



Guanella NEWS

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‘The Heart of Jesus, model for our love’

When visiting the Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Como, we spend some time in front of the altar dedicated to the Sacred Heart, the altar just in front of the one dedicated to our Founder and Sr. Clare Bosatta. It is the altar where the Blessed Sacrament of our Savior is reposed.

The presence of Fr. Guanella and Sr. Clare so close to Jesus’ heart is assuring us that, like the two lamps constantly lighted and carried by two Angels, they intercede the Lord for grace and blessing.

Fr. Guanella itself told us that we were born from the Sacred Heart of Jesus, from his wounded Heart.

He told us that this Heart has to be the model of our own love to the Father and our neighbor. It is not a love exclusively built on sentiment, on feelings, as the devotion to the Sacred Heart is at time painted. It has to be, on the contrary, a devotion built on the solid faith on Jesus as the supreme manifestation of the love through which the Father loves us as his beloved children. It is the Father who instills in us the grace of listening to the cry of help from the poor and to go towards them with a merciful heart. Here we find the essence of our charism!

Only by participating to the love of Christ, we can truly be Servants of Charity. It is very meaningful the painting of the Sa-

cred Heart venerated at this altar. Jesus points to his heart as the answer to the problems of those who pray to Him. Jesus is also standing on the globe to show his solidarity with our worries.

The Heart of Jesus is a ‘human heart’, a heart of ‘flesh’ like ours. It is in his human heart that the fullness of his divine love is manifested. Our special devotion to the Heart of Jesus has to involve all our human senses, thoughts, words, actions, hardships and joys.

While we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we celebrate the

mystery of the depth of God’s love, a love that is shown through very simple signs, accessible to everyone, as the simple signs of Jesus which touched the heart of people. Even our smallest human signs of love and attention shown in our daily service, when they are done in imi-

tation of Jesus, they have the great capacity to enter into the heart of the people we serve, and possess the same value of the human love of Jesus.

We should read again and again our Basic Document For the Guanellian Mission, the PEG



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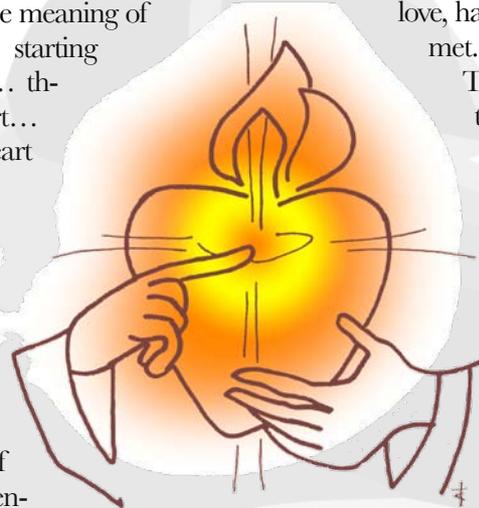
From the General Council

which asks us to live fully the meaning of our evangelizing mission: starting from the Heart of Christ... through the way of the heart... to bring everyone to the Heart of Christ...

This way is described in the second chapter of the Document, which is the inspirational foundation of our educational ministry.

Only from our interior imitation of the Heart of Jesus some logical consequences can come, that is, the attitudes expressing and distinguishing our relationship with others so that we can penetrate into those hearts which are more humanly wounded. The grace of feeling enveloped by the paternal goodness of God urges us to dedicate all our being to our neighbor, as Jesus put himself at the service of men as a Son.

While the charism opens to us the riches of the Heart of Jesus (C 2), we are participating to the riches we have received by a constant presence among the poor, the people the Lord sends us. Among them we have to show meekness and simplicity, the same virtues of Jesus who, with a unique



love, has loved the Father and the real people He met.

Therefore, we should pray to the Lord for the grace of possessing a heart of flesh for a more human and divine relationships, even under the duress of misunderstanding, incomprehension or indifference. Fr. Guanella describes the charity of our heart to a ray of the sun which, though passing through the filth of the earth, it remains clean not because of our merit but of God's grace.

"I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!" Jesus said. We, generated by the love of Jesus' Heart, have the same

goal: **'to make the love of Jesus' Heart the heart of the world.'**

Fraternal greetings

Rome, June 23, 2017 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Father Alfonso Crippa, SdC - Superior General



Devotion to the Sacred Heart

Guanellian Spirit: revealed In the Heart of Christ

In the pierced Heart of Christ on the Cross and in the Eucharist we contemplate the supreme revelation of God's love and we can understand the extent to which we are truly loved and saved children.

From the beginning, the institute was consecrated to him as to his Lord and Master, receiving continuous evidence of assistance and blessing.

Nothing, therefore, is to be preferred to the love of Christ:

to him, gentle and humble, each of us knows how to inspire himself in an ever more resolute way and endeavor to ensure that the Redeemer enters the heart of every man and wakes up the sense of divine election.

(Cost. SdC n. 11).

