

## **WORKS OF MERCY *BROTHER ETTORE BOSCHINI: A SAINT, A HISTORY* CLOTHING THE NAKED – HOUSING STRANGERS**



A small book by Natale Benazzi, a theologian and essayist, has recently appeared in the bookshops and it belongs to the context of the theological and pastoral reflections of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The title concerns two of the seven works of corporeal mercy.

A practical exemplification of the daily and consistent practice of these two works of mercy is taken specifically from the human and spiritual history, the history of faith and Camillian consecration, of our religious brother, *Brother Ettore Boschini*.

- [HOUSING PILGRIMS, CLOTHING THE NAKED](#)
- [A MAN AT THE LIMITS](#)
- [A PRAYER OF MERCY FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE A HOMELAND: Our Lady of the World without a Voice](#)

[PDF OF THE COMPLETE TEXT](#)

### **THAILANDIA – SOCIAL CENTER DI SAMPRAN**



On 24-27 April at the St. Camillus Chapel of the Centre of Sampran we celebrated the Easter triduum. We had never witnessed such an attendance at this religious ceremony. Many faithful joined our young men receiving formation and our elderly guests. Each day one of our fathers presided over the services and they truly made the liturgy solemn. On Easter Day we sang a number of songs in Vietnamese and one of the readings was read out in this language because for this occasion a group of more than a hundred Vietnamese lay young people who work in the area joined us. We can say that we experienced an Easter with a Pentecostal scent! We thank the Risen Lord for these moments that were so rich in graces.



On Saturday 1 May 2016 the solemn profession will take place of our religious brother [Paul Supakorn Khantharaksa](#) at the St. Camillus Chapel of the Camillian Social Centre of Sampran.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY

## KENYA

Our Camillian religious brothers of the Delegation of Kenya share their joy at the priestly ordination of four religious! A prayer to Jesus the Good Shepherd that they may always be priests 'according to the heart of God'.

## INVITATION

## REPUBBLICA CENTROAFRICANA



Our religious brother from Togo Fr. Bernard Kinvi who saved 1,500 Muslims is one of the four 'angels' who are candidates for the '*Aurora Prize*.'

He risked his life to save more than 1,500 Muslims. Father Bernard Kinvi, a missionary from Togo in Central Africa, is one of the four finalists for the Aurora Prize, a prize that was established for those who protected the Armenians during the genocide of 1915. Fr. Bernard has been living for four years in the town of Bossemptele, in the north-east of the country.

When in 2013 the brutal civil war began, Central Africa was divided into two parts: on the one side, there were the Muslim rebels of Seleka, on the other, the 'anti-Balaka' Christian militias. This last group had chosen as a target for many months the mission of Bossemptele, looking for Muslims to kill. But Kinvi, a young man of 34, in addition to taking in hundreds of them managed to enable many others to flee across the frontier with neighbouring Cameroon. 'It was not a decision but something that simply happened', observed this missionary to the British newspaper *The Guardian*. Cf. Article: [Father Bernard Kinvi is amongst the finalists for the Aurora Prize](#)

Cf. Article: [THE DRAMA AND WITNESS OF YOUNG CAMILLIAN MISSIONARY HEROES \(L. PESSINI\)](#)

## INDIA

Our religious brothers of India have informed us about the new initiative for the training of health-care personnel in Bangalore. This pathway of training was created in cooperation with the Indian Institute of Pastoral Health Theology (UIIPHT), which is affiliated to the Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore, where a diploma in the theology of pastoral care in health (of a duration of ten months) has been activated. It will start on 1 June 2016 and will last until 31 March 2017.

## DOWNLOAD THE BROCHURE HERE

On the occasion of the Holy Year of Mercy, the Province of India has drawn up an interesting prospectus with a very indicative title: '**Seminars of Study and Prayers are not Enough! We Need to Cultivate a New Heart and Engage in Works of Mercy: Things that we can do as Individuals and as a Community**'.

## READ HERE THE PROGRAMME IN ENGLISH

## **TAIWAN**

On Thursday 24 March, Easter Thursday, Fr. Matteo Kao, Fr. Felice Chech, Fr. Jacob Wong and Fr. Giuseppe Didoné took part in the Chrism Mass in the cathedral of Taipei, together with over 300 priests and religious.

