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PROGRAM

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Saturday 7 June

h 8:00-12:00	Pilgrimage to the Holy Door	
h 16:00-18:00	Animation by musical groups in St. Peter's Square	
h 18:00-20:00	Pre-Vigil event in St. Peter's Square	
h 20:00-21:00	Pentecost Vigil presided over by the Holy Father in St. Peter's Square	

Sunday 8 June

h 10:30 Holy Mass presided over by the Holy Father in St. Peter's Square

Prayers for the Pilgrimage

In Piazza Pia, the pilgrimage leader introduces the celebration: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All answer: **Amen.**

Amen.

Leader:

May the God of Hope, Who in the Word made Flesh Fills us with every joy and peace in our faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be among us.

All answer:

Blessed be the Lord, our hope.

Scripture Reading:

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS 5,1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. After the reading, a brief silence is observed.

Leader:

Let us set out in the name of Christ: The way who leads to the Father, The truth who makes us free, The life who renews The world.

The pilgrimage to the Holy Door begins carrying the Jubilee cross.

PSALM 122 (121)

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they prosper who love you! Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!" For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

PSALM 83 (84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God!

My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the Lord.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest in which she puts her young— Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God! Blessed they who dwell in your house! continually they praise you. Blessed the one who finds his refuge in you And has your ways in his heart

Passing through the valley of tears These are turned into fresh springs Even the first rain Adorns him in blessings

His strength grows along the path Until he stands before God in Sion

Lord God of hosts, listen to my prayer, Listen to me God of Jacob

O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed.

I had rather live one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I had rather lie at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is my light and my shield. The Lord grants grace and glory He does not refuse good things To those who walk in the paths of integrity

Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who takes refuge in you.

Approaching the Church of S. Maria in Traspontina, a brief reflection takes place:

"Hope finds its supreme witness in the *Mother of God*. In the Blessed Virgin, we see that hope is not naive optimism but a gift of grace amid the realities of life ... At the foot of the cross, she witnessed the passion and death of Jesus, her innocent son. Overwhelmed with grief, she nonetheless renewed her "fiat", never abandoning her hope and trust in God... In the travail of that sorrow, offered in love, Mary became our Mother, the Mother of Hope ... amid the tempests of this life, the Mother of God comes to our aid, sustains us and encourages us to persevere in hope and trust." (Spes non confundit, 24)

3 Hail Marys

The Litany of the Saints is recited or sung.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy**. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Saint Michael, pray for us. Holy Angels of God, pray for us. St. John the Baptist, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us. Saints Peter and Paul, pray for us. Saint Andrew, pray for us. Saint John, pray for us. Holy Apostles and Evangelists, pray for us. Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us. Holy disciples of the Lord, pray for us. Saint Stephen, pray for us. Saint Ignatius Of Antioch, pray for us. Saint Lawrence, pray for us. Saints Perpetua and Felicity, pray for us. Saint Agnes, pray for us. Holy Martyrs Of Christ, pray for us. Saint Gregory, pray for us. Saint Augustine, pray for us. Saint Martin, pray for us. Saints Cyril And Methodius, pray for us.

Saint Benedict, **pray for us**.

Saint Francis, pray for us. Saint Dominic, pray for us. Saint Francis [Xavier], pray for us. Saint Philip Neri, pray for us. Saint John [Vianney], pray for us. Saint Catherine [of Siena], pray for us. Saint Teresa [of Avila], pray for us. St. Frances Cabrini, pray for us. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, pray for us. Saint Faustina Kowalska, pray for us. Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for us. Saint Paul VI, pray for us. Saint John Paul II, pray for us. All Saints Of God, pray for us.

Through your mercy, Lord, **save your people**.

From all that is evil, Lord, **save your people**. From all sin, Lord, **save your people**. From eternal death, Lord, **save your people**.

Through your incarnation, Lord, **save your people**.

Through your death and resurrection,

Lord, **save your people**. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit Lord, **save your people**.

For sinners, Lord graciously hear us. Comfort and enlighten your Holy Church, Lord graciously hear us. Protect the Pope, the bishops and priests and all ministers of the Gospel, Lord graciously hear us Send new laborers into the harvest, Lord graciously hear us Grant justice and peace to the world, Lord graciously hear us. Come to the aid of all who are suffering or in pain, **Lord graciously hear us**. Protect and confirm in your holy service all those who are consecrated to you, **Lord graciously hear us**.

Jesus, Son of the living God, hear our prayer. Jesus, Son of the living God, hear our

prayer.

During the pilgrimage psalms can be sung. Taking into account the time it may take to reach the Holy Door, some decades of the Rosary may also be recited.

When the Holy Door is reached the following psalm is recited:

PSALM 23 (24)

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.	Who is this king of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.
Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? or who may stand in his holy place? He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain.	Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! Who is this king of glory? The Lord of hosts; he is the king of glory.
He shall receive a blessing from the Lord,	

a reward from God his savior. Such is the race that seeks him,

that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in! After entering the Basilica, the following prayers are recited for the intentions of the Holy Father:

Our Father 3 Hail Marys Glory be to the Father

On arrival at the Tomb of the Apostle Peter, the Profession of Faith is made:

I believe in one God

If the one presiding is an ordained minister, the pilgrimage concludes with a blessing.

If the person presiding is a layperson, the following is said:

Let us bless the Lord

All answer:

Thanks be to God.

Animation by musical groups representing movements, associations and new communities

PRE-VIGIL

IS THERE STILL HOPE TO BE FOUND IN THE CHURCH?

Hymn Nitida stella

Anonimo, sec. XVIII

Nitida stella, alma puella, tu es florum flos; o Mater pia, virgo Maria, ora pro nobis!

Jesu Salvator, mundi amator, tu es florum flos; o Jesu pie, fili Mariae, eia, audi nos!

Mater benigna, honore digna, tu es florum flos; o Mater pia, virgo Maria, ora pro nobis!

Alme Rex regum, conditor Legum, tu es florum flos; o Jesu pie, fili Mariae, eia, audi nos!

O gratiosa, o coeli rosa, tu es florum flos; o Mater pia, virgo Maria, ora pro nobis!

Sit tibi, Christe, modulus iste, tu es florum flos; o Jesu pie, fili Mariae, eia, audi nos!

Coeli Regina, Virgo divina, tu es florum flos; o Mater pia, virgo Maria, ora pro nobis!

In the drama that the world is experiencing today, we ask ourselves: is hope still to be found in the Church? Why does hope not disappoint? Does God leave us alone? It is a challenge to speak of hope today, but "man cannot live without hope: his life, condemned to insignificance, would become unbearable." (Venerable Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyên Van Thuân) and we are here to testify that "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow tired. (Isaiah 40:31). The profound source of our hope is the risen and glorious Christ who has triumphed over sin and death and is full of power. Jesus Christ truly lives:

"Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. Often it seems that God does not exist: all around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But it is also true that in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life and sooner or later produces fruit. On razed land life breaks through, stubbornly yet invincibly. However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history. Values always tend to reappear under new guises, and human beings have arisen time after time from situations that seemed doomed. Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power." (EG 276).

Our hope "is founded on faith and nourished by charity, and thus enables us to move forward in life" (Spes non confundit, 3), we believe in the Gospel which says that the Kingdom of God is already present in the world, and is developing here and now, in different ways [...]. Christ's resurrection everywhere calls forth seeds of that new world; even if they are cut back, they grow again, for the resurrection is already secretly woven into the fabric of this history, for Jesus did not rise in vain." (EG 278). But we do not always see these shoots, we need an interior certainty, that is, the conviction that God can act in any circumstance, even in the midst of apparent failures. This certainty is what is called a "sense of mystery". It is knowing with certainty that whoever offers and gives himself to God out of love will surely be fruitful (cf. Jn 15:5). (EG 279)

"No single act of love for God will be lost, no generous effort is meaningless, no painful endurance is wasted. All of these encircle our world like a vital force." (Cf. EG 279). "Let us allow ourselves to be attracted by hope from now on and let it become contagious through us to all who desire it" (Spes non confundit, 25).

Hymn Estote fortes

Lucas Marentines

Estote fortes in bello, et pugnate cum antiquo serpente. Et accipietis regnum aeternum. Alleluia.

THE COMING OF CHRIST

Hymn Amazing grace John Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that thaught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me: His word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Christus vivit

124. Finally, there is a third truth, inseparable from the second: Christ is alive! We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us: it would leave us unchanged, it would not set us free. The one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals and consoles us is someone fully alive. He is the Christ, risen from the dead, filled with supernatural life and energy, and robed in boundless light. That is why Saint Paul could say: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile" (1 Cor 15:7).

125. Alive, he can be present in your life at every moment, to fill it with light and to take away all sorrow and solitude. Even if all others depart, he will remain, as he promised: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). He fills your life with his unseen presence; wherever you go, he will be waiting there for you. Because he did not only come in the past, but he comes to you today and every day, inviting you to set out towards ever new horizons.

