

Newsletter N. 50 – The Camillian World Seen from Rome...and Rome seen from the world

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT CAMILLUS DE LELLIS – 14 July 2018 SHARED MESSAGE TO

The men Camillians – the Daughters of St. Camillus – the women Ministers of the Sick – the Handmaidens of the Incarnation – the women Missionaries of the Sick ‘Christ the Hope’

THERE IS ONLY ONE SADNESS IN LIFE: THAT OF NOT BEING SAINTS!

Joy, holiness and the beatitude of mercy

We become holy by living the *beatitudes*: if we really start from the contemplation of Christ, we have to know how to perceive him above all else in the faces of those with whom he himself wanted to identify. The text of *Matthew 25:35-36* is not a simple invitation to charity: it is a charismatic and prophetic page that projects a beam of light on the mystery of Christ and on the mystery of man.

We can all become holy because the Church has always taught that this a universal call and a call that is possible for everyone. This is demonstrated by the many *saints that live next door*. A life of holiness is closely connected to a life of mercy, the ‘key to heaven’. Therefore, holy are those who know how to be moved (cf. Lk 15:20) and to move (cf. Lk 10:33) in order to help those who are in abject poverty and heal such poverty; those who step away from the elocubrations of rhetorical relational forms which are always present; and those who in an accelerated and aggressive world ‘are joyful and full of good humour. Though completely realistic, they radiate a positive and hopeful spirit’.^[1]

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THE WORLD CONGRESS OF BIOETHICS



By Fr. Leocir Pessini

The fourteenth world congress on bioethics, envisaged for 5-7 December 2018 in Bangalore in India, will have as its subject: ‘Health for all in an Unequal World: the Obligations of Global Bioethics’. This congress will be held at the St. John’s National Academy of the Health Sciences in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India. Bengaluru is known as a leading city in information technology and is

seen as the Silicon Valley of India.

The world congress on bioethics, organised by the International Bioethics Association (IAB), was held for the first time in 1992 (in Amsterdam) to facilitate contacts and the exchange of information amongst those who study bioethics in various parts of the world; to organise and promote international conferences on bioethics; to encourage the development of research and the teaching of bioethics; and to assure the value of free, open and informed discussion of these questions and issues. The objective remains that of pursuing these objectives by creating opportunities and spaces

for bioethicists, so that they meet each other, connect with each other, and exchange ideas, in particular during the two-yearly world congresses.

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The First Brazilian Congress of the ‘Brazilian Association of Catholic Health-Care Institutions’ (ABICS)



For the first time in the history of Brazil, the various Catholic bodies that manage health-care institutions came together for an event centred around a discussion of questions connected with this field, worried by the problem of survival, of sustainability and of mission in this sector. On 16-18 July 2018, under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Rio de Janeiro (RJ), the first Brazilian congress of Catholic health-care institutions was took place.

This event tried to integrate and strengthen Catholic health-care institutions in Brazil, creating good opportunities for the exchange of knowledge and formulating proposals for the sustainability and high quality of their management, without, however, abandoning the primary objective of keeping strong the mission of care for those most in need. This event witnessed the participation of over 400 representatives involved in the management of Catholic health-care institutions in Brazil; the religious and directors of these organisations. An attempt was made to unite their forces to set in motion a collegial process in order to make Catholic health-care institutions increasingly integrated, sustainable and in line with Christian and gospel values.

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The International Congress of Moral Theology at Sarajevo



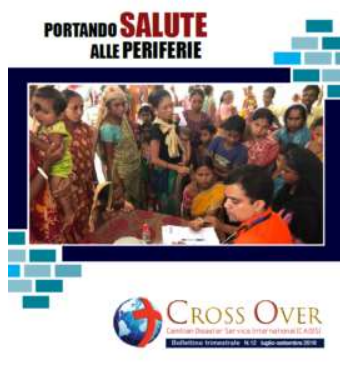
Over five hundred moral theologians and bioethicists will meet on 26-29 July 2018 in Sarajevo, the capital city of Bosnia-Herzegovina, for their third international conference. The subject of the congress will be *‘A Critical Moment for the Construction of Bridges: Catholic Theological Ethics Today’*.

This initiative to bring from all parts of the world moral theologians and academics dedicated to the study and the teaching of ethics and bioethics in the Catholic Church has been coordinated by a group of North American scholars of morality who constitute an important global network of contacts and exchanges of experiences with scholars of morality, ethic and bioethics in the five continents of the world. This organisation (or movement) is called *‘Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church’* (hereafter CTEWC) and it is coordinated by Fr. James Keenan, an American Jesuit religious, of Boston College.

