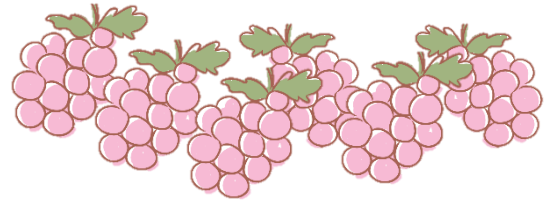




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3. WITH YOU MAIN ON THE PATHS OF LIFE

3.9 Life that expands – Missionary dimension



***“In this, my Father is glorified:
May you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”***

Jn 15,8

(Chapel of Collegio)

Angelus

Entrustment *(alternating sides)*

Guide: We entrust our life to Mary, our Mother and guide so that she can help us to joyfully sing of God's love for us, to live our vocation with commitment, renewed in faith, in love with Jesus, eager to communicate with passion and coherence the beauty of the Gospel to the new generations:

O Mary Help of Christians,
we entrust our journey to you
of total donation to God.
Teach us to sing with joy and gratitude
our Magnificat to the Lord.

Make us attentive to the voice of the Spirit
because we know how to live with humility,
charity, simplicity, and trust in our daily life.
Like You, we desire to abandon ourselves to the Father

to continue to live chaste, poor, and obedient
and to be, with our life
transparency of God's love
and reflection of your maternal goodness
on the example of Mother Mazzarello
for the young people entrusted to us. Amen.

Mass

(Prepare a space before the altar where a "world heart" and pair of sandals or backpack will be placed).

Introduction *(before Mass)*

Guide 1: Sisters today we remember the words of Pope Francis: "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus (...). If we are not convinced, let's look at the first disciples, who immediately after knowing the gaze of Jesus, went to proclaim it full of joy: "We have met the Messiah" (Jn 1:41). Even Saint Paul, starting from his encounter with Jesus Christ, "immediately announced that Jesus is the son of God" (Acts 9:20). And what are we waiting for? (EG 120)

Guide 2: Let's now look at Mornese... the missionary fire burns hearts! Even girls want to be missionaries!

September 1877. Don Bosco announced a little while ago that this time the FMA would also leave. They had to ask in writing and be ready!

Finally, here are the names: Sister Angela Vallese, Sister Giovanna Borgna, Sister Angela Denegri, Sister Teresina Mazzarello, Sister Angela Cassulo, Sister Teresa Gedda...

(Each sister will say her name aloud. The guide will continue after all names have been said.)

Guide 1: Together let us say:

All: We want to leave our mark with a missionary heart.

(The "world heart" and pair of sandals or backpack are brought to the altar.)



(room of Mother Mazzarello)

PRAYER

“Enlarge Your Tent” (Is. 54,2)

Voice 1: The Lord tells us: “Enlarge the space of your tent,

Voice 2: Spread the sheets of your dwelling without sparing,

Voice 3: Extend the cords, strengthen your stakes, for you will spread to the right and to the left and your descendants will possess the nations, they will populate the once deserted cities.

All: Do not be afraid.” (Is 54:2)

Guide 1: In the synodal path of the Church, we are called, as the people of God, to live the diversity of vocations and charisms in synergy. (CG XXIV #35.2)

Guide 2: Inspired by the community of "Mornese in outreach" and in communion with the synodal path of the Church, we are invited to live our missionary vocation with joy.

Guide 1: We are here, close to his painting, which arrived in Mornese in February 1872, even before the Daughters of the Immaculate came to live at the College. She, the Mother, preceded the Daughters. Since then, it has always been like this.



Voice 4: Petronilla recalls: "The first large image of the Madonna venerated in Valdocco entered our house quietly; and so as not to arouse the wasps, which never ceased to sting poor Don Pestarino and us too, with equal silence it was placed in the chapel of the college under construction. I remember her in a false window, on the right, going towards the altar of the chapel; it was beautiful and represented the Madonna along with the Child Jesus. We immediately welcome it as a sign of close joy and with our thoughts and hearts we hope for a favourable opportunity for Don Bosco's plans". Don Campi adds: "It was a painting in a kind of niche..." (Cron. I 280-281).

