

# **IN THE SAME CHARISM...**

## **with responsibility**



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## TO THE READERS

### *Responsibility for a wise discernment of the lights and shadows in humanity and in history...*

I find this line in the Constitutions in the chapter “Our Style of Life” and gladly open this bulletin by letting the compass orient me toward discernment, toward our destination.

That discernment is requiring something of us and involving us as Companies and as a federated institute in this precise historical moment.



### *We have a responsibility...*

The responsibility is a serious commitment; it does not allow us to go forward superficially; it no longer permits us to postpone certain choices, because now it is our task, the task of each Company and of the Federation.

It is a responsibility about charism, formation, and accompaniment.

It is a responsibility about governance, properties, the future of each Group and each Company.



It is a responsibility that invites us to come together, to face things, to take stock of ourselves, to look it in the face, to calculate our energies, and to **review today our programs for tomorrow... it is urgent!** Saint Angela requires it!

We must *confer together and make a careful examination of the government.* It falls to us *to provide for everything as the Holy Spirit will inspire us* (cf. Legacies 8 and 10)

### *Wise discernment...*

What is asked of us is not some sort of vague discernment that is not acted on, that does not open up a process and leaves things as they are.... What is asked of us is wisdom. But wisdom is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

*The Holy Spirit is always at work in us* and Saint Angela calls for a special obedience to the Holy Spirit: *And above all to obey the counsels and the inspirations that the Holy Spirit continually raises up in the heart.*

We will be able to ask ourselves whether we are capable of discernment and, still more, whether we are making a *wise discernment*.

At times we wait for the situations to resolve themselves on their own, other times we put them off (for whom? till when?), or we close our eyes to today and tomorrow.

**But how and when does the Holy Spirit operate?** *We will hear the Spirit's voice all the more clearly the more purified and cleansed our conscience* (cf. Rule Chapter 8:14-15).

*Glimpsing the lights and shadows... discerning the plan of God for history and orienting daily events in the light of things above...* (Constitutions 3.4).

The shadows, as Saint Angela warns us in the Prologue to her Rule, are the shadows of evil, of sin, *snarles and dangers... because there is no type of evil that is not here to be resisted...*

The light is grace, it is goodness, it is the Lord in our midst.

Now too, light is attained with obedience: *“Obedience is in [us] like a great light, which makes every work good and acceptable.... everything of ours, if it is supposed to be good, should be done in obedience”* (Rule, Ch. 8:4-6).

Light is attained with a wise discernment done individually and together. Light is attained by obeying God, the Church, and the Constitutions of our institute: *“In evaluation within the Company each of us will learn to discern according to her own life situations, the demands of obedience, “great light” and source of freedom and joy...”* (Constitutions 19.3).

Discernment is done in order to be able to *please Jesus Christ our Spouse as much as possible* (Legacy 4:3).

Discernment is done *according as charity and the Holy Spirit will enlighten and inspire you, directing everything toward good...* (Legacy 9:7-8)

Let us pray with Saint Angela for wise discernment:

*“My Lord, light up the darkness of my heart....*

*Keep my affections and my senses safe  
so that they may not lead me astray, neither to the right nor to the left,  
nor turn me away from your brilliant  
face...”* (Rule Ch. 5:16-19).

If we make a wise discernment personally and as a Company...

*thorny and rocky roads  
we will find flower-strewn for us, paved  
with finest gold.*

Caterina Dalmasso



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION



### The Courage for Personal Discernment and for Discernment in the Company

*Dear ones,*

*“Jesus invites us to **return** to the sources of joy, which are encounter with him, the courageous choice to take the **risk** of following him, and the enthusiasm to **leave** something to embrace his way. The saints have walked this journey” (Pope Francis). Saint Angela did it.*

What do we do? Where do we go? Where will we drink to nourish our hearts with joy and make it shine through?

Do we settle down in the monotony of a Christian life without enthusiasm, thus remaining incomplete and resigned, or do we want to launch daily into Love?

Together let us try to launch into Love.

To do this, let us look to Saint Angela and try to act as she did. Let us take our place at the foot of the Cross, let us embrace the Crucified, let us make *most fervent prayers*, let us pause over that Word “happy” which the Gospel brings and listen with a purified and free heart to each suggestion and each stimulus.

*“Happy” are you poor, meek, merciful, peacemaking, pure, persecuted ....*

**Happy:** This is our call. Together with the whole Church, we are called to happiness, to put ourselves on God’s side. This protects us from the dangerous deceit of egoism and opens us to the logic of love.

Before God, all of us are poor, afflicted, but if we go to him in trust, the Lord will have a word of consolation for each of us.

With the Holy Spirit's help, this word "Happy are you..." will give us new vigor for newness of life, for wearing inside and out that joy that gives flavor and zest to our living. We are happy and we demonstrate joy whenever we distance ourselves a little from our possessions, whenever we are able to share them with sisters or brothers near and far, whenever we do something out of love for God, whenever our intentions and our actions are guided by an upright heart.

What enriches us, satisfies us, and gives us joy and dignity is Love; it is the Lord, our Lover. Jesus Christ is our only Treasure. He alone is able to give the gift of Life. He is the Life. He is the Way. He is the Truth.

Today the Church asks the Companies united in the Federation to respond to our specific vocation with courageous choices so that the charism of Saint Angela may not diminish in the Church. This requires from us a new leap of faith. It requires us to live the present with passion and to embrace the future with hope, not only to look upon the past with gratitude.

Simply and sincerely we read the situations and the choices facing us personally and as a Company. We ask ourselves: what would Saint Angela do here and now? Are our choices consistent with the Saint Angela's original project?

**The courage for personal discernment and for discernment in the Company** is urgent, so that our life may become meaningful for the Church and the world. If our witness is not a Gospel witness with the traits of the Risen One, it will be dead, dry, destined to fade away.

Then let us encourage each other with all good will not to neglect personal and communal formation. Let us help each other care for and nourish sisterhood and prayer, *an indisputable sign of the Lord's presence in our midst.*

Let us reinvigorate the roots of our vocation, as Saint Angela recommends to us: *"Act, move, believe, strive, hope, cry out to God with all your heart, and without doubt you will see marvels"* (Prologue to the Counsels 17-18).

This was the road she walked, this is the road that she points out to us to fulfill the project of our own holiness. **With the Rule and the**

**Constitutions in our hearts and in our hands**, let us live faithfully the road of holiness she has pointed out to us. *“Holiness is boldness, it is a Gospel impulse that leaves a mark on this world. So that this may be possible, Jesus comes to meet us and says once again, serenely and firmly, Do not be afraid”* (Pope Francis).

Saint Angela reassures us: *“Hold this for certain: that this Company was planted directly by his holy hand and he will not abandon this Company as long as the world endures”* (Last Legacy 6-7).

*Let us make very fervent prayers* because we need the Holy Spirit’s push in order not to be paralyzed by fear and by calculations, so as not to hide and shelter ourselves within secure boundaries. The Church and the world need our fidelity to the vocation.

At our ordinary Assembly of 2018, Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Parolin addressed us, reminding us to respond with fidelity and joy to this call: the call to **holiness**, to **console** and to give others **dignity**, to **renew** and to bear **light** in the world and in history.

