers were ordained priests by Pope Benedict XIII himself in St. Peter's Basilica-- an uncommon event at the time. After obtaining dispensation from their vow of perseverance and with the faculty to celebrate Mass for a year until they had obtained some simple benefice or patrimony, they departed Rome for Monte Argentario between February and March 1728.

During the Jubilee of 1725 there was an extraordinary influx of pilgrims who came to Rome from all parts of the Catholic world. Ludovico Segardi, director of the workshop of St. Peter's wrote that "*there was such a throng of people that several acts of destruction transpired, in particular the great marble balustrade in the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament was thrown to the ground resulting in damage of hundreds of scudi.*"

Among the pilgrims in Rome, there were 400 slaves that were freed by the Mercedarian Fathers in Tunisia. Their ransom cost 90,000 scudi. They arrived in Rome in June and were hosted by the Archconfraternity of the Most Holy Trinity. Benedict XIII received them by giving them a souvenir medal and paying for their board and lodging expenses incurred by the Confraternity.

## THE HOLY YEAR 1750

*"Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields are ripe for the harvest."* (Jn. 4:35).

With a very strong penitential element, the Jubilee of 1750 was convoked by Pope Benedict XIV on 5 May 1749 with the bull "Peregrinantes". The year was marked by a profound spiritual renewal and during which the stars of St. Paul of the Cross and St. Leonard of Port Maurice would shine. The Pontiff himself was the promoter of various initiatives both spiritual and social. The Colosseum was consecrated to the Passion of Jesus and to the memory of the martyrs. The classic 14 Stations of the Cross were erected inside. A large cross was erected in the center of the Flavian Amphitheater in memory of the many victims of violence and hatred. Pope Lam-

bertini (certainly the greatest Pontiff of the 18th century) also organized the building of accommodation facilities with the construction of the Hospice of the Most Holy Trinity, where he himself welcomed pilgrims and took care of them.

During the Jubilee of 1750 Paul of the Cross achieved full personal and ecclesial maturity. His preaching involved countless listeners in every part of Central Italy, making him an influential protagonist in the City of the Popes. The painful period seeking the recognition of the Passionist Congregation ended with the approval of Pope Benedict XIV (on 15 May 1741 and 18 April 1746) -- *“This Congregation of the Passion should have been the first to be founded, and it has arrived last,”* declared Pope Benedict XIV. After the numerous controversies with the Mendicant Orders, the birth of the new Passionist religious family experienced a splendid vocational springtime. By the end of 1749 there were 62 religious and 17 novices at the Novitiate. The need to find new facilities became urgent and in fact the “retreats” of Paliano, Sant’Eutizio, Ceccano and Terracina were opened, alternating between moments of joy and suffering. On 10 February 1750, the 1st Provincial Chapter of the Congregation was celebrated. It lasted only one afternoon.

St. Paul of the Cross’ apostolic activity during this Jubilee Year was intense. From 7 to 21 December 1749, in preparation for the Jubilee, he preached a popular mission in Rome at the church of San Giovanni dei Fiorentini. On the 17th the Pope himself unexpectedly arrived to listen to his preaching. Among the great crowd that was present there was great emotion and tears of repentance. In a private audience the Pontiff told Paul-- “We were very pleased, especially with the meditation on the Passion.”

Also sensational was the popular mission held in Camerino ( May 24-June 7, 1750), in which he preached outdoors since the church was not large enough to accommodate the more than 15,000 people. In the preaching itinerary of the saint there were popular missions in Soriano nel Cimino and Vallerano. Throughout the life of St. Paul of the Cross he preached about 250 popular missions in all the dioceses of central Italy.

During the period of 50 years he also wrote an average of about 30 letters a week (over 50,000!). On 2 December 1750, Paul was on Monte Argentario convalescing after a serious fall from a horse that occurred in Montalto di Castro. He celebrated

the Jubilee Christmas at the Presentation Monastery together with 8 postulants who had just received the Passionist Habit. On 26 December he resumed his journey, concluding the Jubilee Year in the beloved “retreat” of Sant’Angelo in Vetralla which is located on Mount Cimino in the province of Viterbo.

## THE HOLY YEAR 1775

*“I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.”* (Gal.2:19-20).

Clement XIV (1769-1774) with the bull “Salutis Nostrae Auctor” of 30 April 1774, proclaimed one of the most troubled Jubilees in history, and he himself could not open the Holy Door on Christmas Eve.

This Pope’s esteem and veneration for Paul whom the Founder called “my Dad”, to whom he granted the basilica and the home of Ss. John and Paul to the Passionists ( Dec. 9, 1773) overcoming difficulties and controversies of all kinds remains indelible. He made available to the Passionists one of the four largest squares in Rome in preparation for the Jubilee, where Frs. Vincent Strambi, John Baptist Gorresio and Joseph Del Re took turns preaching. On 26 June 1774, he visited the Basilica and monastery of Sts. John and Paul and after venerating the Blessed Sacrament, he was accompanied to the room where the saint was infirm. It was an unforgettable encounter full of love and veneration for the Vicar of Christ and in recognition of the role of Paul of the Cross within the Catholic Church. Clement XIV with the bull “Supremi Apostolatus” of 16 November 1769 approved the Rule of the Passionists in light of the changes made by the 5th General Chapter.

Suffering and stressed by illness, as well as the grief he underwent due to the suppression of the Society of Jesus, he died on 22 September 1774 after five years of his Pontificate. After 250 ballots, Pius VI was elected on 15 Feb. 1775. He opened the Holy Door on 26 Feb. 1775, and with the bull “Summo Dei” of 25 Dec. 1775, he extended the Jubilee to the whole Church. Not even a month after, on 5 March 1775, he visited Sts. John and Paul to meet the Founder of the Passionists.

The meeting with Fr. Paul was very emotional and he prophetically said on that occasion-- *“Tell*

*the Pope that on that cross there has to be someone, so lay there well. I am called Paul of the Cross but he is of the Cross more than I am.*” Pius VI, the Pontiff for 24 years, personally experienced the turbulent events of history culminating with the French Revolution, the arrogance of Napoleon, his arrest, exile and death in Varenne (France) on 29 August 1799.

The last Jubilee that Paul of the Cross experienced included the bitter taste of illness. In addition to the suffering caused by rheumatism, sciatica and podiatric distress, he also suffered from a toothache. Limited in his movements, he celebrated the rites of Holy Week in the little chapel adjoining his room. However, from 15 to 20 May 1775, he presided over the 6th General Chapter in which he was confirmed as Superior General. With the bull “Praeclare Virtutum Exempla” of 15 September 1775 Paul obtained from Pius VI yet another approval of the “latest draft of the Rule” with the relevant changes made by the General Chapter. On 15 June 1775, he celebrated his last Mass and

on this occasion he greeted a group of pilgrims who had come to Rome on the occasion of the Jubilee, declaring, “They are my compatriots.” After leaving the Passionist Congregation his admirable “Spiritual Testament” and surrounded by his loving confreres and the entire city of Rome, Paul of the Cross died on 18 October 1775, at 4:45 PM.

Pope Pius VI wanted to personally and financially provide for his burial, in a separate place and with a lead casket. That same evening the painter Gian Domenico Porta made a plaster mask to preserve the features of Paul’s face. It was thus discovered that Paul had long before tattooed the name of Jesus on his chest in fire. The coffin, also containing a scroll with a short biography, was placed beside the entrance to the basilica. **Miracles and healings of all kinds occurred immediately after his death.** On 01 May 1853 he was declared “Blessed” by Pius VII and on 29 June 1867, he was canonized by Pope Pius IX. His body has rested since 1880 inside the Basilica of Sts. John and Paul in the chapel dedicated to him.





Giovanni Alberti, CP

# THE 1900 HOLY YEAR

The Holy Year of Year 1900 was proclaimed by Pope Leo XIII on 11 May 1899.

The previous Jubilee was 75 years before. What impact did it have on the mosquito-infested swamps? It would be a special year for the Goretto family.

At the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century deep wounds marred the image of the Church and the world. Strong hostility towards the Church and the Papacy sowed new seeds of unrest that sprouted in some sectors of the Italian and European societies.

When Pope Leo XIII announced the Jubilee of 1900, anti-clericals responded by organizing a congress to commemorate the death of Giordano Bruno, who had been burned at the stake in the Campo dei Fiori section of Rome three centuries earlier. The Grand Master of Freemasonry, Ernesto Nathan (the future mayor of Rome), invited his fellow Freemasons to visit Rome on 20 September 1900, to see the four “basilicas” of the secular world: the Pantheon, the Janiculum Hill, Porta Pia, and the Capitol. This provocation proved to be a failure thanks to King Umberto I who in his 1899 coronation speech showed respect and willingness to welcome pilgrims.

Leo XIII played a fundamental role in the success of the Jubilee, rejecting the isolation of the Church and favoring recon-

ciliation with Italy after the traumatic capture of Porta Pia. A cultured and forward-thinking man, the Pope who wrote “Rerum Novarum” understood the demands of the new century, encouraging the first forms of labor unions and political involvement of Catholics. Originally from the town of Carpineto Romano, the Pope had reigned since 1877 and was ninety years old when he proclaimed the Jubilee with the bull “Properante Ad Exitum Saeculum” on 11 May 1899.