Guide 2: Under the gaze of this image of the Help of Christians, the Institute was born and accompanied the first community; It also seems time for us to be born again with renewed missionary ardour.

Guide 1: Looking at the image in silence, let us transport ourselves to those times. Let us imagine sisters and girls in front of Her, perhaps discerning their own vocation, let us be looked at, renewed by Mary's gaze, let us entrust our missionary vocation to Her today.

Song: Be with us Mary along the way

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5pvKGFhXcJE>

No one can live as an island,
Journeying through life alone.
Since we're most loved by a mother,
Jesus gave us His own.

Refrain

Be with us Mary, along the way,
Guide every step we take.
Lead us to Jesus your loving son.
Come with us, Mary come.

When Jesus met with rejection,
Mary stood by the cross;
How can a mother desert her son?
She'll also stand by us. (Refrain)

Help us, O star of the ocean,
Be with us in our strife,
When we are faced with temptation,
Tossed by the storms of life. (Refrain)

Often enough in life's banquet
we shall run short of wine
Then as at Cana, request your son
To make our lives divine. (Refrain)

Guide 2: Today we want, in a special way, to thank the Father with Mary, for having called us, like the first sisters of Mornese, to announce the Kingdom in the footsteps of Christ, in our own and unique way, leaving our Salesian imprint in an original way among young people.

Guide 1: Through the intercession of Mary Help of Christians, we ask for the fire of the Spirit of Jesus, the only one capable of igniting true missionary ardour and the greatest joy in our hearts.

Chorus 1: Virgin and Mother Mary, you who, moved by the Spirit, welcomed the Word of life, in the depths of your humility, faith, totally given to the Eternal, help us to say our "yes" in the urgency, more imperious than ever, to make the Good News of Jesus resonate.

Chorus 2: Obtain for us now a new ardour of the resurrected, to bring to everyone the Gospel of life that conquers death. Give us the holy audacity to seek new ways to reach all the gift of beauty that never fades.

Chorus 1: Star of the new evangelization, help us to shine in the testimony of communion, of service, of ardent and generous faith, of justice and love towards the poor so that, the joy of the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth and no periphery is deprived of its light.



All: Mother of the living Gospel, source of joy for the little ones, pray for us. Amen
(*Evangelium Gaudium, Pope Francis, #287-288*)

(*Depart for Mazzarelli*)

VISIT TO THE MISSIONARY MUSEUM (MAZZARELLI)

(*Guided tour of the Missionary Museum*)



PERSONAL REFLECTION (*afternoon*)

(*The Sisters are invited to personally reflect using the following resources*)

“Expand Your Tent (Is 54.2) Leave Your Salesian Footprint”

- What impact am I leaving on my mission?
- What are the answers to the new challenges of young people who knock on our door every day? “Go out” do they ask of me?
- Read the Articles of the Constitutions: 1, 6, 75
- CGXXIV: Priority choices
- What does the Lord and Our Lady ask of me today?



GROUP WORK

(meeting room of Collegio; expedition groups of 5 Sisters will be created)

Let's Go with the FMA Missionary Expeditions

- **Group Reflection**
 - Each expedition group briefly shares one thought from today's personal reflection.

- **Preparation of Expedition Presentation**
 - Each group will use the following resources to prepare an original presentation in the form of a skit for the assembly of their expedition:
 - Missionary Dimension: ppt/pdf found in Resources
 - *With Main on the Pathways of Life*: 6th stage; profile of the first missionary sisters

MISSIONARY FESTIVAL

(Each group will present their missionary expedition)



PRAYER

(in the room of Mother Mazzarello; distribute the "world hearts" to each sister; on a small table place a writing pen, ink pad and moist wipes to clean hands; a place is created to leave the hearts on the floor during the dynamic)

Church Outgoing

Guide 1: We are in the midst of this living space, where the charismatic dynamism of our Institute is represented within the Church. We walked seeking the encounter with God in our experience.