This is our call, this is our happiness. “United together,” let us respond with passion and enthusiasm, always clinging to the word of our Mother, sister, and faithful friend:

*“Be bound to one another by the bond of charity, esteeming each other, helping each other, bearing with each other in Jesus Christ. For if you strive to be like this, without any doubt, the Lord God will be in your midst.... Because God has so ordained from all eternity, that those who for his honour are united in doing good enjoy every prosperity, and that what they do turns out well, because they have God himself and every one of his creatures in their favour. See then how important is this union and concord. So, long for it, pursue it, embrace it, hold on to it with all your strength; for I tell you, living all together thus united in heart, you will be like a mighty fortress, or a tower impregnable against all adversities, and persecutions, and deceits of the devil. And moreover I assure you that every grace you ask from God will infallibly be granted to you. And I shall always be in your midst, helping your prayers.... And at the same time rejoice, because, without doubt, what I say to you will be so..... be consoled, and have a lively faith and hope”* (Ninth Counsel).

United together in heart.

Valeria Broll



***“Test everything, retain what is good”*** (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

**Discernment is necessary; it is a grace...**

➤ **It is necessary...** *when some novelty presents itself in our lives. Then we have to decide whether it is a new wine brought by God or an illusion created by the devil.*

*...When the forces of evil induce us not to change, to leave things as they are, to opt for a rigid resistance to change ... that would be to block the working of the Spirit.*

➤ **Discernment is necessary** *not only at extraordinary times, when we need to resolve grave problems, and make crucial decisions.*

**We need it at all times:** *to help us recognize God’s timetable, lest we fail to heed the promptings of his grace and disregard his invitation to grow.*

*It involves striving untrammelled for all that is great, better, and more beautiful...*

*Discernment also enables us to recognize the **concrete means** that the Lord provides in his mysterious and loving plan, to make us move beyond mere good intentions.*

➤ **We should always remember that discernment is a grace.** *Even though it includes reason and prudence, it goes beyond them, for it seeks a glimpse of that unique and mysterious plan that God has for each of us, which takes shape amid so many varied situations and limitations.*

*Ultimately, discernment leads to the wellspring of undying life: to know the Father, the only true God, and the one whom he has sent, Jesus Christ (cf. John 17:3).*

*It requires no special abilities, nor is it only for the more intelligent or better educated. The Father readily reveals himself to the lowly (cf. Matthew 11:25).*

(Pope Francis, *Rejoice and Be Glad*, 168,169,170)

## Discernment

Let us ask ourselves Pope Francis's questions:

### CHRISTUS VIVIT

*Esortazione apostolica postsinodale  
ai giovani e a tutto il popolo di Dio*



- Do I know myself,  
quite apart from my  
illusions and  
emotions?
- Do I know what  
brings joy and

sorrow to my heart?

- What are my strengths and weaknesses?
- How can I serve people better and prove most helpful to our world and to the Church?
- What is my real place in this world?
- What can I offer to society?
- Do I have the abilities needed to offer this kind of service?
- Could I develop those abilities?

These questions should be centered  
less on ourselves and our own inclinations,  
but on others,  
so that our discernment leads us to see  
our life in relation to their lives.

- That is why I would remind you of the most important question of all. So often in life, we waste time asking ourselves: 'Who am I?'
- You can keep asking, 'Who am I?' for the rest of your lives.

But the real question is: **“For whom am I?”**

*Of course you are for God.  
But he has decided that you are also to be for others,  
and he has given you many qualities, inclinations, gifts, and charisms  
that are not for you, but to share with those around you.*

(Christ Is Alive 285-286)

**A THOUGHT FROM THE ECCLESIASTICAL  
ASSISTANT TO THE FEDERATION COUNCIL**  
**Most Rev. Bishop Adriano Tessarollo**



**BEING CONVERTED TO  
FRATERNITY/SOLIDARITY**

In recent months I have often thought about the mission of the Church in the world, motivated by Pope Francis's message for the 47<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace in 2018, titled ***"Fraternity/Solidarity: Foundation and Pathway for Peace."***

In this time of ours, characterized by globalization, everyone can go anywhere, meet people of every race, people, nation, and religion, profit from products coming from every part of the world, and send products to any part of the world. Surprisingly, however, social tensions, walls and cultural, religious, ethnic and economic barriers multiply. Being part of the same human species does not seem to be an incentive to experience solidarity. Very often, taking care of one's own dog or cat feels like more of a duty and pleasure than caring for a poor person who lives or passes close to us.

The sense of a certain brotherhood or sisterhood is shared in the restricted circles of those who belong to one's own territory, who are close in culture, religion, nationality, or another sort of political belonging or association.

From these observations I asked myself what constitutes the foundation and the particular nature of the relationships proposed in the Gospel. I thought about what importance and role the proposal of evangelical fraternity has in the life of the Church and in its mission in discussion with the world.

The Gospel does not propose an elitist fraternity, but a universal one, as the pages of the Gospel suggest. There Jesus speaks of being "merciful like the Father," of "loving one's enemies," renouncing every violence. He identified himself with the poor, the suffering, the disinherited, and the "little ones" of every sort. Precisely in identifying

himself with these “least and last ones,” Jesus gives us a motivation for human solidarity that goes well beyond the rationale of belonging to the same human species or of equalizing rights or of the necessity for solidarity.

All these reasons, including race, culture, political belonging, religion, or other, have always allowed and likewise have justified deep inequality and egoism and even estrangement of one from another.

On the other hand, evangelical motivation encourages an alternative, radical solidarity because this links the practice of authentic brotherhood/sisterhood to one’s relationship with the Lord, who is its foundation and at the same time demonstrates what it means.

In fact, we read in the First Letter of St. John, *“We love because God first loved us. If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates a brother or sister, that person is a liar; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen cannot love God, whom they have not seen. This is the commandment we have from God: whoever loves God must also love one’s brother and sister”* (4:19-21).

Therefore a solidarity that emerges from a triumph and victory over the cult of individualism, with its self-referential focus, its self-contemplation and self-realization, is always a victory of the Gospel. Such attitudes are poles apart from solidarity and Gospel joy. This solidarity is counter-cultural.

A brotherhood/sisterhood that has not been imposed by law is accomplished through the daily practice of love of neighbor. It is a task freely assumed through the love of God the Father and of Jesus our brother, in union with the Holy Spirit. Experiences of brotherhood and sisterhood in the Church, while they bring about or would like to bring about evangelical solidarity, don’t end inside a person, but are a way of acting toward each person that the Lord puts on one’s path. Furthermore, they indicate to the world that such solidarity is possible, not as an ethical imperative or human energy, but as a gift of God, who is recognized and loved as the merciful Father who calls us and lets us be “merciful like the Father” toward our brothers and sisters.

Saint Angela strongly insisted to her daughters that they live as sisters. What a beautiful witness to give to the world!

+ Adriano Tessarollo

# A WORLDWIDE IDENTITY: KNOWING THE CULTURES OF OTHERS GLIMPSES OF “AMERICAN CULTURE”

Worldwide

## Diversity: Gifts and Challenges of American Culture

The America of Hollywood movies does not exist. We are not all New York or Disneyland! Yet, as with any stereotype, some element of truth underlies the caricature.

