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May Christ' coming at Christmas heal the wounds of our broken feelings and rekindle our hope that the time of testing is about to come to an end, hoping it will not come back anymore!

To all the communities, in the mood of isolation we are still living for safety, the serenity and peace of Bethlehem, that in the holy night imbued, cleared and strengthened the hearts of the shepherds.

Taking some hints from Pope Francis' Letter Fratelli Tutti, I would like to offer you a threefold healing journey and wish for the coming Christmas season.

1) Have the courage to keep on dreaming

About this topic, the Pope in his letter quotes Joel 3:1: "Your old people shall dream dreams, and your young people see visions". The experience of this period will enrich also our stricken communities so that in fraternity, respecting each other's gifts, accepting one another, all may join dream and vision. Neither only the young confrere will be dreaming a better future, nor only the old one, rich in experience, will have the vision of a possible future: as Joel says, the old and the young together will provide a new understanding of our consecrated and fraternal life for the world that is looking at us. The Pope is urging us to dream, but to do it together, because when it is not done together, the dream is just a mirage: we will see what really is not there. Discovering the value of being together, journeying together, searching together for the truth, sharing together a project. "dreams are built together ... all brethren" (Tutti Fratelli No. 8).

I went to read again a strong invitation made some years ago by Pope Francis during his pastoral visit to the diocese of Cesena: "I urge you to have, in your communities, dialogue between the old and the young. This dialogue will bring forth miracles ... a young person who can't support an elderly is lacking something. And an aged person who can't patiently listen to the young, is lacking something. Both need to help each other to go on together" (Pope Francis at Cesena, 2017).

The Letter Fratelli Tutti underlines: "the future is not monochrome; if we are courageous, we can contemplate it in all the variety and diversity of what each individual person has to offer. How much our human family needs to learn to live together in harmony and peace, without all of us having to be the same!" (100).

2) May you be sustained by the realism of hope

The Pope is asking for realism of hope, not the realism of the cynics: we are feeling bad, and there is nothing we can do about it. Our life experiences should not be endured, but accepted, lived and enlightened by hope. A realistic view, aware that there are dangerous shadows endangering also our consecrated life today. They will not be able to prevent us from having a vision of a new world. They will not have the strength to stop us from filling with the new good wine the new wineskins, without waste. So, this will be the realism of hope, allowing us to look beyond the present time that troubles us. We can't cope with this time in a better way because facts are overwhelming our strength and ability, but these facts cannot extinguish in us the desire for new things, that surely will come. New horizons will arise, unexpected thing, that we cannot imagine. Let us, therefore, welcome the Pope's invitation: "Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile. Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope" (55).



3) May each one of you become a Good Samaritan for others

This is the wish that runs across the whole Letter of the Pope. It is not enough to read the Gospel. We need to live it out, not as an ideology, but as a handbook for our life, as the absolute rule never to be left aside. When the Pope wants to apply the image of the Good Samaritan to our religious communities, he invites us to celebrate our fraternity not as an idea, but through practical actions. Even in our communities there is much loneliness, individualism, self-concern about one's health, one's little personal projects, one's personal things. It is now time to come close to one another, to care, to "waste time", to pay with one's life, in order for the confrere to be better, to feel more at ease, involved, not marginalised, for the confrere to recognise the presence of Christ the Good Samaritan in the small fraternal acts we accomplish for him.

Pope Francis underscores a fundamental trait of those who live the Gospel, who want to be Good Samaritans for others: doing everything without any personal profit, without reward. "The Samaritan who stopped along the way departed without expecting any recognition or gratitude. His effort to assist another person gave him great satisfaction in life and before his God, and thus became a duty. All of us have a responsibility for the wounded, those of our own people and all the peoples of the earth" (79).

Doesn't this remind you, dear confreres, what our holy Founder wrote about us, his sons, the Servants of Charity, looking at the future, at the final meeting with the great Judge of history, when (and only then!) we will receive the reward of our charity? "And the good Servants of Charity, who year after year every day rescued with faith the poor, will possess the Kingdom that the Lord in his goodness has prepared since the beginning of the world" (Reg. 1910).

Have a happy Christmas, confreres, encouraged by these invitations of our Pope Francis.

Padre Umberto

The General Council wants to thank all those who have been close and served in our Houses in this time of pandemic, using the words of the Pope.