We meet to "Give first place to God" like our first Sisters of Mornese, willing to prefer "the good of others to their own" (art. 50); they were willing to courageously GO OUT to meet others.



Guide 2: Let's listen to Pope Francis who tells us:

“Let's dare a little more to take the initiative! As a consequence, the Church knows how to "get involved". Jesus washed his disciples' feet. The Lord involves himself and his own, kneeling before others to wash them. But immediately afterwards he says to the disciples: "You will be blessed if you do this" (Jn 13:17). The evangelizing community places itself through works and gestures in the daily lives of others, shortens distances, stoops to the point of humiliation if necessary, and takes on human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in the people. The evangelizers thus have the "smell of the sheep" and listen to their voice". (EG #24)

Song: Here I Am Lord

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcXOkht8w7c>

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

Guide 1: Mother Mazzarello is here with us; Let's listen to what she tells us: In letter no. 5 addressed to the General Director Don Giovanni Cagliari. 5 April 1876 Long live Jesus! in Italy, in America and throughout the world!

Rev. Father Provincial,

What a pleasure to be able to spend some time with our good Father! Oh! how many things we would like to tell you! But when the heart is full, one does not know where to start.

Did you receive the letter I wrote to you at the beginning of this year? I hope so although you didn't answer.

Therefore, tell the Jesus who is in America that he gives us all the virtues necessary to be good religious, especially humility and obedience, do with us what he wants, but do not allow any Sister, especially if professed, to lay down the habit and leave the House of Mary.

Now that I have given you news of the house, I will write to you the names of those who wish to go to America soon: I would like to be there already, the Mother Vicar, the Mother Bursar, Sr Mina, Sr Maria Belletti, Sr Giuseppina, Sr Giovanna, Sr Emilia (really), sr... I couldn't stop if I said the names of all those who wish to go there. So quickly prepare a little place for us too, and then come and get us since we don't know how to go there alone, and it could also happen that since we are alone, some sea monster, who hasn't had lunch yet, uses us to satisfy his appetite.

Each Sister would like to tell you many things but so as not to waste so much of your time reading, I end by asking you for a particular blessing for each of us, and recommending myself in a special way to your prayers which, I assure you, I need it greatly now that the number of daughters is increasing, increasing every day.

Bless me therefore and believe me to be your humble daughter in J.[esùs]
C.[hrist] Sr Maria Mazzarello

Guide 2: With the experience we have had, contemplating and praying about the missionary itinerary of our Institute, let us prepare to revive our missionary identity like Mary, let us remember the many situations of our brothers, especially those from the peripheries of all the continents.

We respond after each spontaneous prayer:



"Help of Christians, help our imprint be like Jesus' imprint."

All: We too, like our first missionary Sisters, every time we are ready to "go out", we will discover Our Mother with us, guiding each one in particular, to once again recommend the courage to sail the seas, to go out to the peripheries, especially to young people, in total abandonment to God who always precedes us.

(As the song plays each sister will approach the table, write their name on the back of a heart, and with the ink pad leave her imprint on the world. The heart is then left on the prepared area close to the table. The song will repeat until all have accomplished this task.)

Song: Send Me

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

The field is white all around us
The Lord of the harvest calls
Who will work to bring one soul onto Him for nighttime falls
Who will offer hope to the hopeless
Give light to a world so lost
For this is the day, this is the hour, this is the work of God.
Here are my hands to lift the lonely

Here is my voice to teach the way
Here is my heart oh Lord please make it more like thine I pray
All of the courage I can summon
Each drop of faith that I can bring
All that I have to give I offer it to thee
Here I am Lord, Send me.

We'll raise the banner of virtue
And carry the shield of faith
We will speak with the tongues of angels and we will speak His name
For no power on earth can stop it
The truth will ring bold and clear
'TIL it's reached every climb
And swept every land
And sounded in every ear

Here are my hands to lift the lonely
Here is my voice to teach the way
Here is my heart oh Lord please make it more like thine I pray

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Guide: Mary Help of Christians and all peoples... pray for us.