Our sisters in the USA have helped me to describe our culture. We live in different states. We have different ethnic identities. One is an immigrant. We manifest the diversity in our nation and our Church.



## Diversity!

If one word can begin our story, it must be “diversity.” As one sister observed, “Sometimes traveling within the US can be as strong a ‘culture shock’ as traveling abroad.”

The land is vast. Regions have vastly different racial and ethnic groups, histories, even languages, though English prevails.

Each feature of our national identity has an opposite, equally true. We will conclude by considering our role amid this variety, which is beautiful but also stressful and challenging.

## Strength... Freedom... Individualism



We are the land of **pioneers**, who carved farms and cities out of wilderness (blind to the indigenous peoples they displaced). Families and civic communities maintain traditions based on that shared memory. We take great pride in individual accomplishment and

competition. Private property is seen as the result of individual effort. Hard work is a strong value. Self-sufficiency is an ideal. Strong individuals overcome daunting obstacles through determination and ingenuity.

Yet our prosperity has depended upon uncompensated labor: first of enslaved people kidnapped from Africa, then of exploited workers. Racism – our original sin – continues to curse our land.

“The land of the free...” was born in a revolution against colonialism, and **freedom** remains our dominant common value, often translated into independence. Teenagers leave their parents’ homes and elders remain in their own homes. We drive our own automobiles and cling to autonomy. **Individualism** marks almost every aspect of American life. It fosters great personal strength, though often neglecting the common good. Independence also underlies a masculine culture of violence and idolatry of guns.

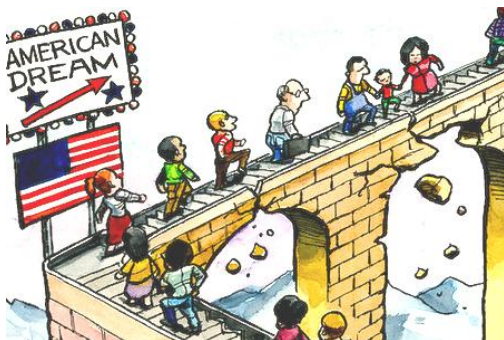




Public expressions of **patriotism** are everywhere. Patriotism is often combined with respect for the military and for other uniformed services such as police and fire-fighters.

### Wealth ... Generosity

We are the world's wealthiest nation. Yet the wealth-gap widens. Individualism cripples public support for health care, education, and other human resources, as well as for infra-structure, all evaluated by a financial calculation: "Does it put money into my pocket?" This criterion has no place for prayer or contemplation. Consumerism magnifies many desires into perceived needs. That includes a highly sexualized environment, especially affecting youth.



Americans are generous. The first circle of generosity is one's own family and friends, especially when they suffer a crisis or a need. Going further, we value **volunteerism** very highly. Through volunteer activities Americans reach a wider circle, extending themselves in service to others outside the family: serving in a food pantry, recycling, caring for the environment, promoting the arts, assisting in education or health care... Schools foster the value of volunteer service in our youth. We also value financial support for charitable enterprises that reach an expansive circle of strangers in need: "the enormous outpouring of generosity, love, and concern in the wake of natural disasters, like hurricanes or tornadoes."



## Immigrants... Enrichment... Polarization



We are the land of **immigrants** – thus our huge ethnic variety... cuisines, arts, intellectual traditions. Families take pride in these legacies from every corner of the world. Intermarriage brings these riches together in new families and creates new ethnic and racial blends. Immigrant communities foster a solidarity that could be a model to the rest of us, while public education and social mingling help us overcome divisions.

But how can some Americans be so unwelcoming to new arrivals? One of our members, an immigrant, describes the country as “like a person who is cold and puts on many layers of clothing. It is difficult to see his real face, to make friends, because he cannot open his hands. He needs to preserve the heat that he has.”

The present migration into our southern border illustrates our competing values. Government responds with walls and soldiers. Volunteers care for the stranger.

Political and economic differences **polarize** us and test the fabric of our national identity. Traditional... progressive... individualist... communal... All have elements of goodness. All need the balance of another perspective. Yet polarization makes dialogue, balance, and mutual learning almost impossible.

## Religious Presence

We are a religious people, mostly Protestant Christians, but increasingly diverse as more Asian and African immigrants arrive. Communities of faith are islands in a schizophrenic culture: secular but requiring public demonstrations of religion. Our members describe their families as rooted in Christ, Christian faith, and personal dignity.

American Catholicism blends diverse ethnicities, languages, cultures, economic classes.... Our network of education and healthcare is unparalleled. Our commitment to the dignity of pre-born children is



well known. But the Church too suffers polarization on religious and civil issues. The sister who described the “cold man” above finds the Church similarly unwelcoming to newcomers.

### The Company in the USA Culture



The Company is new here, less than twenty years old. What must we, as a Company, understand in order to be at home – incultured? St. Angela has given us the essentials and allows us to grow in

different soils, yes in American soil.

First, we must **accept and respect diversity**, among ourselves and in our wider culture. We are not required to adopt all the beliefs and practices swirling around us. St. Angela guides us: “Consider each one as good, but be prudent for your own good.”



Second, we must, as Pope Francis says, “**build bridges, not walls.**” Respectful listening, mutual understanding, and collaboration for the common good are better than winning an argument or making someone change. Rather, we can be present to others’ problems and joys and pray for them. Rather than proselytize, we seek to bear witness to our own faith, by word or by deed.

Third, in Church, society and Company, let us seek our **deepest shared values**. If we find our true unity there, our differences will not divide. In the Company, our deepest shared values flow from the Gospel and from our consecration.



Women belonging to Christ, daughters of St. Angela, sisters to the worldwide Company, our Group of the USA feels called to **offer the Gospel by ...**

- Making it known.
- Being a living witness of the Gospel.
- Being a Gospel presence in family and Church.
- Living contemplatively within the secular world.
- Trying to be patient and kind, even amid stress and chaos.
- Loving and welcoming the stranger and the person who is

different from me.

- Promoting justice.
- Advocating for protection of all life and human dignity from conception to natural death, including criminals, prisoners of conscience, non-Christians, non-Americans, LGBT people, warfare, etc.
- Being an example of *agape* love in a ‘me-and-my-people-first’ culture, treating all with equal respect and dignity.
- Raising up in the Church a Gospel attentiveness to newcomers.

The Company that finds its unity in the Gospel can be truly American: both embracing and challenging our nation.

*Mary-Cabrini Durkin,*  
Company of Canada, Group of the United States

## ANGELA MERICI: INNOVATIVE MYSTIC

Thomas was six years old when he got close to the bishop who was visiting his campo. He showed the bishop his hand, which was missing two fingers. In a trembling voice he asked, *"Please, can you heal me?"*

The bishop took his hand and held it affectionately, without saying a word....

One day a woman arrived in my office, her eyes full of tears, and asked me to help her because her daughter had been kidnapped....

Scene così commoventi, alle quali non si possono dare soluzioni ne potrei raccontare tante, come del resto anche voi che state leggendo. I could recount so many emotional scenes like these with no possible solutions, as you readers could too.