With the ‘capture’ of the Porta Pia gate in the walls of Rome, Pope Pius IX had in fact abandoned the Quirinale palace, taking refuge within the Leonine walls and considered himself a prisoner of the Italian State-- he never appeared in public again. Despite approving the “Quarantige Laws” (1871), the pontiff from the

Marche region of Italy rejected any agreement with the Kingdom of Savoy and, through the document “Non Expedit”, decreed a boycott of Italian Catholics’ participation in public and political life. Pope Pius IX announced the beginning of the Jubilee to the world on Christmas

Eve 1874 but refused to open the Holy Doors or allow them to be opened. Rome then had 230,000 inhabitants and saw few pilgrims, who were also frightened by the title of the bull of indiction of the Jubilee: “Gravibus Ecclesiae Et Huius Saeculi Calamitatibus.” [The Great Calamities of the Church and of this World]



# THE ONLY JUBILEE OF MARIA GORETTI (“MARIETTA”)

Pope Leo XIII opened the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve 1899, promoted numerous international congresses, canonized many saints (including St. Rita of Cascia), established that pilgrims should be hosted within the Vatican walls, and had a 1,500-seat dining hall set up in the Belvedere courtyard. He also opened the Vatican windows to Roman institutions and, when King Umberto I of Italy was assassinated by the anarchist Gaetano Bresci in Monza, Italy on 29 July 1900, the Pope showed his concern for Italy and all its institutions. Thanks also to the new railway station, over 600,000 pilgrims arrived in Rome for the Jubilee of 1900 and, for the first time, were able to admire the façade and dome of St. Peter’s illuminated by electric lighting. A sharp-tongued and astute political satirist (“Pasquino”) interpreted this new relationship of the Church with the world, writing: “Now that you have, Holy Father, closed the door, the world can breathe a sigh of relief and thank you very much. Let us make peace, my Holy Father, what’s done is done. Give me your hand and let us all thank God.”

In February 1899, the Goretti and the Serenelli families went to live in the heart of the Pontine Marshes south of Rome, in “Le Ferriere di Conca”, in a farmhouse known as “Cascina Antica” owned by Count Attilio Mazzoleni. Unfortunately, the Goretti family sources have not handed down to us any information about the impact of the 1900 Jubilee on the so-called “Land of the Mosquitoes”, that is, the complex and forgotten universe of the Pontine Marshes. It is assumed that both the chaplain of Conca region, Alfredo Paliani, and the Passionists of the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace in Nettuno explained the meaning of the Jubilee in detail. Insurmountable difficulties probably prevented the Goretti’s from traveling to Rome to visit the four papal basilicas and gain the indulgence. However, in that Jubilee year of 1900, crucial events occurred for both the Goretti and Serenelli families.

Teresa, the youngest daughter of Luigi and Assunta, was born in Le Ferriere on 2 February 1900. Less than a month later, Luigi Goretti fell ill with malaria and died on 6 May 1900. His death was a devastating tragedy for Assunta and her children. In such dramatic circumstances, Marietta gave us her first words that have come down to us: “*Mom, don’t worry, God won’t abandon us. You go to the countryside in place of Dad, and I’ll take care of the house. We’ll make it, you’ll see...*”

It was a true manifesto-hymn to Christian hope that gives us a glimpse of the first pages of the “diary of the soul” of this prodigious 9-year-old girl, an invitation to trust in Providence in the face of such immense pain.

At the end of 1900, Marietta expressed to her mother her desire to receive her First Communion. This was unusual, given that at the time ecclesiastical regulations set the minimum age for receiving the Eucharist at 12-13 years, while she was only 10. Was this the ripe fruit of the grace of the Jubilee or the inspiration of the Holy Spirit? The 1900 Jubilee also offered significant experiences for the Serenelli family. Towards the end of the 19th century, they worked in Olevano Romano in the service of the eccentric landowner Cappellini. In preparation for the Jubilee, a “popular mission” led by the Passionists was organized in the village. The spiritual fruits were abundant.

Alessandro Serenelli [her future murderer] wrote in his memoirs-- “I went to hear the sermons of the Fathers, and the young men renounced their daggers, plunging them into the wood before the altar of the Virgin.” The murderer of St. Maria Goretti never forgot the bonfire in front of the church of St. Margaret, where satirical and offensive newspapers were burned, illuminating the last evening of the mission. On this occasion, Alessandro met the Passionists, who later played a fundamental role in his life as a “man saved and healed by forgiveness”.

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

Initially, this phrase may seem overused to some, but not so to others. In any case, it encapsulates the goal of every Passionist: to imprint the Passion of Jesus, this Passion of **“love and pain,”** in the depths of his being in order to remember and to keep alive the memory of Jesus Crucified.

It is not possible to achieve this goal without the grace of the Holy Spirit combined with our continuous effort to remain at the feet of the Crucified One. The Crucified Lord himself reminds us of this in the Gospel: **“You have persevered with me in my trials.”** (Lk. 22:28).

As Passionist religious, we take a vow to **“continually remember the Passion of the Lord and promote its memory through word and deed,”** as stated in the formula of our profession.

Just as we publicly confess our faith every **“dies Domini,”** we also publicly confess our desire to gratefully remember the Passion of Christ, to be a living memory of Jesus Christ Crucified.

When we reread our history in the context of our holy father, Paul of the Cross, we find in him apostolic zeal in his desire to proclaim and share with everyone that **“the Passion of Christ is the greatest and most wonderful work of God’s love**

**for humanity.”** And it is striking how, in his more than 2,000 letters, he allows us to penetrate his spirit, revealing himself and his great love for the Passion of Christ. Paul of the Cross not only discovered that God’s great love for humanity is revealed in the Passion of Jesus, but he also lived and experienced the Passion of Christ in his own flesh: **“I bear in my body the marks of Jesus.”** (Gal.6:17).

Like all saints and great mystics, he does not speak of God only from hearsay, but from having had a very intense experience of the love of Christ Crucified, so much so that he said: **“I would like to be reduced to ashes for love, I don’t know if you understand what I mean.”**

The letters of our holy father reveal the deepest part of his spirit and his great love in wanting to win everyone over to God: **“I have become all things to all people so that I might win them all”** (1 Cor.9:22). This is reflected in his countless writings where, in spiritual direction, he teaches: **“Let the object of your prayer be the Passion of Jesus Christ.”**

As Passionists, our entire life and apostolate is centered, woven, and intertwined with **“being and making grateful memory of the Passion of Je-**



*sus Christ.”* For this reason, as religious of the Passion, we have the mission to *“proclaim the Gospel of the Passion through our life and apostolate... faithful to the evangelical spirit and the heritage of our founder”* (Const. 2).

To carry out this Passionist mission, on Wednesday, 15 October 2024, in the parish of San Luigi Gonzaga, in the Dominican Republic, the Diocese of San Francisco de Macorís, we began to conduct a series of “Passionist afternoons” or “Passionist meetings.” It is a young mission, and I say “young” because that parish was entrusted to the Congregation in 2019.

What is the nature of these Passionist meetings or afternoons? They consist of making the charism known. The meeting began by singing “Passionista mi chiami ad essere” (Passionist, you call me to be), then the figure of St. Paul of the Cross was presented: Who was Paul of the Cross? What is our charism? How can we meditate on the Passion of Christ? How can we live the Passion in our daily lives? Then, the participants were given an image of St. Paul of the Cross and were invited to pray three devotions-- the chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, the Rosary of the Five Wounds, and the Way of the Cross.

At the end of the reflection, to formalize the objective of the Passionist group, they were asked questions such as the following: What attracted your attention in this reflection? Do I identify with the charism? Does the Passionist way of life have anything to do with my life? And from these ques-

tions, small groups were formed in each chapel of the parish, deciding a day and time of each meeting.

During the first few weeks, we tried to accompany the newly formed groups as best we can. Whenever we gather to pray, we begin with the “Angelus”, followed by a brief reflection on the charism. Then we continued with one of the devotions and concluded with the prayers we say every day as Passionists: “Remember, Lord, your Congregation...”

It was a great joy for us that on October 19, the memorial of our holy Father, they were able to consecrate themselves to the Passion of Jesus Christ, a ceremony during which we gave them the Sign and a Passionist devotional book.

Living the Passion of Christ is not easy at all. Sometimes it takes a lot of courage to embrace the Crucified One and remain close to Him, especially when it comes to the darkest moments of faith. But in a broken, wounded, and suffering world, it is worth proclaiming with our lives, helping others, and telling them that it makes sense to be Passionist! That it is worth following the Crucified One! That *“He takes nothing away, and gives everything. Those who give themselves to him receive a hundredfold.”* (Benedict XVI).

With deep desires for sanctification:

*Confr. Alexis Yobani of the Heart of Jesus, CP*





Fr. Francisco Valadez Ramirez cp.

# Spiritual Exercises

## in the Province of the Christ the King

*During the Jubilee Year 2025*

The religious in Ongoing Formation of the Province of Christ the King, in Mexico, usually make their annual retreat before Lent, and those in Initial Formation, Students of Philosophy and Theology, at the end of their school year.

**Religious from other Provinces, Vice-Provinces and from our Province have directed the retreats and included religious from different Congregations**, for example, the **Missionaries of the Holy Spirit**, founded in Mexico by Venerable Fr. Félix de Jesús Rougier. According to their charism and spirituality of Jesus Christ Priest and Victim, they promote religious and priestly vocations. Additionally **some Presidents of CLAR** - Latin American and Caribbean Confederation of Religious - have preached to us during this time of grace: **Father Mateo Perolia C.P.** from Argentina and **Sr. Mercedes Casas Sánchez**, a Daughter of the Holy Spirit, from Mexico, etc.

In this article I refer to the retreat we had at the Passionist Spirituality Center in Cuernavaca, Morelos, from February 10 to 14, 2025. **Fr. Rafael Vivanco Perez C.P.** came from Rome to direct the retreat. **The central theme was prayer, the first stage of the "Castellazo Experience."**

This Experience-Prophetic origin of Paul of the Cross, was one of the first initiatives of CLAP -Latin American Passionist Conference. It arose fundamentally from the inspiration of Paul of the Cross, expressed in the words that reveal the rediscovery of the valuable dimension of love in the mystery of the Crucified-- **"the Passion is the greatest and most wonderful work of the love of God"**.