126. See Jesus as happy, overflowing with joy. Rejoice with him as with a friend who has triumphed. They killed him, the holy one, the just one, the innocent one, but he triumphed in the end. Evil does not have the last word. Nor will it have the last word in your life, for you have a friend who loves you and wants to triumph in you. Your Saviour lives.

127. Because he lives, there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand in your life and that all our struggles will prove worthwhile. If this is the case, we can stop complaining and look to the future, for with him this is always possible. That is the certainty we have. Jesus is eternally alive. If we hold fast to him, we will have life, and be protected from the threats of death and violence that may assail us in life.

129. If in your heart you can learn to appreciate the beauty of this message, if you are willing to encounter the Lord, if you are willing to let him love you and save you, if you can make friends with him and start to talk to him, the living Christ, about the realities of your life, then you will have a profound experience capable of sustaining your entire Christian life. You will also be able to share that experience with other young people. For "being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction".

Hymn

Resto con te Gen Verde

Seme gettato nel mondo, Figlio donato alla terra, il tuo silenzio custodirò.

In ciò che vive e che muore vedo il tuo volto d'amore: sei il mio Signore e sei il mio Dio.

lo lo so che tu sfidi la mia morte, io lo so che tu abiti il mio buio. Nell'attesa del giorno che verrà resto con te. Nube di mandorlo in fiore dentro gli inverni del cuore è questo pane che tu ci dai.

Vena di cielo profondo dentro le notti del mondo è questo vino che tu ci dai.

lo lo so che tu sfidi la mia morte...

Tu sei re di stellate immensità e sei tu il futuro che verrà, sei l'amore che muove ogni realtà e tu sei qui.

Resto con te.

Testimony of Nicola Boricchi

SIGNS OF HOPE

Hymn Servo per amore Valerio Ciprì

Una notte di sudore sulla barca in mezzo al mare e, mentre il cielo s'imbianca già, tu guardi le tue reti vuote. Ma la voce che ti chiama un altro mare ti mostrerà e sulle rive di ogni cuore le tue reti getterai.

Offri la vita tua come Maria ai piedi della croce e sarai servo di ogni uomo, servo per amore, sacerdote dell'umanità. Avanzavi nel silenzio fra le lacrime e speravi che il seme sparso davanti a te cadesse sulla buona terra. Ora il cuore tuo è in festa perché il grano biondeggia ormai, è maturato sotto il sole, puoi riporlo nei granai.

Offri la vita tua come Maria ai piedi della croce e sarai servo di ogni uomo, servo per amore, sacerdote dell'umanità.

There are countless signs, often silent and hidden, that testify to hope in our time. We see them in the faces of those who lovingly care for the sick and the elderly; in young people who, instead of giving in to resignation, commit themselves to a more just world; in migrants who do not give up in the face of closed borders and hardness of heart; in those who fight for peace in the midst of war. All these are signs of the living Gospel, they are drops of light in a world that often seems shrouded in darkness. Recognizing these signs means not letting hope be stolen from you. Madeleine Delbrêl, a French mystic of the 20th century, lived among the least fortunate, bearing witness to the fact that even in the most ordinary everyday life one can be a living sign of the Gospel. As she said: "We, people of the street, believe with all our strength that this street, this world where God has placed us, is for us the place of our holiness. We believe that nothing necessary is lacking to us, because, if we were lacking something, God would have already given it to us. Grace passes through our daily life. The streets of the world are our place of encounter with Christ. We must not seek God outside of what we live, because it is precisely there that he awaits us."

"Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Rom 5:5).

Hymn Qui, presso a te

Anonimo

Qui, presso a te, Signor, restar vogl'io; è il grido del mio cuor, l'ascolta o Dio! La sera scende oscura sul cuor che s'impaura, mi tenga ognor la fe' qui presso a te.

Qui, presso a te, Signor, restar vogl'io; niun vede il mio dolor, tu 'l vedi o Dio! O vivo pan verace, sol tu puoi darmi pace, e pace v'ha per me, qui presso a Te.

Testimony of Aline Minani

FROM THE JOY OF FAITH TO MISSION

Hymn

Jesu Rex admiràbilis attr. Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Jesu Rex admirabilis et triumphator nobilis; dulcedo ineffabilis, totus desiderabilis.

Jesu dulcedo cordium, fons vìvus, lumen mentium, excedens omne gaudium et omne desiderium.

Mane nobìscum, Domine, et nos illustra lumine; pulsa mentis caligine, mundum reple dulcedine.

Hope, together with faith and charity, makes up the triptych of the "theological virtues" that express the heart of the Christian life (cf. 1 Cor 13:13; 1 Thess 1:3). In their inseparable unity, hope is the virtue that, so to speak, gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers. For this reason, the Apostle Paul encourages us to "rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer" (Rom 12:12). Surely we need to "abound in hope" (cf. Rom 15:13), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope. (Spes Non Confundit, 18)

120. In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). All the baptized, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients. The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization.

tion; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples". If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: "We have found the Messiah!" (Jn 1:41). The Samaritan woman became a missionary immediately after speaking with Jesus and many Samaritans come to believe in him "because of the woman's testimony" (Jn 4:39). So too, Saint Paul, after his encounter with Jesus Christ, "immediately proclaimed Jesus" (Acts 9:20; cf. 22:6-21). So what are we waiting for? (from Evangelii Gaudium)

Hymn

Be Thou my vision

Irish Hymn, VIII Century

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord. Thou my great Father, I Thy true son, Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for the fight, Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight. Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tower, Raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, o bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

PENTECOST VIGIL

Presided over by the Holy Father LEO XIV

Schola and assembly:

Pilgrims of Hope

R. Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within your Word. Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son. R. God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free. **R**.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time. Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him. **R**.

The Holy Father:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

The Holy Father: Peace be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

The Holy Father:

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Spirit of the Risen One has gathered us this evening to keep vigil in listening to the Word of God, awaiting the Lord's Day on which we will celebrate the gift of the Paraclete. May the outpouring of the Spirit, which rested upon Mary and the disciples gathered in the Upper Room, be renewed today in the People of God. May the giver of every good, who through the one baptism and the diversity of charisms and ministries manifests the body of the Church, accompany the movements and associations you represent, who enrich the evangelizing mission of the Bride of Christ. Let us praise the Lord, Creator of all things, with one voice, and ask to be builders of unity and peace throughout the whole world.

The Veni Creator is sung while some people representing the present Associations and Movements approach the Paschal candle placed next to the ambo from which they will light seven lamps.

Veni, Creátor Spíritus,

mentes tuòrum vísita, imple supérna grátia, quæ tu creásti péctora.

Qui díceris Paráclitus, altíssimi donum Dei, fons vivus, ignis, cáritas, et spiritális únctio. Accénde lumen sénsibus, infúnde amórem córdibus, infírma nostri córporis virtúte firmans pérpeti.

Hostem repéllas lóngius pacémque dones prótinus; ductóre sic te prævio vitémus omne nóxium.

Tu septifòrmis múnere, dígitus patérnæ déxteræ, tu rite promíssum Patris, sermóne ditans gúttura. Per Te sciámus da Patrem noscámus atque Fílium, teque utriúsque Spíritum credámus omni témpore.

Amen.

The Holy Father:

Let us pray.

O God, who by the mystery of Pentecost sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth, and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Schola and assembly:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Deacon:

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

✤ A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE 4,16-21

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Following the proclamation of the Gospel, the Holy Father gives the homily.

A moment of silence follows after the homily. RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The Holy Father:

Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. Let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works, and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

The Holy Father:

Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

R. I do.

The Holy Father:

Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

R. I do.

The Holy Father: Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

R. I do.

The Holy Father: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

The Holy Father:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried,

rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

The Holy Father:

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R.Ido.

The Holy Father: And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

R. Amen.

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

R. Veni, Sancte Spiritus

- Holy Spirit, Spirit of Love, who are present in us, teach us what we must do, show us the path to follow, make us one in you. Help us not to be discouraged before the most painful moments of our lives and the challenges of our time. Make us sowers of hope, comforters to those beside us, tangible signs and credible witnesses of your presence that renews all things, in the world. R.
- 2. Holy Spirit, we invoke you: make us attentive listeners of the Word and guide us into the whole truth, so that we may truly call ourselves and be disciples of the Risen Christ, who revealed to the world the good and merciful face of the Father. Pour into our hearts the courage and boldness to bear witness, with words and deeds, to the joy of proclaiming the Gospel, in a world that awaits authentic witnesses of the hope that comes from your salvation. R.
- 3. Holy Spirit, we ask you to enter with your gentleness into the hearts of men and women who feel they have wasted their lives and talents. Descend and fill their souls with Heaven, that they may lift their eyes once more, and find hands stretched out ready to support them. Grant them the humility to ask for help and the courage to rekindle hope for new heavens and a new earth, even here. Lead them, gentle light, to transform dreams into life projects, deserts into blooming gardens, crosses into trees of life. R.

