



C.A.M.I.C. INFORMS

*Unless you have fire within, you
cannot set others ablaze!*
St. Magdalen

MAIN NEWS : THE MISSIONARY CHURCH - THE CANOSSIAN MISSIONARY CENTRE – ROME
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Missionary Church Events



- 02/6/2001** **Losanna – Switzerland - Ecumenical Celebration of the Pentecostal Vigil** with the participation of all the Christian denominations, in the Cathedral.
- 03/6** **Solemnity of Pentecost-** Eucharistic Celebration presided by the Holy Father in St. Peter's Square
- 10/6** **Solemnity of the Holy Trinity**
- 23-27/6** **Pastoral Visit of the Holy Father, John Paul II, to Ukraine**

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San Michele - Rome

PAST EVENTS

- 01/6/1819** Francesco Maria Milesi, Patriarch of Venice, approves the Rules for the Institute of the Daughters of Charity.
- 08/6/1819** The Institute of the Daughters of Charity is founded with full ceremony in Venice
- 11/6/1954** The first house is founded in the Philippines by the China/Japan/Hong Kong Delegation. The Philippines are to become a vice-province in 1975.
- 13/6/1969** The organised bodies for England, Africa, the United States, Portugal (previously belonging to the Delegation of St. Joseph), Japan and the Philippines are founded as Delegations

14/6/1893	18 th Missionary Expedition - Mother Cleofe Bosetti and Mother Teresa Frisanco
17/6/1957	The Province of Our Lady of Sorrows is set up in Italy
21/6/1828	The Institute of the Daughters of Charity is founded in Trento
22/6/1865	Sr. Aloysia Bowring was godmother to a Protestant lady who received baptism
26/6/1819	The Institute of the Daughters of Charity is established permanently in Verona

CURRENT EVENTS

1 - RETURNING MISSIONARY SISTERS

Sr. Gioconda Villa and Sr. Mariangela D'Inca have returned to Italy from the Congo whilst Sr. Wanda Frizzarin has arrived from Australia. By the end of June will also arrive from Australia, Sr. Rosina Lucchetti and Sr. Piera Tosoni. **Our warmest wishes to each one of you for a stay that refreshes both body and spirit!**

Sr. Rita Jaswant, a missionary in Tanzania, has returned temporarily to Singapore. During these last few months Our Lord has visited her in her unexpected mourning for her parents.

We send you our condolences and are praying for all kinds of blessings for you!

2 - MISSIONARY SISTERS RETURNING TO THEIR MISSION FIELD

Sr. Bernadetta Griggio is leaving soon for her beloved mission in Tanzania whilst Sr. Maria Furlan will leave later in the month for the same mission field. Sr. Caterina Andolfato will leave for Mumbai – (India) by the end of June. *Our warmest wishes to each one of you for a fruitful mission of love!*

3 - DEPARTURE AD GENTES



Sr. Juliet Pereira is preparing to leave for Poland after a four-year stay in Italy. It is a dream she has nursed since she first arrived from India and that she is finally seeing come true. In September 1996 she was invited to take part in the then-developing CAMIC living with the Saint Michele community in Rome. Throughout these years she has made a very valuable contribution by helping in the programming and running of the in-depth Missionary study courses together with other activities that our Institute organises here in Rome.

She has also been a member of SE.I.C.A. as the international co-ordinator of Youth Pastoral Work. Particular responsibility and commitment were required of her during the International Conference on Youth Pastoral Work held in Jakarta in 1998 and by the World Youth Day in 2000. She now leaves for the mission much enriched in charismatic and missionary experience.

Thank you Sr. Juliet and best wishes for a future blessed by apostolic fruits!

Sr. Evelyn Loyola is currently in the Philippines, visiting her family and preparing to leave for Tanzania. She has been accompanied in her ad gentes formation by the growing missionary centre in Rome during 1997. She subsequently collaborated with the charismatic and Jubilee programmes at the CISC in Verona. ***Good Luck, Evelyn. May you always be able to see Our Lord in the hearts and faces of those who are entrusted to you!***

INFORMATION

COURSES - The CUM in Verona is offering courses/ meetings:

- 1) **Africa and Madagascar** from 25th June (evening) to 28th July
- 2) **Latin America and the Caribbean** from 25th June (evening) to 28th July
- 3) **Meetings for non-Italian workers** (religious) from 4th - 8th June

The Canossian Missionary Centre (CAMIC) is offering an in-depth missionary study course from 5th -27th August in the heart of Rome. This will take place at the completely renovated San Michele house in Via Aurelia Antica 180.