**ERPAL** - the Passionist Reflection Team in Latin America - made up of men and wom-





en religious—at one its first meetings, held in Curitiba, Brazil, 1982, **made a significant contribution to the Castellazzo project using the method of seeing, judging-discerning and acting.**

**The 42<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter** summarized this sentiment in one of its recommendations: *“The experience of the 40 days of St. Paul of the Cross in Castellazzo can be for us Passionists, a type of Spiritual retreat. The Chapter recommends this experience to our religious. The memory of the Crucified together with solitude, prayer and penance, are the fundamental elements of it”.*

The main purpose of the **Castellazzo** program is to prepare in each of the participants good and fertile soil to receive the inspiration of Paul of the Cross and to give them the necessary theological and historical-cultural foundation.

Paul of the Cross, beginning with the Castellazzo experience, which marked his whole life, grew more and more convinced that the Passion of Christ alone was the only effective remedy for the many evils of his time. We, touched and affected by the evils of our time, continue to assert this strong conviction.

We contemplate this reality through the shining light that is its fundamental inspiration-- the **Memoria Passionis**, whose centrality has been the founding charism of our Father, St. Paul of the Cross.

### **THE IGNATIAN EXERCISES DIFFERS FROM THIS IN PRINCIPLE AND FOUNDATION.**

**The Castellazzo Experience has as its principle and foundation the following of Christ, who is Crucified** (1 Corinthians 2:2; 3:11).

**Castellazzo means a “fortress”** that is well founded on its **pillars**, which sustain and support every edifice.

### **THE PILLARS OF THE CASTELLAZZO EXPERIENCE ARE:**

- A **fundamental inspiration:** the Memory of the Crucified.
- A **determining choice:** poor-poverty.
- A **specific methodology or path--** solitude-prayer-penance.

## PRAYER: FIRST STAGE OF THE CASTELLAZZO EXPERIENCE

We meditated on the theme of **PRAYER, the first Stage of the Castellazzo Experience**, which is **reflected in the Our Father and has as its objective:**

- To discover and experience in silence and prayer the living, loving, close and paternal face of God.
- To continue to grow in the experience of God, from our vocation as missionary disciples, with our eyes and hearts fixed on Jesus Christ.
- To be filled with confidence in our **identity as children of God in the Son.**

The *Spiritual Diary of St. Paul of the Cross*; **Biblical quotations** in accord with each of the themes; **various prayers; questions** to encourage and deepen personal prayer and **reflections on the Jubilee Year, are the aids** that help us to pray the Our Father, with the respect with which Moses approached the **burning bush**, as an expression of adoration, stripping the spirit of everything that concerns self-sufficiency, pride, false "knowledge", etc.

We were invited to make our own the experience of the "**Chosen People**" who invoke God as Father: "Lord, you are our **Father**, we are the clay and you the potter: we are the work of your hand" (Is. 64:7).

**Jesus** alone reveals to us the content of the invocation of **God as his Father** and shares it with us, making us sharers in his own **sonship**. When he speaks with Him and of Him, he calls Him "**Abba**" and wishes us to invoke him with the same trust and confidence (cf. Galatians 4:6).

Knowing that we are "**children of God**", together with his other **children**, fills us with joy, confidence and hope, especially in the difficulties we experience personally, as a society, as a Church and as a Congregation.

**The first three petitions of the Our Father - Name, Kingdom and Will -** are in reality only one. It is the ardent desire that the fatherhood-maternity of God be made present effectively in the world.

Following are the **objectives** of each of the **petitions of the prayer of Our Father-Mother in heaven.**



## OBJECTIVES OF THE OUR FATHER PRAYER:

- To discover and experience more and more in silence and prayer the living, loving, close and paternal face of God.
- To continue to grow in the experience of God, from our vocation as missionary disciples, with our eyes and hearts fixed on Jesus Christ.
- To rejoice and be filled with confidence because of our identity as "**children of God**", in the Son.
- To pray the Our Father as brothers and sisters, therefore, addressing each other in the plural.

### A. HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

#### Objective

- To become aware of the primary reality that corresponds to God as the only true, holy One.
- Contemplate and give thanks for how He exercises his holiness in the midst of humanity.
- To assume on our part a profound and intimate evaluation, through discernment and purification, of the works we do.

### B. THY KINGDOM COME.

#### Objective

- To open ourselves to the Good News of the Kingdom of God that Jesus of Nazareth made present to us through his life and work.
- To value legitimate human dreams, quests and desires in history in order to achieve a fuller life.

- To renew our active and hopeful collaboration, through the following of Jesus, in the construction of the Kingdom, from the perspective of the charism of the Passion.

### C. THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

#### Objective

- To appreciate that God's will is the realization of his Kingdom in the midst of the world.
- To adhere generously to God's will in order to collaborate with Him in the building of his Kingdom.
- To continually strive to discover his will in order to carry it out.

### D. GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

#### Objective

- To recognize the absolute need that we human beings have for both material and spiritual nourishment.
- To be confident concerning Divine Providence and collaborate with it to address the various famines that exist in the world today.
- To share who we are and what we have in solidarity with others.

### E. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

#### Objective

- In prayer, to recognize ourselves as fallible persons, capable of making mistakes and sinning, and at times who are incapable of loving God, ourselves, our neighbor and creation, and thus need to seek forgiveness.
- To be experience ourselves as loved, forgiven and called, offering our forgiveness to those who have offended us.

### F. DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION.

#### Objective

- Recognize our human vulnerability as persons and the real possibility we have for making mistakes and of perverting the response we give to the project of the King-

dom of God in the face of other contrary proposals.

- Strengthen ourselves to follow Jesus through the means at our disposal: prayer, renewal of life, guidance and frequent spiritual discernment.
- To walk through life full of trust and hope in the Lord.

### G. DELIVER US FROM EVIL (THE EVIL ONE).

#### Objective

- To become aware of the reality of evil, the fruit of sin, which in all its forms reigns in the world, seeks out the weakest and hinders the realization of the Kingdom of God.
- To participate in the Passion of Jesus through processes of personal, community, ecclesial and social transformation in order to implement all the good and justice possible.
- To give witness that the Passion of Jesus is the most effective remedy to resolve the evils of the world.

### AMEN

Amen is a Hebrew word **meaning faith, truth, assurance, firmness and confidence.** To say "**amen**" is to be certain that **everything is in the Father's hands.** This attitude has its foundation in Jesus Christ, who is the trustworthy and truthful witness, "**in Him there has been only one Yes**" (2 Corinthians 1:19).

What does saying "**Amen**" imply for us in our human and Christian life and in our ongoing formation in Passionist life?

We concluded these days of retreat by expressing our gratitude and concretizing our response to the **conversion** that God asks of us in the following of **Jesus Crucified**, in our personal, communal, social and apostolic life.





# Passionist Pilgrims of Hope

Fr. Alberto Sorcinelli, CP

During the week of June 23-27, the young religious of the MAPRAES Province (Italy/Portugal/France) participated in a workshop at the Monastery of Saints John and Paul in Rome. This year, this annual event for these Passionist religious was held in conjunction with the Jubilee of Priests.

For the first three days we participated in a workshop that included fraternal dialogue. It began with an input session with the Provincial Superior, Fr. Daniele Pierangioli. Subsequently, Fr. Alessandro Ciciliani, CP offered a presentation concerning the three Jubilees that occurred during the lifetime of our Founder, St. Paul of the Cross from a historical point of view. This provided us with some key insights about how to better live this *Jubilee year of Hope*. Finally, Fr. Cristiano Massimo Parisi, CP offered us a dogmatic reflection on Paulacrucian spirituality and the Passionist charism. The insightful content provided material for discussion that included heart-felt sharing.



Another significant moment was when all of the young religious of the Province made a Jubilee pilgrimage together, walking side by side along the special path in the Vatican from Via della Conciliazione to the tomb of St. Peter. At that juncture we experienced the strength and richness of giving witness to so many people we met along way and thus living the experience of being part of the universal Church.

Even more incisive was the period of time we spent at the tomb of St. Peter where we made our profession of faith beneath the marble statue of our Founder and Father, St. Paul of the Cross, who looked down on us from a niche above the main altar, as he pointed to the Crucifix in his hand. Who knows what Paul of the Cross thought of us? He surely must have been filled with joy and contentment seeing us there venerating the first Pope of the universal Church. O holy Founder, thank you for the gift of the Passionist charism that you shared with us.

These days were further enriched through a series of events organized for the *Jubilee of Priests*, particularly the various catechesis promoted by the Vatican *Dicastery for the Clergy*, held in various churches in Rome.

We participated in those presented by Archbishop Mario Delpini and Cardinal Angelo De Donatis. These sought to revive hope in priests, encouraging them to live their priestly vocation as heralds of hope. Both speakers





began by commenting on a Gospel passage. The invitation, in keeping with the Holy Father, was to start again from the Word of God and the desire for prayer, in order to be able to grow in spiritual maturity and in awareness that the Lord is always at our side. We are never left alone in our priestly ministry. Therefore, it is on this awareness that our hope is based, rather than on human reasoning, such as during the time of the Covid-- *“Everything will be all right!”*

For us priests, the primary resource remains the sacraments, in particular the Eucharist, which we celebrate every day, and Reconciliation where we experience the merciful love and embrace of the Father, as well as the serenity and peace of the lost sheep found and carried on the shoulders of the Shepherd. Cardinal De Donatis challenged us with the question that a child asked him on the day of his First Com-



munion-- “Do you know Jesus because you are really friends, or because you work for Him?” How, then, do we live out our relationship with God? Are we servants or friends?

The program continued with the synodal meeting entitled “Happy Priests: I call you friends” and an audience with the Holy Father in the auditorium on Via della Conciliazione. It was a worldwide exchange of experiences and proposals on youth and vocation ministry. It was interesting to breathe in the freshness characteristic of the Latin American and African churches. We also noted the more reflective and structural aspect of the Italian church.



Two lungs breathing and praying together to the Lord of the harvest, asking that He call and send new laborers into the harvest.