- 4. Holy Spirit, come, fill our hearts and renew in us the gift of our charism. Ignite in us the passion and freshness of the Spirit, that we may face the challenges of our time with courage and hope. Foster true communion among us and strengthen our bond with the Church so that we may be united in service and mission. **R**.
- 5. Holy Spirit, transform our efforts into a joyful mission, nourished by the joy of evangelization, so that every step may be a sign of your presence and mercy. Guide and always sustain our Movements and Associations, that they may be instruments of life and hope for the world. **R**.

The Holy Father:

In the same Spirit now invoked, let us turn to God our Father, praying together with the words that Jesus taught us:

The Holy Father and the assembly:

Pater noster, qui es in caelis, sanctificetur nomen tuum, adveniat regnum tuum, fiat voluntas tua, sicut in caelo et in terra. Panem nostrum quotidianum da nobis hodie et dimitte nobis debita nostra, sicut et nos dimittimus debitoribus nostris. Et ne nos inducas in temptationem, sed libera nos a malo.

<u>PRAYER</u>

The Holy Father:

O God, who guide the Church with your Spirit and guard her with your protection, pour out your mercy upon us: hear our humble prayers, that those who believe in you may always be sustained by the benefits of your love. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

BLESSING

The Holy Father: Dominus vobiscum.

R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

The Holy Father: Sit nomen Domini benedictum. R. Ex hoc nunc et usque in saeculum.

The Holy Father: Adiutorium nostrum in nomine Domini. R. Qui fecit caelum et terram.

The Holy Father: Benedicat vos omnipotens Deus, Pater, ✤ et Filius, ♣ et Spiritus ✤ Sanctus. R. Amen.

Deacon: Go and bring to all the joy of the Risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

REGINA CAELI

Regína caeli laetáre, allelúia. Quia quem merúisti portáre, allelúia.

Resurréxit, sicut dixit, allelúia. Ora pro nobis Deum, allelúia. Messages from the Leaders of the Movements, Associations and New Communities

ASSOCIATION OF SALESIAN COOPERATORS

Address by Antonio Boccia, World Coordinator of the Association of Salesian Cooperators

The Salesian Cooperators and the Jubilee of Hope 2025: A Journey of Faith, Charity, and Apostolic Commitment

Introduction

"Spes non confundit" ("Hope does not disappoint"): with these words from the Apostle Paul (Rom 5:5), Pope Francis opens the Bull of Indiction for the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025. It is an invitation addressed to everyone, especially to those who, like the Salesian Cooperators, live the Gospel in the daily realities of the world. The Holy Year 2025 is a favorable time to rediscover the roots of faith and the vocation to mission. Hope becomes not only a virtue to contemplate, but an existential dimension to embody. The Jubilee invites us to return to what is essential: the personal encounter with Christ and the rediscovery of ecclesial community. This document highlights the value of hope as lived by the Salesian Cooperators, in fidelity to Don Bosco's charism and the Project of Apostolic Life.

1. Christian Hope in the Jubilee Bull

The Bull "Spes non confundit" calls the Christian community to rediscover hope as a transformative force, rooted in faith in the Risen Christ. Pope Francis describes it as anchored to the Cross and as a rope between heaven and earth. This is a symbol perfectly embodied by the Salesian educator, who is called to be a bridge between the concreteness of life and the mystery of salvation.

For Salesian Cooperators, this means renewing their educational commitment with a spirit of trust and resilience. Every act of solidarity becomes a concrete sign of hope.

2. Hope in Salesian Spirituality

Don Bosco embodied hope in a charismatic way, believing in young people even when society rejected them. His preventive system—based on reason, religion, and loving-kindness—is a continuous work of hope.

In the 2025 Strenna (theme), the Rector Major invites the Salesian Family to be "pilgrims with the young." Like Don Bosco, the Cooperators choose to accompany and support, betting on the future.

Hope is the daily breath of Salesian spirituality: it is trust in young people, faith in Providence, and a desire to build educational paths, promote life, welcome, and include. In a fragmented world, Cooperators bear witness that the future can be built with hearts anchored in God and eyes turned toward the young.

3. The Rosario Maiorano Project: Hope That Becomes Concrete Action

A compelling example of Salesian hope lived in daily life is the **Rosario Maiorano Project**, promoted by the Salesian Cooperators to respond to situations of educational, social, and economic fragility. The project is based on three pillars: welcome, education, and shared responsibility.

Through safe spaces, training programs, and expressive workshops, the project offers young people and families the tools to regain trust, dignity, and a sense of future. It is not simply about offering services, but about building relationships, promoting integral human development, and strengthening community. It is hope made flesh, with a face and a future.

The Rosario Maiorano Project is a concrete sign of how Cooperators are called to be **artisans of hope**, bearing witness that goodness can flourish even in the most difficult contexts.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC ACTION

Address by Giuseppe Notarstefano, National President of Italian Catholic Action

Pilgrims of Hope on the Road to Peace

Italian Catholic Action has undertaken the Jubilee journey challenged by the desire for peace which, even today, deeply affects many populations who find themselves oppressed by the brutality of violence and war. Our organization, through its national and local initiatives, wants to be a sign of hope to continue to build paths of peace and social justice with courage and creativity. Hope is not simple optimism but is built through the gestures and signs that we make. This Jubilee is an opportunity to rethink our way of inhabiting our common home. Wars, climate change, inequalities abound ... it is time to change course to look responsibly to future generations.

The Risen One gives us his peace and becomes our traveling companion – as happened with the disciples at Emmaus (Lk 24:13-53) – to open our minds to the promises of the scriptures and our hearts to a burning passion for the Gospel. We turn to the youngest in society to fuel the enthusiasm that they feel in their hearts and to be their traveling companions in the various paths of existence so that in following Christ they might discover the beauty and meaning of life. It is often the children and young people of our associations who offer us impulses of hope in their gift of self, in their service to others and to the least in society, in their ability to renew community relationships and become heralds of the Gospel on the streets of history that we are walking together.

It is in this intergenerational focus that we continue to live our commitment to forming lay consciences capable of facing the challenges of our time in a society undergoing continuous transformation. That requires study, reflection, prayer and community discernment. Growing in the newness of the Spirit, sharing the challenge of brotherhood, spending oneself in s sense of responsibility for wider society, living in the Church in all its truth and beauty ... these are the essential ways to become missionary disciples who respond with fidelity to the call to live with joy and transmit the light of faith.

Catholic Action makes its own the prophetic voice of the Synod in calling for a full implementation of the journey made up to now to create a real "culture of embrace" ... one which generates new bonds of justice and reconciliation, dialogue and communion.

The Jubilee is for all of us a favorable time in which "to rediscover the necessary trust, in the Church as in society, in interpersonal relationships, in international relations, in the promotion of the dignity of every person and in respect for creation. May the believing witness be in the world a leaven of genuine hope, a proclamation of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2Pt 3:13), where we can live in justice and in harmony among peoples, striving towards the fulfillment of the Lord's promise". (Spes non confundit, 25).

NEOCATECHUMENAL WAY

Address by Kiko Argüello, Responsible for the Neocatechumenal Way

My name is Kiko Argüello, and together with the Servant of God, Carmen Hernández, we are the initiators of the Neocatechumenal Way, a form of diocesan Christian initiation, which – through catechesis, the Word of God and the sacraments lived in community – leads people to an adult faith and fraternal communion.

I am a Spanish painter. In my university years, after an existential crisis, I had a serious encounter with the Lord, who called me to leave everything and go and live among the poor. Afterwards, God allowed me to put my art at the service of the new aesthetics in the Church. I went to live in the slums on the outskirts of Madrid, following in the footsteps of Saint Charles de Foucauld: living the hidden life of Christ, living like the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Carmen Hernández, a chemist and theologian, who was looking for a group to go on a mission to South America, came upon the poor people who gathered in my shack and was so surprised that she decided to stay and live in a shack near us. In those shacks we saw how the Holy Spirit created communion among the gypsies and the people living chaotic lives. We saw the gratuitous love of God manifested in Jesus Christ for the salvation of man, to bring him out of anguish and sin. This presence of God among the poor, was something the Holy Spirit had prepared for his Church. There, among the poor we discovered a theological-catechetical synthesis, which was be the basis of the Neocatechumenal Way.

This is a path which God gave to his Church, after the Council, to open up, within parishes, a process of Christian initiation, similar to that of the primitive Church, carried out in stages, where contemporary man can be born to the new life that the risen Christ brought with his coming. This journey of Christian formation is done in small communities, images of the Holy Family of Nazareth, so that the seed we received in Baptism can fully develop.

