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Reflections & Directions: Message of the month

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Dear brothers and sisters,

With a grateful and hopeful heart, we welcome the arrival of 2025, a year that has special significance for us. It is a year of grace, illuminated by two significant events: the Jubilee of the Church and the 450th anniversary of the conversion of St. Camillus. These moments of faith invite us to renew our spiritual journey and our commitment to service as pilgrims of hope, keeping our gaze fixed on Jesus, “the Way, the Truth and the Life” (Jn. 14:6). In Him we find our goal, our strength and the source of all hope.

St. Camillus, conquered by the love of Christ (cf. Phil. 3:12), experienced a radical conversion that transformed every aspect of his life. Following his example, we are called to make intimacy with Christ the center of our existence: “Our entire religious life must be permeated by the friendship of God, so that we may know how to be ministers of Christ’s love towards the sick” (C. 13). This deep relationship with Jesus is the foundation of our service. Our every act

of care and assistance must be rooted in a living experience of the mystery of Christ.

Our earthly pilgrimage requires trust and courage in following God's plans, continually opening our hearts to the action of the Holy Spirit. As Camillians, we are called to walk in faith, certain that we "can do all things in Him who strengthens" us (Phil. 4:13). We thus come to live our vocation with the attitude of a pilgrim: praising God in all circumstances and witnessing His love with our lives. St. Paul encourages us with these words, "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thess 5:16-18).

With a heart full of gratitude and confidence, let us embrace 2025 as a precious gift, an opportunity to grow in our vocation and mission. May the love of Christ continue to conquer our hearts and make us instruments of hope and healing in the world.

I wish that the New Year be full of blessings for all.

With fraternal affection and prayer,



Fr. Pedro Tramontin MI
Superior General

Casa San Camilo de Vagues: The Camillian Commitment to Humanized Care

By **Juan Pablo Hernández**

The *Health* section of this Newsletter celebrates and promotes initiatives that embody the charism of Saint Camillus, uniting healthcare, spirituality, and community. In this spirit, the *Casa San Camilo de Vagues* stands as an exemplary model of service, hospitality, and humanized care, focusing on the most vulnerable and offering not only assistance but also love and dignity.

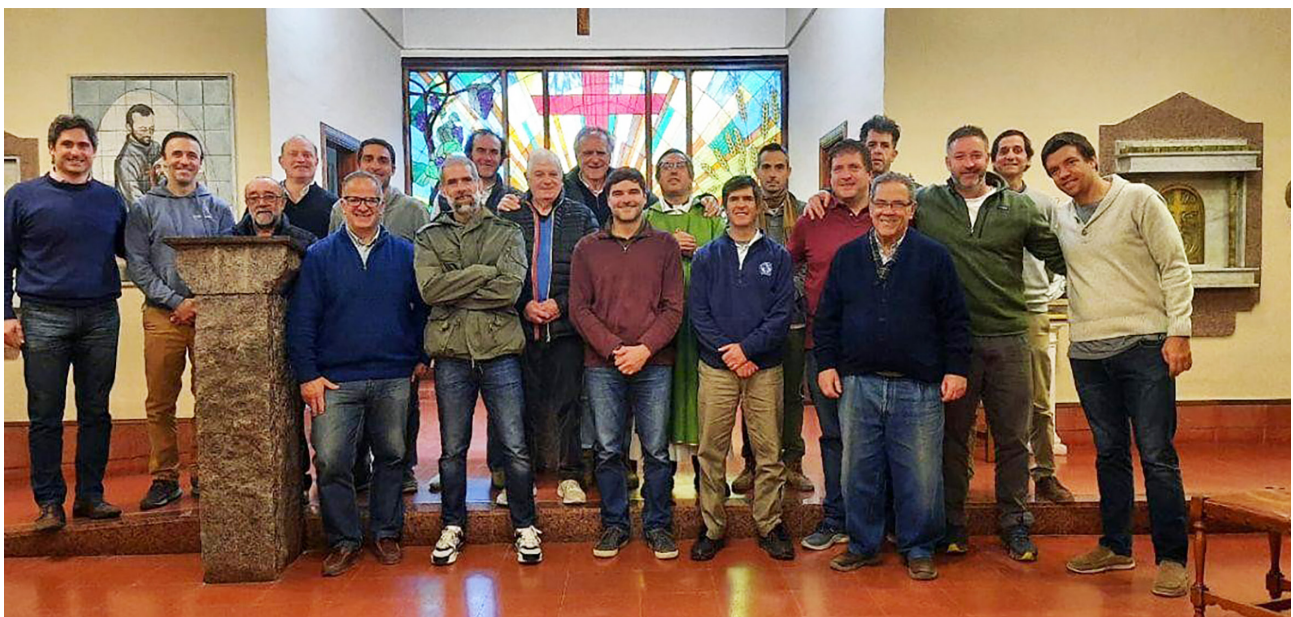
Founded to address the most urgent needs, the *Casa San Camilo de Vagues* was established to care for children and young people aged 3 to 18 with severe disabilities and high levels of dependency. The facility has 70 places available for individuals who, in addition to their physical and mental conditions, lack family support and live in situations of extreme social vulnerability. This mission is a concrete expression of the Camillian charism, which views the person as a whole, addressing not only physical needs but

also emotional, spiritual, and relational ones. The *Casa* is much more than an assistance center; it is a family, a place where every resident finds protection, care, and an environment where they feel valued and loved.

The Camillian commitment to humanized care finds its full expression at the *Casa San Camilo*. This principle translates into an integral approach that considers each individual as a unique and irreplaceable being, deserving attention and respect.

The mission of the *Casa* goes beyond providing healthcare and physical support; it extends to the spiritual and relational dimensions of care. Every act of service and hospitality is designed to restore dignity, hope, and a sense of belonging to those living on the margins.

This approach reflects the foundational values of



the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm: seeing the face of Christ in the sick and offering not only material care but also spiritual and human comfort.

Spirituality is an integral part of life at *Casa San Camilo*. The chapel, open to the public, serves as the heart of the community's life. Regular celebrations of the Eucharist and prayer moments engage not only residents but also families, volunteers, and ecclesial groups.

The Sunday Eucharist remains a central event, while the recent introduction of a daily Mass, accompanied by morning Lauds, has strengthened the bond between the *Casa*'s community and religious congregations such as the Daughters of Saint Camillus and the Sisters of the Poor of Saint Catherine of Siena. This space has become a privileged place for liturgical prayer, fraternity, and sharing.

The *Casa* is also a focal point for spiritual retreats, Eucharistic adoration, and prayer meetings, such as those held by the "Madrugadores de Areco,"

a group of adult men who gather monthly for reflection and fraternal sharing.

Beyond healthcare, *Casa San Camilo* welcomes volunteers and visitors who bring joy and vitality through recreational activities, conversations with residents, musical moments, and other initiatives. These gestures create an authentic environment of love and gratitude, where both those who serve and those who are served enrich one another.

With its 70 places dedicated to children and young people in extreme vulnerability, *Casa San Camilo* offers not only refuge and care but also a space where faith, dignity, and love transform lives. Every Eucharistic celebration, spiritual retreat, and act of service reinforces the Camillian commitment to holistic care that places the person at its center.

As residents and collaborators testify: "*Casa San Camilo* is a beacon of hope, a place where love and service transform lives, and faith unites hearts."

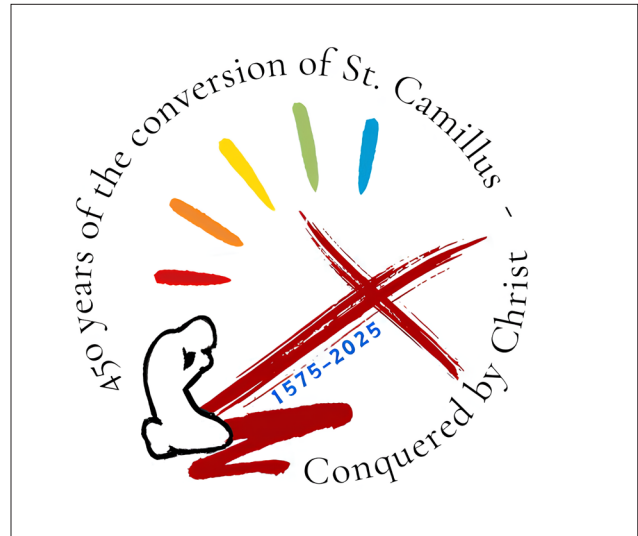
Camillian Jubilee 2025: A Year of Grace and Celebrations

The year 2025 will be unforgettable for the great Camillian Family as it celebrates the Camillian Jubilee, coinciding with the 450th anniversary of the conversion of Saint Camillus de Lellis. This extraordinary event is not only a moment for spiritual reflection but also an opportunity to revive the Camillian charism through initiatives involving confreres, communities, healthcare workers, volunteers, and faithful worldwide.

