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1.4 Conclusion of the Progetto Mornese

EUCHARIST

Introduction

Guide: With a heart filled with joy and gratitude, let us praise God for the gift of Project Mornese. God's Spirit has accompanied us and allowed us to experience our origins, our founders. This opportunity has now strengthened us to be a "life-giving presence" in our communities and continue to take up the challenge of making them Mornese in "uscita", a theological space, where there is a vital experience of humanization, where formation is cared for, where we live in synodality and commit ourselves to a way of life in the perspective of integral ecology.

Let us celebrate the Eucharist with the desire to nourish ourselves with Jesus and thus not be afraid to witness the grace of having rekindled the beauty of our vocation at the sources of our charism.

(The following is read while bread and wine is carried to the altar)

Offertory

Guide: With the bread and wine, we present to the Lord our lives and our desire to be with Mary a life-giving presence.

After communion

Guide: We have received Jesus, we feel Him close, we adore Him and we thank Him.... Let us allow the words of Mother Mazzarello to resound in our hearts:

“Live closely united to Jesus”, ‘Work only to please Him’, ‘strive to become more holy every day and you will always be joyful’, ‘Do not be discouraged in the face of any adversity; receive everything from the hands of Jesus’. “Put all your trust in Him and expect everything from Him”. “Humility... Charity, a daughter who truly loves Jesus, goes along with all”. Let us learn from Mother Mazzarello the language of the soul. It is she who knows how to enter into relationship with the Jesus to become a bearer of fruitful holiness.

MOMENT OF SYNTHESIS AND PRAYER

(It is suggested to do it in the Exhibit of our FMA Charism. Prepare the prayer space with chairs, hearts that have a saying of MM on one side, 5 posters with the words: Take the initiative, get involved, accompany, bear fruit, celebrate. Participants will bring a symbol that expresses the synthesis of their personal experience during the journey.)

AT THE ORIGINS OF OUR CHARISM

An Encounter that Shapes and Transforms

Introduction

Guide 1: "Returning to the covenant of love and rediscovering vocation as an experience of encounter with God" is the invitation that the XXIV General Chapter addressed to all the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, aiming at a continuous formation with the vocational zeal (cf. Acts GC XXIV, n. 35). For a Daughter of Mary Help of Christians, what return would be more significant than returning to the origin of our charism to refresh her first love with God and to draw strength to live fully the Salesian vocation? It is precisely that experience that we have been able to achieve together in these days: an opportunity to be together, a time to reflect together, a commitment to plan the future together. Everything is done in one perspective, that of the encounter with Jesus Christ, the only inexhaustible source and the only force that is capable of changing, forming and transforming every being from within.

Song: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Mhv94lixXw>

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer! Oh,

what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

O, Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou will find a solace there

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REVIEW THE LIVED EXPERIENCE TO SING THE PRAISES TOGETHER

Guide 1: "Let us have the eyes of our mind and heart turned to Mornese. This country is so small, this house is nothing, and yet for us it is still the center of life." (*Don Giacomo Costamagna*)

Guide 2: The smallness of Mornese recalls the "Galilee of the Gentiles" which becomes the place of the great light of the Gospel. Mazzarello's "nothingness" echoes the unknown Nazareth which becomes the place of Mary's extraordinary "Yes", and above all of the Incarnate Word.

Just as Jesus was born on the outskirts of Jerusalem, in Bethlehem – "house of bread", in Mornese the "source of our charism" arose for every Daughter of Mary Help of Christians. The stranger of the world becomes the cradle of the Savior, the periphery of the world becomes the center of the charismatic vitality.

Guide 1: The presence and footsteps of our Savior Jesus Christ sanctified the soil of Palestine and made it sacred, transforming it into the "holy land". The intense life of Don Bosco and the first collaborators of Main and the first sisters makes Valdocco, Mornese a "blessed land". It transforms the house into an "environment of Paradise". (*The "spirit of the origins"*)

Looking back at the time that has just passed, what has given meaning to our steps, activities, and visits? What element makes our experience into "an encounter that forms and transforms"?