Thinking about this Vigil of Pentecost, I asked myself various questions: How can we reach the atheists, those who no longer have faith today? What does it mean to be a Christian? What does it mean to love? "Love one another, *as* I have loved you. By this love, everyone will know that you are my disciples" (cf. Jn 13:34), "... If you are perfectly one, the world will believe" (cf. Jn 17:21), this secularized man will believe...

So, it is about loving in this dimension: in the sense of love for the enemy: Christ let himself be killed by us and for us, who were his enemies ... love for the enemy. To reach this love, to reach an adult faith, we need to begin a journey of Christian initiation in a community.

I painted a small icon of the Madonna because this Path was inspired by the Holy Virgin Mary. The original is in a chapel of the cathedral of Madrid. In this icon there is

a phrase: "We must create Christian communities like the Holy Family of Nazareth, who live in humility, simplicity and praise: the other is Christ". We must create communities where Christians can become adults, to fulfill a mission in the midst of a secularized world and grow into a community that is the Body of the risen Christ, where the other is Christ.

The Way, which is a form of Christian initiation in parishes, which grows Christian communities, is formed by families, young people, the elderly, people close to and far from the Church, and participates with the Dioceses in the Jubilee in its various expressions, convinced that this year is a privileged moment for a serious encounter with Jesus Christ that gives us, and the world of today, that hope that it needs so much.

The Neocatechumenal Way was raised by the Holy Spirit, as all the Popes have confirmed, to help the Church in the Evangelization of the Third Millennium. We are all very grateful to the Lord and to the Virgin Mary, who wanted the birth of this Way, for the election of the new Pope, Leo XIV. The support given by the Popes has always been fundamental in the development of the Way.

There are many young people in the Way, and without a doubt the most eagerly awaited Jubilee event for us is that of young people, at the beginning of August. Thousands of young people will arrive in Rome accompanied by their catechists and their Bishops. After the meeting with the Pope, they will have a vocational gathering with us to be helped in their vocational discernment. We are certain that the words of Pope Leo XIV in his exhortation during the "Regina Coeli", on the day of vocations: "Do not be afraid", will bear much fruit.

Address by Davide Prosperi, President of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation

From his first words as Pontiff, Pope Leo XIV recalled a hope that today unites everyone, believers and non-believers, in every corner of the planet: the hope of peace. A peace that – the Holy Father reminded us – only the Risen One can give. A Jubilee dedicated to hope, therefore, is a precious contribution that the Church

offers to the entire world, in the complex historical moment in which we are called to live. In this regard, I am happy to share some ideas on the value of the Jubilee today, hoping that they may offer the opportunity for further reflection.

The Holy Year calls each of us to come to terms with the reality of our own sin: it is for this that we are offered forgiveness. It is not a question of occasional errors of conduct, but of a structural condition of the human being: something that unites us all. The words of Saint Paul: "I have the will to do what is right, but I cannot do it; for I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want" (Rom 7:18-19), were in fact anticipated a few years earlier by the verses of the pagan poet Ovid, who wrote: "I see the best and approve it, but I do the worst" (Metamorphoses VII, vv. 20-21). Recognizing this is a precious contribution that the Jubilee offers to each of us, because if we ignore our human condition as sinners we make plans which are sometimes destined to degenerate into violence. The world is not short of examples, as the psalmist writes: "I am for peace, but when I speak of it they desire war" (Psalm 119). It is a description that today seems appropriate to many circumstances, not only in conflicts between states but also conflict which rages inside our homes.

It is precisely the awareness of the human condition, marked by sin, that makes the message of the Jubilee decisive. The Risen Christ came to save us from sin and to bring back into the world a hope that is not only a projection into the future, but a force that changes today, that has an impact here and now, changing our lives. Don Giussani writes: "The characteristic feature of the Christian heart is hope. Hope not as it normally is defined in the life of the world, which in order to affirm itself needs to censor, that is, to forget, buta hope which is born from the clear consideration of one's own misery, of one's own sin [...]. Recognizing the Presence of this God who has become one among us, of You, O Christ, this comforts me and helps me recover: a thousand times I get things wrong, but a thousand times I am certain of You, O Christ, and so a thousand times You give me back the courage to change and start again. How many times will we have to forgive? Always! To forgive does not mean saying, 'Ok jusr forget it'. To forgive means to revive, to bring back to new life." The hope we find in Christ is therefore not just an individualistic consolation, but rather it opens hearts to the encounter with others, in the desire to be able to announce to anyone what we have received. Because this is what happened to us too: we received forgiveness within the embrace of His Church, which reached us

within our sin, not outside of it. As happened to the Samaritan woman, shunned by everyone for her conduct, who after meeting Jesus at the well 'left her water jar' (Jn 4:28) and returned to the city to tell everyone what had happened to her. For her, who had gone to the well at the hottest hour to avoid meeting other people and feeling judged for her sin, the encounter with Jesus had been a new beginning, which reawakened within her the desire for encounter with others. "This is," said Giussani, "the announcement of the Holy Year: a renewed hope." And this is what everyone needs today, even without knowing it.

[The quotations from the Servant of God don Luigi Giussani are taken from: L. Giussani, *The Jubilee and Life*, published as an insert in *Litterae Communionis-Tracce*, 11/1999]

SHALOM CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Address by Moysés Azevedo, Founder and General Moderator of Shalom Catholic Community

Signs of Peace and Hope: The Jubilee as Lived by the Shalom Catholic Community

"The first sign of hope should be the desire for peace in our world... May the Jubilee remind us that those who are peacemakers will be called 'children of God'" (Spes Non Confundit, 8). Pope Francis opens the Jubilee Bull with this urgent call to hope born from peace. A true and lasting peace, not limited to diplomatic agreements, but—as Pope Leo XIV told us—is "the peace of the Risen Christ, a disarmed and disarming peace, humble and persevering." It is a peace that breaks in through closed doors, stands in the midst of the disciples, and gives them His Shalom.

The Shalom Catholic Community recognizes the prophetic relevance of its own charism: to be a people of disciples and ministers of the Peace of the Risen One. It is in this paschal peace that we root our hope. For us, the Jubilee is a time rich in grace, in communion with the journey of the Church. We desire to be a visible sign of paschal hope in the world, through retreats, gatherings, pilgrimages, prayer vigils, and the intense intercession of the members of the Community and our spiritual family.

We have intensified evangelization, explicitly proclaiming Jesus Christ, our hope (cf. 1Pet 3:15), and committing ourselves to the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. As early as November 2024, the Community began its Jubilee journey with a formation event based on the Bull. The transition into 2025 was celebrated with the New Year of Peace, in adoration and meditation on selected passages from the document. It was a prophetic gesture of hope in the face of a new time for the Church.

In February, the "*Renascer*"—a Carnival retreat held in hundreds of Brazilian cities and attended by around 80,000 people—took as its theme: "If you believe, you will see the glory of God." During Holy Week, global retreats reflected on the theme "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), which also resonated in the Youth Vigil during the Octave of Easter.

In over 30 countries where we are present, hope is at the heart of formation, mission, and prayer. Pilgrimages, intercession, and spiritual gatherings are marking this time. Community groups are preparing to participate in the Jubilees in Rome: of Families, of Movements and New Communities (at Pentecost), of Youth, and of the Poor—the latter to be lived with our dearest friends from the missions across the world. A universal witness of peace and hope stretching across continents.

We have offered formation gatherings to over 100 priests from the Community to help them live the grace of the Jubilee and provide useful tools to guide the faithful as pilgrims of hope.

One of the strongest testimonies will be the Halleluya Festival 2025 in Fortaleza, whose theme will be: "The Sound of Hope." More than one million people are expected at this event where music, evangelization, and the sacraments point to the Risen Christ, true peace and source of hope.

Concrete signs of hope also include the dedication of the Church of the Risen One at the beginning of this Jubilee Year, and the opening of the Space of Peace in Fortaleza, which will serve over 300 at-risk children and teenagers.

In this Jubilee, we want to respond with gratitude and missionary boldness: "Looking to the future with hope also entails having enthusiasm for life and a readiness to share it" (Spes Non Confundit, 9). A joy-filled peace, a life offered to the Church and to the world.

COMMUNITY OF SANT'EGIDIO

Address by Marco Impagliazzo, President of Community of Sant'Egidio

Hope is at the heart of the Jubilee. A "hope that does not disappoint," as the apostle Paul says. We need hope—especially in difficult times like the ones we are experiencing—because of the many ongoing conflicts, the environmental crisis that threatens populations across large parts of the earth, and the deep uncertainty about the future of the world. Hope is the very breath humanity lacks, and it is first and foremost the poor, the lonely, and all peoples suffering from war who feel this need most deeply.

