



**OCTOBER 2, 2024**

### **3. WITH YOU MAIN ON THE PATHS OF LIFE**

#### **3.2 The gift of life – Mazzarelli**



***"I am the true vine and my Father  
is the vinedresser"***

***Jn 15,1***

#### **VISIT TO THE MAZZARELLI**

*(A guided visit will be given to the Birth house – little church – Sanctuary; additional reading regarding the Mazzarelli can be found in the book "With Main on the Pathways of Life" Stage 1.)*

#### **REFLECTION AFTER THE VISIT TO THE MAZZARELLI**



**Guide:** After having had the experience of her birth home, the little church of Mary Help of Christians and the sanctuary of Mother Mazzarello, we reread and write in the light of God our own life story in the family with the key of docibilitas.

*(Personal time is given until the group meets for the closing prayer moment.)*

How did our families accompany us?

- Say thanks
- Forgive – heal
- Celebrate the history of salvation in your life

## **CLOSING PRAYER MOMENT**

*(before departing the Mazzarelli)*

### **Introduction**

**Guide:** During this day we touched the holy land, where Maria Domenica was born, and where every FMA is born, because when we look at Mornese, we too discover our HOLY LAND.

The Holy Spirit is preparing us today to listen to the message he wants, which we hear from this holy soil where he found such good soil, ready to welcome the seed of his silent word. Let us continue to feel this sacred ground as we sing this refrain.



### **Song: Touch the Earth**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NpDwOCGE20>

Refrain:

Touch the earth with gentleness

Touch the earth with love

Touch her with a future

By the way you live today

God has given us the power

To create the world anew

If we touch the earth

Together, me and you.

The time is here

The time is now

We can change things

Give the earth your dream of harmony

She is waiting

Waiting for love,  
Waiting for you, waiting for me (Refrain)

Show the earth you care about her future  
Melt the walls of hate  
And fear that keep us apart  
Believe we can live  
Together as friends of the earth (Refrain)

Be the reason  
Be the hope  
For others to believe  
That the earth is meant  
For beauty, goodness and peace (Refrain)

## **Genesis 2**

At that time when God created the earth and the sky... there was still no one to till the soil. The Lord God formed man from dust from the ground, then breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, so man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, which is in the east, and placed there the man whom he had fashioned. The Lord God caused all kinds of trees to grow from the ground, beautiful to look at and good to eat. God took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to cultivate and care for him.

*(Guide reads the following reflection and gives a moment of silent reflection after all the points have been read.)*

## **REFLECTION**

- Reflect on the soil... the land you know.
- Reflect on the mystery of creation. Praise the breath of life that God lives in you. The earth is the home that God created for his people.
- The soil of the earth represents the inhabitants of the earth. People from the north and the south. People from the east and the west. All the people

of the earth come before the Lord. We are one in his eyes. He made us belong to him.

- Some soils are rich and easily give people food and shelter. Other soil is poor, and people have to work harder to survive.
- Jesus compares different terrains to different types of people.
- Some are stony; some are choked with weeds, easily trampled, and rich.
- When God speaks, his Word is like the seed that falls into the earth...
- What kind of terrain am I in this period of my life?

*(brief moment of silent reflection)*

**Guide:** Now, let's take the land of Mornese into our hands. Let's feel its temperature and consistency. Let's observe its colors and shape.

*(One at a time each sister takes some soil from the container.)*

**Guide:** Let us reflect. What does Mother Mazzarello tell me about her 'holy land'?

*(pause)*

**Guide:** Let us remember our land. The land where we were born, the land we walk every day in community life and in our mission. What do I want to tell Mary about my Holy Land?

*(pause)*

**Guide:** Let us approach the empty container and place the earth we have in our hands as an expression of our desire to become HOLY EARTH... A MORNESE!

*(Sisters are welcome to express a prayer as she places the earth in the container.)*

**Guide:** Being with Mary, let us take a moment of silence and remember Mary Help of Christians who has been close to us since the beginning of Main's birth with her maternal presence, of tenderness... with the same tenderness of a

mother, she stands next to each of us. Let us enjoy Her presence because we can become, like Her, a presence that generates life among today's young people.

**Song: Hail Mary**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUey6ytEXqY>

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
The Lord is with you,  
Blessed are you among women,  
And blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners now,  
And at the hour of death, Amen.

Gentle woman, quiet light,  
Morning star, so strong and bright,  
Gentle mother, peaceful dove,  
Teach us wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father,  
You were chosen for the Son,  
You were chosen from all women,  
And for woman, shining one.

Gentle woman, quiet light,  
Morning star, so strong and bright,  
Gentle mother, peaceful dove,  
Teach us wisdom, teach us love.

Blessed are you among women,  
Blest in turn all women, too.  
Blessed they with peaceful spirits.  
Blessed they with gentle hearts.

Gentle woman, quiet light,  
Morning star, so strong and bright,  
Gentle mother, peaceful dove,  
Teach us wisdom, teach us love.

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## **Our Father**

**Guide: Let us pray together,** God, you have led us to this sacred ground where we can avoid our usual daily responsibilities. We thank you for allowing us to discover you again in this place as we rediscover Mother Mazzarello and the roots of our FMA vocation. Fill our being and this group with the sense of your presence. Allow us to remain open to what you want to reveal to us these days. Let us pray for Christ our Lord. Amen.