The CTEWC has already organised two international congresses. The first was held in Padua (Italy) in 2006, with 400 delegates from 54 countries, and it addressed the subject: '*Catholic Theological Ethics in the Global Context. The First Intercultural Conference on Catholic Theological Ethics*'. In 2010 in Trento (Italy) the second international conference took place, in which 600 participants from 72 countries took part and it addressed the general subject: '*Catholic Theological Ethics: Past, Present and Future*'.

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ROME – the CADIS Foundation



The bulletin *Cross Over* n. 12 of the *CADIS* Foundation with interesting articles and the report on projects carried out during the year 2017.

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THE PROVINCE of BRAZIL



In the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese of Joaçaba, Msgr. Mário Marquez, of the Superior General of the Order, Fr. Leocir Pessini, of the Provincial Superior Fr. Antonio Mendes Freitas, and of Camillians, Franciscans and various diocesan priests, on Saturday 7 July 2018 the blessing took place of the new Camillian religious community of **Concórdia** – SC (Brazil) which is named after St. Camillus. Its first Superior, Fr. Americo Pinho de Cristo, took possession of it at the same time.

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The PROVINCE of SICILY and NAPLES



On Sunday 8 July 2018 the Camillian mission in seven parish communities of Acireale (Catania) commenced. Fifty missionaries (members of the great Camillian charismatic family) are ready to proclaim the joy of service in the name of St. Camillus.



In the cathedral basilica of Acireale the Camillian 'parish' missionaries received their missionary mandate and a red cross from His Eminence Cardinal Paolo Romeo, the Archbishop Emeritus of Palermo.



On Monday 16 July 2018 there took place the perpetual profession of our confrere Dario Giuseppe Malizia in the courtyard of the St. Camillus Welcome Centre of Acireale. The Provincial Superior Fr. Rosario Mauriello presided over the celebration.

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The DELEGATION in UGANDA



On 7 July 2018 our Ugandan Camillian religious ***Bisoborwa Acheleo*** was consecrated a priest in Hoima (Uganda). The following Sunday he presided over his first solemn Holy Mass.

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THE PROVINCE of ROME



The Inauguration of the *Casa Soggiorno al Mare* of the 'Villaggio Litta di Grottaferrata'. Photography service by Walter Vinci.

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The COMMUNITY in CHILE



On Sunday 8 July the Chilean Camillian religious ***Basil Frederick Graham DERKER GAETE*** made his perpetual profession at our community of San Bernardo (Santiago del Chile) in the presence of the Provincial Superior, Fr. Antonio Marzano.

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ROME – The Church of St. Mary Magdalene The Torch of Charity



The 2018 edition of the Association of the 'Torch of Charity' was celebrated in Rome at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

During the celebration of the Eucharist, the oil used for the 'Torch of Charity' was presented so that it could be blessed before being taken to the St. Camillus Sanctuary in Bucchianico, the birthplace of the patron saint of military health care and of the auxiliary military health-care services of the armed forces.

This was a solemn act that symbolised a renewed wish to nourish the flame of the 'Torch of Charity' which is an expression of faith and of love for the suffering Christ whom our Saint of Charity saw in sick people, in the poor, in the needy and in the abandoned.

The following were present: the Secretary of the 'Torch of Charity' Association, Father Sergio Palumbo; the Rector of the Sanctuary of Buccianico, Father Cristoforo Trebzi; the Mayor of Buccianico, Dr. Gianluca De Leonardis; and the Mayor of Fara Filorum Petri who, together with the High Command of the Agro-Food Forestry Carabinieri of Rome, this year offered the oil for the torch that constantly burns in the crypt of the Sanctuary of Buccianico.

ROME – The Church of St. Mary Magdalene



The Feast Day of St. Camillus

On this day the celebration of the Eucharist was presided over by His Excellency Msgr. Paolo Ricciardi, the auxiliary bishop and head of pastoral care in health of the diocese of Rome.

Msgr. Ricciardi said: “in only tending to the wounds of others, Camillus realised that there had always been someone who had tended to his wounds!...the work of Camillus came from God who used his troubled youth

for His purposes!”

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BUCCHIANICO



Opening of the Jubilee of the Sanctuary (6 July 2018-6 July 2019).

With joy we share with all of you the account of the celebration of Sunday 1 July 2018, which opened this new year of the Jubilee and Indulgence of the Sanctuary of St. Camillus of Buccianico.

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The VICE-PROVINCE of PERU



Hogar San Camilo – Boletín mensual number 7
year 2018 (July 2018)

The VICE-PROVINCE of BENIN-TOGO

From left to right: Akpegnon Romeo Mawulolo, Gatiglo Théodore, Dandonuogbo Dimitri Armand



The Superior General has admitted to the perpetual profession of religious vows three temporary professed of the Vice-Province of Benin-Togo:

Gatiglo Théodore

Dandonuogbo Dimitri Armand

Akpegnon Romeo Mawulolo

The PROVINCE of INDIA



The Camillian Disaster Service India;
the Camillian Disaster Service International

Assam is once again submerged and abandoned, a situation that occurs every year and afflicts the whole of the population. Year after year we witness a constant loss of human lives, damage to crops and the loss of livestock and wild fauna. Flooding in Assam is such a regular event that almost nobody pays attention to it. The State of Assam is often devastated by the fury of the powerful River Brahmaputra and its tributaries which causes unspeakable human misery and

indescribable natural devastations. The recent floods in the State have been a severe blow to the people and the State as a whole.

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The PROVINCE OF BURKINA FASO



Lazare Yelyaore: ‘on the eve of the feast day of St. Camillus our beloved founder, I communicate with joy the publication of my book *Salute e pastorale sanante* (‘Health and Healing Pastoral Care’), published by La Croix. It was published in France with a preface by Msgr. Gian Carlo, the Archbishop of Ferrara–Comacchio’.



On 30 July 2018 Fr. Lazare Yelyaore, a Camillian religious of the Province of Burkina Faso, will defend his doctoral thesis at the ‘Camillianum’ of Rome. Its title is: ‘*Santé et développement. Perspectives théologico-pastorales pour le Burkina Faso à la lumière de l’enseignement social de Jean-Paul II et de Benoît XVI*’.



On Saturday 7 July 2018 the Camillian religious Nestor Badolo and Martinien Tapsoba of the Camillian Province of Burkina Faso were ordained priests in the cathedral of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso).

The DELEGATION in KENYA



Seven new Camillian novices: two Kenyans, five Ugandans, with their teacher, Fr. Paolo Guarise, Karungu (Kenya).

The DELEGATION in INDONESIA



‘At Maumere on the Island of Flores for this occasion there came together at the celebrations of the Camillian community the Provincial Superior, Father Jose Eloja, together with the Provincial Vicar, Father Rodel Enriquez, from the Philippines, and Father Giovanni Contarin and Father Peter from Thailand’, the Camillian, Father Mustaq Anjum, told Fides.

On this day ten young men began their postulates and another six joined the novitiate, offering their commitment to

Christ in the footsteps of St. Camillus and following his teachings in serving the sick, even at the risk to their own lives.

The Camillian mission on the Island of Flores was began in 2010 by Fr. Luigi Galvani, together with local Indonesian Camillians. ‘Women religious, families, friends, relatives and visitors of the seminarians, in all over four hundred people, took part in the celebration of the Eucharist presided over by Fr. Luigi and concelebrated by sixteen priests of various Congregations’, Fr. Mushtaq declared.

‘The annual celebration of the feast day of St. Camillus reminds us that Camillians undertake to serve the sick. We pray that every Camillian ‘puts more heart in those hands’ so that they can serve Christ and the sick in a more loving and compassionate way’, were the final words of this missionary (source: Agenzia Fides).

CLARIFICATION: The ‘Saint Camillus International University of Health Sciences’ does not belong to, and is not managed by, the Camillians



In order to avoid doubts or confusion on the part of public opinion, and responding to numerous questions by people who have asked for news and clarifications about the birth in Rome of a Faculty of Medicine and Surgery called the ‘Saint Camillus International University of Health Sciences’ and already re-baptised ‘UniCamillus’,

the generalate house of the Order of the Regular Clerics Ministers of the Sick (Camillian Religious)

WISHES TO SPECIFY

that this Religious Order, through its generalate house, its Province of Rome and every other entity of which it is composed, at the present time has no connection with this new academic institution.

The Order of Camillians, together with the religious who at the outset took part in this project, in February 2013 completely withdrew from the *Fondazione Camilliana Progetto Salute* ('Camillian Foundation Project Health' which from that moment changed its name to *Fondazione Progetto Salute* ('Foundation Project Health').

While emphasising its extraneousness to this initiative, the Order of Camillians wishes the '*Saint Camillus International University of Health Sciences*' all good fortune.

Rome, 5 July 2018

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF ANY DISASTER

For all the victims of disasters, for the persons who lost their lives, for their dear ones, for all survivors, and for all those responding to emergencies, we pray:

Heavenly Father, who created and protected every existence, You know all our sorrows and sufferings. May all those victims of disasters be received in your peace. Receive us in your mercy as we pray all our brothers and sisters who had been buried by the forces precipitated by nature. Bring them to your home. Console the pains of the many families; wipe out the tears of our brothers and sisters;

protect the solitude of the many orphans.

Fill us with your courage so that the pain will become a path of growth and hope. Awaken the hearts of all Christians and of men and women of goodwill, who desire to commit themselves so that the wounds of those who suffer from these calamities will experience the comfort of fraternal solidarity,

You who lives and reigns forever and ever.

AMEN.

Our Father, the Hail Mary, Gloria