Christians must be prophets of hope, bearers of a "we" that is increasingly necessary in a disoriented and fragmented world. They are called to be "peacemakers where there is war," as Pope Francis wrote in Spes non confundit, and at the same time to "cultivate encounter and listening to the poor." Because—as Pope Leo XIV said—they are the "treasure of the Church and of humanity, bearers of perspectives that are discarded but essential for seeing the world through God's eyes." We must respond to their longing by becoming bearers of hope, immersed in the great tradition of the Church, of which Holy Years are a profound expression. As movements, communities, and diverse realities raised up by the Holy Spirit, we are part of this great stream of Christian history that seeks to change the world for the better starting from the Gospel.

That's why, at the beginning of the Jubilee, we were invited to be tangible signs of hope for the least, for the "discarded," by walking with them as they emerge from their condition. "Everyone hopes," wrote Pope Francis. The Community of Sant'Egidio has encountered and gathered this cry for hope in many human and existential peripheries. I'm thinking of prisoners, of the often terrible living conditions in many African prisons, but also of the extremely high and intolerable suicide rate in Italian ones. Or of migrants, who risk their lives in the Mediterranean Sea or in the desert, and whom we have chosen to rescue and integrate through humanitarian corridors. Or the elderly, especially those who live alone or are forced into institutions where abandonment and neglect are daily realities. And we cannot forget the homeless, who live in our cities, invisible to many eyes—though sometimes all it takes is to stop, to try to draw close to their stories of pain, from which it is possible to rise again, if sustained by friendship and accompaniment.

But those who are waiting—perhaps most urgently—are the young: disoriented in the Global North and anguished—so many of them—in the Global South, because they do not see any possibility of improving their lives. Young people whose future is being denied. Their cry, often stifled, must be heard and taken seriously: the future of the world depends on it.

Sustained by the Word of the Gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit, we feel encouraged to live with hope and to bring that hope into the streets and crossroads of the world.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF CATHOLIC ACTION

Address by Eva Fernández,

Coordinator of the Secretariat of the International Forum of Catholic Action

Illuminated by the Bull of Indiction for the Ordinary Jubilee of this year 2025, we at "*Acción Católica*" wish to respond to the call made by Pope Francis to be signs of hope in the midst of the Church and society.

We embrace this year of grace as a precious moment to renew our passion for evangelization. We want to reach everyone, in every place, on every occasion, and in all existential peripheries, and there proclaim Christ crucified and risen, the source of our hope. To be a Church that goes forth, drawing near to every man and woman who suffers.

We feel called, from each local Church, in every diocese, to promote, in communion and co-responsibility, the transformation of our parishes, so they may become more missionary and reflect the infinite love of God—His mercy, His tenderness, His forgiveness. Welcoming parishes that place at the center of their pastoral work the proclamation of the Gospel, that encourage encounters with Jesus Christ, and create pathways for each person to grow in faith and discover God's will in their life. Only in this way will we discover the paths the Spirit invites us to follow in order to respond, here and now, to the needs of our world, bearing witness that another way of living is possible, and committing ourselves to the transformation of the reality around us according to the values of the Gospel.

Pope Francis has always invited us—and in this Bull reminds us again—to be attentive to the signs of the times. He asks us to look closely at what is happening around us, to open our eyes to the suffering and pain of so many of our brothers and sisters, and to listen to the people who walk beside us—to hear their longings, what they carry deep in their hearts—and to involve ourselves in offering a response to each of them, starting from their concrete reality.

Today, our world seems to be falling apart. Every day, as we read or hear the news, we encounter new horrors and conflicts. But let us not be overcome by evil and violence—let us instead discover the good and the beautiful in our world. How many people give their lives each day fighting for justice, how many serve the most vulnerable, how many are committed to the search for the common good, how many give silent witness to the love and tenderness of God. Now is the time to bear witness to the great love we carry within, being aware, as the Bull reminds us, that a smile, a gesture of friendship, a fraternal look, a sincere listening, a selfless service, in the Spirit of Jesus, can become a fruitful seed of hope for the one who receives it.

Concrete signs and projects are necessary. And although it may seem like a small gesture, the International Forum of Catholic Action, since 2014–recalling the

"Invocation for Peace" encounter promoted by Pope Francis—has carried out the initiative "A Minute for Peace" every year on June 8. It is an invitation to all humanity to pause at 1:00 p.m. in our daily activities and unite in one minute of prayer for peace. This year, the initiative has been intensified by repeating it every month, and on the occasion of the Jubilee of Associations and Movements, we will hold a special event. We want to commit ourselves to being sowers of peace, promoting dialogue, unafraid to open ourselves to others and go out to meet them, living diversity as a gift and walking together in fraternity.

GIOVENTÙ ARDENTE MARIANA

Address by Jose' Carpignoli Cordola, President of Gioventù Ardente Mariana – G.A.M.

In Spes non confundit, Pope Francis reminded us:

"During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for [...] our brothers and sisters."

It is with this attitude of "wayfarers" in search of something infinitely beautiful— Jesus—that we want to live this Year of Grace as the GAM Movement (*Gioventù Ardente Mariana* - Ardent Marian Youth).

Coinciding with the Ordinary Jubilee of the universal Church this year, the Movement also celebrates its own special jubilee: 50 years since its foundation by the Servant of God Don Carlo De Ambrogio.

The GAM Movement reaches out to children, young people, adults, and the elderly, because:

"The person who hopes is always young. We constantly become young by hoping. Youth has much future and little past." (Servant of God Don Carlo De Ambrogio) That's why we want to live with our hearts set on God's future: the Heaven that awaits us!

Exactly during the days of the birth into Heaven of beloved Pope Francis, this announcement became concrete: *"See you in Paradise, Pope Francis"* is the message of hope that the GAM Movement throughout Italy wanted to share through a flyer inviting people to prayer.

Taking up the words of Jesus—"Proclaim the Gospel to every creature"—and the teaching of Pope Francis, who invited us to make the Jubilee a moment of renewed missionary fervor especially toward the younger generations, we are organizing numerous prayer gatherings during this Holy Year. These gatherings aim to open hearts to "look to the future with hope [...], to embrace a vision of life full of enthusiasm to be shared," so that young people themselves may be launched into evangelization.

In this spirit, the Servant of God Don Carlo De Ambrogio said: "Young people want and must fight for God's future, for a better world, to build the civilization of love, to spread the Gospel."

To be signs of hope in today's society, young people, adults, families, and consecrated members of GAM are promoting missions through the *Peregrinatio Mariae*.

The pilgrimage of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima—through schools, hospitals, prisons, families, parishes, nursing homes, and residences for people with disabilities—brings true hope, hope that "finds in the Mother of God its highest witness."

As written in the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee, we trust that "everyone, espe-

cially the suffering and those most in need, will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children and who, for the holy people of God, is 'a sign of certain hope and comfort."

According to the charism of the Movement, the proclamation of the Word of God—in all settings—finds its heart in the invitation to receive His Mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in which we experience that God's greatest joy is to forgive us.

This proclamation leads to a rediscovery of Confession as an experience of joy, and of the Eucharist as an experience of Heaven and resurrection.

In these days, our hearts are filled with joy and gratitude to God for the gift of the election of Pope Leo XIV to the See of Peter.

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we want to embrace and carry out his call to be builders of peace and justice, to live charity in fidelity to Jesus Christ, imitating our Heavenly Mother, Mary.

FOCOLARE MOVEMENT

Address by Margaret Karram, President of the Focolare Movement

In the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee, I was struck by the many occasions in which Pope Francis associated hope with joy and the need to bring it back to our wounded world, urging the Christian community to "be second to none in supporting the need for *a so-cial alliance for hope*" (n. 9).

This is a mandate for the whole Church bit it challenges in a special way the movements and new communities to rediscover it, to put it into action, and to offer the gifts and charisms that God has sent to us for the good of humanity.

The preparatory work for our Jubilee meeting has been deeply enriching and has made us reflect on the journey on which we have come since Pentecost 1998 when St. John Paul II met us for the first time. His words still resonate: "I have often had occasion to underline how in the Church there is no contrast or opposition between the institutional dimension and the charismatic dimension, of which the Movements are a significant expression. Both are co-essential to the divine constitution of the Church founded by Jesus because they work together to make the mystery of Christ and his saving work present in the world".

After that, Chiara Lubich, the founder of the Focolare Movement, encouraged the Movement's communities throughout the world to network with other movements, in local Churches, to offer their contribution wherever the cry of poverty, war, injustice or violated human dignity resounded. In the wake of Pentecost '98, the ecumenical network *Together for Europe* was also born, which brings together many Christian Communities and Movements for the promotion of unity, dialogue, and solidarity.

Now, gathered together again around the Holy Father and strengthening the bond of brotherhood and peace in the name of the Gospel, it is a great joy and a unique opportunity to offer a powerful Christian testimony.

