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“Perseguitati ma non abbandonati”

Nel mondo, ogni giorno, uomini, donne, adulti, ragazzi, bambini, mentre pregano, mentre vanno in pellegrinaggio, nelle loro case, negli asili, nelle scuole, nelle chiese vengono uccisi a causa della propria fede.

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NEWS

17-23 OCTOBER: CELEBRATIONS OF THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

From 17 to 23 October, on the initiative of the General SIT, the Trinitarian Family spread throughout the world celebrated the week of prayer for persecuted christians. We offer you the experience of this week in some places.

Rome

Message of Fr. Antonio Aurelio Fernández Serrano President of SIT General on the occasion of the Week of prayer for persecuted christians.



Dear brothers and sisters, recent attacks at Turkey in northern Syria, the increase in persecution and destruction in China, the dramatic Buddhist radicalization of the Indian government, the increasing sexual violence of Christian girls in Pakistan, intolerance towards christians in Mexican society or the harassment and intolerance of native christian minorities in Colombia, among other things, they are evident and visible proofs for our prayer.

The statistics of persecution continue to increase, on the other hand, christians continue to decrease due to the continuous killings, especially in the countries of the Middle East. The Trinitarian Family must always have in its prayers a special remembrance for our brothers and sisters who suffer persecution. We know many of them. We know their names and their faces.



They are not indifferent, but they are already part of our Trinitarian family. They speak to us in the name of the Passion of Christ, the same that they suffer. Jesus the Redeemer continues to shed his blood in our world. He is persecuted and martyred to be faithful to the Father. Please encourage the different communities of your congregations so that the unanimous cry of all of us will force the Most Holy Trinity to protect and accompany them. May our Founder St. John de Matha always direct the charism towards those who are persecuted because of their faith in Christ.



Livorno: Way of the Cross from the old fortress



On October 18, the parish of St. Ferdinando organized a Way of the Cross in the Fortress for persecuted Christians and emigrants, present in different parts of the world. The Way of the Cross began at the entrance of the Old Fortress and ended at the Chapel of St. Francesco. At this religious moment Bishop Simone Giusti, Giovanni Martire Savina, the new Minister Provincial, the Trinitarian family and many other faithful participated.

The Bishop Mons. Simone Giusti pointed out that the Way of the Cross of this evening is in memory of persecuted Christians and slaves and that the Trinitarian fathers starting from here, from Livorno went to redeem in different parts of the world. The persecutions of Christians continue even in our day.



To the words of the Bishop were added those of Fr. Savina, Minister Provincial of the Province of St. Giovanni de Matha: "The same persecuted martyrs of our times ask us above all to pray for them. Because only from prayer do they draw the strength to continue to live in spite of all difficulties, setting an example for all of us of how faith should be lived".

Vicariate of S. Simone de Rojas

The Vicariate of San Simone de Rojas conducted the week of prayer for persecuted Christians celebrating the Eucharist and praying the Way of the Cross.

Brasil



Argentina



Vicariate of St. Agnes: Way of the Cross for Persecuted Christians

Gabon



In the Vicariate of St. Agnes they had a wonderful experience, sharing the sufferings of their persecuted brothers. They began this week of prayer with confessions, followed by Holy Mass. Then they lead a Way of the Cross for our persecuted brothers with the participation of the Bishop of makokou, His Excellency Monsignor Joseph koerber and the Trinitarian Family (friars, nuns and laity).



Two Friars on their Way to India



On Friday 18 October, an unusual event occurred: in fact they were present on the same plane flying to India, Fr. Luigi Buccarello (Minister General), and Fr. Jose Narlaly (Minister General Emeritus). After eighteen years of experience of religious life in Europe and especially in Italy, serving the Order, first as Vicar General for six years then as Minister General for twelve years, Fr. Jose Narlaly returned to his land to continue the journey of faith, religious life and service always for the Trinitarians, in his jurisdiction. We thank God the Trinity, through the intercession of St. John de Matha, who called Fr. Jose Narlaly,

for his willingness to lead the Order according to the spirit of our Founder. All the goods he sowed in the Order will always remain in our hearts. Together with him, the new Minister General, Fr. Luigi travelled for a new mission outside the European continent, on the occasion of the first Chapter of the Vice Province of St. Michael of Saints (India) which was celebrated from 21 to 25 October 2019. We extend our best wishes to Minister General for this new and very important service of the leadership of our Order.



Our Lady of Good Remedy and Vicariate S. Agnese

Our students of philosophy and theology from the Province of Our Lady of Good Remedy and the Vicariate St. Agnes continue the academic year after the summer break and we accompany them with our prayers wishing them a good year of study.