This session began with a presentation by Cardinal Lazarus You Heung Sik, president of the Dicastery for the Clergy. His challenge concerned the importance of having happy priests, since this is the sign of hope. *“Happy priests, does not mean without any problems. Rather it about those who live their vocation aware of their friendship with God! Priests should not be actors, rather credible and authentic witnesses, living in relationship. The centrality of one’s hope and vocation must be placed in the Eucharist, which you celebrate dai-*

*ly.”* He then shared with us three verbs required of happy priests-- know, love and serve God! It is important to create space for God in our daily lives so that we do not risk losing our vocation and our way.

Our week concluded with the solemn celebration in St. Peter’s on Friday morning for the occasion of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During that celebration we also witnessed the presbyteral ordination of 32 deacons from various parts of the world. It was a touching and prayerful moment, during which each priest could recall that day when he too received the gift of the priesthood.





# SOLEMNITY OF STs. JOHN AND PAUL

*June 26, 2024, Basilica of Sts. John and Paul  
on the Caelian Hill, Rome.*













## THE SECOND GENERAL CHAPTER of the Congregation of the NUNS OF THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST



Sr. Cecilia Mongiardino, CP

Just as the voice of the Spirit resounded in the universal Church for the return of Pope Francis to the house of the Father and during the election of Pope Leo as Supreme Pontiff, so the Paraclete guided the preparation and implementation of our 2<sup>nd</sup> General Chapter.

In attendance were, ex officio, the local Superior and a delegate from each monastery “sui iuris” of the Congregation, in Europe, Asia, and North and South America. Additionally any Superior of a new foundation was invited as a guest. The fraternal relationship that exists among the monasteries was obvious during the Chapter. Indeed, inspired by the same monastic ideals, the capitulars formed a body that constituted the supreme authority of the Congregation. It was also the inspiration that promoted fidelity to the Passionist heritage and encouraged appropriate renewal. This particular event took place in the Divine Master House, founded by Blessed James Alberione, and administered by the Pauline Family, near Ariccia (Rome), from 3 to 17 May 2025.

On 3 May, the date that marked the 254<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our first monastery in Tarquinia (Italy), Mother President Catherine M. Schumann opened the Chapter with the singing of “Veni Creator Spiritus” and the roll call of the participants that totaled forty nuns. Also present were Fr. Antonio Munduate, CP, the spiritual assistant of our Congregation, and Bishop Michael Palud, CO, who was the moderator of the Chapter. The principal concelebrant of the Eucharistic celebration was the Superior General of the Passionists, Fr. Giuseppe Adobati, CP.

In his homily, after recalling the founding of the first nuns’ monastery, he went on to say-- “*The example of these first Passionist religious is an invitation for you to believe in the Charism of the Passion and to be all in agreement in trying to carry it forward in our time, knowing that it is possible, and that this is what the Lord Jesus asks of you. Certainly, you too face problems and difficulties, but with God’s grace, with good will and the collaboration of all, you will be able to live out your religious calling. Your vocation is therefore, strongly ‘apostolic’*,”



*for it aims not only at your sanctification, but also at healing the men and women of our time afflicted by the modern ‘diseases’ of superficiality and materialism, offering them a way to meditate on the Passion. Therefore, may the Holy Spirit animate and guide these days of listening, dialogue and discernment. May Mary, our Mother of Sorrows, and St. Paul of the Cross, our Founder, sustain your Chapter work so that, rooted in the tree of the Cross of Christ, you may always live and bear witness to the Passion of Jesus, which is ‘the greatest and most stupendous work of divine Love’”.*

Sunday, 4 May was a day of retreat, led by Sr. Maria D’Alessandro, CP, former Superior General of the Passionist Sisters of St. Paul of the Cross. The following days included presentations by Mother President on the work of the General Council during the last six years (since the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter), the general situation of the monasteries and the fruits of the work done. Then there were reports concerning the various monasteries presented by the respective Superiors. With the guidance of Fr. Antonio Munduate there was work on the Constitutions, examining the proposals sent at the time by the communities point by point and voting on whether to change the text or leave the existing one. Sr. Luzia Daniela, General Econome, presented the financial report. Sr. Gertrude and other Sisters spoke about the new foundation in Riam Macan (Indonesia), with all the difficulties involved. Additional topics discussed were the closure and

sale of some monasteries; discernment of candidates for our life; and formation and courses for formators.

On 12 May personal interviews were held among the Sisters ahead of the elections. Sr. Carmen Ros, under-secretary of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life, spoke about Chapter discernment in which Fr. Stefano Cañuto of the same Dicastery participated.

On 13 May, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the new Council was elected to serve for the next six years: Mother M. Gertrude Poggio (President); Sr. Luzia Daniela Almeida Prado (1st Consultor and Vicar); Sr. Maria Socorro de León; Sr. Martina Naiman; and Sr. María Angelica Hernandez Tarazona. We ask all members of the Passionist family to assist our Sisters in this new mission entrusted to them by the Church. In the afternoon of the same day, there was a lecture by Sr. Maria Eugenia Arenas Gómez - representing the Prefect of the Dicastery, Sr. Simona Brambilla, who was prevented from attending - and Fr. Vincenzo Mancusi, head of the Monastic Life section of the same Dicastery.

May 14 was very special day, replete with many graces. We made a pilgrimage to Rome to visit the Generalate of our Passionist brethren. In the beautiful chapel where the remains of St. Paul of the Cross rest, in a recollected and prayerful atmosphere, the Eucharist was celebrated to implore God’s blessing and the gift of perseverance for







**STANDING**, on the left: Sr. María Angelica Hernandez Tarazona, on the right: Sr. Martina Naiman.

**SEATED**, on the left: Sr. Maria Socorro de Leon, in the center: **Mother Gertrude Poggio (President)**, on the right: Sr. Luzia Daniela Almeida Prado.

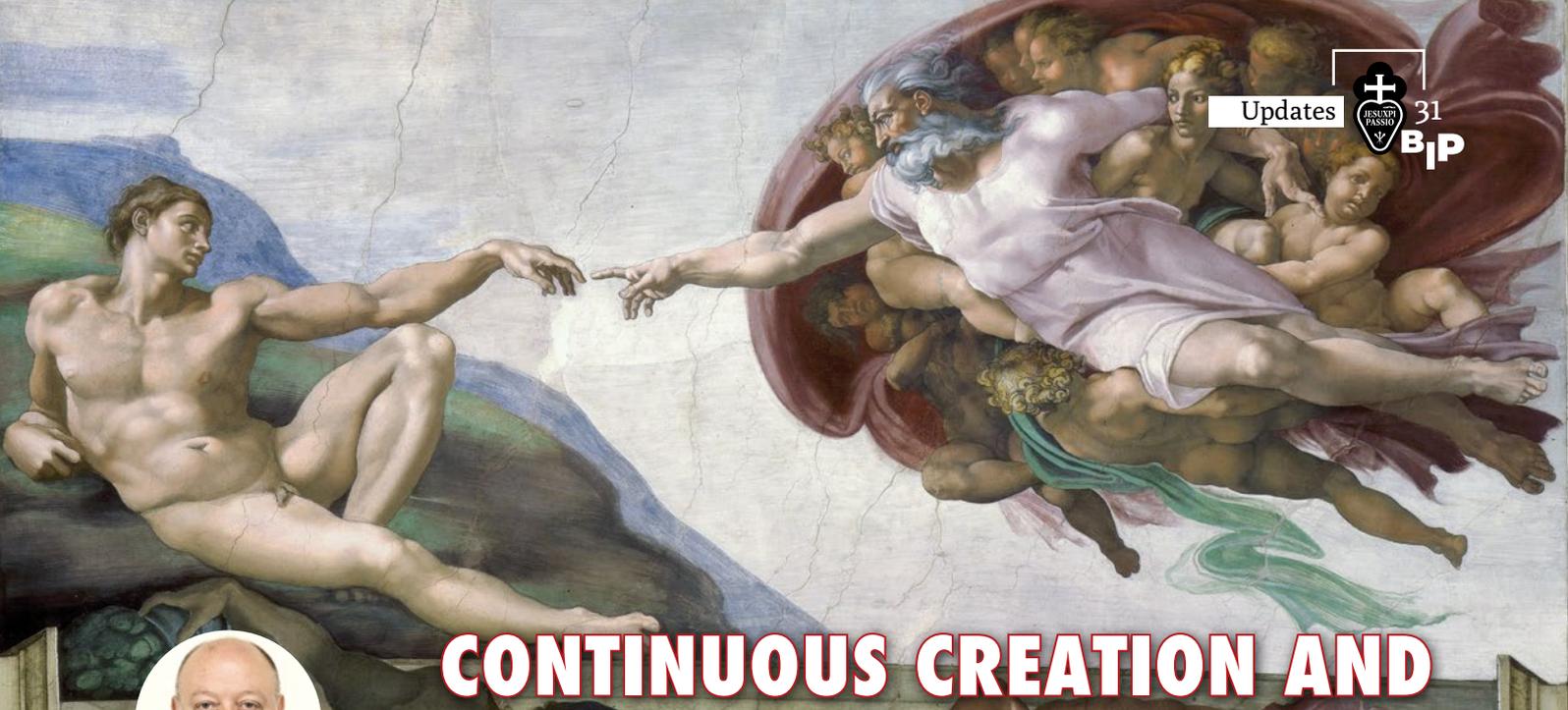
each of us. We paused for personal prayer in the room where the Founder lived the last part of his life until his birth into heaven. Regretting that we could not prolong our visit to Sts. John and Paul any longer, we departed for the Vatican. Following the Jubilee Cross in procession through Via della Conciliazione, we reached St. Peter's Basilica and faithfully passed through the Holy Door to gain the Jubilee indulgence and then visit the monumental building.