We have experienced this in the preparatory meetings for this Jubilee in different countries. Here in Rome, for example, the young people from our center in Santa Maria del Carmine in the heart of the Trevi district, a lively and busy area where various movements and communities operate, have created spaces for dialogue and mutual understanding, with the desire to nourish and strengthen hope. With this spirit we have committed ourselves together to various Jubilee events: the Jubilees of the poor, of children and adolescents, of families, of priests and of consecrated persons.

One source of encouragement was the ecumenical conference *Called to Hope* which highlighted the initiatives of many groups in favor of Christian unity and brotherhood, from East to West.

Last year, a similar interreligious meeting took place: *One Human Family*. These are signs of an alliance for hope that seeks to make our communion ever more open to all, with our gaze turned outwards to all of humanity.

May our common commitment and our love make us always attentive to each other and attract many to hope and fill our days with gestures of peace and reconciliation, so that humanity might find the path to fraternity and so that the last word may always that of peace.

NUOVI ORIZZONTI

Address by Daniela Martucci, President of Nuovi Orizzonti

Nuovi Orizzonti and the Hope That Does Not Disappoint

The Jubilee proclaimed through the Bull Spes non confundit is an invitation to rediscover Christian hope, rooted in the certainty of God's love: "Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love" (§3). In the charism of Nuovi Orizzonti, founded by Chiara Amirante, this hope is embodied in service to those who have not yet encountered the Love of God. From the very beginning, the community has drawn close to the "new poor," bearing witness that: "The Gospel of hope changes lives, brings comfort, and opens new paths in the night" (§3). From its original experience on the streets, born from listening to the cry of so many young people who were victims of addiction and violence, a wide-ranging mission has developed-active in various fields: prevention, reception, street evangelization, international cooperation, communication, art, and entertainment... All of it has remained anchored in its original spark: "To bring love to those who have never known love, light to those who live in darkness, life to those who dwell in death, peace and unity where there is anguish and division, the paradise of communion with God to those living in the hell of sin." (General Statutes, 4). The community's specific charism is to bring the joy of Christ, with particular attention to the mystery of His descent into the underworld and Resurrection. This charism expresses itself across the various Jubilee-themed days. For this reason, during the Holy Year, we have participated in numerous moments, living the experience of the "inner pilgrimage that leads us to discover that we are made for Heaven" (§9). Young people took part in the Jubilee of Teenagers, and we promoted youth weekends in different regions of Italy as well as a Holy Week retreat specifically for them. We participated in the Jubilee of the World of Communication with our media team, and in the 24 Hours for the Lord, an initiative we have supported since its beginning. Several of our priests also joined the Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy. In the Jubilee spirit, we intensified our activities in school-based evangelization and prevention during the winter. We are preparing a full summer program, which includes service camps, formation meetings, shared living experiences, and missions in Riccione, Verona, Córdoba (Spain), and Brazil, where we have two welcome citadels. We organized special days dedicated to people with disabilities and those experiencing financial hardship, through our Enjoy Your Meal initiative, which combines shared meals, prayer, and celebration. The upcoming Jubilee events we will take part in include the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly, the Jubilee of Movements, Associations, and

New Communities, the Jubilee of Digital Missionaries and Catholic Influencers, the Jubilee of Youth, and the Jubilee of the Poor.

The Jubilee is also closely tied to our Spiritherapy program, a path of self-awareness and healing of the heart that has now reached 40,000 people in 80 countries worldwide: "Humanity needs hope in order to rebuild the fabric of relationships, to heal the wounds of hatred, to be reconciled with its own history" (§8). At the heart of the Jubilee, Nuovi Orizzonti expresses its very vocation: to be a visible sign of God's merciful love. Address by Giuseppe Contaldo, President of Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo

Observing the times we are living in, we are overwhelmed by a **climate of violence** and a sense of **fear**... and yet, right now, the underlying thought that seems to ignite a spark of hope is that we are living **a year of grace: the Jubilee**, proclaimed by Pope Francis beginning on December 24. It is a significant event in the life of the Catholic Church, which Pope Francis initiated through the Bull of Indiction, *Spes non confundit*.

This year, the 47th National Convocation of *Rinnovamento nello Spirito Santo* akes place within the broader Jubilee horizon being celebrated by the entire Church.

To encourage the fullest possible participation of our members in the *Jubilee of Movements, Associations, and New Communities,* which will take place on June 7 and 8, we have decided that our annual Convocation of Groups, Communities, and Cenacles will be held exceptionally in the Paul VI Hall, just before the Jubilee event, under the theme *"Hope does not disappoint"* (cf. Rom 5:5). The welcome and opening celebration will be presided over by His Excellency Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization, Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World. The event also coincides with a very significant anniversary for the Charismatic Renewal: on May 19, 1975, Pentecost Monday, Saint Paul VI met with the worldwide Renewal in St. Peter's Basilica. On that occasion, among other things, he stated: *"This Renewal truly represents a chance for the Church."*

Throughout the Movement, we are deepening our reflection on the theme of Hope. And it is a golden opportunity to live it with such a broad horizon. The calendar is full of events. Along with the various Movements, Associations, and New Communities, we have gathered to prepare for the great Jubilee event: Pentecost with all the Movements, Associations, and New Communities in St. Peter's Square on **June 7-8**.

The date is significant, recalling the historic Pentecost of 1998, when Pope John Paul II met for the first time with all the movements, associations, and communities, recognizing their importance in the life of the Church. He affirmed: "I have often emphasized that there is no opposition or contrast in the Church between the **institutional dimension** and the **charismatic dimension**, of which the Movements are a significant expression.". The Church is experiencing a time of great dynamism and commitment. In an ecclesial and social context that is certainly not easy, the synodal journey and the Jubilee Year offer the possibility of deep renewal, especially by cultivating synodality, discernment, and prophecy. We are witnessing a series of ecclesial events of "epochal significance", more necessary than ever for confronting a complex time in history and responding to the signs of what Pope Francis has clearly called a "change of era."

There is a journey of transformation, interior maturation, and sanctification that unfolds when we live the new life in Christ—not letting ourselves be dominated by sin and falling back into our former ways, but allowing ourselves to be guided by the Spirit (cf. Rom 8). This is a certainty founded on the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Hope belongs to a new way of being in the world, grounded in the awareness of God's love, already present in the believer's life, and always in need of being nourished in order to grow fully.

Hope, understood in this way, is not limited to looking toward the future, but works in the present. It moves people not to give in to difficulties, but to interpret them as stages on a journey. When someone hopes, they don't merely wish passively for change—they prepare to act to make it possible.

Thus, hope is not a passive attitude. On the contrary, it calls for commitment and conscious participation in processes of transformation. A person who hopes is also someone who acts—who translates their desires into plans and purpose. To hope for a more just world means contributing to building it. As a Church, in addition to living the Holy Year, we are also committed to the Synodal Path: there is a movement, a dynamism underway, which—especially in light of a hopeful gaze enlightened by faith—urges us toward a more communal way of acting, as experienced in the recent National Assembly.

Testimonies from the Movements, Associations and New Communities

Casa Bosconia: The Salesian Cooperators, a Sign of Hope for Bogotá

Introduction

In the complex and contradictory heart of Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, a concrete sign of hope and transformation emerges with strength: Casa Bosconia, a project of educational and humanitarian mission born from and sustained by the Salesian Cooperators. Located in the area of Los Mártires, within the Santa Fe neighborhood—one of the most affected by urban and social decay—Casa Bosconia represents much more than a shelter: it is a stronghold of humanity, a constant point of reference for those experiencing extreme hardship, and above all, a living sign of hope for the entire city of Bogotá. Through the daily, often silent commitment of the Salesian Cooperators—consecrated lay people who are part of the Salesian Family— Casa Bosconia has become a place where dignity is restored, education becomes a path to redemption, and service translates into concrete love. This project embodies Don Bosco's dream in the peripheries of the world, showing that even in areas most marked by violence and abandonment, goodness can flourish.

Who Are the Salesian Cooperators?

The Salesian Cooperators are committed lay people who, inspired by the charism of Saint John Bosco, choose to live out their vocation in the world, serving the poorest and most abandoned young people. They unite Salesian spirituality with their family and professional lives, but many of them—such as those behind Casa Bosconia—personally take on the responsibility of major educational and pastoral works. In Bogotá, the Salesian Cooperators have not simply participated in a project—they

created it, built it, and led it with determination and faith. Every day they work in the field alongside children and young people, offering consistent educational presence, managing activities, supporting families, and nurturing both body and soul. Their witness is a concrete example of missionary lay life, capable of offering real answers in a complex context.

The Santa Fe Neighborhood

An Open Wound in a Capital City Santa Fe is one of the areas with the highest levels of social exclusion in the entire city of Bogotá. Here, extreme poverty, violence, insecurity, child prostitution, petty crime, and a large population of unprotected Venezuelan migrants coexist. Institutions, often absent or ineffective, struggle to offer structured responses to urgent and dire needs.