On 28 March to 2 April, our Italian speaking religious brothers took part in the traditional week of spiritual exercises preached by Don Paolo Costa, an Italian priest of the fraternity of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo.

Every year on 5 April, the day when spring begins, death is celebrated in China. Death here is seen as a spring, as the beginning of a new life in heaven.

Every year, after the second Sunday of Easter, the annual meeting of the major Superiors of Taiwan takes place. In Taiwan there are 35 male Congregations and 65 female Congregations. This meeting concentrated on the subject of Mercy.

## **PHOTOGALLERY**

### **THE DELEGATION OF THE USA**



On 14 April the ceremony took place for the blessing and the inauguration of the area for the expansion of the St Camillus Health Care System of Milwaukee.

‘The work that we are beginning today is our humble effort to continue the mission of St. Camillus who during the whole of the course of his life committed himself to, and engaged in, service to the sick and those most in need! These were the words of Fr. Pedro Tramontin, the Camillian Delegate in the USA. Each time that we take an interest, that we are

concerned about our next-door neighbour and our community, we are specifically authentic co-workers of God’.

The institution will be dedicated to receiving, accommodating and caring for ‘elderly’ religious of the Order of Jesuits which financed this work and has for years shared with us this form of cooperation and the assistance provided by its priests and brothers.

### **THE PROVINCE OF SICILY AND NAPLES**

We share the joy of Fr. Vincenzo Li Calsi who on 6 April 2016, at the Pontifical Urbanian University, Rome, discussed his doctoral thesis on the prophet Habakkuk.

## **THE POSTER**

### **The Promotion of Vocations**

For about fifteen days – after the first stage of between January and February – the vocational experience of *Come and See* for young men engaging in vocational discernment began once again. This is an experience engaged in with the Camillian community of Acireale-Mangano in Sicily and is an initiative of the Province of Sicily and Naples. The aim of this experience is to open the doors of its own ministry and life in common to those who ask whether they have a vocation and are attracted by the charism of mercy of Camillian religious. It will involve fraternal life, prayer, communal and personal exploration of the ‘vocational question’, nearness to, and service for, the sick and the suffering, until September, with in view a final stage between June and July of next year.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY

### *Monte di Macchia S. Angelo – Valle dell’inferno*

The town council of San Giovanni Rotondo has dedicated its town park to our Founder, St. Camillus de Lellis.

## [READ HERE THE ARTICLE BY FR. ROSARIO MESSINA](#)

## PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY

### MADRID EXCHANGE

**The international meeting of the directors of Camillian centres for pastoral care in health and Camillian universities** took place on 21-24 April at the *Centro di Umanizzazione della Salute di Tres Cantos* (Madrid). The aim of this meeting was to establish and strengthen cooperation between centres for formation and universities of a Camillian character to promote health and the protection of the right to access to care.

***Message of the Superior General to the Directors of Camillian Centres for Pastoral Care in Health, Universities, the Camillianum and Camillian Medical Doctors*** [ITALIAN/ ENGLISH/ PORTUGUESE](#)

### HAITI



Maria Hajnalka Bakó, the secretary of the central committee of the *Lay Camillian Family*, has sent us photographs off the World Day of the Sick as celebrated in our Camillian communities of Haiti.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY

### BRAZIL

[Download here the programme](#) of the Pan-American Meeting on Ongoing Formation which will be held in San Paolo, Brazil, on 27-30 June 2016.

On 10 April the *São Camilo de Lellis* Parish, which is located in the neighbourhood of Usina of Rio de Janeiro, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its presence and activity since its foundation. The celebration was presided over by Msgr. Luiz Henriques, the Auxiliary Bishop of Rio de Janeiro, and by our Camillian religious brothers Fr. José Patrício de Souza, the parish vicar, and Fr. Fábio Eduardo Pinto, who has been the parish priest since 2013. The celebration took place in an atmosphere of joy and festiveness, with a significant presence of parishioners and guests, amongst whom Fr. Amândio, the first parish priest of the parish (from 1966 onwards). During the celebration a plaque to commemorate this important achievement was unveiled.

## AUSTRIA

Fr. Alberto Marques de Sousa MI has been appointed Rector of the General Hospital (AKH), in the ninth district of Vienna, from 1 March.