**Together with Magdalen with the enthusiasm of the first hour...
Missionary Daughter of Charity – Missionary Servant of the Poor
Missionary of the GREATEST LOVE**

Meeting the face made flesh: a multi-ethnic one, without frontiers and of all faiths
On the world's streets: young people, women, the poor, the environment...
In order to reach the other shore: icon of the **mission ad gentes in the Gospel**

Aims of the Course

Understanding, experiencing and living,
together with Magdalen, the Missionary,
the "**Ineunte**" of the "**first hour**": **a new response to God's gift today.**

Itinerary

MISSIONARY DAUGHTER OF CHARITY

- Immersing ourselves once more in "the greatest Love": renewing ourselves in the experience of *Inspice et Fac*

MISSIONARY SERVANT OF THE POOR

- Reading, listening and entering into dialogue: people, the world, the environment, religions

MISSIONARY OF THE GREATEST LOVE

- Reach the other shore: history, frontiers, risks, dialogue, ad gentes

Who is invited

All the sisters of the Institute who wish to live a meaningful pause, especially:

- Missionary animators for the Canossian Provinces or Communities
- Sisters leaving Ad Gentes
- Missionary sisters returning from the missions
- Sisters involved in pastoral work with ethnic groups
- Sisters with a universal heart
- Lay people who share in our charism and mission
 - **In order to be refreshed... and set out again as a gift to others**
 - **In order to renew and liberate the hope that this gift brings**
 - **In order to risk everything in announcing JESUS to everyone**

Method

- Deepening of themes
- Spontaneous, fraternal sharing
- Prayer: the liturgy, lectio, interiorization
- Multiformal workshops: how to navigate missionary sites on the internet... music...
- Testimonies and film debates

IMPORTANT DATES/ EVENTS

- 4th-7th June – Puebla (Mexico) **Meeting of Bishops of the American Continent**, promoted by the Pontifical Council of Culture, on the theme: “*Culture, the horizon for the transmission of the Gospel*”. 26 Episcopal conferences will be represented from the Continent and from Antilles. The bishops will meet together with experts on the subject of inculturation of the faith, of the dialogue with science and with secular culture, of the rapport between culture and globalization.
- 6th-9th June – Raleigh (USA) **17th National Conference of the United States on Catholic evangelisation** under the motto: “*Holy Earth*”. The meeting will highlight the attention and the respect which has to be made on the evangelical action that affects popular culture, faith and diverse traditions.
- 7th June (at 7.30pm) The Lateran Basilica in Rome will begin three days of diocesan assembly in order to re-launch **the missionary challenge**. Andrea Riccardi will animate and chair the Round Table which will be open to participants' contributions on Friday 8th June at 7.30pm. Saturday will see a synthesis of the work (at 9.30am) and the concluding speech by Cardinal Ruini (11.30am)
- 7th-10th June - Collegeville (USA) **Congress** on the theme: “*Different Visions, Only One Communion: The Catholics and the Liturgy in the United States*”
- 9th-10th June - Loreto (Italy) **23rd Pilgrimage** on foot from Macerata to Loreto organised by *Comunione e Liberazione* on the theme “*If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me*”.
- 10th June - Kinshasa (R. D. Congo) “*The Congo Cry Show*” will be presided by Cardinal Frédéric Etsou, Archbishop of Kinshasa, in the stadium of the martyrs of the Congolese city. Musicians, actors, followers of all religions are invited to express with their art, the plight and sorrow of the people in a conflict that has caused 2 million deads and an almost identical number of refugees.
- 16th June – **Day of African Children**, under the aegis of the UNO
- 17th June – **10th Anniversary of the official abolishing of Apartheid** in South Africa
- 20th June – **World Day of Refugees**
- 18th-20th June – Acireale (Italy) **Diocesan Caritas National Convention**, with the title: *Dignity of the poor: “You have them always with you”*
- 19th-24th June - Milan (Italy) **12th International Seminar** on parish evangelisation cell system, organised by the Saint Eustorgio’s Parish
- 21st-23rd June - Strasburgo (France) **1st World Congress against death penalty**, organised conjointly by the European Parliament, the France National Assembly, Italy, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Amnesty International and the European Council.
- 26th June – **United Nation International Day in support of the victims of torture**. This year’s theme is: “*Together against torture*”

- 26th-29th June – Antananarivo (Madagascar) **Colloquium on racism and discrimination**, sponsored by the Church Ecumenical Council in preparation of the UNO World Conference on the same theme.
- 28th June - Rome - SEDOS is organising a conference on **Democracy, Development, Debt and Illness in Africa. What is our future?**
Venue: The Brothers of the Christian Schools , No. 476 Via Aurelia, Rome
Time: from 4.00pm - 6.30pm
The conference will be in English and there will be simultaneous translation into Italian. The participation cost is £ 7.000 per person.
- **28th July - 4th August** - Frascati (Rome) **IV International Meeting on Integrating the "Globalizers with the Globalized"**. The meeting has been organised by the Rome diocesan branch of Caritas, the Association "No place is too far", the Scalabrinian Missionaries for the Region of Europe, the Frascati Town Council and the Frascati diocesan branch of Caritas.
For further information and enrolment, contact the Rome diocesan branch of Caritas:
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OUR THANKS TO FR. MARCELLO ZAGO

We print here a brief profile of Fr. Marcello Zago which we have taken from the April edition of the CUM Foundation's periodical "**Noticum**" in order to thank him in these pages too for his missionary sensitivity and the breadth and depth of his heart which we can find in the framework of *Redemptoris Missio*: the encyclical that, with a fresh and innovatory approach, has confirmed the entire Church's mission ad gentes.