In the midst of this reality, Casa Bosconia stands out as a living, credible, and generative presence. The atmosphere inside the center is radically different from the external environment: welcome, order, color, listening, authentic relationships. This makes Casa Bosconia not only a social service but a true symbol of regeneration for the entire city—a response to resignation and hopelessness.

ITALIAN CATHOLIC ACTION

Testimony by Laura Vincenzi

Laura Vincenzi was born in Ferrara on June 6, 1963. Her life was short but intense, and its simplicity offers us important ideas to meditate and reflect on. First and foremost her desire to follow the Lord in everyday life, to love and serve him in other people. Laura's life was marked by formative and spiritual encounters and experiences that were to determine her way of facing the most difficult years of her life, when health problems which would worsen as time passed, put her faith to the test. Her parish life, her membership of Catholic Action, her friendships, her family, and her moments of spiritual development in Spello (PG) and her engagement, would allow Laura to grow and mature, coming to integrate into her journey of faith, not only moments of joy and serenity, but also the experience of illness and pain.

Laura was struck first by a tumor on the external malleolus of her left foot, which led to amputation but the cancer spread to her lungs, which caused her serious breathing difficulties, and resultant fatigue in carrying out normal daily activities. This situation, although a cause of great concern and apprehension for her and her loved ones, was lived by Laura not as a limit to her physical efficiency or an aesthetic loss, but as a moment of growth in faith.

Laura decided to live her illness with full awareness, insisting that nothing should be hidden from her by the doctors. Thus, she learned not to give in to despair, and tried to prevent fear and fixations from taking over. She maintained her vitality, safeguarded her relationships, and intensified her moments of prayer, especially through the Rosary ... for her illness and suffering could not have the last word.

The presence of God in her life, the journey of faith lived in her parish, the bond with Catholic Action and the support of her boyfriend, allowed her to suffer without ever losing her smile, her joy and her hope, because she became aware of the fact that even if the disease could damage her body, imposing limits and fragility on her daily existence, nothing could undermine her strong and stable interior life, which had its foundation in the Gospel of the Resurrection of Christ and drew on the spiritual and formative experiences she had lived during her short life on earth.

In her trust in God, Laura teaches us that it is possible to live in hope even during the most difficult moments of life, because the presence of God brings light and joy where darkness and suffering seem to prevail. This is one of the most important teachings of Jesus crucified: faithfulness to the good and merciful face of God *despite everything*, even despite suffering and illness.

Laura died on April 4, 1987, surrounded by the affection of her loved ones and giving us all a message of joy and hope.

Testimony by Javier Bossart

The Christ Event has entered my life. He came looking for me in the most "remote" places where I was living my adolescence. He "settled" patiently; he had to wait at least five years for me to accept His invitation. An invitation to a new life, full of joy, beauty, freedom, and certainty, within a people, in the company of those he had rescued.

He did all this through ordinary people, in whom I glimpsed a fullness of life I could never have imagined, but which my entire humanity secretly desired, or maybe didn't believe I could truly hope for.

The teacher who had the patience to invite me for years, heard me say "yes" ironically, once I was no longer his student. But perhaps that very thing helped him immediately point me out to his friends who were living the Christian experience at the university. They were part of Communion and Liberation (I had never heard of the movement). In those early years, the discovery of this new life, which seemed impossible, meant an encounter with "another world within this world," as Father Luigi Giussani, founder of CL, loved to say. My life took a complete, 180-degree turn. I felt like the first apostles who spent the entire day sharing their entire lives with Christ. I was one of his friends, one of his favorites! And this happened through singing, eating, studying, joy, problems, sorrows, fears, affections... life would never be the same again; the experience of this Love revealed to me was amazing!

For this reason, when the intuition arose in me to give my entire life to the Lord in the vocation to virginity in the *Memores Domini*, I never thought of it as a sacrifice, or what I would have to give up. On the contrary, I felt like the luckiest man in the world. That was twenty-five years ago now. Time has also helped to mature and deepen my initial boldness. Pain, emotional trials, failures, contradictions, health issues, or the limits and vices of my own character have forced me time and again to ask myself where, and on what, I can truly base my hope. It cannot be on my enthusiasm (which comes and goes), in my generous dedication (which can be hesitant and sometimes grudging), in my joy, in my balance. It's as if I have to truly ask myself who Jesus is, who this Man is who reached me thirty years ago, and what we can expect from Him.

The Church, vocational companionship, and having great friends within the experience of faith have helped me discover the answer and recognize that the hope that faith gives us is that Christ is capable of bearing the weight of our entire life, of our entire future, until we reach our ultimate destination, Eternal Life, as Fr. Giussani reminded us.

One minute for peace

On June 8, 2014, Pope Francis hosted a prayer meeting for peace in the Vatican Gardens with the then President of Israel, Shimon Peres, the President of the Palestinian National Authority, Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen), and in the presence of the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew I.

To support that meeting and, since then, to commemorate the event each year, on June 8 at 1:00 p.m., the International Forum of Catholic Action (FIAC), together with Italian Catholic Action, Argentine Catholic Action, and the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO), invites Catholic Action associations around the world, as well as all people of goodwill, to pause for one minute—wherever they may be: in the office, in a factory, at school, in the neighborhood, in a hospital—to pray together for the gift of peace.

Priests are also invited to step out of their churches and go into the streets to pray for peace with the people. If two or three come together—so much the better!

In light of the growing number of participants, and to further encourage engagement, since 2019 a **shared logo** has been created in addition to the Facebook and Instagram pages of One Minute for Peace.

Pope Francis has repeatedly supported this initiative over the years, mentioning it during General Audiences, Angelus messages, and on social media.

In particular, in 2024, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of One Minute for Peace, Pope Francis invited everyone to pause at 1:00 p.m., "to pray at least #OneMinuteFor-Peace, asking the Immaculate Heart of Mary to intercede for us before Jesus. Let us #PrayTogether: Queen of the human family, show the peoples the path of fraternity; Queen of peace, obtain peace for the world."

Encouraged by Pope Francis to intensify prayer for peace-in a world facing what he has described as "a third world war in pieces"-from June 8, 2024, to June 8, 2025, the initiative has taken place monthly, specifically on the 8th of each month, praying for peoples affected by conflict, accompanied by witnesses of peace such as: Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Blessed Anacleto Flores, Blessed Gabriella of Unity, Saint Francis of Assisi, The Martyrs of Fraternity from the Seminary of Buta in Burundi, Blessed Armida Barelli, Saint Paul VI, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, Saint Pedro Calungsod. And finally, on May 8, in the company of Mary, Queen of Peace and of the Human Family. On June 8, 2025, during the Jubilee of Associations and Movements, the initiative One Minute for Peace will take place in the afternoon of Pentecost Sunday in Rome, with the slogan: "Peace begins with you. And with me. Now. Humanity, dialogue, common good." This will be part of an International Conference on the theme: "Pax et bonum. Building peace for the common good through the path of international law", organized by the Giuseppe Toniolo Institute of International Peace Law, in collaboration with Italian Catholic Action and the International Forum of Catholic Action, concluding with a candlelight procession.

Testimony by Anna Rosa Sanguinetti

"Those who hope in the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall soar on wings like eagles..."

Angelo and I experienced the power of these words.

We were two young members of GAM – *Gioventù Ardente Mariana* (Ardent Marian Youth), struck by the love of God and immersed in Mary's maternal embrace. Through the example of the Servant of God, Don Carlo De Ambrogio, we came to understand the three great loves and strove to live them: the Word of God, the Eucharist, and love for the Church and the Pope.

Young people among young people, we bore witness to the joy and beauty of living with God. Prayer and evangelization—this is the charism of GAM: to burn with inner light and shine outwardly. We shared so many formation meetings and missions of evangelization, right up until our marriage, determined to witness to our love under God's gaze. We wanted our wedding to be an act of evangelization for everyone who attended. And so it was! Many priests heard confessions for hours, and many people received the grace of Reconciliation. The following years were full of joy, open to life (we had four children), full of prayer and evangelization. We moved forward with the strength and joy that God grants to those who "give with joy." And we gave our time and our lives to the Kingdom of God! A Church that "goes out," even before it was talked about!

While expecting our fourth daughter, Angelo began to show the first symptoms of what would be a devastating diagnosis: ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). We looked into each other's eyes and decided that we would face each day together, convinced that the Lord would never abandon us. So at 39 years old, Angelo began a journey of suffering—progressive weakness, neurological visits, increasing immobility, until he eventually needed a tracheostomy. Yet we continued, even with the wheelchair, to go on mission trips whenever possible. During gatherings with children, youth, and families, he would stay in the lodging, praying or telling stories to the little ones. This was how he lived out his new form of mission.

In his final year, Angelo took spiritual flight. "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength" had become his motto.