"Despite these dark clouds, which may not be ignored, I would like in the following pages to take up and discuss many new paths of hope. For God continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family. The recent pandemic enabled us to recognize and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realize that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history: doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious... They understood that no one is saved alone" (Fratelli Tutti n. 54).

'GLOBAL COMPACT ON EDUCATION'



Educate, infinite present.

Let's go back to educating, let's continue to decline this verb!

As we know, Pope Francis has invited all those who work in the field of education at different levels to work out together a global educational pact. The event of May 14, 2020 was then postponed to autumn due to the pandemic. On 15 October 2020 he held a videoconference in which he reminded us that "What is in crisis is our way of conceiving reality is the way we relate to each other". To educate is to bet and to give hope in the present. "Educating is always an act of hope that invites co-participation against indifference and individualism". Today we need an educational pact that involves everyone in an integral path. "It is time to sign a global compact that commits families, communities, schools, universities, institutions, religions and rulers to form mature people." He then invited us not to confuse education with instruction, and asked us to pursue an integral, participatory and multifaceted culture, to undertake paths capable of assuming the current cultural fragmentation, and to speak with the language

of fraternity. As Guanellians we feel called upon to start new transformation paths, aware that "education is above all a matter of the heart". This is an opportunity for those who are engaged in Guanellian Youth Ministry to be other Samaritans and express that we are "all brothers".

The Pope suggests 7 paths for action:

- 1. Let us place the person** with his individuality and potential at the centre of every educational path.
- 2. Let us listen** to the voice of the young.
- 3. Let us encourage** the participation of girls and boys in educational action.
- 4. Let us look** to the family as the first and indispensable educational subject.
- 5. Let us strive** to educate and educate ourselves to welcome.
- 6. Let us commit ourselves** to studying other ways of understanding the economy, politics, progress: they are at the service of man and the entire human family in the perspective of an integral education.

7. Let us preserve and cultivate our common house, protecting it from the exploitation of its resources, adopting more sober lifestyles, and aiming for the complete use of renewable energies that respect the natural environment, respecting the principles of subsidiarity and solidarity of the circular economy.

Finally, let us commit ourselves in our countries to giving life to a Guanellian educational project, based on “giving Bread and Lord”, with reference to our basic

document (PEG - Progetto Educativo Guanelliano). The reference point is the social doctrine of the Church which offers a solid basis for finding ways to take in the current emergency situation. Everyone must be able to receive a quality education. “No one should be left behind on the journey of life”.

"Education - Pope Francis said - is above all a question of love and responsibility". Education is also the way out of these dramatic moments of the pandemic.

Remembering two of our General Superiors who returned to the Father's House

**In this month of December we renew the memory
of two outstanding General Superiors:**



Don Olimpio Giampedraglia (b. il 14.03.1915, d. 05.12.1980), Superior general from 07/09/1970 till 05/12/1980.

Don Pietro Pasquali (b. 09.10.1927, d. 02.12.2018), Superior general from 18/07/1981 till 21/07/1993.



The Guanellian Family is owing very much to both of them. While presenting to the Lord our prayer for their eternal rest, we also thank Him for the continuous support of His Spirit in their service of leading our Congregation.

‘News from the Council’

- ✓ In November 2020, the General Council proposed to all the confreres the **3rd Book of Formation on Mission**, which also includes a “Lectio Divina” on the Advent. The Notebook is followed by corollary topics and the thematic insights can be shared with all the confreres through an e-mail: **formazionepermanente@guanelliani.it** to which Fr Alfonso Crippa, appointed by us to follow the ongoing formation in the online sector, will reply.
- ✓ The Concil then published the **Acts of the Assembly of Guanellian Co-operators** of November 2019 (it will be n.13 of the VITA GUANELLIANA series) and the **Acts of the XX General Chapter** of April 2018.
- ✓ The Concil is carrying out the "regularization" of **absent confreres**. There are 18 confreres.
- ✓ The Council has set up a **National Commission** to deepen the **Reform of the Third Sector** and discuss between the two Italian Provinces on the possibilities we have to join it according to the type of our Houses. Brother Franco was designated to carry out the role of referent of the General Council for this commission. It includes confreres and lay consultants in order to also gather a greater number of useful elements to those who will have to make decisions in this field.
- ✓ Next year will be the **tenth anniversary of the death of Don Domenico Saginario**. We want to publish a booklet (Don Guanella Tascabili) edited by the Guanellian Study Centre with the contribution of Don Nino Minetti (life and family), Don Alfonso Crippa (his spirituality) and Don Luigi De Giambattista (the spirit missionary).
- ✓ **The ASCI Statute was approved in October**. What has relevance to the Third Sector has been included. The number of members of the “board of directors” has been defined (from a minimum of 7 to a maximum of 9 members). The Rome branch has a new headquarters at the Trionfale.
- ✓ **Pro Children Association of Kabul (Pro Bambini di Kabul -PBK)**, Due to the pandemic, the Center was closed but teachers and staff still received salaries. The three Sisters, in any case, remained in contact with the families of the children, trying to help where possible. Now the activities have resumed and the parents have been invited to health and hygiene training