Fr. Binoy Thakidipurath MI has been appointed Rector of the Chaplaincy of the Most Holy Trinity, from 1 February.

Fr. Julien Slanon MI has been appointed chaplain of the Hietzing Hospital of the neurological centre of Vienna, from 1 February.

## DELAGAZIONE CAMILLIANA IN CILE

Pietro Magliozzi insieme a Patriacia Wuïroz, dal 13 al 17 di aprile, ha organizzato una **missione camilliana a Pucón**, una piccola città della nona regione del Cile, la Regione dei laghi. Sul sito <http://www.camilianos.cl/> le foto e il programma della attività

## MADAGASCAR



We hereby share with you pictures of the *Via Crucis* in Ilena-Fianarantsoa (Madagascar) which went to the top of the hill where there is a tower of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Salus Infirmorum*.

### PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY

Fr. Albert has also sent us pictures of the celebration of the World Day of the Sick which was celebrated in the forest. The village of Irena was chosen by the association ADES because of its role in protecting the

environment

### PHOTOGRAPHIC GALLERY

## MESSAGE OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL [ITALIANO](#)/ [FRANCESE](#)

## THE PROVINCE OF NORTH ITALY

The Provincial Secretariat for Ministry organised two days of formation on 11-12 April at our house of spirituality in Rossano Veneto (**Mottinello**). This meeting has by now become a tradition. These two days were open to all the religious and those who work with them, both in our various chaplaincies and in our active institutions. [Download the programme here](#)

We also offer you the extensive programme of **proposals for ongoing formation** which was drawn up by a special provincial committee within the context of the Jubilee Year of Mercy for the year 2016 (courses of spiritual exercises, Bible weekends, formation meetings, important Church jubilee events...).

## **THE COMPLETE BROCHURE**

### **PROVINCIA ROMANA**

Venerdì 15 aprile i confratelli della provincia romana hanno celebrato il **Giubileo della Misericordia** insieme ai malati e al personale sanitario dell'Ospedale San Giovanni-Addolorata di Roma.

### **GALLERIA FOTOGRAFICA**

**From the CTF (*the Camillian Task Force*) to the CADIS (*the Camillian Disaster Service International*)**

*Towards a new development of the Camillian ministry in emergencies*

### **Cf. THOUGHTS OF THE GENERAL CONSULTOR FOR MINISTRY**

### **ROME – the Generalate House**

On Friday 8 April, Fr. Luciano Sandrin, a Camillian religious (and lecturer at the *Camillianum* and the Pontifical Gregorian University), animated the discussion about the *lectio divina* at the Church of St. Mary of the Carmelite religious in Traspontina (near to the Vatican) starting with the suggestion offered by Psalm 30/29:1-13: ***'I cried out and you healed me'***.

**[A SUMMARY OF THE LECTIO DIVINA CAN BE DOWNLOADED HERE.](#)**

### **THE JUBILEE YEAR - ROME – THE RECTORY CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE**

The **U.N.I.T.A.L.S.I.** at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene

On Friday 15 April, about forty members of groups of medical doctors, nurses and physiotherapists of the **U.N.I.T.A.L.S.I. (*the Italian National Union for the Transport of Sick People to Lourdes and International Sanctuaries*)**, section of the North and Centre of Italy) took part in an evening pilgrimage (with a 'Camillian' catechesis, prayers and a revisiting of the spirituality of mercy of St. Camillus), visiting the expressions of aesthetic beauty of the Church of *St. Mary Magdalene* and the adjoining museum which conserves the memory of St. Camillus. This was a moment of formation in preparation for the ***Jubilee of the Sick and Disabled*** (10-12 Jun 2016) which will be celebrated in the Vatican within the context of the Holy Year of Mercy.

### **The '*Heart of St. Camillus*' at the 'Umberto I' Polyclinic of Rome**

The relic of the heart of St. Camillus on 12 May will be welcomed at the hospital and university chaplaincy of the Faculty of Medicine of the large 'Umberto I' Polyclinic of Rome. The initiative was born in cooperation with the Daughters of St. Camillus and the men religious who with passion



animate the study and scientific training of the young medical doctors of this Roman university. Its context is the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

### ***Mary Salus Infirmorum* on 12 June 2016 in St. Peter's Square**

**On 10-12 June 2016, Pope Francis will celebrate in Rome the Jubilee of the Sick and the Disabled**, sensitising all those who experience illness and cultivate the sensibility of providing care. The event will witness the participation of many faithful from all over the world.