Province Our Lady of Good Remedy



Vicariate of S. Agnese



The Trinitarians and the Castle of Fontainebleau (Francia)



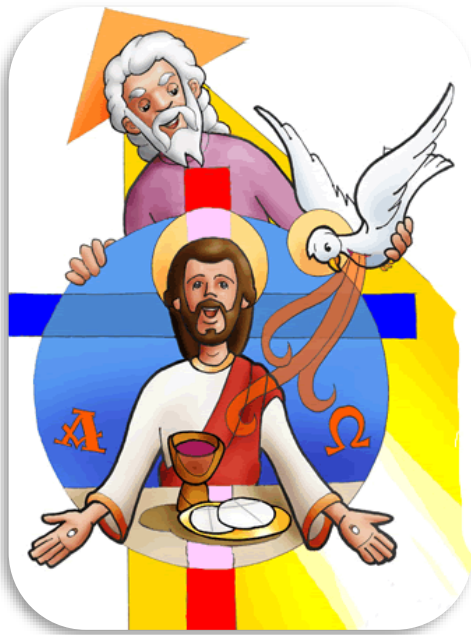
Settled by King San Luigi on his return from the crusades, the Trinitarians lived for more than five centuries in the perimeter of the castle of Fontainebleau, until the Revolution. The association « The Trinitarian friends» has the mission to keep their memory alive.

Every year three masses are celebrated in the royal chapel of the castle on three important dates: on Sunday for SS.Trinity, in January, for the baptism of Christ, and in October, for the Feast of Our Lady of Good Remedy, venerated by the Trinitarian Order. Also in the Royal Chapel the association of the Trinitarians friends blessed a statue of St. John de Matha (19 June 2011), now in the parish church of San Luigi in Fontainebleau, as well as a statue of Our Lady of The Good Remedy (4 October 2015) who returned to the church of San

Pietro d'Avon where there are numerous Trinitarian burials. The Royal Chapel of Fontainebleau received with great emotion the Minister General Emeritus José Narlaly, who celebrated Mass there on 9 February 2013, during the celebrations of the 8th centenary of the death of the founder John de Matha. The photos show different aspects of the festivals that took place in the castle in honor of the Trinitarian Order, where the inhabitants are involved with joy. (Roseline Grimaldi-Hierholtz, President of the Trinitarian friends)



Hermanas Trinitarias: A way of life



As consecrated women who follow Jesus Christ, Redeemer and liberator of the young people in need, our way of life must be simple, humble and dedicated, sharing what everyone has and is. It is a way of life that is nourished by the Eucharist, center and model of our Trinitarian Congregation. We share day by day the faith, the bread, the talents, the friendship and the work.

When God the Trinity is our Center, the same passion moves us: the love that Jesus reveals to us, which is expressed in a tender love for young people, a special sensitivity for the most needy, and mutual help in human difficulties and limits.

In the Constitutions of the Congregation we read that our norm of life is love, and just as we can only carry out the mission if we love the young people whom God puts on our way and

we trust fully in his possibilities in the same way we can live together only if our hearts are fixed in God the Trinity.

Trinitarian Nuns of Valence

Each year, the Congregation of the Trinitarian Religious chooses a theme that represents what they want to live particularly with all those who are in relationship with them, in line with their charism. The theme selected for the year 2019-2020: "Get up and wake up the world".





“Dear men and women religious, awaken the world! Be witnesses to a different way of thinking, of to act and to live!” (Pope Francis).

Annual Meeting of Heads of the Institutes (France)

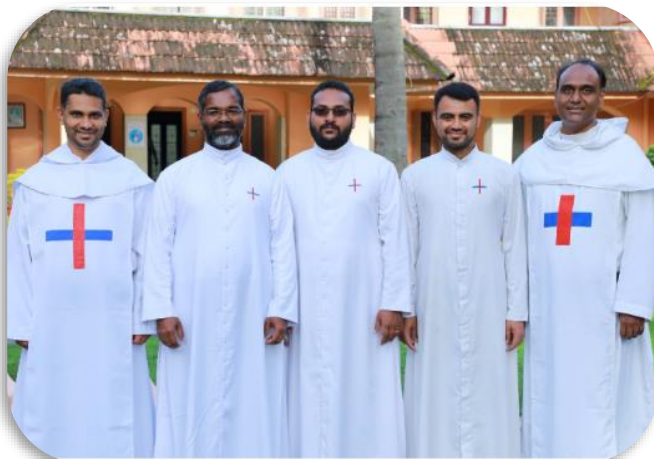
Every year the Trinitarian nuns of Valence organize a meeting of the heads of the institutes of the Trinitarian network. This year's meeting was held in Avignon. And it was marked on the one hand by the participation of father Antonio Aurelio Fernández Serrano, General Councillor of the Order of the Holy Trinity and of the Captives, whose intervention had great impact at the heads of the institutes. And on the other, by the presence of the new delegate Bruno TESSIER.