‘From the General Council’

It was during the Holy Week when we reported to you the main news regarding the General Council. The activity of the General House was particularly intense during the past months, especially because of an intricate legal contention that is affecting the Congregation regarding the management of the ‘Nova Domus’ Hotel in Rome-Trionfale. During spring time the General Council has been also frequently called to dialogue with various provincial Councils engaged in organizing or restructuring their local communities in view of a new year of apostolic ministry.

From the minutes of the General Council we offer a brief synthesis of the main events and activities which took place recently.

1. Visit of the Superior General and Fr. Ciro in Romania.

We saw firsthand the good work that our two confreres, Fr. Bakthis and Fr. Kalai, are doing both in helping out our Sisters and in accompanying a small group of young men in their Guanellian vocation. We take the opportunity to thank our Sisters for sharing with us part of their Formation House and for being so attentive to the needs of our little community.

2. On April 26, we opened our General Council Meeting # 63, with the **presence among us of the new General Council of our DSMP Sisters.** With them, we spoke about our presence in Romania and possible opportunities for further developments. We informed them about our upcoming XX General Chapter, asking for their prayers and soliciting, in what will be soon planned as sharing moments, their valuable contribution especially regarding our common Guanellian charism. Among other topics discussed: the sharing of mission in Africa (Kinshasa RD Congo) where our Sisters have been warmly welcomed by our confreres; The plans of the Centro Studi Guanelliani in Rome, and much more...

3. With joy we have **granted the Nulla Osta for the perpetual profession and Ordination to the Diaconate** of our confreres Francis, Giscard, Abraham and Doss (first year of their Licentiate studies in Rome) and Arlindo Britez, Francesco Bernardone, and Tiago Santos (Seminary in Bogota’, Colombia).

4. With gratitude we have welcome the news of the extraordinary healing of our seminarian Sergie in the Philippines through the intercession of Blessed Clare Bosatta. Our confreres in Manila are collecting the necessary documentation to verify if his healing is truly extraordinary, speeding up therefore the process for the Canonization of our guanellian sister.

5. Fr. Silvano Poletto was recently appointed as new Provincial Councilor and Link with our Communities in Chile. He replaces Fr. Pintos, who has been transferred to Paraguay.

6. Our particular solidarity has been expressed to the Divine Providence Province by sharing the painful sorrowful situation caused in our **Parish of Vatluru** (India-Andra Pradesh) by strong dissensions among parishioners. Such sad incidents took place in coincidence of the immediate preparation of the Centennial Anniversary of the Parish foundation.

7. In April, our **new community house** was officially **inaugurated in Mbeya, Tanzania** with the presence of Fr Luigi meant to show the general council’s closeness and share the joy of our two missionary confreres during such beautiful event. The blessing of our new mission Home, dedicated to our Founder, took place on day after Easter Sunday and was done by the local Bishop Evaristo Chengula who openly confirmed his full trust and the appreciation of the local Church towards our congregation for its positive response to his appeal of sharing the Guanellian charism with the poor in Tanzania. Our apostolic ministry will gradually grow and expand, while the confreres continue to familiarize themselves with the new local language and culture.

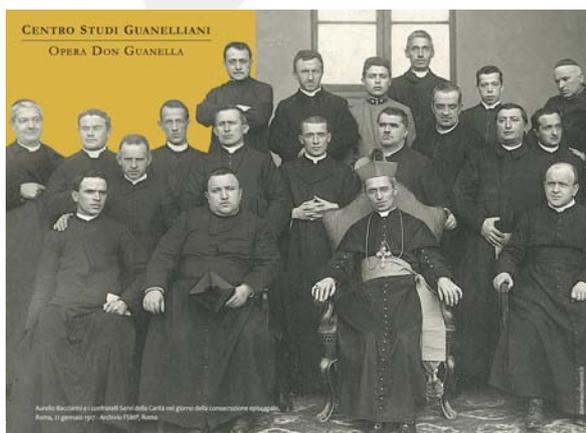
8. Fr. Luigi then moved to **Nigeria to visit the local Formative Communities** and to offer support to our young formators in their delicate work of accompanying our novices and confreres in their philosophy and theology stage of formation.

9. Updating on the preparation to the General Chapter.

The contributions sent by confreres in answering the questionnaire proposed the recent two Circular Letters in view of the XX General Chapter, were posted in the Congregation Web-site (see: XX Capitolo Generale: Contributi dei Confratelli). Since many were the contributions submitted, an indication of what seem to be a priority concern and suggestion appears necessary. Therefore, we solicit and appreciate your help in listing down, following the guidelines that you have received, the most important topics and issues, which will be taken up by the Chapter. Thank you.

10. Very soon, we will send the **THIRD CIRCULAR LETTER** on the topic of INTERCULTURALITY. Once again, we kindly ask for your collaboration and contribution of reflection.