A solemn beginning: San Giovanni Rotondo and Manfredonia

The opening celebrations of the Jubilee will take place in the symbolic locations of Saint Camillus' conversion: San Giovanni Rotondo and Manfredonia.

- **Saturday, February 1**, the reliquary of Saint Camillus' heart, kept in Messina, will be welcomed at the *Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza* and later at the Shrine of *Santa Maria delle Grazie*. The celebrations will be presided over by Father Medard Aboue, General Councilor and Coordinator of the Central Jubilee Committee, and His Excellency Mons. Franco Moscone.
- **Sunday, February 2**, the anniversary of Saint Camillus' conversion, will feature a special commemoration at the Votive Altar in the *Valle dell'Inferno*, followed by the solemn opening of the Camillian Jubilee Year with a Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Cardinal Edoardo Menichelli, aggregated to the Camillian Order. The Superior General, Father Pedro Tramontin and the General Councilors will concelebrate.



In the afternoon, a conference at the Shrine's conference hall will explore the theme of Saint Camillus' conversion as a model of healing and consolation. The Superior General Fr. Tramontin and the Superior Generals of the Institutes of the Camillian Charismatic Family will join experts in pastoral health ministry to lead the discussions.

- **On Monday, February 3**, the celebrations will move to Manfredonia, where Saint Camillus took his first steps toward conversion. The day will conclude with a Jubilee pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Michael the Archangel, where the Great Camillian Family will be consecrated to Saint Michael.

A year full of events

The Jubilee program will unfold throughout 2025, offering numerous opportunities for prayer, celebration, and reflection. Key initiatives include:

- Jubilee pilgrimages to the places of Saint Camillus's conversion, such as the *Valle dell'Inferno*, the Church of Saint Dominic, and the Manfredonia cemetery.
- *Peregrinatio Cordis*, during which the reliquary of Saint Camillus' heart will visit parishes and Camillian houses across Italy, fostering moments of encounter and spirituality.
- Local celebrations on the 2nd and 14th of each month, with Masses, Eucharistic adoration, and the anointing of the sick in all Camillian communities.
- Major national and international events, such as the Jubilee Symposium in Rome, and the Camillian pilgrimage through the places of Saint Camillus' conversion.

An invitation to participate

This Jubilee is not merely an event to celebrate but a journey to live. It is an invitation extended to all members of the Camillian Family, local communities, healthcare workers, and volunteers to draw inspiration from the message of Saint Camillus and his example of mercy toward the sick and the most vulnerable.

Through this Jubilee Year, the Camillians renew their commitment to witness the love of Christ, transforming each celebration into a gesture of hope and charity.



The House of Charity: A New Refuge for the Poor in Korat

This new refuge represents a concrete response from the Camillian community to the needs of the sick and abandoned poor in the city, often forgotten and left without adequate care.

By **Fr. Giovanni Contarin MI**

On December 26, 2024, during the celebration of the Feast of the Poor, Bishop Joseph Chusak blessed an extraordinary project at the Camillian Retirement Home in Korat, Thailand: The House of Charity. This new refuge represents a concrete response from the Camillian community to the needs of the sick and abandoned poor in the city, often forgotten and left without adequate care.

The Camillian community in Korat, comprising three confreres, including Deacon Brother Domenico Komsan, has been committed for years to providing help and relief to the most vulnerable. Through the Sharing for Life Foundation, a program of weekly visits and support for over 130 impoverished individuals was initiated. However, the harsh reality of

abandonment became evident: every year, around fifteen beneficiaries die alone, with no one to care for them.

Faced with this dramatic situation, the community decided to act, turning an idea into action. The House of Charity offers a safe and dignified refuge for those in desperate need. Located in the heart of the “Laudato Si’ Garden,” the project draws inspiration from Pope Francis’ message on the importance of caring for the poor and the environment. Here, the sick and abandoned not only find a bed and assistance but also a welcoming space where charity becomes tangible.

