

NEWSLETTER 59 - MAY 2019

COVER: 'The Dream of St. Camillus' (at the centre) by the Veronese painter Antonio Gonzato was fulfilled in the life of the Blessed Camillian **Enrico Rebuschini** (liturgical memorial 10 May); in the life of the Blessed **Maria Domenica Brun Barbantini** (founder of the women Ministers of the Sick of St. Camillus, liturgical memorial 22 May); in the history of the Blessed **Giuseppina Vannini** (founder, with the Blessed Camillian **Luigi Tezza**, of the Daughters of St. Camillus), in relation to whom Pope Francis in recent days authorised the promulgation of the decree on the miracle attributed to her intercession; in the witness of the **Camillian religious who have been martyrs to charity** and whom we commemorate on 25 May, which is also the birthday of St. Camillus; and in the faith in, and the devotion to, the **heart of St. Camillus** – which in recent months has come back from an extraordinary pilgrimage in Asia – of the faithful of the Philippines (on the right) and Indonesia (on the left),

SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION



On May 21st, Father Wojciech Weglicki and Father Jacek Mond from the Polish province celebrated the silver jubilee of priestly ordination. At present, both religious serve in the same community in Zabrze. Father Wojciech is the superior and pastor of the big parish and Father Jacek is a chaplain in the transplantation clinic.

The solemn dinner was attended by the auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Gliwice, the provincial of the Camillians, numerous confreres and diocesan clergy from Zabrze. Father Provincial thanked the jubilates for their ministry and wished them to continue to be faithful witnesses of Christ in the modern world.

CONVEGNO DEGLI AMMINISTRATORI E DEI DIRETTORI DELLE OPERE CAMILLIANE



São Paulo, Brasile, 15-20 settembre 2019

Tema: AMMINISTRARE BENE, PER SERVIRE MEGLIO

Organizzato da: Segretariati Generali della Missione e Ministero e Provincia Camilliana Brasiliana

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THE DELEGATION IN TAIWAN



The Camillians since their arrival in Taiwan in 1952, took care in a special way of the aborigines that were the poorest in Taiwan. To day in Hanshi, an aboriginal church, a new center of physiotherapy has been open by St. Mary's, to help the old people there



At the center of St/Mary's in Lotung, there is a beautiful statue of our Blessed Mother. During the month of May, we recite the rosary in front of the statue, and there is one day when the personnel offers flower to our Blessed Mother

On 22-27 April Fr. Giuseppe Lechthaler (the Superior of the Camillian hospital chaplaincy of Padua), accompanied by the Camillian Fr. Mario Cattaneo, preached spiritual exercises to the Italian Camillian religious who live and work in Taiwan.

On 29 April Fr. Giuseppe Didonè took part in the annual meeting of the major Superiors of the Institutes of consecrated life that are present in Taiwan. Over forty religious Congregations for men and sixty religious Congregations for women took part in this event.



On 1 May a group of women nurses from Thailand, accompanied by the Camillian religious Fr. Paul Cherdchai, arrived in Taiwan for a stay of four days. With a view to creating a hospice at our Camillian Hospital in Bangkok, they visited a number of hospices in Taiwan where care is provided to the terminally ill.

On 3 May, 130 women nurses and 48 men nurses received their diplomas at our nursing school: the ceremony was accompanied by the traditional bestowal of the 'mortarboard'.

On 8 May some wards of new geriatrics were inaugurated our *St. Mary's Hospital*.

On 10 May there was great party for workers, women nurses and mothers at our *St. Mary's Hospital*.

The international day of nurses was celebrated at Taipei. One of our women nurses who works with us at our *St. Mary's Hospital* received a prize as a 'model nurse' from the hands of the President of the Republic of Taiwan

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DAUGHTERS OF ST. CAMILLUS



Pope Francis has promulgated the decree on the miracle of the Blessed Giuseppina Vannini

On 13 May 2019 the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Most Reverend Eminence Cardinal Angelo Becciu, the Prefect of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints. During the audience the Supreme Pontiff authorised this Congregation to promulgate the decree on the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Giuseppina Vannini

(born Giuditta Adelaide Agata), the founder of the Daughters of St. Camillus. She was born in Rome (Italy) on 7 July 1859 and died in Rome on 23 February 1911.