These episodes make us feel powerless in situations to which no one could give a concrete answer, except to entrust everything to the Lord in prayer.

We consecrated seculars are called to live in our polis with two dimensions:

- **first as women of prayer**, able to immerse each action in prayer, since without this strength, without this special resource, we are simply women who perform different demanding professions;
- **second as spouses of the Savior**: *"to be spouses of the Son of God."* A call to be for him, *the most beautiful among the sons of men.*

But often we are absorbed by daily happenings and we forget him.

We are called to be mystics, daughters of a mystical innovator, to be like St. Angela Merici.

Many think that mystics live outside reality.



Instead, the great mystics were very active people: we think of St. Gertrude, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Chiara Lubich, Edith Stein, Hetty Hillesum, Madeleine Delbrel, Marie of the Incarnation...

We are all called to this experience of mystical union with God, according to the Catechism of the universal Church (n. 2014): *Spiritual progress tends toward ever more intimate union with Christ.... God calls us all to this intimate union with him.*

One day I read that Buddhism takes people to live as mystics with their eyes closed, while we Christians are called to be “mystics with eyes open.” according to the definition of Johannes Baptists Metz, the founder of political theology.

### **But what kind of mysticism are we talking about?**

About mysticism of the heart, with one’s gaze always turned to the Lord, but also about mysticism of justice and truth among others....

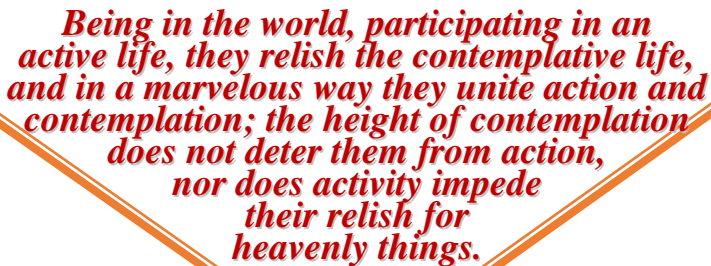
We make of our hearts a cradle, so that all may be welcome, especially those crucified in our present history...

It is not enough to stop and look. Rather, it is necessary to sit next to them, to give time to listen... to share their journey, their suffering.

The mystic seeks the face of Jesus and grows in her ability to enlarge her horizons, and the space of her tent: *“enlarge the space of your tents, stretch out your tent cloths unsparingly, lengthen your ropes, make strong your pegs...”* (Isaiah 54:2-4).

We daughters of Angela Merici are called in a particular way to follow the Madre’s path and thus, each in her own environment, will seek and find the way to live in fidelity to the Merician charism.

Carla Osella



***Being in the world, participating in an active life, they relish the contemplative life, and in a marvelous way they unite action and contemplation; the height of contemplation does not deter them from action, nor does activity impede their relish for heavenly things.***

G. Cozzano



## On My Road, Full of Joy...

From my youth, when I was around twelve years old, I cultivated in my heart the desire to consecrate myself to the Lord.

But then for a long time I had to abandon this thought, because Burundi underwent an oppressive war. Therefore I was not able to continue my schooling, which would have been necessary to join an institute of consecrated life.

At the age of fourteen, having been confirmed, I still did not know if there would be a congregation that could accept me without a diploma.

In 1998, in the parish at Gitongo, I met Father Giovanni Bosco Wakana, who told me that there were young women in the diocese who wanted to consecrate themselves to God in the world: the *Bene Angela*. With the help of the Holy Spirit, Father Giovanni Bosco had already gathered many young women with the intention of consecrating themselves in the world, and he had prepared an adequate formation for them.

I was not among the first *Bene Angela* of our parish to begin this journey, because I still did not understand well, but bit by bit I understood what this secular consecration meant. My cousin Maria explained to me what consecration in the world involved, so that I too felt the desire to accept this calling.

The first *Bene Angela* encountered many difficulties, because their experience appeared so different from every other form of consecrated life in Burundi. People thought that perhaps it was for strange, eccentric people...

Some of their parents did not understand their vocation. In my case, all these persecutions strengthened my desire to consecrate myself in this form of life; according to me, it was a holy persecution.



In March 2000, I asked to be accepted among the *Bene Angela*. I was accepted and began formation and was suddenly very content, because from that moment I felt that I had found myself on the road that was right for me.

I began to attend their spiritual exercises in 2003. In 2004 the formation guide asked me to study to learn how to read and write. I was happy and asked permission from my parents to go to school, which they permitted.

Satisfied by the road I had undertaken, I desired to go forward without turning back....

For a while I lived in the little house of the *Bene Angela* at Nyabibuye, because my school was nearby, though far from my parents' house. Therefore I thank Natalia, our leader, and her council for having offered me this opportunity.

When the Council of the Federation gave us the Constitutions of the Institute, we reviewed and restarted our formation, according to this charism and spirituality.

It was not immediately easy to understand and study, but slowly I began to understand and asked to make my first consecration in the Company of St. Ursula, Secular Institute of Saint Angela Merici. Finally, on November 27, 2016, I made my first Consecration.

I realized that I was on my road, full of joy, able to persevere freely on the road I had undertaken. I renewed my consecration on August 26, 2018, to continue in the charism and in a mission together with the sisters of the whole world.

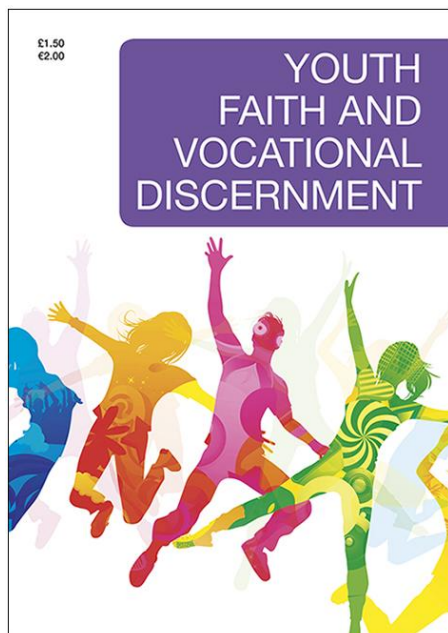
Now I am thirty-seven years old and feel myself to be truly “bene,” very happy to be the spouse of *the Lover of us all* and to proclaim the kingdom of God in the world. I live my consecration as a secular, in my own environment, where I must be like a *light amid the shadows*. I trust in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I pray to the Virgin Mary and Saint Angela that, with their help, I will be able to remain always close to God.

May God be blessed in the Company! May God grant to our Company and to all the Companies of the world the strength to follow the path.

**Saint Angela Merici, pray for us!**

*Justine Ndayishimiye, Company of Burundi*



## The Council Meets

### *Desiring renewal and conversion in faith...*

Three days of grace and sisterhood, of prayer and Council meeting, unfolded January 1 to 5, 2019, at the Casa Betania in Milan, where Giancarla and the sisters of the Company of Milan welcomed us, hosted us, and made us feel like family, a wonderful family.

Bishop Adriano, Assistant to the Council of the Federation, gave us points for reflection and prayerful attention, drawn from

several chapters in the final document of the Synod on Youth: “*Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment*.”