The pavilion, built on an area of approximately 600 square meters, is equipped with 15-20 beds, four large bathrooms, a kitchen, a laundry room, and storage facilities. This project was made possible thanks to the generosity of benefactors and volunteers. A particularly providential contribution, in memory of Franca Pellò, a benefactor from Milan, enabled the community to raise the necessary funds and complete the work in time for Christmas 2024, after a year of dedicated efforts.

The opening of the House of Charity is not only a response to immediate needs but also a testament to solidarity and hope. Currently, the facility is already hosting two residents: an elderly man suffering from dementia, found living in a mud hut, and a blind widow abandoned in a shack in inhumane conditions. Both have found not just shelter but also the warmth and dignity they deserve at the House of Charity.

However, this project is just the beginning of a journey. Financial sustainability remains a critical challenge. Maintaining the facility requires constant resources, and the Camillian community is reviving the ancient tradition of seeking charitable contributions, adapting it to modern times. Through Facebook, WhatsApp, and online campaigns, they continue to seek



the support needed to sustain the project and extend care to the poorest.

The House of Charity is more than a building; it is a symbol of the Camillian charism: seeing the face of Christ in the poor and serving with love. As Saint Camillus said, “The sick poor are the most beautiful flowers of the Garden of Charity.” In this light, the “Laudato Si’ Garden” becomes a space where faith, care, and respect for creation converge, giving life to a concrete witness of the Gospel.

The Camillian community in Korat continues its mission with dedication, supported by Providence and the generosity of those who believe in the value of charity. The House of Charity stands as a beacon of hope for those living in the darkness of abandonment and an invitation for all of us to be instruments of mercy.

CADIS Taiwan: Care, Medical Missions, and Future Projects

By Yi-Ting Chien

Since their arrival in Taiwan in 1952, the Camillians began their medical mission in a small private clinic with just 12 beds in Luodong, Yilan County. Thanks to the support of numerous benefactors worldwide and the dedication of the local population, for over 72 years, the Order has continued to provide care to those in need, maintaining a steadfast commitment to the poor and the sick. In 2024, this spirit is renewed through international and local projects, such as the return to the Philippines after the pandemic and the reconstruction of St. Camillus Hospital in Penghu.

After the suspension caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, in 2024 CADIS Taiwan (Camillian Disaster Service International) returned to the Philippines for a three-day medical mission, supported by the Camillian Philippine Province. This initiative embodies the Camillian spirit of living the Gospel and Saint Camillus' charism by providing healthcare to countries with limited medical resources.



The activities of CADIS Taiwan in the Philippines began in 2011 when St. Mary's Hospital (of Camillians) in Luodong visited the Philippine province to assess the healthcare needs of its population. Since then, annual interventions have been organized to provide medical care in underserved areas. In 2016, CADIS Taiwan expanded its reach by involving collaborators from other Camillian institutions, combining domestic and international resources for post-disaster reconstruction and humanitarian aid.

In September 2024, a medical mission took place in Calbayog City, Samar, and two other locations: Santa Margarita and San Isidro. Carefully prepared in collaboration with the staff of St. Camillus Hospital in Calbayog, the initiative provided medical care to nearly 1,000 residents. However, many patients arrived in severe conditions, highlighting the urgent need for more systematic and sustained interventions. CADIS Taiwan reflected on its role as not just a provider of care but also a partner in understanding

local needs. Through humility, collaborators deepened their connection with the community, learning to serve with greater compassion and justice.

CADIS Taiwan embodies the charism of Saint Camillus by sharing the suffering of the most vulnerable and offering a prophetic example of concrete action. During this “field hospital” mission, participants found inspiration and testimonies of faith, essential for facing future challenges and continuing the Camillian journey, now over 400 years old.

Rebuilding St. Camillus Hospital in Penghu: A New Home for Healthcare

For over 70 years, the Camillians in Taiwan have lived the Gospel message: “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40). Their work is rooted in love and action, providing medical care to the marginalized and those most in need.

In Penghu, one of Taiwan’s remote islands, healthcare resources are particularly scarce, and the aging population faces significant challenges. While the existing St. Camillus Hospital has provided essential medical and palliative care, the building now shows structural limitations, safety concerns, and insufficient space.