After the Roman excursion, our Chapter resumed its work of highlighting the most deficient areas of our life, as well as noting our strengths that need to be sustained. Much was said about new vocations and initial and ongoing formation. Above all, we entrusted the task of guidance and encouragement to the new government for the next six years. During the afternoon of 17 May, we said our fraternal goodbyes in order to return to our monasteries. However some Spanish, Portuguese and English speaking Sisters made a pilgrimage to the places dearest to our charism: the birthplace of St. Paul, in Castellazzo and the monastery in Ovada; the monastery in Lucca; the Shrine of St. Gabriel; the monastery in Vignanello; and the Passionist retreats of Vetralla and Monte Argentario. Before the

Chapter began and after its conclusion, the foreign Sisters were offered hospitality in our monastery in Tarquinia, the cradle of our monastic congregation.

We thank the Lord for this time of grace during the General Chapter, that was celebrated in a true spirit of communion and hope. It was a fortnight of grace and getting to know each other. It was an opportunity for formation and of strengthening our fraternal life in Christ. His word was fulfilled: "*where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them*" (Mt. 18:20).

For me, writing these lines after experiencing such a historical event of the Congregation, as well as the tension between unity in diversity, the joy of the encounter among Sisters, the sincere desire to persevere and progress in our stupendous Passionist vocation remains indelible. With our Founder we contemplate more and more the Passion of the Lord to proclaim it to humanity, hungry for truth, so that "*every knee may bend in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father*" (Phil. 2:10-11).



ANDREA  
MARZOLLA

# CONTINUOUS CREATION AND DIGITAL POLLUTION

For a few minutes I would like to invite you to think about a concept that, by analogy, encompasses something essential in both the universe of the sacred and the profane--**continuous creation**.

## IN THE UNIVERSE OF THE SACRED

**St. Thomas Aquinas** (1224/1225-1274), in his *Summa Theologica, pars prima, Quaestio 104 and 105* distinguishes between the initial creation (*creatio ex nihilo*) and the continuous preservation of being (*conseruatio in esse*). The *Angelic Doctor* explained that **should God cease to sustain creation, it would immediately return to nothingness**.

It was not a new concept in Catholic doctrine, as it had been previously treated by two giants such as **St. Augustine** (354-430) *De Genesi ad litteram*, Book IV; *De Civitate Dei*, Book XII; *Confessiones*, Book XI; *De Trinitate*, Books III and IV; and by St. Gregory the Great (540/550 - 604), Book XVI, Chapter 37 of *Moralia in Iob*. This concept was later taken up by Jacques Maritain (1882-1973) in Neo-Scholastic philosophy and is found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraphs 301-302.

**301.** With creation, God does not abandon his creatures to themselves. He not only gives them being and existence, but also, and at every moment, upholds and sus-

tains them in being, enables them to act and brings them to their final end. Recognizing this utter dependence with respect to the Creator is a source of wisdom and freedom, of joy and confidence: "For you love all things that exist and detest none of the things that you have made; for you would not have made anything if you had hated it. How would anything have endured, if you had not willed it? Or how would anything not called forth by you have been preserved? You spare all things, for they are yours, O Lord, you who love the living." (Wis 11:24-26.)

**302.** Creation has its own goodness and proper perfection, but it did not spring forth completely from the hands of the Creator. The universe was created "in a state of journeying" (in statu viae) toward an ultimate perfection yet to be attained, to which God has destined it. We call "divine providence" the dispositions by which God guides his creation toward this perfection: "By his providence God protects and governs all things which he has made, "reaching mightily from one end of the earth to the other and ordering all things well." For "all are open and laid bare to his eyes," even those things which are yet to come into existence through the free action of creatures." (Vatican Council I, *Dei Filius* 1: DS 3003; cf. Wis 8:1; Heb 4:13.)

## IN THE UNIVERSE OF THE PROFANE

As the great sociologists (Marshall McLuhan, Pierre Bourdieu, Jean Baudrillard, Stuart Hall, Noam Chomsky, Manuel Castells, Sherry Turkle, Zygmunt Bauman) teach us, very often, the ideas that we believe and proclaim to be our own, more often than not, have been “adopted” and not generated by us, have come to us through the mass media, have latched on to us, and we carry them here and there spreading them in turn. As is the case with certain types of plants that have hooked or sticky pollen and/or seeds and exploit this property of theirs to spread.

Because of this we are persuaded that by publishing only digitally we can save the lives of many trees, avoid all the pollution related to paper production, inks, transportation, and so on.

However, no one has ever explained to us that there is also digital pollution. Well, yes, even all digital data, in addition to being created once, needs continuous creation, that is, preservation.

## DATA CENTERS: THE HIDDEN HEART OF THE DIGITAL WORLD

Every time we send a message on WhatsApp, watch a video on YouTube, make an online purchase or use an app on our smartphone, we are unknowingly access-

ing huge facilities called data centers. These technological complexes are the real engines of the digital world: giant sheds housing thousands of servers, storage devices and networking equipment, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. A data center is essentially a network of computing and storage resources that enables the delivery of shared software applications and manages the processing, storage and transmission of huge amounts of data. Within them, endless rows of servers hum constantly, processing our Google searches, storing our photos on the cloud, handling banking transactions and powering the streaming services we use daily.

Servers are essentially very powerful computers, similar to the ones we have at home but designed to run continuously and serve hundreds or thousands of users simultaneously. While our home PC handles the activities of just one person, a server can process the requests of thousands of people simultaneously watching videos, sending emails, or accessing websites.

But the operation of these “digital brains” requires very specific conditions. Servers generate intense heat during their operation and must be kept at constant temperatures to avoid overheating. For this reason, data centers are equipped with sophisticated cooling systems, redundant power supply and physical security. In addition, they must provide





ultra-fast and reliable Internet connectivity to serve millions of users simultaneously.

The exponential growth of digital services—from cloud computing to social platforms, from e-commerce to artificial intelligence—has transformed data centers from mere data processing centers to true critical infrastructure for the modern economy. However, behind the ease and immediacy of digital services lies a considerable environmental impact that is often underestimated by consumers.

## IMPACT OF THE DIGITAL WORLD ON THE REAL WORLD

The digital world that we consider harmless actually has a huge physical impact on our planet. There are currently about 11,800 data centers in the world, with the United States hosting 5,381, followed by Germany (521) and the United Kingdom (514).

According to the report “Lean Ict-Towards Digital Sobriety,” the impact of the ICT (Information and Communication Technology) sector has grown significantly over time: in 2008 it accounted for 2 percent of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, in 2020 it rose to 3.7 percent, and is expected to reach 8.5 percent by 2025. That is, it will soon be fully comparable to that produced by the emissions of all motorcycles, cars, buses and trucks on the road in the entire world!

Global data center electricity demand is set to more than double by 2030, reaching about 945 terawatt-hours (TWh), i.e., slightly more than Japan’s entire electricity consumption.

AI will be the most significant driver of this increase, with the electrical demand of AI-optimized data centers expected to quadruple by 2030. This is because GPUs for AI consume four times more energy than traditional servers.

Microsoft’s AI data centers soon will even have an entire power plant dedicated exclusively to them. Yes, the Redmond giant has announced a deal to reopen the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant, whose sole job will be to provide 100 percent of the power for 20 years to its AI data centers.

## CONCLUSIONS

Digital pollution represents one of the most pressing environmental challenges of our time. While digital transformation and AI promise to revolutionize the way we live and work, it is essential that this progress happens in a sustainable way. Some steps in this direction are already being taken with the race toward clean energy solutions and more efficient technologies. Finding solutions is no longer an option, but a necessity to ensure that the information age does not compromise the future of our planet.



**WITNESSES**  
of Hope



POSTRICAL  
FOUNDATION

# In the footsteps of the “WITNESSES OF HOPE”. A Pilgrimage for the occasion of the “JUBILEE OF MARTYRS” during the Holy Year.

From 8 to 10 May 2025, for the occasion of the **Jubilee of Martyrs, ACN** (Aid to the Church in Need) organized a pilgrimage to some of Rome’s major basilicas. The gathering place for this event was the garden of our Generalate. On Thursday morning, groups from various parts of the world, including Brazil, Mexico, Italy, Germany, Colombia, and Canada, gathered here, totaling about 1,200 people. The event was conducted in six different languages.

In the afternoon, pilgrims gathered at the Basilica of St. John Lateran for the “Witnesses of Hope” prayer meeting. On Friday, Pope Francis celebrated the **Jubilee of Martyrs** at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. On Saturday, the closing Holy Mass was celebrated at the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

For those who are not yet familiar with it, **Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)** is a pontifical foundation established in 1947, which supports the Church through prayer, information, and material aid wherever it is persecuted or oppressed or does not have sufficient resources to carry out its pastoral mission. As a humanitarian organization, ACN works in the field of the new evangelization, which aims to strengthen and deepen the Catholic faith, especially where it is in danger of extinction.

Today, ACN is a large international humanitarian organization supported by over 350,000 benefactors who support nearly 5,000 pastoral projects in around 140 countries every year. ACN’s international headquarters are located in Königstein im Taunus (Germany). The foundation has 24 national branches in Europe, Asia, Oceania, and North and South America, which collect donations.

We include in this article the very significant speech given by His Excellency Mauro Piacenza on 8 May 8 in the garden of our Generalate and the homily given by His Eminence Cardinal Lazzaro You Heung-sik at the Lateran Basilica.

## DISCOURSE OF HIS EXCELLENCY MAURO PIACENZA

We are in the house of the Passionists, the glorious Institute to which our Assistant General belongs [Fr. Anton Lässer (VULN)]. We are next to the Colosseum, a short distance from the Papal Basilica of St. John Lateran, where Peter, Bishop of Rome and therefore Supreme Pontiff, has his seat. We are in the shadow of the mother church of all the churches in the world. What a happy convergence for our pilgrimage organized for the celebration of the Holy Year! Providence has arranged all this, and we therefore have a duty to take advantage of it for our sanctification and our commitment to ACN, which is an ecclesial work and, as such, must be loved and served with a missionary spirit.

We are in the Easter season, and we are together in a house where everything recalls the mystery of Holy Easter: Passion, Death, and Resurrection! The Passion of the Lord, wrote St. Leo the Great, continues until the end of the world (Sermon 70,5).

