



SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

1. IN THE HEART OF THE CHURCH AND THE INSTITUTE

1.2 An Encounter with the World Community

EVENING PRAYER (*Exhibit of our FMA Charism*)

Guide: We are here at the source of our charism to reawaken the freshness of our vocation. In this evening's prayer, after the visit to our Generalate, where we had an enriching experience of being in contact with our charism, journeying through the charismatic exhibition we thank God for this moment of grace. We ask Him to help us that every experience lived here may give us the vision needed to be a quality presence among the young people in our educating communities and be 'an outreaching Mornese,' *Mornese in uscita*, to those who need our help locally and globally. May we learn more and more about how to reach them and take care of the beauty of our common home, basing ourselves on Gospel values.

Song: Be Thou My Vision

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTKoZZL8XRQ>

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Guide: Being grateful is essential to appreciate and enjoy the beauty of life. To be grateful for what we are, for our family, our vocation, our community, for the people around us, for the free gifts. The reign of gratuitous and generous love that God has given us also manifests the significance and richness of our charism from the origins until today. With grateful hearts we sing.

Song: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=047xtru0ZR0>

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Give thanks with a grateful heart (to the grateful heart)
Give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One)
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich (I am rich)
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks

We give thanks, hmhhh

(Moment of silent reflection and an invitation to the Sisters/lay people to share something of what has been experienced during the day)

Magnificat: Holy is His Name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i85XG4OwQ8s>

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted*

*For the mighty God has done great things for me
An His mercy will reach from age to age
And holy, holy, holy is His name*

*He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly*

*He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembered His promise to our fathers*

*And holy, holy, holy is His name
And holy, holy, holy is His name*

The Lord's Prayer

Guide: We thank you, Good Father, for all the graces received on this day, because here in the center of our Institute, in joyful docility to what this experience will suggest to us and in deep communion among us, we are certain that Mother Mazzarello accompanies us. We ask you to make us feel her strong and foresighted motherhood and make us capable of her own donation to you, to the sisters and to the children and young people, especially those most in need. Amen

(after the fraternal moment)

EXAMINATIONS OF CONSCIENCE

(Invite the group to pause to reflect on how each has responded to God's call to love, share and serve throughout this day. At the end, the prayer format below can be shared aloud or another prayer can be prayed.)

Guide: In the name of the Father...

Silent pause

Guide: God, our loving Father, we ask for forgiveness because we do not always allow ourselves to be challenged by your Word of truth and life that demands a personal and communal concrete response: **Lord Have mercy.**

All: *Lord Have mercy.*

Guide: God, our loving Father, because at times our commitment to making the Eucharist, the source and summit of our prayer, is weak, **Christ Have mercy.**

All: *Christ Have mercy.*

Guide: God, our loving Father, our daily journey is not always expressed in generous, trusting and joyful experiences: **Lord Have mercy.**

All: *Lord Have mercy.*

Guide: Let us ask Mary, our Mother and Help of Christians, to help us walk in the footsteps of her Son Jesus, as we sing:

Song: As I kneel before you (*acapella*)

As I kneel before you; As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love

***Ave Maria, Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu***

All I have I give you; Every dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ; Mother of mine, present them to my Lord

As I kneel before you; And I see your smiling face
Ev'ry thought, every word; Is lost in your embrace

All: O Father, visit our home, keep away the snares of the enemy, may the Holy Angels keep us in peace and may Your blessing always remain with us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Almighty God grant us a quiet night and a peaceful repose. Amen

Mary Help of Christians

Pray for us.