In response, the Camillians launched the St. Camillus Hospital Penghu Reconstruction Project in 2020, aiming to create a modern facility in Huxi Township. This is not just the construction of a hospital but the creation of a home for integrated care: the new hospital will provide 160 places, including 99 for long-term residents and 60 for day-care patients, as well as home care services for 2,400 people annually.

The journey has been challenging, marked by material shortages, rising costs, and the logistical difficulties of transporting supplies to the island. Despite these obstacles, the Camillians persevered with faith, considering this endeavor an act of love and commitment

to the residents of Penghu.

The beam-raising ceremony took place on December 16, 2024, and the structure is expected to be completed in 2025, with the hospital opening within 1-2 years. The new facility will offer outpatient, inpatient, dialysis, rehabilitation, and home care services, ensuring a comprehensive healthcare environment for Penghu’s elderly population.

This project is made possible through the support of people worldwide who believe in justice and love for the most vulnerable. It stands as a testament to how the Camillians in Taiwan continue to serve with passion, bringing hope and transformation to those in need.

“New Camillian Evangelization” at Bucchianico

By **Fr. Pietro Magliozzi MI**

The course held at Bucchianico, a collaborative venture between the Camillians and the Municipality of Bucchianico, titled “Comprehensive Prevention and Health Promotion Course,” originated from an idea by Fr. Pietro Magliozzi. As a physician, he had noticed a threefold increase in cancer cases in the area starting in 2019, accompanied by a rise in deaths, including among younger individuals. This led him to realize that the only thing families or patients asked the religious was to pray and to provide an outlet for unimaginable suffering.

Having taught medical anthropology and comprehensive health promotion and prevention for 20 years at university, he conceived the idea that, when faced with advanced cancer or a cancer-related death, much more could be done beyond funerals or pleading for healing or a miracle. In essence, by returning to the ingenuity of St. Camillus and his approach to holistic patient care with all available means of his time, and drawing inspiration from St. Thomas Aquinas’ principle that grace builds upon nature, Fr. Magliozzi sought to create a training program combining science and faith. Each session involved discussing a book written by a scientist addressing health issues (with a particular focus on cancer and tumors) through tools related to faith, spirituality, and the soul.

For far too long, illnesses have been treated at the level of bios (biology, genetics, biochemistry) alone, neglecting the fact that this is an anthropological mutilation, as Viktor von Weizsäcker argued: healing the object without considering the subject. This neglects the fact that a person is also sick in their psyché (mind, soul, life force) and their *pneuma* (spirit, which comes directly from God through Baptism). True

healing occurs only when it is simultaneously cosmological, human, and theological.

These ideas are presented in conferences that Fr. Magliozzi held at Bucchianico from December 2024 to June 2025. It is a form of awareness-raising that could potentially reduce the incidence of cancer and cancer-related mortality, while also introducing a new form of evangelization by showing the Church as a healing, not merely consoling, community.

Alongside this science-faith program, held in the facilities of the Municipality of Bucchianico, a parallel faith-science program is conducted at the Saint Camillus Shrine at Bucchianico. This program also focuses on healing and liberation but emphasizes theological and biblical aspects. Healing and liberation have become highly relevant today in a world increasingly enslaved by idols, suffering from mental and spiritual illnesses as well as physical ailments, and intoxicated on many levels—not least by the internet. Opportunities for intoxication, stress, dehumanization, paralysis, sickness, and self-destruction far outnumber those for purification, healing, liberation, evangelization, and divinization.

As Camillian religious, humanizers and evangelizers in the world of health, the aim is to speak a new, prophetic word (both announcing and denouncing) in this context. The goal is to propose a “new evangelization” rooted in health/salvation and to reintroduce what Jesus of Nazareth did when encountering the sick. He was never merely a comforter nor reduced to religious rituals alone, as masterfully analyzed by the theological university of Salamanca in its text “Misión sanante de la comunidad cristiana” (Ed. Verbo Divino).

2025: The Camillian Jubilee within the Universal Jubilee

The year 2025 will hold great significance for the universal Church, marked by the theme “Pilgrims of Hope”, chosen to guide the general Jubilee. This Holy Year represents an opportunity for spiritual renewal and reconciliation, inviting all the faithful to live hope as a sign of faith and love for others.