(*Silence/background music*)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wqb3uGDcQs>

Guide 2: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing to your name, O Most High" (Ps 92:2). With grateful hearts, let us praise the Lord for his goodness manifested during our life, repeating the last acclamation of each invocation.

Voice 1: For places marked by the charismatic experiences that still speak to us of a fervent relationship with the Divine and with others;

All: We give you thanks, Lord!

Voice 2: For the activities aimed at our growth in the religious vocation and in the Salesian mission;

All: We give you thanks, Lord!

Voice 3: For the people who welcome us, take care of us and above all show us a sign and expression of your encompassing love;

All: We give you thanks, Lord!

Refrain: Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum (x2)

SHARE THE EXPERIENCE LIVED TO ENRICH OURSELVES

(Read according to the characters)

Gospel Jn 2:1-12

*On the third day, there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. ³When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “**They have no wine.**” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “**Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.**” ⁵His mother said to the servers, “**Do whatever he tells you.**” ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus told them, “**Fill the jars with water.**” So, they filled them to the brim. ⁸Then he told them, “**Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.**” So they took it. ⁹And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “**Everyone serves the good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine***

until now." ¹¹Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. ¹²After this, he and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there a few days.

Guide 1: Accepting the invitation to "return to the origin of the charism", we welcome an opportunity to participate in the marriage of the covenant where the gift of faith and vocation is refreshed, strengthened and renewed. Each participant in the wedding at Cana has his own experience but all meet in the faith grown in Jesus and in following him.

Guide 2: "Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother, shrewd in grasping the events and the embarrassment of men with her gaze and heart constantly turned towards her Son, invites us to do what He says, gives us clear eyes to keep everything in our hearts and continually awaken in us the great signs of God."
(Taken from *"Mary, Woman of the New Wine"* by Don Tonino Bello)

Guide 1: "Disciples, invited at Cana, but unable to provide, without wine, without bread and without fish, with calloused and empty hands, yet precisely because they are ready to accept the gift, to believe in the One who renews and regenerates."

Guide 2: "Servants, useless, but faithful executors of the Word, of that Word that says and does, tangible and visible at the same time, without excuse and ambitions, eager only to adhere, attentive to the slightest move and command of Jesus, anxious to fill to the improbable emptiness of their own and others' existence."

Guide 1: "The vocational dimension of our life... it is vivified in the reciprocity generated by the word and life of Jesus" (GC XXIV, n. 22). With the symbols prepared, we can share in the atmosphere of prayer, the experience lived to enrich each other.

(Participants will place their symbol at the center, take a heart and share the significance of their symbol. After every three sharing a refrain will be sung)

Refrain: Bless the Lord my soul, and bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life

PLAN TOGETHER TO MATURE THE ENTRUSTED EXPERIENCE

Guide 2: "Faith is concretized for us in a process to be shared as consecrated women, as an educating community, as a Salesian Family, as a Church to revive and witness to the beauty of vocation and mission in an attitude of continuous formation. In this process we assume missionary synodality as a way of life to hear the cry of the poor and of the earth and to make bold evangelical choices" (GC XXIV, n. 29). In the Apostolic Exhortation, ***Evangeli Gaudium*** (cf. n. 24), Pope Francis highlights some paths that are particularly in harmony with our mission as animators:

(As each word is read a sister will place the word at the center of the prayer space)

Voice 4: INITIATIVE It is to meet without fear, to feel the responsibility to make an unrepeatable contribution to the good of all. Whoever experiences that God has taken the initiative has preceded him in love (cf. 1 Jn 4:10), dares to take the first step with courage.

Voice 5: GET INVOLVED It is letting oneself be touched by the lives of others, it is knowing how to shorten distances, inhabiting reality, especially that closest to the least, that periphery from which one sees better the fragility, needs, hopes and opportunities for intervention.

Voice 6: ACCOMPANY It is the word of one who is among people, walks with them and knows how to share life with loving patience; One knows the long waits and welcomes with serenity gifts and limitations. It is a verb of reciprocity that implies giving and receiving.