MOTHER GIUSEPPINA VANNINI WILL BE A SAINT. THE WORDS OF THE POSTULATOR

The Congregation of the Causes of Saints has been authorised by the Pope to promulgate the decree on the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Giuseppina Vannini. The founder of the Daughters of St. Camillus will soon be a saint. She was born in the second half of the nineteenth century in Rome where there is now a hospital that bears her name. Article by Francesco Durante

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THE PROVINCE OF THE PHILIPPINES



Pellegrinaggio della reliquia del cuore di San Camillo

(Omelia pronunciata da p. Michael G. Gimena, religioso camilliano, in occasione della visita della reliquia del cuore di San Camillo presso l'ospedale regionale di Bicol, Legazpi City)

Siamo qui riuniti, oggi, attorno al Signore Gesù, per riverire e per pregare davanti al cuore di san Camillo de Lellis, protettore universale degli

ammalati, degli ospedali e degli operatori sanitari. Nel corso degli anni, questo cuore è stato venerato presso il cubiculum della casa madre dei camilliani, attigua alla chiesa di santa Maria

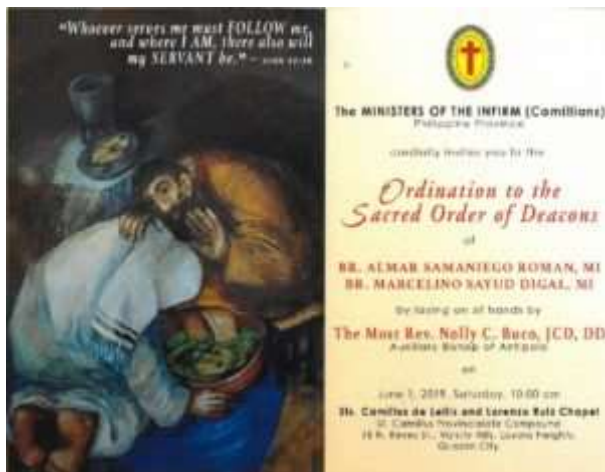
Maddalena a Roma. La sua presenza nelle Filippine, per la seconda volta – la prima visita è stata vissuta in preparazione al quattrocentesimo anniversario della morte di san Camillo nel 2013 – ci mette di fronte a delle sfide e a delle opportunità.

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Perpetual profession and ordinations as deacons



On 31 May, at 10.30, the perpetual profession took place of our confrere **Almar Samaniego Roman** at the *St. Camillus de Lellis and Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel*. The Provincial Superior Fr. José P. Eloja presided over the celebration.



On 1 June 2019, at 10.00, a Holy Mass will be celebrated for the ordination as deacons of our confreres **Almar Samaniego Roman** and **Marcelino Sayud Digal** at the *St. Camillus de Lellis and Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel*.

THE DELEGATION IN INDONESIA



di p. Luigi Galvani

On the occasion of the ten year anniversary of the Camillian Delegation (2009 -2019), the relic of the Heart of St. Camillus arrived in Indonesia to mark the historical and important event. After two long months spent in the Philippines (February and March), the relic of the Heart of St. Camillus arrived in Jakarta on April 2, 2019 and remained in the country until April 30, 2019. Three the dioceses visited, namely: Ruteng, Maumere and Jakarta, for which there was the need of a special permit from its Archbishop.

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Anniversary of the Camillian mission on the Island of Flores (Indonesia)

From Agenzia Fides



Maumere (Agenzia Fides) – ‘This Easter was especially felt by the Catholic population and the sick of the Island of Flores because of the exceptional presence of the relic of the heart of St. Camillus which came to Indonesia on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the foundation of the Camillian mission’, Father Luigi Galvani, a Camillian missionary who has been active on the Indonesian Island of Flores for many years, told Agenzia Fides.

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THE PROVINCE OF NORTH ITALY



On Thursday 2 May, in Capriate, the second meeting on formation took place of the Camillian religious of the Province of North Italy. It had been organised by the Secretariat for Formation. More than forty religious and lay co-workers listened in Capriate to the paper given by Fr. Antonio Menegon and Fr. Joaquim Cipriano on ‘The Forty-Year Experience of the ‘Madian’ Welcome Community in Turin: Between Service and Prophecy’. The celebration

of the Eucharist was presided over by the Provincial Superior Fr. Bruno Nespoli. A fraternal meal ended the day.

‘**Madian Orizzonti**’ has its origins in the Order of Camillian Religious of the Province of Piedmont, and more specifically the Madian Community of Turin which since 1980 has dedicated itself to the free receiving and accompanying of poor sick people in line with the spirit of our founder, St. Camillus de Lellis.

Created to help homeless people, the elderly and those in difficulty, over the years it has adapted with flexibility to the new emergencies of poor people (immigrants, families in difficulty, abandoned minors). In recent years it has almost exclusively helped sick immigrants or immigrants who have been discharged from hospital, and in particular those without official stay permits who nobody looks after or can look after.