For the Camillians, the universal Jubilee coincides with a particularly important milestone: the 450th anniversary of the conversion of Saint Camillus de Lellis, which occurred on February 2, 1575. This event marked the beginning of a radical transformation in the Saint’s life, as he left behind a life of disorder to dedicate himself entirely to the care of the sick and suffering, founding a “new school of charity.”

A year of celebrations and reflections

The theme chosen for the Camillian Jubilee, “Conquered by Christ”, invites all members of the Camillian family and those inspired by the charism of Saint Camillus to renew their commitment to living the Gospel in service to the weak. This anniversary is not just a moment of celebration but also an opportunity to reflect on the journey the Order has undertaken throughout its more than four centuries of history and to look to the future with renewed hope.

Camillian initiatives within the context of the universal Jubilee include liturgical celebrations, pilgrimages, and moments of prayer in the places that marked the life and mission of Saint Camillus. Locally and internationally, every Camillian community is called to join this experience, involving confreres, collaborators, and the faithful in journeys of faith and witness. Among the main events of the Jubilee, the



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procession and veneration of the relics of the Heart of Saint Camillus will play a central role, highlighting the universality of the Saint’s message. This symbol, embodying a redeemed love offered to the suffering, will accompany

Camillian communities in moments of deep prayer and reflection, inviting all to personal and communal conversion.

A Hymn and a Prayer for the Jubilee

To crown the celebrations of the 450th anniversary of Saint Camillus' conversion, an official hymn and a dedicated prayer have been created for the Camillian Jubilee. The prayer, inspired by the charism of Saint Camillus, calls for reflection on the Saint's conversion and encourages following his example. A verse reads: "Help us to be conquered by your charity to serve you in the poor and suffering 'with a heart in our hands.'" These spiritual tools will accompany Camillian communities throughout the Jubilee journey, uniting faith and witness in a shared voice.

A commitment to the future

The 2025 Camillian Jubilee is not only a time to look back with gratitude but also an occasion to strengthen commitments for the future. Saint Camillus saw Christ in the sick, and inspired by this charism, the Camillians continue to bear witness to God's mercy through their service.

In a world faced with new challenges, such as growing inequality and limited access to medical care in many areas, the Camillian message remains as relevant and necessary as ever. The Jubilee thus becomes an invitation to be instruments of hope, consolation, and love in the peripheries of human suffering.

A universal pilgrimage

In alignment with the theme of the general Jubilee, the Camillians will live 2025 as a great universal pilgrimage alongside millions of faithful. This is a time of grace, inviting all to rediscover the beauty of faith, reconcile with God and others, and renew their vocation as witnesses of the Gospel.

With open hearts and hopeful gazes, the Camillian Jubilee journey becomes a tangible sign of the mercy and compassion that have defined the charism of their founder. The year 2025 will thus be a time to celebrate, reflect, and above all, renew the commitment to bring light to places of darkness, just as Saint Camillus did over 450 years ago.



A Heart on the Journey: The Priestly Ordination of Father Alessandro La Rosa

It is a luminous example of how the Camillian charism continues to inspire new generations of consecrated men, called to serve the sick with a generous heart and profound faith

At the end of 2024, Aci Catena, a town in Sicily, witnessed two extraordinary events that deeply enriched the religious life of the community: the veneration of the relics of the Heart of Saint Camillus and the simulacrum of the body of Saint Lucy. These moments of grace took place at the Shrine of *Maria Santissima della Catena*, which hosted the most precious relic of Saint Camillus for three days during the Jubilee Year of his conversion.

Saint Camillus, to whom the month of July is dedicated, remains a universal model of love transformed by faith. His heart, a symbol of his capacity for conversion, continues to inspire the faithful, reminding them of God's love poured out for the suffering. This spiritual connection was celebrated during the event titled "A Heart on the Journey," which coincided with a significant moment for the Order: the priestly ordination of Camillian Father Alessandro Carmelo La Rosa.

The ordination, held on December 28, 2024, was preceded by a profound period of spiritual preparation. On the evening before, following the meditated Rosary and the Holy Mass presided over by Father Mariano Pio Servadei, a Eucharistic Adoration was led by Brother Carlo Mangione, the Provincial Superior of the Camillians. During his homily,

Father Mariano encouraged Father Alessandro to follow the path of Saint Camillus with joy and devotion, serving with a generous heart and motherly care for the suffering.