Voice 7: BEAR FRUIT It is the expression of a fruitfulness rooted in love (cf. Jn 15:5). God wants us to be fruitful, not sterile. This requires letting ourselves to be fruitful by the Holy Spirit in order to educate others to be responsible for their growth and to be involved for the good, in a bond that makes us all brothers and sisters.

Voice 8: CELEBRATE It recalls the dimension of the fullness of life that directs us to celebrate with joy and gratitude the signs of God's blessing presence in everyday life.

Guide 1: Let us now write on the other side of the heart, an attitude that we desire to undertake in order to be a presence capable of generating life in the mission entrusted to us.

(background music is played as the Message from Mornese is read)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wqb3uGDcQs>

Message from Mornese

Voice: Love one another intensely,

Grow in charity

Strive to progress

in holiness.

Treat yourselves like sisters,

Live fraternity

Love one another with true love in humility.

Keep that flame alive

that Christ has kindled in you:

heated every day

the heart beside Him.

The Great Gift of the Spirit may He

be more alive and stronger than ever:

may the charity of Christ reign
in your midst.

Serve with Courage and Faith
the young people whom God gives you:
for them be your life at any age.
And then do freely all that charity suggest you inwardly
or he will command you.

The light of the Risen Jesus
illuminate your life,
until this adventure is short is over.

Live every day of your life
In peace and joy:
Live in the sweet presence of Mary.

Conclusion

Guide 2: In the plan of love, Jesus gave us a heavenly Mother, she is the one who is the mother and teacher of every vocation, and "who did everything" in the Salesian work. With filial trust, let us pray together. (*From "Entrustment to Mary", n.50*)

Voice 9: Holy Mary, tender and strong Mother, Our incredible travel companion on the roads of life, after contemplating the great things that the Almighty has made in You, we feel the need to lengthen the pace and, after having flanked you, to take you by the hand and walk with you.

All: *Mary, accompany us on our journey!*

Voice 10: Do not allow our lips, that lament prevails over amazement, that despair overwhelms industriousness, instead, let skepticism crush enthusiasm, and that the heaviness of the past prevent us from looking to the future with confidence.

All: Mary, accompany us on our journey!

Voice 11: Multiply our energies, So that we may know how to invest in the market of civilization: the prevention of the new generations from the evil that bring about lack of peace in our world today.

All: Mary, accompany us on our journey!

Magnificat: My Soul Proclaims the Lord my God

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZbFIMc_ggk

My soul proclaims the Lord my God,
My Spirit sings His praise!
He looks on me, He lifts me up
And gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy
His gifts He has out poured;
His little one He has made great;
I magnify the Lord.

His mercy is forever more
His name I praise again.
His strong right arm puts down the proud
And lifts the lowly high.

He fills the hungry with good things
The rich He sends away;
The promise made to Abraham
Is filled by him each day.
Magnificat, Magnificat,
Magnificat, praise God!
Praise God, praise God, praise God, Praise God,
Magnificat, praise God.

The Lord's Prayer: With the sentiment of thanksgiving and entrustment, let us turn to the Father with the words that Jesus himself taught us: Our Father...

Concluding Prayer: Good Father, throughout the history of salvation, you have always taken the first step to meet humanity, created and saved by your infinite love. Even on this charismatic journey, how much providence, care and grace you have poured out upon us! Accompany us again so that our lives may truly be formed and transformed in the image of Your beloved Son. He is God and lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen!

Song: O qual sorte

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qS-QU9sOsU>

Oh qual sorte! Siamo

“Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice”

“Salesiane di don Bosco”

Oh qual sorte più felice?

Splenda il cielo

o appaia fosco,

ah, giuriamo con ardor:

conservar vogliam lo spirito (2x)

di don Bosco fondator!

Di don Bosco, di don Bosco!

Ah, sì giuriam!

Siam la schiera che la Vergine

a don Bosco mostrò, pia.

Ei ci vide a cento a cento

sotto il manto di Maria

e ci volle monumento

di sua speme, di sua fè:

monumento dell'ausilio

che Maria ognor gli diè.

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