Helping and accompanying these fifty-odd people (some of whom are gravely ill or have physical or mental handicaps, cancer, HIV, are waiting for a transplant or are recovering from traumas) takes place through the presence and service of three Camillian religious who work full time and about thirty volunteers. Cf. <https://www.madianorizzonti.it/>

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Thursday 18 June, the autumnal celebration of fraternity: ‘Discovering an Unknown St. Camillus in *Casale Monferrato*’. A cultural and spiritual excursion of art, faith and Camillian history, the ‘Day of Fraternity’ will set out to discover forgotten Camillian places, connecting them to the spiritual, as well as historical, artistic and archeological, dimensions of the history of the Order. This will be an opportunity to experience new stimuli, appreciate the beauty of history and art, and remember who we are and the patrimony of faith, service and creativity that we conserve in our hands.



On 2-17 July 2019 a summer event for young people of service, prayer and fraternity will be organised in Capriate San Gervasio (BG).



The spiritual exercises of the Province **on 16-20 September 2019** will be preached by the Bible scholar and expert on the Holy Land, Father Fernando Armellini (a Dehonian), on the subject: ‘The New Justice of the Kingdom of God’. This was the new justice that St. Camillus received into his life after his conversion.



A rosary worn on the wrist in the place of a chronometer and running shoes. **On Saturday 11 May** the third edition of the eco-marathon for pilgrims was run. As many as 38 kilometres through five communes of the Verona region, with moments of prayer at regular intervals. But also 4 kilometres walking, going up the stairs as far as Our Lady of the Crown. This event, which was both religious and a matter of sport, had a dual

purpose: to support the Italian Association for the Victims and their Family Relatives of Road Accidents and to be near to sick people who are cared for by the Camillian religious of Verona. All united under the slogan: ‘so that none are left behind’. [CONTINUE HERE](#)

THE PROVINCE OF ROME



In the footsteps of Camillus de Lellis – A historical-spiritual itinerary of Camillian places in Rome.

This itinerary was organised by Camillian religious on Saturday 18 May 2019. It commenced at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Rome.

Parish – Basilica of St. Camillus (Rome)



A parish pilgrimage to Our Lady of Divine Love on Saturday 1 June 2019.



The testimony of Antonio Ricci, a Camillian student: from discotheques and night spots to voluntary work, and on to consecration in the Camillian family. The pathway and testimony of Antonio Ricci, a Camillian student of the Province of Rome.

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‘As if I saw the Invisible’...the beauty of the Camillian vocation

[On 26 May](#) 2019, in the evening, at our rectory Church of St. Mary Magdalene (Rome), a prayer vigil for vocations was held. It was organised by the Secretariat for Formation of the Camillian Province of Rome. This was followed by adoration in the style of ‘Lights in the Night’.

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THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, ROME



On Thursday 16 May about a hundred Rogationist religious, their co-workers and students of their educational institutions in Italy met at our Church of St. Mary Magdalene for a celebratory meeting with the saying of prayers, in the light of the charism and spirituality of their founder, St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia (Messina, 5 July 1851 – Messina, 1 June 1927).

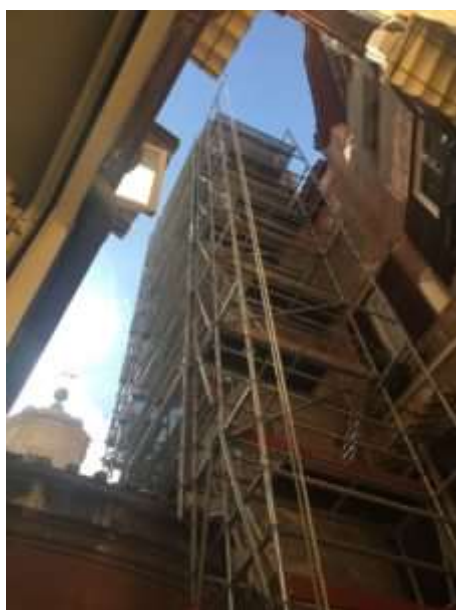
St. Hannibal was the founder in Messina of the Congregation of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus and of the Congregation of the Daughters of the Divine Zeal with the charism of prayer to the Lord to make his Church fertile with holy priests. Born into an aristocratic family of Messina, this saint renounced all his possessions and became especially dedicated to orphans, placing on all poor people the merciful hands of God. He spent a great deal of time in the impoverished neighbourhood of Avignone, helping the poor

and the sick. He was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II on 16 May 2004.

St. Hannibal's links with the Camillians was rather deep and were bound up in an indissoluble way with the providential history of the relic of the heart of St. Camillus. In Messina St. Hannibal carried forward the memory of the crucifer fathers (Camillians) of that city, acquiring the orphanage founded by the Camillian, Father Sollima. He also jealously kept the reliquary with a part of the heart of St. Camillus which, after the return of the Camillians to this Sicilian city, he returned to the Order of Camillians.

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THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE IN ROME



On 2 May 2019 the much 'longed-for' building site opened for the restoration and above all for the strengthening of the bell tower of our Church of St. Mary Magdalene in Rome.

The historic fractures in the bell tower which increased with the seismic shocks of recent years – produced by devastating earthquakes in the centre of Italy which were also felt in Rome above all in our neighbourhood of 'Campo Marzio' which is famed for being in antiquity a marshy area and is traversed by streams flowing into the Tiber – had begun to provoke a certain concern.

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THE MUSEUM-HOUSE OF ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS IN ROME



The [Regional Government of Lazio](#) has recently associated with its research into houses that are museums a survey of houses in which saints lived. Amongst them has been placed the House-Museum of [Saint Camillo](#) de Lellis in [Rome](#). We would like to remind you that the Museum of the Generalate House of the [Camillian](#) is adjoined to the Church of St. Mary Magdalene and houses precious relics and daily objects that belonged to St. Camillus de Lellis.

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THE PROVINCE OF SICILY AND NAPLES



The second edition of the **WALK OF PEACE**...towards the *Valle dell'Inferno*, the place where the conversion of St. Camillus took place.



On 4-12 May an inter-parish mission took place in Mondragone (Caserta) and witnessed Camillian religious, Daughters of St. Camillus and women Ministers of the Sick proclaim the gospel of mercy in the streets and in family homes, in particular visiting the sick, elderly people and people who live alone.

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THE PROVINCE OF THAILAND



On 1 May the religious of the Province of Thailand celebrated the admission of new novices, new religious professions, the renewal of vows of some young confreres, and the admission of new Camillian seminarians!

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THE PROVINCE OF BURKINA FASO

The Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Emanuela Del Re, during her visit to Burkina Faso on 4-5 May met Italian NGOs. Amongst these were the **Sant'Egidio Community** for the registration of births and the educational centre of Shalom, where a university has been created for the training of young people of Burkina Faso and sub-Saharan Africa in the fields of food and agriculture, law, and social communications.

The Deputy Minister then went to the St. Camillus Hospital of Ouagadougou which is run by Camillian religious. During this visit she handed over **the sum of 300,000 euros – donated by the World Health Organisation – to build up the stock of vaccines for meningitis.**

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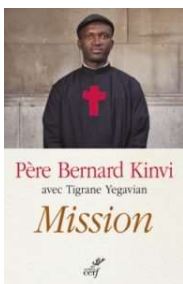
The Vicar General Fr. Laurent Zoungrana and the member of the General Consulta Br. José Ignacio Santaolalla over the next few weeks until the first days of June will meet the Camillian religious of all the Camillian communities of Brazil.



Aris Miranda and Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon have met the Camillian confreres who live and work in cooperation with the diocese of Paramatta in Australia.

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PUBLISHING NEWS



On 23 May of this year a book was published on the mission of the Camillian religious **Fr. Bernard Kinvi** in Central Africa. It was written in collaboration with an Armenian journalist and published with *Du Cerf*,

CELEBRATION OF THE MARTYRS OF CHARITY– 25 May 2019



On Friday 24 May a prayer vigil was held at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene to celebrate the day of Camillian martyrs to charity and the birthday of St. Camillus.

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CADIS



A journey that will begin on 8 May of next year inside climate change to understand from close at hand, and in practical terms, what happens when the earth warms up, glaciers melt and the level of the oceans rises. This is the project that the *Tree of Life Foundation* is putting in place in cooperation with CADIS, the Order of the Ministers of the Sick and the NGO CEFA. Watch the video which presents the project.

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PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF ALL TYPES OF DISASTERS – CADIS



For all the victims of all types of disasters, for people who have lost their lives, for their loved ones, for the survivors, and for all those who work to provide help, we pray:

God in heaven, who has created and who preserves every existence,

You know all of our sadness and our suffering. May all the victims of all types of disasters be welcomed in your peace! Receive, we pray, in your mercy, our very many brothers and sisters buried by the forces unleashed by nature. Lead them to your home!

Comfort the pain of so many families, dry the tears of so many brothers and sisters, offer protection to the loneliness of so many orphans. Instill courage into everyone so that pain is transformed into a journey of growth and hope.

Generate in the hearts of Christians and all men and women of good will the wish to act so that the wounded and those who suffer because of these calamities experience the comfort of fraternal solidarity.

You who live and reign for ever and ever.