The ordination ceremony was presided over by Bishop Antonino Raspanti of Acireale, who laid hands on Alessandro and pronounced the consecratory prayer, conferring the sacrament of holy orders. In a deeply prayerful atmosphere, the Bishop reminded the new priest of the profound mission entrusted to him: "Believe deeply in the power given to you today, the power of the cross of Christ crucified. Open hearts to hope and salvation, lead, guide, and proclaim the Kingdom. You are called to place yourself at the service of the Kingdom."

Father Carmelo Sciuto, parish priest of the Shrine, described these moments as a unique



experience of grace: "We entrusted Father Alessandro's vocational journey and priestly ministry to the Lord, praying that his 'yes' may be a living testimony of faith and love."

When asked about his vocation, Father Alessandro responded humbly: "It was not my choice. I have always felt the constant presence and support of the Lord in my life. I let myself be guided by His love, confirming

my 'yes' forever."

The ordination of Father Alessandro marks a significant moment for the Camillian community, which rejoices and prays for its new priest. It is a luminous example of how the Camillian charism continues to inspire new generations of consecrated men, called to serve the sick with a generous heart and profound faith.

Fr. Robert JORDAN (1929 - 2025)

Robert Jordan was born on 7 May 1929 in Le Lyaud, Haute-Savoie. His parents, Augustin Jordan and Amélie Detraz, who had 4 children, were millers. He was baptised shortly afterwards, and confirmed in Antluz on 5 May 1937.



He was eleven and a half years old when he entered the Petit Séminaire St. François de Sales in Thonon les Bains, and at 18 he entered the Grand Séminaire in Annecy. He did his military service in Austria from 1949 to 1950.

At the diaconate (20/12/1952), and again at the priesthood (30/05/1953), he asked the bishop of Annecy for permission to enter the Camillian Order, but the bishop asked him to serve two years as a vicar. In June 1953, he was appointed vicar at Bonneville, and at the same time chaplain to the college, the hospital, the Ecole Normale (where he launched the university parish teams) and the scouts, in addition to his usual work activities.

Robert applied again in 1955, but the interview was stormy, and Mgr Cesbron asked him for another year as vicar. As vicar at Groisy le Plot, he had to replace the parish priest who was ill. He took charge of young people and completed the building of a parish house. In June 1956, thanks to a special visit from Fr Otzenberger, Provincial, the bishop reluctantly agreed

to Abbé Jordan's departure. He entered the novitiate in Lyon on 31 October 1956 and made his temporary profession on 3 November 1957, after which he joined the community in Paris. From 1957 to 1963, he was assistant chaplain at the Hôpital Foch, chaplain to the Fraternité Ste Jeanne de Chantal, chaplain to the Rovers of the Blind and to a group of students from the Grandes Ecoles, which led him to go on camps with them. In January 1959, he also became chaplain to the Institut des Jeunes Sourds in Asnières, and to the Groupe Pasteur, a group of 60 care assistants.

He made his Solemn Profession on 3 November 1960, and in May 1962 was appointed Superior of the Paris community. On 10 July 1965, he became Provincial with dispensation, and was re-elected. It was under his mandate that French missionaries went to Dahomey in 1971.

On 8 May 1971, he was elected General Councilor for Western Europe and North Africa, despite his wish not to be elected. He then usually lived

in Paris, to be of service to the chaplains.

In 1978, he joined the Dijon community in the following roles: chaplain at the Centre Leclerc, coordinator of the diocesan health ministry, advisor to REPSA. On 27 August 1980, at his own request, he joined the Lyon community and spent a year in refresher training at the Facultés Catholiques. He then trained in gerontology in Grenoble, before becoming chaplain at the Antoine Charial nursing home in Francheville. His skills led him to become a chaplain in geriatrics. Finally, from 1994 to 2010, he was chaplain at the Résidence Bon Secours in Rillieux-le-Pape, and regional chaplain for REPSA.

Increasingly weakened by age, he continued to take an interest in religious news and events in the Province and the Order. But in April 2023, after a stay in hospital, Fr Robert was admitted to temporary accommodation, then as a resident at the EHPAD St Camille in Lyon.

Very open to the innovative ideas of the Second Vatican Council, Robert Jordan gave his life for the sick and for the Order.

His condition became very worrying at the end of December, and it was on 3 January 2025 that he moved to the Father's House, at the EHPAD St. Camille in Lyon.