Where does it continue? It continues in his Mystical Body, and the Church is his Mystical Body; it continues in his body, especially in the poor, the sick, the suffering, and the persecuted. As Blaise Pascal said, **“Jesus is in agony until the end of the world. We must not sleep during all this time”** (Pensées, 553, Br.).



We ask ourselves: where is Jesus suffering today? Certainly in many places and in many situations. Jesus is nailed to the cross by all these numerous situations, by all the pressing needs for evangelization and suffering where the Church ministers.

The nails are the injustices, the wounds, the discrimination, the intolerance, the deprivation of freedom, the destruction, and the violence inflicted on so many of our brothers and sisters. Jesus cannot come down from the cross unless we remove these nails. If it is



not in our power to remove them immediately and everywhere, we can still do everything we can to raise awareness of these situations and, in any case, begin to remove these nails from our hearts, to “unnail” them within ourselves.

Sometimes we tend to put a kind of barrier between ourselves and the many needs of the suffering Church, and the cries reach us very muffled. We need to remove this barrier, overcome our insensitivity, throw away our defenses, and allow ourselves to be invaded



by a healthy concern for the needs that exist in the world and that the Church, which must evangelize, faces. Realizing this indicates a sudden awakening of conscience, whereby we begin to see something that was already there before, but that we did not see.

So, we ask ourselves, how can we put the daily work of ACN into practice, at least to some extent? Our brothers and sisters who suffer all kinds of hardships, priests, nuns, and various pastoral workers who are on the front lines, do not need only our good intentions, but they need action, concrete measures. ***"If anyone has the world's goods," writes the evangelist John, "and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth"*** (1Jn 3:17-18). I will try to summarize what we can do in three words: evangelize them, love them, help them.

When faced with certain dramatic situations, there are those who ask, ***"Where are you, God? Why don't you do something?"*** There is an answer to this dramatic question, indeed, there is ***"the"*** answer, and it challenges our conscience: ***"Of course I have done something. I made you!"*** Let this answer resonate in our hearts and let us ***"mull it over"*** in our minds.

I feel compelled, as well as delighted, to thank you for your sensitivity, generosity, and ecclesial sentiments, and I do so by recalling a psalm that proclaims blessed those who take the fate of the poor to heart: ***"Blessed is the man who cares for the poor and needy"*** (Ps 41:1). A blessing is invoked upon him, namely, ***"May the Lord preserve him, give him life, and make him happy on earth."*** It is the blessing that I wholeheartedly invoke upon you, dear friends who come from so many parts of the world, and upon you, dear friends who work in Königstein, as well as in the various national sections. And may this blessing, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, extend to all your families and to the religious family that welcomes us to this beautiful place! Thank you!

#### **HOMILY OF CARDINAL LAZARUS YOU HEUNG-SIK**

Dear brothers and sisters, we are gathered in this splendid Basilica of St. John Lateran, Mother of all the Churches of Rome and of the world, to celebrate the Eucharist for the many benefactors of Aid to the Church in Need, and we wish to pray for all Christians who are persecuted in so many parts of the world.

The Dicastery for the Clergy, which I preside over, is also among the many beneficiaries of this worthy Foundation, which has so often supported the Dicastery's activities in favor of priests and seminarians in the most disadvantaged countries with singular solicitude. I would therefore like to join Monsignor Andrés Ferrada in expressing my deepest and most heartfelt thanks for the valuable help and important support we have received.

***"If the world hates you, know that it hated me before it hated you"*** (Jn.15:18). The theme of love suddenly gives way to that of persecution, as if an unexpected eclipse had obscured the sun's splendor. In reality the Gospel does not turn the page or change register. The theme is always the same, namely, the witness that every disciple is called to give in a world that not only does not welcome the Gospel but often hates and persecutes its proclaimers. The most dramatic—and also the saddest—thing is that the world's hatred stems precisely from the fact that we are dis-

principles of Jesus: ***“They will do all these things to you because of my name”*** (15:21).

The more we follow the Master, the more we try to be faithful to his Word and live it, the more we must expect opposition and persecution. There is therefore a radical contrast between God’s logic and that of the world. This theme runs throughout the Gospel of John from the very beginning: ***“He was in the world, the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him”*** (Jn. 1:3-5). The Church, says St. Augustine, walks ***“between the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God.”*** The heavenly Father does not withhold his caresses, but he does not prevent persecutions. Those who belong to Christ’s flock not only receive no security, but find themselves exposed to more serious dangers, even those that threaten their very lives.

Jesus’ earthly life leaves no doubt about this. History is full of dramatic episodes; the Church has a long list of martyrs. I am thinking at this moment of my homeland, Korea, made fertile by the blood of thousands of martyrs. The world hates us and does everything it can to stifle the Word of God, but we do not hate the world; on the contrary, we commit ourselves with all our strength to freeing humanity from evil. But we can only do this if we remain faithful to Jesus’ teaching: ***“love your enemies, do good to those who hate you”*** (Lk.6:27). As did an Iraqi girl who had lost everything but not her faith: ***“I cannot hate those who have done us harm,”*** she said candidly. This is the grace to ask for today.

The contrast between Christ’s disciples and the world is, in fact, inevitable; etymologically, it is a discord: a contrast of hearts, of two ways of being, of thinking, of feeling. The logic of the world pursues “saving oneself” through domination, power, wealth, and fame: for this reason, it is by its very nature violent and murderous toward others, who are potentially always enemies. The logic of the Gospel, on the other hand, pursues the fullness of life here and eternal life in the future (Mk.10:30) through service, poverty, humility, self-denial, and self-giving: for this reason, it is by its very nature non-violent and life-giving.

The conflict is irreconcilable, and each side fights it with its own weapons: the world with persecution, slander, and death; the Gospel with meekness and unconditional acceptance, with love to the end and even the gift of life. However, Jesus adds that, along with persecution, the world is also capable of observing his Word. In fact, it is still God’s creation: in love for its Creator, it rediscovers its origin and recognizes that this is what it was made for. Jesus leaves us with this awareness and this task: his Word, proclaimed by our lips and our lives, may be rejected, but it may also be accepted; indeed, the more



it is persecuted, the more it shines. The real obstacle to evangelization is always only the world that dwells in the hearts of evangelizers: that is where the battle must be fought, first of all by remaining vigilant not to use the weapons of the world to achieve one's own good ends.

Evangelization must be carried out with gentleness and humility, mercy and kindness, not by teaching new doctrines, but simply by becoming bread for others: aware that the seed grows night and day (Mk 4:27) until it becomes ripe for harvest, because every human heart is made for it.

I would like to conclude with the words of Pope Francis, who has repeatedly and forcefully returned to these issues in recent years. The Holy Father said: ***"However, a distinction must be made because contempt from others is not always synonymous with persecution; there is also contempt that is our own fault, and this happens when Christians, the***

***salt of the earth, lose the flavor of Christ and the Gospel. It is therefore necessary to be faithful to the humble path of the Beatitudes, because it is what leads us to belong to Christ and not to the world. Persecution makes us resemble Christ on the cross, who was despised and rejected by men. Welcoming his Spirit can lead us to have so much love in our hearts that we offer our lives for the world without compromising with its deceptions and accepting its rejection."*** (General Audience, 29 April 2020)

May Mary, Queen of Martyrs, accompany each of us in the small and great occasions when our faithful witness to the Gospel is required, and comfort us with her motherly love in our daily commitment to follow Christ, especially in the complex and difficult situations that will never fail to arise.

Amen.





## A MILESTONE IN THE MISSION OF THE PASSIONISTS IN FLORES, INDONESIA

**The new monastery of St. Paul of the Cross inaugurated with gratitude and hope**

In Maumere, Flores, on 28 May 2025, at the foot of the serene horizon of Mount Nilo, illuminated by the morning light, a new page was written in the history of the Catholic Church's mission in Indonesia. In an atmosphere filled with prayer and living faith, the new Passionist Monastery of St. Paul of the Cross in Maumere was officially inaugurated with solemnity, marking not only the construction of a building but also a spiritual milestone for the Passionist Congregation and for the work of evangelization in the eastern Indonesian archipelago. The main ceremony was the celebration the Eucharist with the rite of Blessing, concelebrated by more than 30 priests from different dioceses and religious communities. The

liturgy, marked by devotion and contemplation, was attended by hundreds of faithful, testifying to the enthusiasm and sense of communion with which the birth of this new religious community was welcomed.

In his profound homily, Fr. Gabriele Antonelli, CP, recalled the eternal voice of the Cross of Christ, the heart of Passionist spirituality. With missionary fervor he stated— "We are sent to proclaim wounded love, the love that saves the world through the Cross of Christ". He emphasized that the Passionist mission is a response to the wounds of the world, and that from this quiet place in the East, prayer and service can flow like a river

of love, fertilizing the soil of the apostolate and bringing blessings everywhere. This monastery, expressed through our common hope, is destined to become a center of spiritual formation, a place of silence, reflection, strengthening of faith, and preparation for service. Amidst the noise of modern times, it is called to be an oasis of spirituality, not only for Flores, but for all of Indonesia. In a spirit of deep gratitude, sincere thanks were expressed to all the benefactors, both those who contributed materially and spiritually who made this work possible. Without loving hands and generous hearts, this page would never have been written in the history of the mission.

By this inauguration, the Passionist Congregation opens a new chapter in its ministry in the flower-filled land of Nusa Bunga. Amidst the morning mist and with songs of prayer, hope rose that this monastery may become a beacon of love and a source of hope, where the Cross of Christ is contemplated, lived, and proclaimed for the salvation of the world.

(REPAC Provincial Secretariat)



## ARCHIVIO GENERALE - 2025

### Nuovi arrivi

ANSEMI MAX (ED.), *Estote fortes in Bello ovvero "Morte Mistica". I tre manoscritti con la regola di vita di san Paolo della Croce*, Lucca 2025, pp. 129.