meetings to face with greater awareness the difficulties of contagion due to Covid. Brother Carlo Fondrini is in daily contact with the Sisters in Kabul and with the "factotum," Mr. Atal, to deal with the various practical tasks (Ministries, Banks, etc.). The situation in Afghanistan in general, and in Kabul in particular, is very precarious and there are often reprisals and continuing threats by the Taliban to foreign NGOs. In case of worsening of the situation, the Sisters must be ready to return to their communities of belonging. The last bitter news we have received is that the superior of the Kabul community, Sister Irene Candida Alberto, will have to leave Kabul next March 2021 for a new obedience requested by her Mother General. The concern to find a sister to replace her is involving several Congregations. Let's hope!

✓ On 5th December we commemorated the **40th anniversary of the death of Don Olimpio Giampedraglia**. We are grateful to this confrere for all the spiritual and leadership richness he has offered to our Congregation with his life.

✓ With the letter of the Superior General to the Italian communities (17 September 2020), the phase of raising awareness among the confreres about **the unification of the European communities** began. We have budgeted for two years.

✓ The Superior has appointed Fr Uche Ifesinachi as **Procurator of the Missionary Procura in Germany** from 01.10.2020. He will have to forward the projects of the Congregation to the competent German Solidarity Agencies. To him our best wishes and constant accompaniment in prayer.



Some aspects of animation of the General Councilors

✓ Fr. Nico, as Coordinator of Co-operators, Guanellian Youth and Families, has set up an online meeting to check the MLG. This videoconference was attended by the **MLG** president, Vittore Mariani, the two presidents of the Italian provinces of the GC, Martino Sumerano and Antonio Valentini, and the General Council in order to arrive at new perspectives for implementation or change of course. The secretary general will continue the online dialogue to further discuss the issues put forward and the new paths that are opening up, with the aim of giving a new impetus to MLG.

The **CSG** (Guanellian study centre) has concluded the first stage of online digital cataloguing of its Library in the Ecclesiastical Libraries-Be Web hub of the Italian Episcopal Conference. He intends to complete the publication of Don Guanella's publicist writings, that is, his articles published mainly in the bulletin La Divina Provvidenza, in the next 2021. It continues with the

correction / integration of Luigi Guanella's online correspondence and plans to publish some volumes in the "Don Guanella tascabili" series, dedicated to Don Domenico Saginario and some young Guanellian saints.

✓ Fr Rathinam, as FSMP Referent, promoted and led the meeting with the sisters on the occasion of the presentation of the **Charter of Communion** and continues the dialogue in view of the final draft.

✓ Brother Franco after his period as a **doctor at San Giuseppe** (on the occasion of the pandemic he had a good experience of stable insertion at San Giuseppe); he became deputy health director and foresees a more continuous presence as a doctor in Via Aurelia after experiencing the Covid hospitalization.

✓ As the **ASCI contact person**, Brother Franco paid particular attention to the renewed Regulations, the new council, and also the Foundation. The **PMG** (Guannellian Missionary Presence) is now more focused with clear projects, awareness days in the Houses, and the publication of two leaflets a year. The mission days will be advertised on the leaflet with a schedule of things to do and say at the local level. In the reality of the Children of Kabul, **PBK** (Pro Bambini Kabul) experienced the beauty of the witness of charity and was able to appreciate the precious role of Brother Carlo Fondrini. In the **Health Commission** of the USG (Union of Superiors General) he is working on the "end of life consent", the so-called DAT (Advance Treatment Dispositions).