21-25 October, India: Chapter of the Vice-Province of St. Michael of Saints

The Vice-Province of St. Michael of the Saints, India, has celebrated its Chapter from 21-25 October 2019, with thirty-two delegates from five countries. The Chapter was presided by father Luigi Buccarello, Minister General of the Order and facilitated by Rev. Anton Paul, SDB. Father Albert Anuszewski, Provincial Minister of the Immaculate Heart Province of Mary, was a special guest at the Chapter. During the meetings a new Vice-Provincial Council was elected:



- Fr. Joseph Muthuplackal
Minister Vice- Provincial
- P. Jins Valiyakulathil
Vicar Vice-Provincial
- Fr. Pradeep Puthenveetil
Vice-Provincial Treasurer
- P. Bitaju Puthenpurackal
Counsellor and Vice-Provincial Secretary
- P. Meby Kallungal
Counsellor





Moreover, following the Vice-Provincial Chapter, on 31 October 2019, Dn. Rinto Mukkattukavunckal was ordained a priest, in the presence of Fr. Luigi Buccarello, Minister General. We wish all the best and success to the new Minister Vice Provincial and all the Councillors. And we entrust them to the intercession of our Founder St. John de Matha and Our Lady of Good Remedy. We also wish Fr. Rinto, the new priest, a fruitful service for the good of the Order, of the Church in particular of the poor and the suffering.



25-28 October, Rome: Conference of the Trinitarian Laity of Italy



From 25th to 28th October 2019, at the presence of Fr. Giovanni Martire Savina, the Minister Provincial of St. John de Matha Province and Fr. Matteo Santamaria, National Spiritual Assistant of the Secular Order of the Trinitarian Order of Italy, the Annual Conference of the Trinitarian Laity held in Rome at the “Casa di Accoglienza e Spiritualità Enrico de Ossò”.

The theme was:

“What it means to BE FREE”. The conference highlighted on the testimony to the value and regain of baptismal freedom, to be witnesses of Christ in the world. In fact the objective of this conference was to propose the testimonies of those who have experienced freedom as a break from the chains that hold us tight, to help free and heal the deep wounds of the soul. The conference, also highlighted that, God the Trinity still manifests himself through each one of us.

Many speakers of excellence have succeeded one another, such as: Father Antonio Aurelio F.S. President of the SIT, Secretariat of the Family and Trinitarian Secretariat; the young university student, Ms. ina Dolla Nader; Prof. Nicola Calbi, President Emeritus of OST - Italy; Don Raffaele Grimaldi of the General Inspectorate of Prison Chaplains;



Prof. Antonio Grassi, founder and family mediator and Sr. Leslye Sandigo, world delegate of the Salesian cooperators, who dealt with topics of general interest but also theological, historical, anthropological and social character. Moreover this conference the new team was elected:

- Dolla Batour El-Zoghby-**President**



- Maria Rosaria Sergi-
Vice-President
- Emilia Fairy, Cosimo
Catalano, Davide Malerba,
Counsellors
- Mario Buccarello
Secretary and Treasurer



It should be added that on the Sunday morning (27 October 2019), the participants of the conference went to the national headquarters of the Trinitarian laity in Italy at St Thomas in Formis, the place where

St. John de Matha lived some years of his life. Lay people from different parts of Italy (Rome, Cori, Naples, Esperia, Gagliano del Capo, Santi Cosma and Damiano, Avezzano, Taranto, Turin, Genoa and Milan) and from Spain participated in the Mass concelebrated by numerous priests and in which our sisters Josephine Brandonisio, Bianca Maria Cedola, Annamaria Angelini and Cinzia Silvi were admitted to the Secular Trinitarian Order.



Trinitarian Nuns of Rome: Solemn Profession of Sr. Olivina

“Sr Olivina of San Giovanni de Matha, native of Madagascar, professed his “DEFINITIVE YES” to the Lord in the Institute of the Sisters of the Holy Trinity of Rome on 1 November 2019.