*Far fiorire la lode... nella contemplazione della passione*, Itri 2024, pp. 255.

BIEGUS OFM WIKTOR, *Święta Gemma Galgani nowenna*, Rawa Mazowiecka, Warszawa 2024, pp. 88.

BUIONI MAURIZIO, *Il cuore rivelatore dell'amore: la memoria della passione. Uno studio su san Paolo della croce*, Efesto, Roma 2025, pp. 286.

COLHOUR DAVID (ED.), *The passionist way, Province Holy Cross*, Park Ridge 2025, pp. 43 (con traduzione spagnola).

KOMINEK ANDRZEJ, *Gemma Galgani. Dziewczyna z perłą, ydawnictwo Serafin*, Kraków 2025, pp. 117.

LENZEN GREGOR (ED.), *"Das Herz voran..." 100 Jahre passionisten in Maria Schutz. Festschrift zum Jubiläum*, 2025.

LIFRIERI MARIO ANDREA, *Compassione forza dell'amore*, Catania 2025, pp. 132.

LISBOA LUIZ FERNANDO, *Memórias missionárias em Cabo Delgado*, Ed. CNBB, Brasília 2024, pp. 213.

LORIZIO G. - STAFFOLANI M., *Vivere il Giubileo. Una Introduzione teologica*, ETS, Roma 2024, pp. 107.

MUAKASA NGUMBA ELIE, *Leadership et resolution des conflits dans la vie consacrée*, MédiaPaul, Kinshasa, 2024.

PEREIRA J. CARLOS (ED.), *Diário de São Paulo da Cruz e máximas espirituais*, Clube dos Autores, São Paulo 2025, pp. 173.

PEREIRA J. CARLOS (ED.), *São Vicente Maria Strambi. Preciosíssimo Sangue*, Ed. Passionistas, São Paulo 2025, pp. 92.

POAGE GODFREY, *Święta Maria Goretti cała w czerwień*, Rawa Mazowiecka, Warszawa 2023, pp. 116.

SARDI GESUALDA, *Santa Gemma Galgani*, Paulus, São Paulo 2025, pp. 301 (nova ed. curata da Tito P. Zecca).

SIGISMONDI EVANDRO, *Ricordo di Fernando Taccone*, 2025, pp. 110.

SZAREK MARIA, *Marietta i Alessandro dramatyczna historia namiętności i przemocy oraz mitości silniejszej niż śmierć*, Wydawnictwo AA., Kraków, 2023, pp. 158.

ZIPPO EMANUELE (ED.), *Preghiamo così...*, Santuario dell'Addolorata, Catania (CT) 2025, pp. 230.

ZYGMUNT KRZYSZTOF, *Bernard Kryszkiewicz pasjonista pedagog*, Rawa Mazowiecka, Warszawa 2025, pp. 56.

# New Provincial Curia SPE



**FR. MARK-ROBIN HOOGLAND**  
*(Provincial Superior)*



**FR. MARTIN THOMASSEN**  
*(First Consultor)*



**FR. JOSEF NOHAGEN**  
*(Consultor)*

# New Provincial Curia

# GETH

In the photo (L-R):

**FR. EDILBERTO LINS DE MENEZES**  
*(Provincial Superior)*

**FR. CLÓVIS LUIZ ROMBALDI**  
*(First Consultor)*

**FR. ROGÉRIO DE LIMA MENDEZ**  
*(Consultor)*





**FR. MARTIN COFFEY**  
*(Provincial Superior)*

# New Provincial Curia **PATR**



**FR. JOHN FRIEL**  
*(First Consultor)*



**FR. MARTIN NEWELL**  
*(Consultor)*



**FR. THOMAS SCANLON**  
*(Consultor)*



**FR. GARETH THOMAS**  
*(Consultor)*

# New Vice-Provincial Curia VUIN

In the photo (L-R):

**Fr. ANTON LÄSSER**  
(First Consultor)

**Fr. LUKAS TEMME**  
(Vice-provincial Superior)

**Fr. VINZENZ  
SCHLOSSER**  
(Consultor)



# New Provincial Curia MATAF

In the photo (L-R):

**FR. O'BRIEN CHANDA**  
*(Provincial Superior)*

**FR. ANDREW GODIRAONE MAKGETLA**  
*(First Consultor)*

**FR. KELVIN CHITANDA**  
*(Consultor)*



01/03/2025

# Obitus

31/10/2025

## Obdormivit in Domino

† 15/03/2025

**SAC. ZACARÍAS DÍEZ ARNÁIZ**  
AD 86 ANNOS. \* PROV. SCOR.  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 08/09/1957

† 16/03/2025

**SAC. GIULIO MEZZACAPO**  
AD 100 ANNOS. \* PROV. MAPRAES  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 16/10/1941

† 21/03/2025

**SAC. VITO ANTONIO LUPO**  
AD 86 ANNOS. \* PROV. SPE  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/09/1957

† 31/03/2025

**SAC. THEOPHANE COONEY**  
AD 97 ANNOS. \* PROV. PAUL  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 11/10/1946

† 02/04/2025

**SAC. MIGUEL ANGEL SAN MARTÍN BAZTÁN**  
AD 86 ANNOS. \* PROV. SCOR  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 22/04/1957

† 04/04/2025

**SAC. GERD BLICK**  
AD 80 ANNOS. \* PROV. SPE  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 06/06/1972

† 07/04/2025

**FRA. SERGIO TEANI**  
AD 75 ANNOS. \* PROV. MAPRAES  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/02/1970

† 14/04/2025

**SAC. GABRIELE RANOCCHIARO**  
AD 84 ANNOS. \* PROV. MAPRAES  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/09/1960

† 20/04/2025

**SAC. CLEMENTE SOBRADO MIGUÉLEZ**  
AD 96 ANNOS. \* PROV. SCOR  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 08/08/1948

† 06/05/2025

**SAC. ANDREA BROLLO**  
AD 56 ANNOS. \* PROV. MAPRAES  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/09/1990

† 21/05/2025

**SAC. JAIME JIMÉNEZ POZO**  
AD 92 ANNOS. \* PROV. SCOR  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 06/06/1954

† 23/05/2025

**SAC. DIEGO MENONCIN**  
AD 93 ANNOS. \* PROV. MAPRAES  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 18/10/1949

† 09/06/2025

**SAC. VINCENT BONEY**  
AD 97 ANNOS. \* PROV. PAUL  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/08/1950

† 27/06/2025

**FRA. JOSÉ ANTONIO ZUBILLAGA AGUIRREZABALA**  
AD 95 ANNOS. \* PROV. SCOR  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 29/03/1951

† 02/07/2025

**SAC. ADOLFO LIPPI**  
AD 91 ANNOS. \* PROV. MAPRAES  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/09/1951

† 09/06/2025

**SAC. VINCENT BONEY**  
AD 96 ANNOS. \* PROV. PAUL  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/08/1950

† 12/07/2025

**SAC. VITALIS FRUMAU**  
AD 89 ANNOS. \* PROV. PASPAC  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 04/09/1935

† 13/07/2025

**SAC. THOMAS NHU THANH NGUYEN**  
AD 46 ANNOS. \* PROV. PASPAC  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 28/02/2011

† 18/07/2025

**SAC. STANISŁAW BANACH**  
AD 88 ANNOS. \* PROV. ASSUM  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 25/09/1980

† 18/07/2025

**SAC. GRZEGORZ SZCZYGIEL**  
AD 37 ANNOS. \* PROV. ASSUM  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/09/2010

† 23/07/2025

**SAC. GIOVANNI CHURA MIRANDA**  
AD 53 ANNOS. \* PROV. SCOR  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 27/02/1994

† 29/07/2025

**SAC. ZENÓN URIGÜEN MENDIOLEA**  
AD 99 ANNOS. \* PROV. SCOR  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 23/05/1993

† 27/08/2025

**SAC. LEOPOLDO FRISO**  
AD 85 ANNOS. \* PROV. MAPRAES  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 4/10/1959

† 15/10/2025

**SAC. YOSEP TABAN**  
AD 72 ANNOS. \* PROV. (REPAC/PASPAC)  
VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 18/02/1977

01/03/2025

# Obitus

31/10/2025

Curia



## Moniales et Sorores Defunctae

† 03/04/2025

**SR. CARMELINA DI GESÙ  
(PAOLINA LUCIA) MARTI**  
AD 90 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 03/03/1955  
INST. SORORUM PASSIONISTARUM A S. PAULO A CRUCE  
(SIGNA) PROV. DELLA VERG. ADDOLORATA  
(SIGNA, ITALIA)

† 25/04/2025

**SR. CLEOFE DI CRISTO RE (ANNA) ROSA**  
AD 96 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 31/01/1954  
CONGREGATIO MONIALIUM PASSIONISTARUM  
LUCCA (ITALIA)

† 06/05/2025

**SR. ANA MARÍA DEL AGNUS DEI  
(JOSEFINA) DÍAZ GONZÁLEZ**  
AD 87 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 08/04/1958  
CONGREGATIO MONIALIUM PASSIONISTARUM  
MADRID (ITALIA)

† 27/06/2025

**SR. ANNA MARIE BECKER**  
AD 97 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 07/04/1953  
INST. SORORUM SS. CRUCIS ET PASSIONIS  
D.N.I.C. USA

† 15/07/2025

**SR. MARÍA MERCEDES DEL SAGRADO  
CORAZÓN DE JESÚS GÓMEZ MACIÁ**  
AD 79 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 09/07/1990  
CONGREGATIO MONIALIUM PASSIONISTARUM  
BILBAO, ESPAÑA

† 23/07/2025

**SR. MARIE D'APRILE**  
AD 91 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 29/05/1965  
INST. SORORUM SS. CRUCIS ET PASSIONIS D.N.I.C.  
USA

14/08/2025

**SR. MARIA LAURA DA IMACULADA  
CONSEIÇÃO RODRIGUES DOS SANTOS**  
AD 92 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/12/1964.  
INST. SORORUM PASSIONISTARUM A S. PAULO A  
CRUCE (SIGNA) PROV. CUORE IMMACOLATO DI  
MARIA (BRASILE)