‘Aurelio Bacciarini: lavorare per la Congregazione e le anime’



Nel Teatro San Luigi Guanella, a Roma il 20 maggio 2017 si è svolto il Convegno intitolato “Lavoriamo per la congregazione e per le anime”, dedicato alla figura del ven. Aurelio Bacciarini, guanelliano e vescovo

Consacrato vescovo il 21 gennaio 1917 e destinato alla Chiesa di Lugano, Aurelio Bacciarini continuò con fedeltà e sacrificio a percorrere le vie della Provvidenza sulle quali aveva camminato con don Luigi Guanella fin dal 1906. Insieme alta croce episcopale che lo chiamava alla responsabilità di una diocesi difficile, egli portò sempre quella dei Servi della Carità, che fino al 1924 continuò a servire come Superiore generale, poi restando sempre tra loro con il cuore e con le mani.

Il Seminario di studio ha voluto tracciare un profilo della sua complessa figura attraverso tre linee interpretative: le principali direttrici nel governo della congregazione maschile, la dottrina della vita religiosa scoperta attraverso l'esperienza personale e poi confermata nel magistero di superiore e vescovo, l'azione a favore della presenza guanelliana nel Canton Ticino.

News di Congregazione

Eventi di Consacrazione

✓ Il 6 maggio 2017 nel Seminario Interculturale Mons. Bacciarini hanno emesso la professione religiosa in perpetuo nelle mani del Superiore generale: **Abah Idoko Francis, Ebalasani Giscard, Jesu Arokia Doss e Agustine Joseph Abraham**. L'indomani gli stessi confratelli sono stati ordinati diaconi da **Mons. Domenico Pompili**, Vescovo di Rieti.

✓ Il 31 maggio 2017 hanno emesso la prima professione religiosa a Bangalore, India i seguenti novizi: **Arockia William, Jestin Jeromin, John Bosco, Melvin Raj, Philip Victor e Sachin Son**.

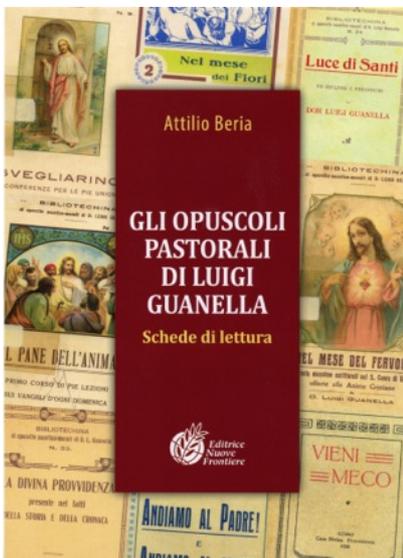
Nella Casa del Padre

Familiari dei Confratelli defunti

✓ Il 29 marzo 2017, a Varese, è deceduta la Sig.ra Paola Brugnioni, sorella di Don Umberto Brugnioni.

✓ Il 9 maggio 2017, a Kinshasa, RD del Congo è deceduto il Sig. Papa Kubanga, papà del nostro novizio Grace Kubanga.

✓ Il 20 maggio 2017, a Thennur in India, è morto il Sig. Lourdusamy, papà del nostro confratello Fr. Mathias Lourdusamy.



È uscito il libro: **“Gli opuscoli pastorali di Luigi Guanella”**, schede di lettura (Don Attilio Beria) a cura del Centro Studi Guanelliani.

L'accurata analisi di don Beria comprende anche le fonti utilizzate per molti opuscoli pastorali; infatti egli è attento, quando possibile, a collocarli in una cornice storica oggettiva che ne agevoli la piena comprensione critica.

Se l'attenzione alle fonti è segno di una metodologia rigorosa, esemplare per accostarsi agli studi guanelliani e cogliere in modo nitido e autentico ciò che pensava, credeva, insegnava e viveva il Fondatore, in generale le Schede di lettura danno la misura di quanto don Beria sia riuscito a insinuarsi nel suo cuore'.

La pubblicazione di questi preziosi strumenti contiene l'auspicio che si possa leggere don Guanella con uno sguardo più profondo, operando una 'svolta' nella comprensione del suo mondo intellettuale e spirituale.

Da deposito dove ricercare frasi ad effetto o di circostanza, quasi 'pezze di appoggio' per tesi preconfezionate, il patrimonio degli umili opuscoli pastorali, tradizionalmente noti come 'operette', può davvero rivelare la dimensione più intima e solida di don Guanella, sulla quale don Attilio Beria ha gettato la luce del suo rigore di studioso unita all'amore fedele e filiale per il nostro santo Fondatore.

BRUNO CAPPARONI, Direttore Centro Studi Guanelliani

Appuntamenti e viaggi del Consiglio generale

- Don Ciro: 15 al 30 giugno in Messico-Colombia
- Don Gustavo: 25 al 10 luglio nelle Filippine
- Prossimo raduno di Consiglio: 21-22 giugno