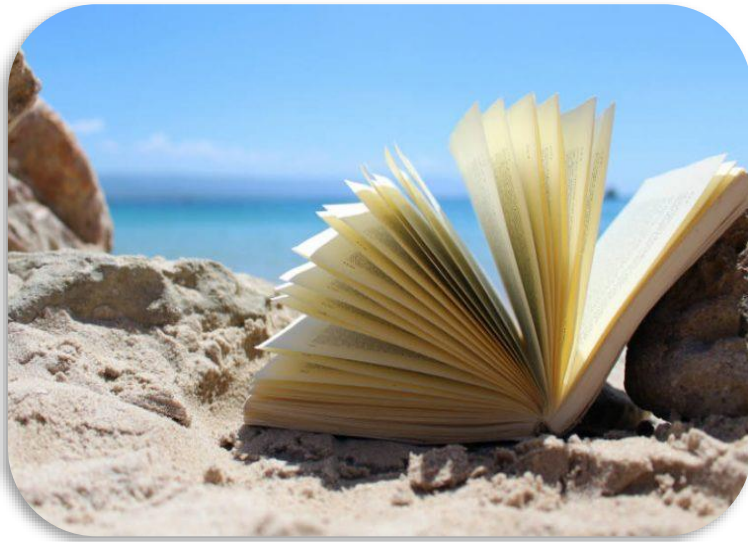


The Eucharistic Celebration took place in the Saint Pio V Church in Rome, presided over by Fr Aldo, Vicar General of the Order of the Holy Trinity of the Slaves, with fifteen concelebrants. The participation of so many people (men and women religious, friends and her natives) praising the Lord and praying for the Sister, gave great joy to all of them and made them move. Sr. Olivina with the thought "Fear not, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name; you belong to me" (Isaia 43,1) she has gladly offered herself to the Lord to be a Trinitarian forever.



Discovery/rediscovery of the historical heritage of the Order and the Trinitarian Family

Following the request of Fr. Carmel, our Secretary General, we open a small section within Comunion, concerning the discovery and rediscovery of our historical heritage of the Order and of the Trinitarian family.



I would begin to present two missionary Trinitarians and martyrs recognized by the local population as venerable. These are Corneille O'CONNOR and Eugène DALY. Both originally from Ireland, the first native of Adare (in the county of Limerick), city that had a house of the Order closed during the Anglican reform by Henry VIII in 1535. Corneille and Eugène entered the Trinitarian novitiate of the house of Clermont

in beauvaisis in France and made the profession by the hands of Fr. Claude Ralle, Minister of Fay. They completed their theological formation in Bordeaux. Fr. Corneille went to England where he was found and sentenced to death but through the intervention of the Duchess d'Aiguillon, grandson of Cardinal Richelieu and godmother of P. Corneille he was expelled to France. In September 1642, Louis Petit, then Minister General (1612-1652) asked to Mons's Richard Arthur, Bishop of Limerick to re-establish a community and to regain possession of the house St. James d'Adare. After obtaining several permissions from the civil authorities, Corneille and Eugène left Paris at the end of November for Nantes to embark and reach their mission in Ireland. In January 1645, during the crossing, their ship was attacked by an English privateer called John or Thomas Plunkett. Realizing that these two men professed the Catholic faith and that they were missionaries, mad with anger, he ordered his men to throw them into the sea. Witnesses say they drown immediately. The account of their martyrdom was published by Father Jean Villette the same year as you can see in French on the following page: [La vie et le martyre du reverend P. Frère C. O'Conor et du Frère E. Dalii religieux de l'ordre de Sainte Trinité&redemption, etc - Google Play](#). They appear on the list of venerable members of the Order in the Necrologium Ord. SS. Trinit. of Ignatius of Saint Anthony (1707). (Fr. *Thierry Knecht, O.SS.T.*)



IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Fidel Izaguirre

On 14 November 2019 Fr. Fidel Izaguirre of the Alcorcon Community, Immaculate Conception Province, called to eternal life.

Fr. Fidel was born in Laredo, Cantabria, on May 12, 1943. He entered the novitiate of Algorta, on September 20, 1959, he made the simple profession on September 28, 1960 and the solemn profession on December 7, 1965 in Rome. He was ordained a priest on 2 April 1967 in Rome.

We feel in communion of prayer with our Brothers of the Immaculate Conception Province, and we join in thanking God for the gift of life of our brother Fidel.

May the Holy Trinity receive him to his infinite love. R.I.P.

Fr. Bonifacio Porres Alonso

Our brother Bonifacio Porres Alonso, of the Community of Antequera, Province of the Holy Spirit, passed away on 25 November 2019. Fr. Bonifacio published many books of on history of our Order. He was born in la Nuez de Arriba (Burgos), on 05 June 1931. He had entered the novitiate of Algorta, on 08 September 1947, he made the simple profession on 12 September 1948 and the solemn profession on 23 October 1954 in Rome. He was ordained a priest on 17 March 1956 in Rome.

We unite in communion of prayer with our Brothers of the Holy Spirit Province, and we join in thanking God for the life of our brother Bonifacio.

May the Holy Trinity receive him to his infinite love. R.I.P.