28/08/2025

**SR. MARIA DE SAN PABLO DE LA CRUZ  
BEGOÑA MALLEA OLAECHEA**  
AD 93 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 14/05/1964  
INST. SORORUM PASSIONISTARUM A S. PAULO A  
CRUCE (SIGNA) PROV. DELLA IMMACOLATA  
(SPAGNA/PORTOGALLO)

15/09/2025

**SR. MARÍA PAZ DE LA SANTA FAZ (ROSA  
MARÍA) GÓMEZ IZQUIERDO**  
AD 84 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT  
19/07/1964  
CONGREGATIO MONIALIUM PASSIONISTARUM  
BILBAO, ESPAÑA

22/09/2025

**SR. MARIA ISABEL DI SAN PAOLO DELLA  
CROCE SERAFIM**  
AD 86 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 15/09/1960  
INST. SORORUM PASSIONISTARUM A S. PAULO A  
CRUCE (SIGNA) PROV. CUORE IMMACOLATO DI  
MARIA (BRASILE)

22/10/2025

**SR. MARIE-DANIEL DE L'EUCCHARISTIE  
JUTEAU**  
AD 87 ANNOS. VOTA NUNCUPAVERAT 16/06/1960  
CONGREGATIO MONIALIUM PASSIONISTARUM  
FRANCE

# Professions & Ordinations

## First professions

Cl. Jorge González Medel  
SCOR 05/04/2025

Cl. Basil Ogilo Wasonga  
CARLW 09/07/2025

Cl. David Were Munyasi  
CARLW 09/07/2025

Fra. José Nieves Luna  
REG 12/07/2025

Cl. Jesús Robles Sanchez  
REG 12/07/2025

Cl. Florensus Heron  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Leonardus Leo  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Pabianus Prayoga  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Harpanus Paulus  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Marselinus Rensa  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Benediktus Lewa Doren  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Antonius Pranaseta  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Lukas Rionardus Durman  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Agustinus Dipo  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Agustinus Delon  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Febriantus Du Siku  
REPAC 15/07/2025

Cl. Zi Peng Min  
MACOR 22/07/2025

Cl. Mark Paul Borrigo Peralta  
PASS 23/07/2025

Cl. Richard Samson Canapi  
PASS 23/07/2025

Cl. Jeremy Tercio Badar  
PASS 23/07/2025

Cl. Raymark Matute Farofaldane  
PASS 23/07/2025

Cl. Văn Hải Nguyễn  
SPIR 02/08/2025

Cl. Văn Thắng Trần  
SPIR 02/08/2025

Cl. Thái Hậu Nguyễn  
SPIR 02/08/2025

Cl. Văn Thắng Đào  
SPIR 02/08/2025

Cl. Ngọc Dũng Mã  
SPIR 02/08/2025

Cl. Văn Cường Thân  
SPIR 02/08/2025

Cl. Esmael Santos Jorge Abel  
MAPRAES 15/08/2025

Cl. José Paulo André  
MAPRAES 15/08/2025

Cl. Bonifasi Augustino  
GEMM 15/08/2025

Cl. Kelvin Bushishi  
GEMM 15/08/2025

Cl. Allan Bwalya  
MATAF 15/08/2025

Cl. Ambrósio Zacarias Cipriano  
GETH 15/08/2025

Cl. Baptista Nicolau Feliciano  
MAPRAES 15/08/2025

Cl. Denis Kibulagi  
GEMM 15/08/2025

Cl. Yohana Masombo  
GEMM 15/08/2025

Cl. Nobert Mnyangobili  
GEMM 15/08/2025

Cl. Steven Musonda  
MATAF 15/08/2025

Cl. Darson José Simão  
GETH 15/08/2025

Cl. Joseph Tesha  
GEMM 15/08/2025

Cl. Isaac Zawadi  
GEMM 15/08/2025

Cl. Heinrich Hruschka  
VULN 13/09/2025

Cl. Gabriel Maria Kaiser  
VULN 13/09/2025

Cl. Karl Tongitsch  
VULN 13/09/2025

## Perpetual professions

Diac. Marco Tulio de Azevedo  
EXALT 28/03/2025

Diac. Fausto Silva Barros  
EXALT 28/03/2025

Cl. Rónalde Caique Alves da Silva  
GETH 30/03/2025

Cl. Daniel Mateus Gamboa  
MAPRAES 17/05/2025

Cl. Laurindo Katiavala Canguali  
MAPRAES 18/05/2025

Cl. Thiago César Lopes da Silva  
GETH 18/05/2025

Cl. Andrónico Sombreiro Lourenço  
MAPRAES 18/05/2025

Diac. Emmanuel Nyanda  
GEMM 18/05/2025

Cl. Fransiskus Dedyanto  
REPAC 07/07/2025

from March 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025

Cl. Patrisius Yoseph Eko Kelen  
REPAC 07/07/2025

Cl. Nobertus Epo  
REPAC 07/07/2025

Cl. Petrus Melki  
REPAC 07/07/2025

Cl. Andreas Pisin  
REPAC 07/07/2025

Cl. Libertus Ragut  
REPAC 07/07/2025

Cl. Vinsensius De Paulo Sabindo  
REPAC 07/07/2025

Cl. Isaias Aurelio Mentol  
MAPRAES 10/06/2025

Fra. Daniel Drumiński  
ASSUM 21/06/2025

Cl. Vinsensius De Paulo Sabindo  
REPAC 07/07/2025

Cl. Joey Pepe Jara Dinorog Jr.  
PASS 23/07/2025

Cl. Nikko de la Peña  
PASS 23/07/2025

Cl. Emmanuele Rastelli  
MAPRAES 27/09/2025

Cl. Alexis Yobani Chávez Isidor  
REG 15/09/2025

Cl. Ricardo Meraz Marín  
REG 15/09/2025

Cl. Patxi Antón  
SCOR 27/09/2025

Cl. Marco Proietti  
MAPRAES 18/10/2025

Cl. Francisco Aumando Deo Agustian  
REPAC 20/10/2025

Efrianus Lamar  
REPAC 20/10/2025

### Diaconal ordinations

Diac. Motseki Albert Ntai  
MATAF 01/03/2025

Diac. Andrea Pagotto  
MAPRAES 18/03/2025

Diac. Marco Tulio de Azevedo  
EXALT 28/03/2025

Diac. Fausto Silva Barros  
EXALT 28/03/2025

Diac. Carlos Andrés Becerra Cerón  
SCOR 03/05/2025

Diac. Oscar Armando Paz Rivera  
SCOR 22/05/2025

Diac. Emmanuel Nyanda  
GEMM 24/05/2025

Diac. Gilberto José Arias Rodríguez  
SCOR 25/05/2025

Diac. Magdaleno Bordonos Santos  
SCOR 01/06/2025

Diac. Mirko Stefani  
MAPRAES 01/06/2025

Diac. Renhard L. De Asis  
PASS 17/06/2025

Diac. Arnie Jade M. Rosco  
PASS 01/06/2025

Diac. Diderot Auguste  
SCOR 16/08/2025

Diac. Marianus Angi Nara  
REPAC 25/08/2025

Diac. Domesius Rovensius  
REPAC 25/08/2025

Diac. Adrianus Roky Wibowo  
REPAC 25/08/2025

Diac. Eli Trisno Filenus Yosep  
REPAC 25/08/2025

Diac. Néstor Noel Carrillo González  
SCOR 14/09/2025

Diac. René Alexander Cedeño Sánchez  
SCOR 14/09/2025

Diac. Josu Antón Sanz  
SCOR 27/09/2025

Diac. Isaias Aurelio Mentol  
MAPRAES 12/10/2025

Diac. Daniel Mateus Gamboa  
MAPRAES 12/10/2025

### Priestly ordinations

Sac. Phi Cao Anh  
SPIR 08/03/2025

Sac. Dominical Alberth Paul  
GEMM 22/04/2025

Sac. André Luiz Barbosa  
EXALT 27/04/2025

Sac. Artur Klucznik  
ASSUM 31/05/2025

Sac. Atanasius Agu  
REPAC 01/07/2025

Sac. Valens Viktori Bain Wokal  
REPAC 01/07/2025

Sac. Fransiskus Emanuel  
REPAC 01/07/2025

Sac. Dismas Kwirianus  
REPAC 01/07/2025

Sac. Tarsisius Taruki  
REPAC 01/07/2025

Sac. Kristianus Theo  
REPAC 01/07/2025

Sac. Mark Ochieng Atonga  
CARLW 19/09/2025

## CHRISTMAS 2025

*Surely, today is a great day...  
when at the altar, I will place  
your heart in the loving bosom  
of the sweetest infant.*

*"Oh, Jesus, my Love," I will say  
to him, "inlame with love  
the heart of this daughter  
you have given me.*

*Further, make her humble,  
simple as a child,  
and trasform her in your  
holy love.*

*Amen.*

Saint Paul of the Cross  
to Agnes Grazi,  
January 6, 1736



**God's grace has been revealed**

**and it has made salvation possible  
for the whole human race...**

**Appearing of the glory of our grest God and Savior  
Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us  
in order to set us free from all wickedness  
and to purify a people to that it could be his very own  
and would have no ambition except to do good.**

(LETTER TO TITUS 2:11-14)

**Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year 2026!**

**Fr. GIUSEPPE ADOBATI, CP  
Superior General  
and his Council**

Fr. Paul Francis Spencer, CP

Fr. Eddy A. Vásquez López, CP

Fr. Aurélio Aparecido Miranda, CP

Fr. Paul Cherukoduth, CP

Fr. Aloysius John Nguma, CP

Fr. José Gregório Valente, CP

**Together we Create the PIB**

Share your items, information: pictures, videos...

[commcuriacp@passiochristi.org](mailto:commcuriacp@passiochristi.org)