At dawn on the 1st March this year, Archbishop **Mons. Marcello Zago**, a Missionary Oblate of the Most Immaculate Mary and Secretary to the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples (CEP), left us in order to go to his Father's house. "Father Marcello" had been at "**Propaganda**" (the office for the Propagation of Faith) since 28th March 1998 and we felt he was one of us. In the last few months, the illness that had struck him took a stronger hold. Whilst many personal and community memories of him come to mind, we are here to remember him in his capacity as missionary witness.

Out of the many memories, one of the strongest is linked to the Bellaria National Missionary Conference in September 1998 at which he gave one of the main lectures: "Announcing the Gospel and the Mission's Aeropaghi/New Cultural Centres". In this lecture, he presented all the calls being made by the present-day mission, taking "*Missio ad Gentes*" as the paradigm of every ecclesial activity. He also offered a decalogue for missionary commitment: love without reserve, be witnesses, enter into dialogue with people and cultures, have the courage to inculturate, give priority to announcing, form Christian communities, be yeast in society so as to promote God's kingdom, live in ecclesial communion, found the mission on a Trinitarian communion and unite the domestic mission with the universal one.

Another memory takes us back to 25th April 1998: the day he was consecrated Bishop in the **Basilica of St. Peter's**. At the end of the celebration, he gave a brief speech to those present. Recalling the period he had been a missionary in Laos, he said. "**Even then, for me the missions were passion and searching... now I ask the prayers of the whole assembly that I may be able to love Jesus Christ with an ever renewed ardour and in such a way that whoever draws near me may be fired with the same love and the same zeal.**"

I believe that all the testimonies to him and his personality that have been gathered are agreed on this desire: to love Jesus Christ and make Him loved. Now we know that we have another friend who, having left for the mission's other shore, is helping us to continue our earthly mission.

Giuseppe Cellucci - OMI, P.O.M. - Audiovisuals

***Joyful Best Wishes
to all the Sisters
of the Provinces of Queen
of Apostles - East Africa -
St. Anthony - Singapore and
Sacred Heart - Philippines***

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DOSSIER

We now present the document that has been agreed by the major superiors who met in Rome from all over the world for the UISG congress. It represents the significant expression of various conferences.

The UISG and WOMAN AND CULTURE congresses as well as the SEDOS seminar saw hundreds of spiritual leaders converge on Rome as committed lay people and religious who looked together at the Church's future. The declaration that follows is a commitment of communion and universal charity that challenges everyone. We share it with you so that our very lives may translate it into reality:

**Declaration of Women Religious Leaders
members of the Union of Superiors General (UISG)
participating in their Plenary Session held in Rome May 6-10,
and ratified by the Assembly of Delegates on May, 13th, 2001**

We, almost 800 women leaders of one million members
of Catholic Religious Congregations throughout the world,
having reflected on the theme

Women Religious: Many Cultures, One Heart:

Sent to be a living presence of the tenderness and mercy of God in our wounded world

publicly declare our determination to work in solidarity with one another
within our own religious communities and in the countries in which we are located

**to address insistently at every level
the abuse and sexual exploitation of women and children**
with particular attention to
the trafficking of women

which has become a lucrative multi-national business.

Drawing on our long tradition as educators we will continue
to promote the education and formation of women
within and outside our own organisations
by committing personnel and financial resources
to ensure the holistic development of women at every stage of life
empowering them to develop inner strength
and appreciation of their God-given gifts to promote and enhance life.

As women committed to human rights
**we declare once more our solidarity with the poorest countries
and restate our resolution to work for the cancellation of the International debt.**

As women opposed to the perpetuation of war and violence
we express our commitment to the creation of a culture of peace
and we call on heads of governments and multi-national companies
to stop the sale and purchase of armaments

As women dedicated to the preservation of Mother Earth we will
take action when and wherever possible
to end the destructive behaviour that causes global warming and climate change

and threatens all forms of life on our planet.

We pledge ourselves to implement these resolutions
through a system of networking
among ourselves and with other existing organisations with similar concerns
within Churches and in society.

Attentive to the cries that arise with one voice from many cultures
we will respond as women disciples of Jesus Christ
seeing the world with the eyes of the heart
and with the compassion of a loving God.