**On Sunday 12 June, the venerated picture of Our Lady *Salus Infirmorum*, which has been kept for centuries at our Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Campo Marzio in Rome, will be on view in St. Peter's Square during the celebration of the Eucharist presided over by the Holy Father.** In the intentions of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation which recently sent the request to us, the veneration of this Marian icon invokes the mercy of God expressed through the tenderness of Mary, which has been cultivated and spread by Camillian religious since the beginning of the foundation of the Order specifically according to the spirit of St. Camillus.

### **THE CAMILLIANS AND OUR LADY OF HEALTH**

### **OUR LADY OF HEALTH – HISTORICAL REFERENCES PDF**

### **THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF THE JUBILEE OF THE SICK AND THE DISABLED– Rome 10-12 JUNE2016**

### **ROME – THE COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE OF THE ORDER**

Since 15 April 2016, the new web site of the Order has been online: [www.camilliani.org](http://www.camilliani.org). In it emphasis is given above all to 'news' about and 'pictures' of our Camillian lives. We await your suggestions to improve it and enrich it. We await, above all else, news and curiosities from your communities and your fields of ministry!

### **ROMA - CAMILLIANUM**

We would like to draw attention to the publication of the review *Camillianum* for the third quarter, year XV, number 45. Amongst the articles that can be read in this number, we may observe that there are texts connected with the inauguration of the academic year 2015-2016 as well as the proceedings of the conference that was held on 4 December 2015 entitled 'The Alliance between the Generations in an Ageing Society. The Camillian Community Poses Questions to Itself'. Also in this edition an article on the history of the Camillians by F. Felice Ruffini entitled 'Domenica 8 dicembre 1591: Camillo e i compagni fanno la professione solenne' ('Sunday 8 December 1591: Camillus and his Companions Make their Solemn Profession').

### **FAMIGLIA CAMILLIANA LAICA**

La Commissione Centrale della FCL (Marie-Christine Brocherieux, Anita Ennis, Giosué Sparacino e Maria Hajnalka Bakó) si riunirà alla Maddalena, a Roma, dal 20 al 22 maggio, per la sessione di riflessione sulle sfide e sui programmi di sviluppo dell'Associazione stessa.

### **SUGGERIMENTI EDITORIALE**

We would like to draw your attention to the article written by **Fr. Leocir Pessini** that was published in the review *Bioetica* (n. 8/9 April 2016) entitled *Vida e morte na UTI: a ética no fio da navalha*.

In the near future the publishing house *Rubbettino* will publish *San Camillo de Lellis e i suoi amici. Ordini religiosi e arte tra Barocco e Rinascimento* ('St. Camillus de Lellis and his Friends. Religious Orders and Art between the Renaissance and the Baroque') edited by Fr. Eugenio Saporì and Prof. Lydia Salviucci Insolera. The volume forms a part of the series *Collana di Storia dell'Ordine di San Camillo* directed by Prof. Andrea Ciampani

From the introduction by **Lydia Salviucci Insolera** (of the Pontifical Gregorian University):

On 22-23 October 2013 a conference on 'St. Camillus and his friends. Religious Orders and Art between the Renaissance and the Baroque' took place at the generalate house of the Ministers of the Sick (Camillians) in the historic heart of the city of Rome.

The idea of such a conference was to analyse the points of contact in the artistic world of the Renaissance and the Baroque between the various religious Orders that were in Rome and between their respective houses outside Rome, having, however, as a central reference point St. Camillus de Lellis and the Camillian religious. From the outset, this project was favourably received by the Camillian Eugenio Saporì who had the idea of proposing it as a special cultural initiative to be placed within the framework of the celebrations for the fourth centenary of the death of St. Camillus de Lellis – 1614-2014.

During the two days of this conference an attempt was made to probe the relationship between the various forms of spirituality of the religious Orders and art, with reference to their mutual influences as well. An analysis was engaged in of the application of the charism of each Order to this area on the basis of their respective commissions in the field of architecture and the figurative arts. An attempt was thus made to assess the connections, the divergences, and the choices of similar or opposing styles. All of this, however, was placed within the constant and circular discourse which marked the relationships of friendship and spiritual sharing of the various religious Orders which were protagonists of the Church between the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in Rome – the Capuchins, Jesuits, Oratorians, Theatines, Carmelites, etc. There thus emerged the charismatic personalities of the great saints of the epoch who were friends: one need only think of St. Camillus de Lellis himself who was a friend of St. Philip Neri, who in his turn was a friend of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Through the numerous papers of the various speakers who were from important Italian and foreign universities and institutions, it was possible to reconstruct an initial accurate outline of the direct and indirect contacts of the various religious Orders with St. Camillus de Lellis, although allowing ample space was also given to an exploration of the specific commissions of the Camillian religious.

On Wednesday 18 May in hall n. C008 of the Pontifical Gregorian University, Piazza della Pilotta 4, there will be the launch of this volume. The following will speak: Roberto Regoli, Director of the Department of History, Faculty of the History and the Cultural Heritage of the Church, and Marco Bussagli of the Academy of Fine Arts of Rome. The chairman will be Nuno da Silva Gonçalves S.J., Dean of the Faculty of the History and the Cultural Heritage of the Church.

## **DIARY OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL AND THE GENERAL CONSULTA**

**On 8-19 March 2016**, Fr. Leocir together with Fr. Laurent Zoungwana, the Vicar General, met our religious brothers of the Camillian communities of *Madagascar, the Central African Republic and the Ivory Coast*.



**MESSAGGI DEL SUPERIORE GENERALE E DEL VICARIO GENERALE ALLE  
COMUNITÀ IN COSTA D'AVORIO [ITALIANO/ FRANCESE](#) GALLERIA  
FOTOGRAFICA**

**MESSAGGI DEL SUPERIORE GENERALE E DEL VICARIO GENERALE ALLE  
COMUNITÀ A BOSSEMTÉLÉ [ITALIANO/ FRANCESE](#) GALLERIA FOTOGRAFICA**

*On Friday 1 April and Saturday 2 April*, Fr. Leocir together with Fr. Laurent Zoungrana, the Vicar General, met our religious brothers of the Camillian community from Burkina Faso in Florence.

**MESSAGGI DEL SUPERIORE GENERALE E DEL VICARIO GENERALE ALLA  
COMUNITÀ CAMILLIANA BURKINABÈ DI FIRENZE [ITALIANO/ INGLESE](#)**

*On 4-13 April 2016*, the Superior General together with Fr. Laurent Zoungrana, the Vicar General, met the communities and our religious brothers of the *Province of France*.

*On 6-13 April*, Fr. Aris Miranda was in Nepal, which was struck by a terrible earthquake over a year ago, to assess the development of the aid and support-providing projects of the Camillian Task Force, which have the cooperation above all else of our religious brothers of India. These projects are for some of the communities that were most damaged by the earthquake and its devastating side effects.

*On 15-17 April 2016*, Fr. Leocir together with Fr. Laurent Zoungrana, the Vicar General, will visit our religious brothers of the Camillian communities of Anglophone Africa: *Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda*.

*On 1-25 May*, the Superior General together with the members of the General Consulta Fr. Aris Miranda, Br. José Ignacio Santaolalla and Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon, will make a canonical visit to our religious brothers of Brazil.

## **DECEASED RELIGIOUS**

*‘See, now they vanish, the faces and places, with the self which, as it could, loved them. To become renewed, transfigured, in another pattern’ (T.S. Eliot)*

The community of the Daughters of St. Camillus have announced the death of their religious sister *Sr. Flora Rizzetto*, who died on 6 April in the House of Cremona/Clinic of the Daughters of St. Camillus at the age of 98, after 74 years of religious consecration, and of *Sr. Leonor Perez* who died on 15 April 2016, in the House of Arguello, in Argentina.

*‘Now they live in Christ whom they met in the Church, followed in our vocation, and served in the sick and the suffering. Trusting that the Lord, the Holy Virgin our Queen, St. Camillus, the Blessed Luigi Tezza and the Blessed Giuseppina Vannini, and our deceased religious brothers and sisters, will welcome them in their midst, we commend them in our prayers, remembering them with affection, esteem and gratitude’.*

## **THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY**

**[PREGHIERA DEL GIUBILEO IN LINGUA](#)**