Interesting and stimulating perspectives emerged for a theological, human, and spiritual study on themes such as vocation, formation, mission, discernment, the Company, sisterhood, woman in the Church...

Although experience was brief, we tried to read, come to know, and interpret – in the perspective of faith – how much grace, interwoven with personal liberty, can work and accomplish in a heart that is open to listening to life, to the Gospel, and to history.

All of this stirred up in each of us a need and desire for renewal and conversion in faith through study. We also desire to offer topics and useful reflections to each sister who lives the gift of this secular vocation in the Company of St. Ursula, to help them be in the Church and in the world salt and yeast, light and good news.



We also felt an urgency to offer to all the Companies and Groups of the Federation guidelines for study on the theme **"Called through faith."**



The time and place that we pinpointed for nourishing and reinvigorating our hearts and minds will be the **international convention in July 2019 in Sicily.**

Valeria Broll

### *Presence, Closeness, Tenderness...*

The annual days of spirituality for the members of the Council of the Federation are an important time for sharing.

At this meeting, as whenever a Company or Group of sisters gather, our holy Madre Angela's words are quite suitable: *"You must take care to have your daughters come together ... like this, they might also meet each other as loving sisters, and thus, talking over spiritual matters, rejoice together, and together encourage one another"* (8th Leg. 1-5).

Above all we are sisters who get together to reinforce our unity with "bonds of charity," to know one another and to function as a united body, like a *"mighty fortress, or a tower impregnable"* (Last Counsel 2-15).

Unity spreads out, as to concentric circles, and the unity that is created among the Council members certainly spreads to the Companies we care for.

If then these days helped us update ourselves





together, attentive to the path of our Church, then the final result is surely God's grace.

This year our days were dedicated to "reading together," (which is never the same as "reading individually") the final document of the Synod of Bishops, "*Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment*."

Guided through the letter, accompanied in this study by our Assistant Bishop Adriano, and urged by him to reflect, we were drawn to understand the depth of several passages, those that the limited time required us to identify as "important" passages ... but all is important and must be completed attentively.

Knowing the document also had the goal of orienting us, giving substance to the content of our next international convention, which will take place in July at Mascalucia, in beautiful Sicily.

To make my testimony a little bit concrete, I will say that among the notable passages that struck me was the chapter about accompaniment.

In n. 91 it says, "*Accompaniment for the sake of valid, stable and well-founded choices, is therefore a service that is widely needed. Being present, supporting and accompanying the journey towards authentic choices is one way for the Church to exercise her maternal function, giving birth to the freedom of the children of God. Service of this kind is simply the continuation of the way in which the God of Jesus Christ acts towards his people: through constant and heartfelt presence, dedicated and loving closeness and tenderness without limits.*"

Certainly, we will not all be called to do formation work personally, as understood here, but we are called to orient our hearts to the "*constant and heartfelt presence, dedicated and loving closeness and tenderness without limits*" ... we are all called to this.

Because it is "*The community as a whole that is the prime subject of accompaniment, precisely because in its heart it develops that drama of relationships that can support the person on his journey and furnish him with points of reference and orientation*" (Doc. finale n.° 92).

It should never be forgotten that ... "*In the assembly gathered for the Eucharistic celebration, the experience of being personally touched, instructed and healed by Jesus accompanies each person on his or her journey of personal growth.*" (Final doc. n.° 92).

And to avoid the temptation of taking refuge in the “comfortable” thought that all this writing is addressed **exclusively** to the specialists (parents, educators, catechists ... priests, religious, and specially designated lay people...), let us remember that *"All the different vocations come together in the one universal call to holiness, which can only be the fulfilment of the appeal to the joy of love that resounds in the heart of every young person"* (Final doc 165) and of all of us.

*"God wants us to be saints and not to settle for a bland and mediocre existence"* (Francis, Rejoice and Be Glad, n. 1).

Maria Razza

*Christ is alive.  
He is our hope  
and the most beautiful youthfulness of this world.  
He is in you, He is with you  
and will never depart.  
No matter how you can distance yourself,  
the Risen One is next to you, calls you,  
and waits for you to start again.  
When sadness, rancor, fears, doubts, or failures  
make you feel old,  
He will be there  
to restore your strength and hope.*

(Christ Lives)



## *Convention of Leaders* *Brescia, April 24-27*

*“The courage for personal and community discernment on a journey of fidelity”*: This was the theme of the days of spirituality oriented for directresses, for all the leaders of the Companies and of the Federation.

It is always wonderful to be together for prayer, reflection, and a time of sisterhood. Again this year I had the opportunity to experience this occasion, which has by now become a standard appointment.

The days were introduced by Valeria Broll, president of the Federation, who stressed the beauty of belonging to the same family. Saint Angela encouraged us to nourish great longings and to have a strong will.

Dr. Claudia Ciotti, a psychotherapist, emphasized the importance of discernment, a constitutive element of the life of every believer and of the Church.

In her first talk she presented the necessity of communitarian discernment. It is not possible to be synodal without a style of discernment. It is not possible to experience communitarian discernment if we do not learn to walk together.

Such an intention makes it necessary to understand the viewpoints of others, thereby to foster co-responsibility within the community. The more one is faithful to personal discernment in one's personal life, the more one can contribute to communitarian discernment.





The second talk put forth the value of personal discernment for the purpose of making decisions in the light of God's Word.

Dr. Ciotti referred to the author Rupnik, who affirms that discernment is the art of recognizing Christ and of recognizing him as our Lord and Savior.

There were also times for conversation, prayer, and sisterhood. During the Eucharistic celebration on April 25, we received the newly reprinted Italian edition of the Constitutions of 1994, with the additions

made in 2000 and 2018.

We entrusted the journeys of the Companies and of every single sister to the intercession of Saint Angela.

On the morning of April 27, the President of the Federation read and commented on the additions to the Constitutions made in 2000 and 2018, proposing to all the Companies that they make a careful evaluation of their own reality, so as to arrive at responsible decisions and changes that are necessary and can no longer be postponed.

Trusting in the help of the Lover of us all, let us travel the roads of the world faithfully and joyfully.

Thanks are owed to the Federation, which for so many years has organized these days of spirituality and, in these last three years, this psychological course of formation. It has been a valuable opportunity to reflect on one's personal journey and on that of the community.

*Giusy*



## FROM THE COMPANIES AND GROUPS

### Remembrance of Bishop Olmi



Many times we have met Bishop Olmi, Father Superior of the Company of Brescia, and we participated in his funeral, right on the death-anniversary of Saint Angela Merici, co-patron of the

Diocese of Brescia.

Bishop Olmi's funeral ceremonies were a celebration of thanksgiving and appreciation for his life and his ministry. He was totally dedicated to his diocese and to the spread of the Merician charism.

We were all grateful for his great love for and such long service to the Merician institutes.

Now may Saint Angela, who *sees better and knows more* the good we do, continue to intercede with God and obtain for us the grace of fidelity and perseverance in this beautiful vocation as consecrated seculars.

We would like to report some passages from Bishop Pierantonio Tremolada's homily at the funeral of Bishop Vigilio Mario Olmi:

***“None of us would have ever imagined that we would celebrate the funeral of Bishop Vigilio Mario on this feast day, the feast of Saint Angela Merici, co-patron of the Diocese of Brescia. No one would ever have thought that it would be possible on this occasion to vest for a funeral liturgy in the white vestments of this solemnity.***

***“But this is what is happening. We are saluting our beloved brother bishop while recalling with all our people the great figure of Saint Angela, so dear to this city. The Lord who guides history with loving providence never ceases to surprise us. What may appear to us***

as simple, though fortunate, coincidences are truly much more: they are circumstances that correspond to his designs of grace, signs of his sweet benevolence.

***“Bishop Vigilio Mario had an entirely particular devotion to Saint Angela Merici, very lively and deep. He was firmly convinced of her singular charism and was most happy to be able to recognize and venerate her as co-patron of Brescia, together with Saints Faustino and Giovita...***

***“It seems apt to me, as we accompany Bishop Vigilio Mario to his encounter with the Lord, to look at his life and his apostolic ministry in the light of Saint Angela, her charism and her witness...***

***“Saint Angela, spouse of Christ, opened her heart to the voice of the One who called her to a life of total consecration, and she let herself be conquered by Him. From there, the creative power of the Holy Spirit led her to imagine a completely new form of service to the neighbor, a style of life according to the Gospel that gave to her consecration the form of loving closeness to people in her own land, among the homes, schools, and hospitals in order to accompany, assist, support, and console. An attentive and affectionate company... attention to a life dedicated by charity and constantly vitalized by prayer. This is the secret of the spirituality of Saint Angela Merici.***

***“The voice of Christ the Spouse spoke also to the heart of Bishop Vigilio Mario. His was a call that reached him in the course of his interior life, beginning with his Baptism, and which made of him first a priest and then a bishop of this Brescian Church, to which he dedicated his entire existence...***

***“He loved the priests very much. He knew them very well. Thanks to an exceptional memory, which helped him until the last moments of his life, he recalled precisely all the pathways he had taken to that destination. An eloquent sign of his affection was his habit of telephoning birthday greetings, which every Brescian priest knew he would receive on the morning of his birthday, but also his desire to participate in the funeral vigils for deceased priests, in which he retraced each one's life-journey.***





*“His energies abated progressively with the passage of time. His temperament, however, was tenacious.*

*“We were accustomed to see him punctually present at the*

*important events of his Church, his walk slow, his voice weak, but with a smile on his face, his eyes alert, and his heart open.*

*“His discrete and faithful presence was profoundly respectful and attentive. He remained clear till the end and spoke frankly when he thought that a warning was necessary for the good of the Church.*



*“A man of tradition but alert to modernity, he cultivated a strong sensibility for the role of the laity and nourished the desire to see greater appreciation for the contribution of women in the Church’s life. He never stopped his journey of discernment. He remained open to the ever-creative Spirit in our history....*

*“An auxiliary bishop is, by definition, a bishop who helps, who is at hand to serve the one who has the ultimate responsibility of guiding a diocesan Church. This is how Bishop Vigilio Maria lived out his vocation, with a humble authority and generous steadiness, benefitting the Church whose son he was, and which he loved with his whole self. May the Lord reward him for it.*

*“May God reward him as only He knows how. And may God help us gather the fruit of his precious legacy of witness.”*

*(January 27, 2019 – Funeral of Bishop Vigilio Mario Olmi)*

## Company of Brazil Northeast



### ***"A light breeze in the Company of Brazil Northeast"***

This is how Father Roberto described our annual retreat, from January 24 to 28, 2019, dedicated to the Holy Spirit.

In the joy of gathering again as sisters from Jequié and from Salvador, we joined the Ursulines of Mercy for the Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharistic celebrations.

*"The best thing for a retreat is silence and prolonged, profound prayer,"* Father told us.

During the Mass for the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, our sisters Lucijane and Maria Helena Borges renewed their temporary consecration.

It was all very moving, and we all renewed our love for Jesus and our fidelity to the Church and to the Institute.

On the great feast of our Foundress Saint Angela Merici, January 27, our hearts were filled with joy and we participated in the liturgy with renewed fervor, in one voice glorifying our God, our only and greatest good.

Since there can't be a real feast without sweets and without greetings, we enjoyed a cake, singing for the feast of Saint Angela.

***Viva Saint Angela !!! Viva !!! Viva !!!***

We will see each other together at our next annual retreat in January 2020, with faith in God and great hope.

*(Sisters of Brazil Northeast)*



## Company of Brazil Southeast



Our Company is in the southern part of Brazil.

It was begun by Nicole Jeandot, an Angeline missionary, French by origin.

The beginnings of the Company were very difficult. For some years various candidates entered the Institute

but then did not persevere.

Finally, by God's grace, two sisters consecrated themselves at São Paulo and, one by one, the Company grew in number.

In the state of Bahia, in the northeastern part of Brazil, a group started and quickly became more numerous, so much so that Nicole thought it would be best to start a new Company.

This is how there came to be two Companies in Brazil: Southeast and Northeast. This developed also on account of the great distance between the two territories.

In the Southeast we are now in six small groups: **1 group in the State of Rio de Janeiro, 1 group in the State of São Paulo and 4 groups in the State of Rio Grande do Sul.**

I belong to the group of **Rio de Janeiro**. There are three of us: I and Maria Helena are consecrated, and Donna Ilda, a widow, is in initial formation.

In the group of **São Paulo** there are also three: two consecrated for life, and one in temporary consecration.





The area of **Rio Grande do Sul** is subdivided into four groups. One is in Novo Hamburgo with three consecrated for life. A group at Boa Saúde has one consecrated for life and two in temporary consecration. Another group is found at Porto Alegre, with one consecrated for life and five in initial formation. The fourth

group is at Sarandi and has four in initial formation.

The Vice-directress Maria Gatelli is in charge of formation for the sisters of Rio Grande do Sul. Nivalda, a councilor, leads formation for the group of São Paulo, and I do so for the group of Rio de Janeiro.

Normally we meet monthly for formation and use the formation journal “Líame” (= links), begun by Nicole. Now Edésia, the formator for the Northeast Company, is the one who writes it, giving it continuity.

We also always study the Rule, the Constitutions, “In the same charism,” and Kate’s book *A Path of Holiness*.

We heartily thank the Federation and all those sisters who work with such great effort for our formation.

We truly have excellent assistance at the level of formation and discernment.

Our Institute is very well organized, united, and strong from a spiritual point of view.

We thank our Lord Jesus Christ, Mary, Saint Angela, and also all the sisters who are already interceding for us in heaven.

*(Luisa de Rego Monteiro, Directress of the Southeast Company)*



**Centennial of the Company in Sardinia**  
**Suni, March 17, 2019**



*To the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity, Mary Most Holy, St. Joseph and our Mother Saint Angela Merici...*

**One hundred years ago today. .**

.with this invocation, and with the approbation of the diocesan Ordinary Most Rev. Angelico Zannetti, the then pastor of Suni, Rev. Salvatorangelo Meloni of blessed memory gave life to and established the Company of St. Ursula, Secular Institute of Saint Angela Merici, consecrated virgins in the world.

Today is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this joyous and extraordinary event for the Church, and our community is gathered here with us to give thanks and render praise to God, and commemorate how much good the Company has done in this parish and in the diocese.

Present with us today is our mother Saint Angela, together with our fellow sisters who look down upon us from heaven above, imploring the blessing of our “Lover” so that renewed vigor and life may be bestowed upon this Company which now lives only with a few fragile fruits, while awaiting separation from the branch in order to join them.

Nonetheless, we are here with our hearts full of joy, and at the same time deep emotion as we bless and give thanks to the Lord for this gift to the Church.

Most Rev. Gianfranco Saba, the archbishop of Sassari, was supposed to have been with us, but was unable to accept our invitation due to pastoral commitments. We thank him and ensure him of our prayers for his episcopal ministry.

Heartfelt thanks to the celebrant, our inter-diocesan Assistant Rev. Salvatore Masia, who is ever dedicated to guiding the Company united to the Archdiocese of Sassari.



Special words of thanks to our pastor, Rev. Giuseppe, who organized, guided and sustained the celebration of this anniversary, a natural consequence of his constant commitment for the Company, guiding it in the spirituality of the Rule and

the related practices, such as annual retreats, days of recollection and much more!

We wish to thank our ‘Angeline’ fellow sisters of the diocese of Sassari who have helped and accompanied us with such affection. We are united as Companies of Sardinia, and they too are here with us today.

We offer deferential and respectful words of sincere appreciation to our town’s mayor, Mr. Demetrio Cherchi, who, together with his selectmen, honored us with their presence, taking part in the Eucharistic celebration on this special anniversary for our town.

We wish to thank the parish associations and the choirs that will animate our liturgical celebrations, also in memory of the good sown by the Company in and around this town in times past.

*Peppa Luisa*



## March 31, 2019: Cuneo – Turin Regional Meeting



In an atmosphere of festive sisterhood, the Casa Sant'Angela in Turin was abuzz with activities and expectations; the Companies of Cuneo and Turin had gathered together for the annual regional meeting, and this year for an extra special reason: to welcome Valeria, the new president of the

Federation, who came from Trent with her enthusiasm and a joyful gust of fresh air, her evident Merician style and replete with love and hope.

We were plenty in number, and for all of us it was like a visit by the Madre, Saint Angela, herself. Our president addressed the following theme: ***“Gaze upon Him and you will be radiant. Angela, faithful spouse, glows with light and holiness in the eyes of Jesus, her bridegroom.”***

Valeria exhorted us to use the face of Saint Angela as our mirror; her words and her witness are challenges for us.

Let our hearts be enflamed, our will strengthened all the more; let us heighten the desire to adhere resolutely to the project of love, a project that becomes joyful witness of women, spouses, sisters, mothers, all belonging to God, all in love with Jesus.

Beautiful as well was the link Valeria proposed between the Ten Commandments and the Rule of Saint Angela. Moses gave the Ten Commandments to the people so they could live in the desert, cross it and reach its goal: the Promised Land. Saint Angela gives us the Rule so we may travel through life and thereby *gloriously reach our homeland*.

Saint Angela, a mature, concrete and human woman, knows that each gift received (the vocation) needs to be preserved, and good sentiments alone are insufficient to this end; a resolute and vivid will is necessary.

Indeed, after telling us in her Rule about our duty to be thankful to Him, she tells us: ***“Be willing to recognize what such a thing means***



*and what a new and wondrous dignity this is. Then **strive** with all your might to keep yourselves as you have been called by God, and **seek out** and desire all those means and ways that are necessary to persevere and prosper till the end.”*

She appeals to our **will**, because in order to be faithful spouses it is not enough to just begin; it is necessary to persevere.

Saint Angela continues to be by our side and speaks to us in this way: ***Sisters, greater labors and dangers may be involved when the undertaking is of greater value. . .***

It truly proved to be a day of sisterly unity, as Madre Angela’s writings and our Constitutions recommend to us.

Any possible sacrifice was more than compensated for by joy, giving us a positive spiritual boost.

Sharing with our sisters fills us with confidence and hope in order to travel the pathway of daily life, giving us strength, courage and new thrust in overcoming difficulties.

Together with us were all the sisters, including those not present at the meeting because not able to attend or for reasons of illness. We nonetheless felt them so close to us and prayed for them.

We brought this day to an end in the presence of Jesus with praise and thanksgiving for the gift of the vocation and special thanks to Saint Angela for the gift of the Companies of the Federation.

Special thanks to Valeria, our dearest president,

and all the best to one and all.



## INCOMING MAIL



### Appreciation from Kenya

I wish to thank the team that gathers the information for *In the Same Charism*. My

thanks also to the Federation for giving the Group of Kenya an experience in the footsteps of St Angela.

The last bulletin is very rich with formation material that has helped me to reflect and place myself relevantly in our global family. I am encouraged to think globally and live locally.

After a pilgrimage in the steps of St Angela with my fellow global members after the Federation's Assembly in July 2018, the Writings of St Angela make a lot of new sense and meaning in my reflection and formation process. I encounter a lot of inner peace and joy. Thank you.

*Perpetua Bonareri Nyakundi, Group of Kenya*



### From the Company of Burundi... thanks for the trip to Italy...

We thank you for how you always, always think of us. The trip we made to Italy from April 22 to May 5, 2019, was wonderful, despite the problems some of us had with malaria. Our sisters in Burundi made a novena for the trip. Our assistant accompanied us all the way to the airport.



The sisters who were in Italy for the first time are very happy that they could see the places of Saint Angela Merici. We were particularly impressed at the Mericianum by a statue of Saint Angela with a little girl standing beside her. We all wanted to touch it with deep joy.

Personally, even though I could not follow the presentations on discernment well,

I perceived its importance.

My deep gratitude to the Federation and all of you. With infinite thanks and my whole heart, I salute you.

*Pascaline*



### From England

**On January 27, 2019**, the feast of Saint Angela, the directress of the Company of Slovakia received the consecration for life of Yvonne (right, with her son Stephen, a deacon). Despite serious problems of health, she was very happy.

We are praying for our sisters in England, who now number three consecrated for life and two in temporary consecration.

*Mária of Slovakia*







**Greetings from the Company of Poland,  
during a visit from Maria of Slovakia...  
Danuta Maria, Ada (left)...**

**From the President's  
visit to Slovakia and  
consecrations there  
(right)...**



**From the regional meeting in Sicily with the President...  
Some snapshots...**



## From the Company of Turin. . . A Singular Character ...

Despite the age factor, her personal history abounds with energy.

It's impossible not to love this grand lady.

**Mariuccia Castelli**, the sweet angel of the St. Joseph's nursery school. . . and don't call her 'granny'!

Mariuccia's whole life was one of work, but above all one of great love for Jesus Christ, who has always been her guide and her companion each and every day.

She was admitted among the daughters of Saint Angela at the age of 20, was always driven by love of neighbor in everything she did, and took loving care of women, small children and the sick.



describes as a marvelous nursery school.

In this way Ms Mariuccia continues her mission as a preschool teacher, giving so much love and joy to small children, the greatest passion of her life, never abandoning her sweet smile.

Excerpt from Luca Sartori, *La nuova periferia*, May 7, 2019



### **From Nigeria**

Angela (first on the left) sent us this photograph of the group gathered together to celebrate new stages in its life, and included this short note:

*January 27, 2019, was a memorable day for the group of our Secular Institute here in Nigeria.*

*We thank God for this gift and for everything He has done for us. Saint Angela is truly sowing seeds all around us here, and these seeds are budding and bearing fruit.*

*We welcomed our sisters who have made courageous steps forward in their response to God's calling.*

*Their names are: Louisa, who made her First Consecration; and Kelechi, Nora and Clementina, who were admitted to embark upon their journey of formation in our Institute.*

*We thank God for His love and never-ending assistance. We are also grateful to the Company of Padua for being ever by our side.*

*Through our gratitude and our prayers, may God Almighty reward you for all your thoughtfulness towards us. Please remember that we need your prayers.*

*Thanks be to God: O Lord, bless us and all the families of the Ursulines all over the world.*

*Angela Anonaba*



### **From the Company of Crema: Maria celebrates her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday**

On Monday, May 13, Maria Canidio reached the 105<sup>th</sup> milestone in her life. The Bishop of Crema celebrated Mass for her in the cathedral, and Maria, her numerous nieces and nephews, and all of us participated with utmost attention and deep emotion. At the end of Mass the bishop gave her a bouquet of flowers. Then, in the court yard of the



bishop's residence, he and she cut the birthday cake together.

The day before, Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>, all of us sisters of the Company went to her house at the end of our day of recollection to pray together with her and evoke memories of her two other sisters, who were also daughters of Saint Angela, much younger than she, who had returned to the Lord some years ago.

Maria has difficulties walking and uses a wheel chair, but is still as clear as a bell. When the weather permits, she goes to Mass in the company of her caregiver. She prays, watches programs on TV2000, and is our historical memory!!

*Luciella*



### **From the Pope**

The Pope met with 500 Roma and Gypsy people from Italy in the Sala Regia on May 9, 2019. With other workers in the Italian Association of Gypsies Today, I accompanied a group of them to Rome. During the visit, Pope Francis met everyone

present; in fact, the meeting lasted some hours. In greeting him, I said that I am a daughter of Saint Angela and that for 48 years I have shared my journey of faith with them. He smiled at me and congratulated me on my commitment.

*Carla Osella*



### **Assembly of CIIS**

Rome, May 17-19, 2019

**Maria Razza** was re-elected to the Italian Conference of Secular Institutes. The new president is Carmela Tasconi.

*Congratulations, good wishes, and good work.... in service to our secular institutes.*

***We invoke the strength of the Holy Spirit!***





## *Called by Faith to a holy life (2 Tm 1:9)*

### **Speakers**

**Pietro Fragnelli**, Bishop of Trapani

**Massimo Naro**, Director of the  
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Dear readers, as your translator from Italian into English, I have not attempted to translate the two following pages, in view of the legal implications. I cannot be sure that my translation would give you the formal and correct understanding. The official text is in Italian. If and when I can obtain an official text in English, I will find a way to send it to you, perhaps with the third bulletin of the year.

Mary-Cabrini Durkin

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- La informiamo che i dati verranno trattati con il supporto dei seguenti mezzi: Cartacea

con le seguenti finalità: Invio di comunicazioni di cortesia e/o di materiale promozionale/informativo

*In particolare, per le finalità specificate di seguito i dati dell'utente saranno trattati SOLO su specifica accettazione del consenso:*

- *Invio di comunicazioni e/o di materiale informativo*

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### **BASE GIURIDICA**

1. La base giuridica su cui si fonda il trattamento per i dati comuni, secondo l'Art.6 del Regolamento GDPR, è:

- Consenso;

*La società tratta i dati facoltativi degli utenti in base al consenso, ossia mediante l'approvazione esplicita della presente policy privacy e in relazione alle modalità e finalità di seguito descritte.*

### **CATEGORIE DI DESTINATARI**

2. Ferme restando le comunicazioni eseguite in adempimento di obblighi di legge e contrattuali, tutti i dati raccolti ed elaborati potranno essere comunicati esclusivamente per le finalità sopra specificate alle seguenti categorie di destinatari:

- Società di servizi tipografici e postalizzazione;

*Nella gestione dei suoi dati, inoltre, possono venire a conoscenza degli stessi le seguenti categorie di persone autorizzate e/o responsabili interni ed esterni individuati per iscritto ed ai quali sono state fornite specifiche istruzioni scritte circa il trattamento dei dati:*

### **TRASFERIMENTO DATI PERSONALI PRESSO PAESI TERZI**

Nessun trasferimento previsto

### **PERIODO DI CONSERVAZIONE**

*Il periodo di conservazione dei dati è: I dati saranno trattati per tutto il tempo necessario allo svolgimento del rapporto commerciale in essere e per i successivi dieci anni dalla data di acquisizione degli stessi.*

### **DIRITTI DELL'INTERESSATO**

3. Ai sensi del Regolamento europeo 679/2016 (GDPR) e della normativa nazionale in vigore, l'interessato può, secondo le modalità e nei limiti previsti dalla vigente normativa, esercitare i seguenti diritti:

- *richiedere la conferma dell'esistenza di dati personali che lo riguardano (diritto di accesso dell'interessato – art. 15 del Regolamento 679/2016);*

- *conoscerne l'origine;*
- *riceverne comunicazione intelligibile;*
- *avere informazioni circa la logica, le modalità e le finalità del trattamento;*
- *richiederne l'aggiornamento, la rettifica, l'integrazione, la cancellazione, la trasformazione in forma anonima, il blocco dei dati trattati in violazione di legge, ivi compresi quelli non più necessari al perseguimento degli scopi per i quali sono stati raccolti (diritto di rettifica e cancellazione – artt. 16 e 17 del Regolamento 679/2016);*
- *diritto di limitazione e/o di opposizione al trattamento dei dati che lo riguardano (art. 18 del Regolamento 679/2016);*
- *diritto di revoca;*
- *diritto alla portabilità dei dati (art. 20 del Regolamento 679/2016);*
- *nei casi di trattamento basato su consenso, ricevere i propri dati forniti al titolare, in forma strutturata e leggibile da un elaboratore di dati e in un formato comunemente usato da un dispositivo elettronico;*
- *il diritto di presentare un reclamo all'Autorità di controllo (diritto di accesso dell'interessato – art. 15 del Regolamento 679/2016).*

4. *Titolare del trattamento dei Suoi dati personali è ISTITUTO SECOLARE DI SANT'ANGELA MERICI FEDERAZIONE Associazione, p.iva 09007730173, c.f. 09007730173*

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[Il/I sottoscritto/i in calce identificato/i dichiara di aver ricevuto completa informativa ai sensi dell'art. 13 del Regolamento UE 2016/679 e della normativa nazionale in vigore, ed esprime il consenso al trattamento ed alla comunicazione dei propri dati personali con particolare riguardo a quelli cosiddetti particolari nei limiti, per le finalità e per la durata precisati nell'informativa.](#)

**Data**

**Nome e Cognome – Firma**

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