✓ Fr. Gustavo, as Referent of the **Guadalupe Province** (seven nations), mentions what has been carried out or at least started in these two years: Reorganization of government organs and geographical assets; Closing of the Seminary of Bogotá and reopening of the Seminary of Tapiales; open dialogue for greater collaboration with the FSMP and Co-operators. He also organized with brother Franco as EQUES (Equipe Esercizi Spirituali) the exercises courses for the Guanellian Family.



Program: what you plan to do in the immediate future

✓ **The meeting of all formators**, scheduled for September 2020, could not be organized due to the pandemic and is scheduled, for September 2021. We will define it later.

✓ The formation meeting of superiors held in extraordinary events such as canonization, as an important commitment, is proposed to the provinces so that they can take care of **the formation of superiors** as an involvement in the government service.

✓ The General Council continues, the formation of **perpetual profession** for theological clerics who are preparing for the definitive stages

✓ To Enrich **online formation**: born as an initiative proposed for seminaries, in different languages, we want to restrict this initiative for the “Community Formation”. It would be two conferences online for year. We could begin, on the occasion of the release of the 3rd Formaion Notebook, by presenting the theme of the mission. Those videoconferences will be one videoconference in Portuguese, one in Spanish, one in English and one in French.

✓ At least every three months we should **meet with the provincial councils** through a videoconference.

✓ **Annual retreats**: the plan as to start immediately, expanding the number of participants and possibly doing three for year in Italian and a couple in other countries. Brother Franco and Fr. Gustavo will make a calendar with dates, themes and preachers names.

✓ The agreement with the **Diocese of Santiago de Compostela** has been signed. On 4 September the Bishop of Santiago, Mgr. Julián Barrio gave to Finisterre the availability to begin when the parish priest, already elderly and very ill, will die. The bishop entrusts us with A Pereiriña and Sardiñeiro. Here the brothers would live. It officially began on November 1st with the presentation of the two confreres to the parish community. The residence is called “Don Luigi Guanella” and Fr. John Paul Britto Celestine will be parish priest, assisted by Fr. Arun Selvam Raja who will also act as treasurer.



Return to homeland

✓ **Fr Giancarlo Frigerio** returned from Africa permanently on 12 October and was appointed superior of the Casa dell'Angelo in Genoa (Italy).

✓ **Brother Carlo Fondrini** returned from Nazareth for his holidays and to have a monastic experience with the Benedictines of Dumenza (Italy). He will then return to the Holy Land for a prolonged experience of contemplative life.

- ✓ **Fr Basil Egbujor** returned to Congo, grateful for the years he spent in Rome and for the opportunities for growth he received both in the field of study at the University and in the economic area.

INTERNATIONAL MASS ON DON GUANELLA'S BIRTHDAY

As usual, we will commemorate on the 19th of December the birthday of our Founder. This year, being the 178th anniversary, we want to keep in our hearts the following intentions:

a) For the entire world, facing the dreadful pandemic from coronavirus, that the Lord may safeguard the whole of humankind.

b) For the Congregation of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence, who are waiting for the time to be able to celebrate their General Chapter.

c) For the Pious Union of St. Joseph, in the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as protector of the Church, thanking the Lord for the many great graces received all along this period in favour of the dying.

Where it is possible, we ask to try and keep the usual fixed times, in order to raise our common and unanimous prayer to God.

Intercontinental Mass Time

Ore 8.00 U.S.A., Messico, Guatemala

Ore 9.00 Colombia

Ore 11.00 Argentina, Cile, Paraguay

Ore 12.00 Brasile

Ore 14.00 Ghana

Ore 15.00 Italia, Nigeria, Congo, Polonia, Svizzera, Spagna

Ore 16.00 Romania, Nazareth

Ore 17,00 Tanzania

Ore 19.30 India

Ore 21,00 Vietnam

Ore 22.00 Filippine

Ore (+)1,00 Isole Solomon

News Of The Congregation



News and Events of the Consecration

✓ On the feast day of St. Louis Guanella, 24 October 2020, in the Philosophical and Theological Seminary "House of Providence" in Ibadan, Nigeria, Fr Kelechi Maduforo, Superior of the Vice-Province (Africa), conferred various Ministries to the 6 of our brothers of theology. The candidates for the Lector were: **Ihekuna Vincent Chizoba, Mvuama Théophile Kib'landu, Nwafor Emmanuel Anigbogu, Ugwu Malachi Amaechi**. Candidates for Acolyte: **Iornumbe Stanislaus Sesugh** and **Obiyor Michael Ifeanyichukwu**.

✓ On 24 October 2020 in "Don Guanella Major Seminary", in Chennai (India), Fr Ronald Jesiah, Provincial Superior of the DPP, conferred various ministries to our theological brothers: to **Sesu Raj Philomin Raja** and **Kota Yesu Babu** the Ministry of the Lector; to **Sammanusunathan John Bosco** the Ministry of Acolyte. **Antony Samy Philip Victor** and **Lourdu Samy Jestin Jeromin** made the Declaration of Intent.

✓ On November 12, 2020, Nine Indian Deacons were ordained priests in Poonamallee (Chennai) at "Don Guanella Major Seminary" by the Archbishop of Madras-Mylapore, Mgr. George Antonysamy: **Francis Xavier, Louis Praveen Raj, Marianathan Bosco Yesuraj, Maria Anthuvan Arun David, Murugesan Rajesh Kumar, Packiam Kulandai, Rayappan Solomon Raja, Sebasthiyan Arokia Nathan, Vanathurayer Irudayaraj**.

✓ The first two Romanian postulants in Iași (Romania) entered Probandato on 12 November under the guidance of Fr Kalai. They are two young people from Iași: **Andrea**, 19, originally from Scheia and **Giuseppe**, 21, originally from Horlesti.

✓ Last November 14 in the Parish of Saints Peter and Paul, in Alade in the state of Benue in Nigeria, the priestly ordination of our Deacon **Isaac Terkula Sombu** took place. It was a moment of great joy not only for this confrere but also for the people who participated with great enthusiasm.

✓ **Fr Gabriel Wetch Umfinama Ntenda**, on 21 November 2020 was ordained Saint priest in Kinshasa (Congo), at the parish of St. Mary Help of Christians by Mgr. Carlos Ndaka, auxiliary bishop of Kinshasa. The day after, the Solemnity of Christ the King, there was a Mass of thanksgiving by Fr Gabriel, celebrated in our Seminary with well represented members of the Guanellian Family. At the end, there was a moment of fraternal sharing and celebration, accompanied by performances and dances by our children from the community of Lemba.

✓ Three confreres, **Baya Joseph Vangu, Likita Philimon, Patrick Valentine Chigozie** will be ordained deacons in Ibadan (Nigeria) on December 19, 2020.

✓ **Fr Ivo Ladislau Catani** will celebrate 50 years of priesthood on 19 December. He was ordered in 1970.



In The Father's House



Deceased confreres

- ✓ On 16 October **Don Attilio Molteni** died in Genoa. Don Attilio was superior of the community of Genoa and has been buried in the cemetery of Lurate Caccivio (Como).
- ✓ On 28 October **Don Tonino Gridelli** died in Caidate (Varese). He had celebrated his last Holy Mass with the brothers of Caidate on 21 October and would have celebrated 92 in December 2020. He was buried in the Cemetery of our confreres in Como.
- ✓ On November 20, **Don Mario Cogliati** passed away at the age of 74 in the “Valduce” hospital in Como. He was buried in the cemetery of Olgiate Molgora (LC).



Guanellian Family and Deceased Relatives of the Confreres

- ✓ On October 15, due to haemorrhage (internal bleeding), the Guanellian Co-operator **Egidio Montesi** died in Rome. He was particularly close to “Casa San Giuseppe” on December 24. He was 92 years.
- ✓ In the house of our DSMP sisters in Cosenza (Italy), on October 19, **Sister Margherita Cito** died at the age of 90. She was buried in Ceglie Messapica (BR), her hometown. She had been in our houses in Bari (1983-1985) and Alberobello (1992-1999).
- ✓ **Sister Marisa Roda**, former Vicar General of the FSMP, died in Como-Lora, in the Mother House S. Mary of Providence, November 5, 2020.
- ✓ On November 6, 2020, in Burgos (Spain), at the age of 78, **Mr. Gregorio García García**, brother of our confrere Fr Teo García García, of San Joaquín in Madrid, died.
- ✓ **Mr. Vicente Adlaon**, father of Br. Michael Adlaon, Regent in the community of Sta Barbara, Pangasinan died in the Philippines on November 14, 2020. He was 85 years old and died for a heart attack in the town of Tiwi, Albay, an area devastated by the recent typhoon.
- ✓ **Sister Maria Ligorio** died on November 21, 2020 in the “S. Maria della Provvidenza” in Como-Lora. She was born in Ceglie Messapica (Brindisi) in 1932. From 1976 to 1980 she was Superior and teacher in Alberobello (Bari).
- ✓ In Nigeria on November 11, 2020, in Benue, **Mrs. Hannah Pele**, the grandmother of our Br. Tyotule Thaddeus Tersugh, who is currently doing an internship in the community of Owerri, in the state of Imo, died. Furthermore, our confrere who is attending second year theology in Ibadan, the Br. Vincent Ihekuna lost his father, Mr. Joseph Ihekuna, in Aboh Mbaise on November 15, 2020.
- ✓ On November 17, **Mr. Miguel Blanchoud**, 65 years old, brother of Fr Carlos Blanchoud, died in Buenos Aires (Argentina).
- ✓ On November 22, the feast of Christ the King, at St. Joseph’s House in Tesserete (Switzerland), **Sister Carmen Medici** entered the joy of her Lord. She was then buried in the family cemetery at Morbio Inferiore in Switzerland.

✓ On 4 December in Spezzano Albanese (Italy), at the age of 78, **Mrs. Sirimarco Esterina**, mother of Don Francesco Sposato (Provincia Sacro Cuore).



Other News Of The Congregation



From the General Council

✓ Friday 9 October was the anniversary of the death of **Brother Giovanni Vaccari (1913-1971)**. Forty-nine years have now passed since that tragic afternoon of 9 October 1971, when in a serious road accident our Brother lost his life at the still valid age of 58. His body rests in our church of the Sacred Heart in Barza d'Ispra. The Superior General, Don Umberto Brugnoni, presided a Mass in Barza on 10 October to start the fiftieth anniversary of his death.

✓ **Rome-Pious Union of the Transit of St. Joseph.** The Pious Union established a Commission for the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph Patron of the Church and organized a conference, "a time of reflection and prayer", on 5 and 6 December 2020. The title of the conference was "Get up, take the child and his mother with you (Mt 2:13)".



From the Provinces

✓ **Divine Providence Province.** The new mission in Warangal was inaugurated on 6 October 2020, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Fr John Paul Mathew and Fr Peter Joseph Pillem are part of it. Present at the inauguration were Fr Ronald Jesiah, provincial superior of the DPP and Fr Francis Selva Raj, provincial councilor.

✓ **European delegation.** On Sunday 1 November 2020, the Solemnity of All Saints, the Guanellian presence in Finisterre (Spain) was inaugurated with our Indian Confreres Fr Britto Celestine and Fr Arun Raja. The community will legally and pastorally depend on the European Delegation; economically, however, it will help the communities of the Divine Providence. For now, we have been entrusted with two parishes in the Finisterre area: San Giuliano di Pereiriña and San Giovanni di Sardiñeiro

✓ **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.** After 10 years of waiting, the church dedicated to Our Lady, Mother of Divine Providence, in Rancagua, was inaugurated on November 12, after the building had suffered serious damage during the 2010 earthquake. The church was blessed by the Bishop of Rancagua, Mgr. González, who celebrated the Rite of Dedication in the presence of some authorities and faithful. The parish was erected in April 1968 and handed over to the Congregation of the Servants of Charity to serve the growing population around the traditional Centenary neighbourhood in the northern sector of Rancagua. The old temple has been demolished and now rebuilt again.

✓ **Roman Province.** The parish of Bari (Italy), Maria SS. Addolorata, celebrated its 70th anniversary of its foundation, on 8 December 2020, in the presence of Bishop Francesco Cacucci.

Dates of the next General Council

- * 18-19 January 2021
- * 16-17 February 2021
- * 16-17 March 2021
- * 13-14 April 2021
- * 4-5 May 2021
- * 8-9 June 2021

Wishes From The General Council

“I invite everyone to renewed hope, for hope “speaks to us of something deeply rooted in every human heart, independently of our circumstances and historical conditioning. Hope speaks to us of a thirst, an aspiration, a longing for a life of fulfillment, a desire to achieve great things, things that fill our heart and lift our spirit to lofty realities like truth, goodness and beauty, justice and love... Hope is bold; it can look beyond personal convenience, the petty securities and compensations which limit our horizon, and it can open us up to grand ideals that make life more beautiful and worthwhile”. Let us continue, then, to advance along the paths of hope” (Fratelli Tutti n. 55).



OUR CHRISTMAS WISHES