Even in the hospital, he would encourage the relatives of other patients to trust in God. One day he told me: "I know where I'm going. I'm only worried about you." "Jesus and Our Lady will take care of us". That was the only time we spoke so clearly about what we both knew was inevitable. After he was discharged, a priest friend celebrated Mass in our bedroom. The offering was complete—our room had become a church, and Angelo was fully united with Jesus' sacrifice. A few days later, the Lord welcomed him into His arms. Now I continue, in the GAM Movement, to proclaim the God who carries us in His arms, confident in the hope that we will be reunited in Heaven, where we will contemplate the Love in which Angelo already lives.

FOCOLARE MOVEMENT

Testimony by Alice Montrucchio

From the joy of faith to mission

I am a young Christian in love with God. My desire to be a true disciple of Christ has grown more and more leading me to say yes to His call: "leave everything, come and follow me". I thought that emptying the closet and praying more often would be enough to follow Him, but I soon understood that this was not enough! What was needed was giving something deeper - my dreams, my thoughts, my plans - and that only in this way could God truly and fully act in my life.

And God gave me an immense gift that I freely accepted with love: an experience in India! I can only thank Him for what I experienced: I felt loved, cared for, I savored a deep, true, not obvious joy. I felt that I was always living in the grace of God even when things weren't easy; I was full of wonder and I had to learn, everything was new and different, from the simplest things - the colors, the scents, the nature, the food, the language, the culture, the religion....

I lived in a house with five Focolarine (consecrated lay women of the Focolare Movement) from various parts of the world; the days were mainly made up of prayer, community life and service.

I did different types of volunteer work, especially with children and young people. It was incredible to see the children of the orphanage with nothing in material terms, but with an unimaginable enthusiasm. They gave me joy, they who had nothing ... no house, no family, not a penny. They were children, but at the same time they were fathers/mothers, brothers/sisters, sons/daughters and they were my favorite life teachers. And even if we didn't speak the same language we managed to communicate through gestures, dance and music. I couldn't bear witness to the beauty of Christ with my words but I could with my life.

I encountered many religions and spiritualities which are very different from each other, but we are all brothers and sisters, wonderful, unique and different.

I had a very strong experience with some Indian nuns who, with immense love, spent their days with very poor transsexuals, people who have a really difficult time. Every time I went with them it was a very powerful experience. I loved these people, they too were part of the body of Christ just like me.

I could speak endlessly about this experience which was not a journey, but rather a pilgrimage. I didn't go to a beach, or visit any city or museum, but I had the grace to live so much more! It was a journey of ups and downs, the backpack was sometimes too heavy, and I had to empty it, but the journey enriched me, and the pilgrimage liberated me.

I feel like I have lived in India forever and it is difficult to say goodbye to a place that has become home, and to people who have become family to me.

People may ask what I did, but it is difficult to explain because life is life. So many looks, tears, hugs, stories, lives that I carry with me, I can only say thank you for what I have experienced and for those I have met, allowing God to act in my life!

NUOVI ORIZZONTI

Testimony by Nicola Boricchi

Drug addiction was only the tip of the iceberg

My name is Nicola. I grew up in a family where there was no atmosphere of love. From a very young age, I witnessed betrayal. I was only three years old and always caught in the middle of arguments. My mother was aggressive. During the first six years of my life, I endured multiple instances of sexual abuse and serious violence. In the last year before my mother left home, I was hospitalized more than ten times. At preschool, they noticed bruises and hematomas on my skin. I never wanted to go home, because only at school did I feel protected. My mother abandoned me when I was six, and I was raised by my grandmother, who played the role of both mother and father, because my father, after a serious accident and the failure of his business, had distanced himself. I found myself completely alone, and so I began to escape—first through alcohol, then marijuana, pills... Before I was even 14, I injected heroin for the first time. I couldn't even get up in the morning without getting high. I became a "*punkabbestia*," one of those kids you see on the street, with a mohawk and full of piercings, begging for love. Rebellious, angry at God, I made my home in public squares, social centers, and raves. I had hit rock bottom and wanted to end it all.

By chance—or, as Chiara Amirante would say, by a "God-incidence"—I encountered Nuovi Orizzonti and arrived in Montevarchi. There, the community leader welcomed me with an embrace that changed my life. For the first time, I experienced true and unconditional love, a love that did not judge me, but simply welcomed me. That's when a long journey of personal healing began, thanks to what is now known as *Spiritherapy*: a path of self-discovery and healing of the heart based on the Gospel, together with many other young people facing similar struggles with addiction. Through setbacks and difficulties, my life changed. A few years later, on my birth-day, I made a wish to God: "If You really exist, I ask You for a family where the warmth of love can be felt!" That very day, I met a girl who had prepared a birthday cake for me—and three years later, she became my wife.

Jesus reached down into my personal hell, gave a name to my pain, and helped me understand that beneath the tip of the iceberg of so many addictions was a deep need to be loved. Only God could heal and fulfill that need. I became a "little one of joy", a consecrated member of *Nuovi Orizzonti*'s charism. Then God fulfilled the dream I carried in my heart: I became a husband and father of two children. My life once seemed over, but God's love patiently and gently melted the ice that had formed in my heart. Today I can say: thank You, God, because I am here. My life now finds its meaning in the love I give to all those who, like me, come into the community needing that authentic love—a love that expects nothing in return. I feel a deep desire to bear witness to the joy of the Risen Christ.

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO

Testimony by Samuele Betti

My name is Samuele Betti and I am 31 years old. I was born and raised in Perugia, in a family where—now I can say—I was loved by my parents, who gave me something essential for my life: the witness of self-giving.

Even though I received this grace, I lived through my entire adolescence with hypocrisy, leading a double life: on one hand, actively involved in the parish youth group (oratory), and on the other, wasting my life outside of it in anything that would help me escape the sadness and anger that resided in my heart.

It was precisely in that dynamic of sin that the Lord came to meet me: first through the community of Renewal in the Holy Spirit, where I experienced such a great love that it unsettled me—a love that was eager to reach me despite my weaknesses. Then through the youth ministers at the oratory who, even after discovering my "double life," never judged me.

So I gave myself to service, where I experienced the truth of the verse from Scripture: "There is more joy in giving than in receiving." I then moved on to discover the beauty of daily Eucharist, following the example of Saint Carlo Acutis, who became a reference point for me.

After a few years, I began to feel an inner emptiness, even though outwardly I lacked nothing. But that emptiness felt as though it contained everything. With the guidance of a priest, I began a journey of discernment, certainly difficult, but one I remember as one of the most beautiful periods of my life. At the end of that journey, I was able to say: "You seduced me, Lord, and I let myself be seduced; You were stronger than I, and You prevailed."

And so, before Jesus in the Eucharist, I was able to surrender to God's will, to say freely in my heart Mary's "Here I am", experiencing immense peace in that "yes" I had given to Jesus in my heart.

The words spoken to me by Cardinal Bassetti, then Archbishop of Perugia, were illuminating when I went to present myself and ask to enter seminary. He said: "I too wanted to become a doctor, and I somehow found myself becoming a doctor of souls. You wanted to be a firefighter, and you'll become a firefighter of the Holy Spirit—in the sense that you won't be afraid to throw yourself into this fire of love."

I bless God for the gentleness, patience, fidelity, and tenderness He gives me each day. Even in the hardest moments, I always find a new reason to convert—a hand extended by our Lord, ready to lift me up and restore hope.

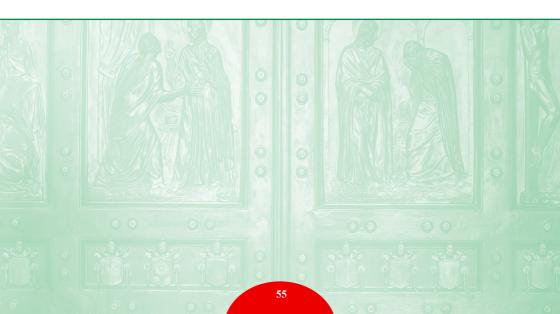
I thank God and the Church, the incarnation of that hand—made visible in my parish and in my Renewal in the Holy Spirit community. I continue to experience the Church ever more as a mother, who is alive and continues to proclaim and witness to God's love.

Today, I am a deacon, and I await with joy and trembling my priestly ordination, scheduled for the end of June 2025.



Testimonium

By participating in Jubilee events or making a pilgrimage to the Holy Door, you can obtain a testimonium confirming your participation in the 2025 Holy Year. This can be requested on the website and then collected at the Jubilee Info Point, in via della Conciliazione, 7. It can be personalized by providing your name to the volunteers on duty at the Infopoint.



JUBILEE HYMN

Pilgrims of Hope

Like a flame my hope is burning, may my song arise to you: Source of life that has no ending, on life's path I trust in you.

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within your Word. Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son.

God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all. Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free.

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time. Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

> May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen