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**Cover:** Fr. Pedro Tramontin presides over the solemn Eucharistic celebration on December 8 in the Basilica of St. Camillus in Rome, marking the conclusion of the Camillian Jubilee.

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Dear confreres,

Peace and joy in the Lord Jesus!

We have just celebrated the first Sunday of Advent, and I would like to believe that each of you has begun this season, as well as the month of December, with the best dispositions of heart to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. The solemn conclusion of the jubilee of the 450th anniversary of the conversion of St. Camillus de Lellis will also contribute to our preparation for the end-of-year celebrations.

The Holy Mass closing the Jubilee Year, which I will preside over on December 8 in the splendid Roman Basilica dedicated to St. Camillus, will certainly represent a significant milestone, the fruit of the journey undertaken since the General Chapter of May 2022 and of the numerous celebrations planned and carried out. I invite our brothers, sisters, and all the devotees of our charismatic Family to participate attentively and collaboratively in the concluding events.

From the opening of the Jubilee Year (February 1–4, 2025, in Manfredonia–San Giovanni Rotondo), through the conference of formators of the Camillian charismatic Family (May 2025 in Rome), the Camillian Vocation Day (June 29 in Rome), and the liturgical feast of St. Camillus celebrated in Bucchianico (July 13–16), we can say that we have truly experienced a year of grace that will continue to bear fruit in the years to come.

Guided by the theme Conquered by Christ. Pilgrims of hope in the footsteps of St. Camillus, we have joyfully realized that our founding father is not a saint relegated to the past. He is more relevant than ever in the radical nature of his conversion and in the conviction that baptismal life is expressed in translating the Gospel of salvation into concrete actions. Throughout the world, St. Camillus continues to be loved, followed, and invoked by many devotees, thanks in part to the vocation and ministry of each of us who still today are fascinated by his model of following Christ. His example remains unsurpassed, and the jubilee has reminded us that Jesus must always have the first place in our consecrated life.

St. Camillus summarized this conviction in the spiritual formula that nourished and sustained the charism: To serve Christ in the sick, to the point of becoming Christ for the suffering. The relevance of this charism was reaffirmed by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, in his first Apostolic Exhortation *Delexit te*, at no. 50: "In the 16th century, St. John of God founded the Hospitaller Order that bears his name... At the same time, St. Camillus de Lellis founded the Order of Ministers of the Sick – the Camillians – taking on the mission of serving the sick with total dedication. His rule commands: 'Let everyone ask the Lord for the grace to have a motherly affection for their neighbor, so that we may serve them with all charity, both in soul and body, because we desire, with God's grace, to serve all the sick with the affection that a loving mother has for her only sick child'. In hospitals, on battlefields, in prisons, and on the streets, the Camillians have embodied the mercy of Christ the Physician."

Thanking the Holy Father for reminding us so clearly of the model of charity left to us by St. Camillus as an authentic school of life, we renew our willingness, as the Camillian Charismatic Family, to carry on this legacy.

As we approach the conclusion of the Jubilee Year, I express my gratitude to the Jubilarians gathered in Rome these days for a formation update and to participate in the concluding Holy Mass. After 25 or 50 or 75 years of religious life, it is right and necessary to thank the Lord for his faithfulness and for guiding us day after day in the love of his holy name.

Sincere thanks go to all the organizers of the various events, to those who have promoted pilgrimages in the footsteps of St. Camillus, marches, retreats, and events to honor our founder and rekindle in us the enthusiasm of following Christ.

I take this opportunity to reach out to each of you, dear confreres in your communities, renewing my esteem. Through your passionate commitment to serving the suffering and the poor, the "little plant" desired by our founder continues to take root and bear fruit. As a passage from the Gospel that was very dear to him reminds us: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).

I invite the major superiors of the provinces, vice-provinces, and delegations to pay particular attention to the conclusion of the jubilee, so that it may become an occasion for the involvement and participation of all religious men and women and lay people. Remembering does not only mean celebrating: it means reliving our history in order to find new and renewed motivations. All this is possible if we carefully preserve our history and commit ourselves to passing it on to future generations, enriched by the creative demands of each era.

May this month of December truly prepare us, in addition to concluding our jubilee, to arrange our lives illuminated by the signs of conversion, to welcome the Savior, the Child Jesus, who comes to meet us at Christmas.

With fraternal affection,

**Fr. Pedro Tramontin**  
*Superior General*



Participants in the international conference of jubilarians

## From Conversion to Consecration: The Closing of the Camillian Jubilee

*The Jubilee celebrating 450 years since the conversion of St. Camillus, which began in Manfredonia and concluded on December 8 in Rome, offered a year of celebrations and reflections. The international conference “From Conversion to Consecration” and the solemn final Mass renewed the vocation and gratitude of the Camillian Charismatic Family.*

By **Communication Office**

The Jubilee celebrating 450 years since the conversion of St. Camillus de Lellis, which began on February 2, 2025, in Manfredonia–San Giovanni Rotondo, reached its conclusion on December 8 in Rome, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It was an intense year of celebrations, meetings, and reflections, culminating in the International Conference of Jubilarians of the Camillian Charismatic Family (December 4–7), on the theme “From Conversion to Consecration.”

The opening Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Fr. Baby Ellickal, general consultor for formation, and the inaugural message of Fr. Pedro Tramontin, Superior General, marked the beginning of a shared journey, with gratitude and renewed hope.

The presentations offered a rich mosaic of perspectives. Br. Bertrand Nee Wayoe (general councilor, Congregation of the Holy Cross)



Fr. Pedro and Mother Zelia at the opening of the conference

emphasized the importance of self-care as a condition for better serving others, pointing to concrete tools for living with balance and gratitude. Sr. Bernadette Rossoni (Postulator General, Daughters of St. Camillus) retraced the story of St. Camillus, showing how his redeemed wound became a source of vocation and universal charity. Fr. Hubert Goudjinou MI presented the jubilarians as living icons of mercy, signs of the transforming power of consecrated life.

The reflection of Fr. Giuseppe De Virgilio (professor, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome) explored the Pauline meaning of being “conquered by Christ,” rooting the Camillian vocation in Scripture and in the example of the Founder. Other speakers who enriched the conference were: Fr. José Carlos Linhares Pontes Junior (professor at the Pontifical Alfonsiana Academy, Rome) on understanding the evangelical counsels in today’s society; Sr. Mary Ann Mariavilla (Head of the Legal Office,

Daughters of St. Camillus) on the plurality of faces of the Charismatic Family; and Vincenzo Comodo (Professor of Sociology of Consecrated Life, Pontifical Claretianum Institute) who lucidly addressed the theme of techno-addictions and the responsible use of digital technology in the age of artificial intelligence.

The spiritual workshops allowed participants to directly address the questions that arose, transforming the presentations into opportunities for dialogue and community discernment.

The Camillian Jubilee concluded on December 8 with a solemn Eucharistic celebration in the Basilica of St. Camillus, presided over by Fr. Pedro Tramontin. On that occasion, the jubilarians and the religious men and women present renewed their religious profession, a sign of fidelity and renewed commitment to following Christ. The day ended with a Camillian concert, which gave voice to the joy and gratitude of the entire Charismatic Family.



# At the sites of the conversion of St. Camillus de Lellis

*Contact with these places of faith, with unspoiled nature and the profound reflections they inspire, certainly leave us feeling renewed, at peace with ourselves, reminding us of the true values we should strive for.*

By **Luciana Mellone**

The jubilee year of St. Camillus' conversion is now coming to an end. It has been a year full of initiatives and events, and we are about to embark on a final pilgrimage to the places of conversion of our father and saint, Camillus de Lellis. Let's go!

We are accompanied by Vicar General Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon, who during the trip illustrated the life of the saint through the account written by his companion and first biographer, Fr. Sanzio Cicatelli, in his handwritten *Vita*; from

his birth to his gradual change that led him to encounter God and to his conversion. The words we hear are already a cause for deep reflection, leading us to consider the priorities of life.

Arriving in Buccianico, the birthplace of St. Camillus, we went to the place where he was born on May 25, 1550: the stable of his father's house. We then found ourselves in front of the Shrine of St. Camillus to pray together, before entering the church to listen to the Mass officiated by Fr. Gianfranco and Fr. Julius, a Camillian belonging



*The site of the conversion of St. Camillus, Valle dell'Inferno*



*The mosaic depicting St. Camillus, in the shrine at San Giovanni Rotondo*

to the Kenyan delegation and deeply moved because, like many of us, it is his first time visiting the places of St. Camillus. The body of the saint is temporarily kept in the church and will return to La Maddalena in July 2026. We approached the shrine in respectful silence to offer him our devotion. After an excellent lunch, enjoyed in a convivial atmosphere at the "Nicola D'Onofrio" spirituality center, welcomed by the former general, Fr. Renato Salvatore, we set off for the second stage of our journey: San Giovanni Rotondo.

Upon entering the sanctuary, Fr. Gianfranco drew our attention to a large mosaic depicting St. Camillus and the moment when Brother Angelo, through his simple words about God and the salvation of the soul, touched Camillus' heart, although Camillus was not yet aware of it.

The visit continued with a prayer at Padre Pio's tomb. But the most moving and intense moment that Fr. Gianfranco managed to give us was the visit to cell no. 5, which we were given permission to visit, as it is located in an area of the convent reserved for cloistered religious. Camillus stayed in this cell for only one night, and it was one of the fundamental stages in his encounter with God. The same cell was inhabited by St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina three centuries later. Here, in

religious silence, we recited our prayers and left feeling deeply serene. It is amazing to think how a small cell can represent so much and how it exudes that mystical sense that accompanied the consecrated life of two very similar personalities, even though they were separated by about three centuries of history.

We set off towards the place of St. Camillus' conversion: the Valley of Hell, whose name says it all. It is indeed a wild, arid, isolated place, where the whistling of the wind reigns supreme. Here Camillus experienced his inner hell to the point of finding his spiritual rebirth and opening himself up to a new world.

Reaching the altar of St. Camillus, erected in memory of the place where the conversion took place, before preparing to listen to the solemn Mass officiated by Fr. Gianfranco, we paused for a moment to enjoy the view. The day was cold and clear, and we could see the sea of the beautiful coast of Manfredonia in the distance.

The homily invited us to identify, as far as possible, with the figure of Camillus, who, alone in an arid and barren area, rediscovered himself, recognised his defeats, his limitations, his sins and his dissolute life, but at the same time also rediscovered the possibility of changing and being a different and renewed person in the name of God. This spiritual experience reached its climax at a late stage in his life when he had hit rock bottom and was deeply convinced that he had failed, but there is still time and hope if one is truly won over by Christ. The location does not matter; even an arid and barren valley lashed by the wind can be the right place, it can be a place of hope.

We returned refreshed and serene to Macchia Monte Sant'Angelo, where we were welcomed with warm affection by the small Camillian community. In the square in front of the church of Santa Maria della Libera, we could admire the monument inaugurated on May 25, 2021, in memory of the victims of COVID-19. This date was chosen not only to commemorate the birth of St. Camillus, but also by the Camillians to commemorate the Martyrs of Charity of yesterday and today. The figure that St. Camillus holds in his



Chiesa di San Domenico, dove S. Camillo chiese l'elemosina

arms represents both a COVID patient, due to the presence of a surgical mask resting on one leg, and Christ.

After joyfully sharing the food lovingly prepared for us, we set off for Manfredonia, another place symbolic of St. Camillus' conversion, where, in the churchyard of St. Dominic's Church, "with infinite shame" he begged for alms and where Antonio Nicastro, procurator of the Capuchin Fathers, offered him work as a laborer.

Fr. Francesco De Rienzo guided us to the ancient cemetery of the Capuchin friars, where the building stands in which Camillus worked as a laborer. Currently, this convent has been reabsorbed into the Municipal Cemetery and is home to the Bereavement Support Center, run by Fr. Francesco himself, who tells us in particular about its unique feature of being the

only bereavement support center located inside a cemetery.

Another profound experience awaits us before our pilgrimage comes to an end: a visit to the cave of St. Michael the Archangel. On the 14th, the last day of our journey, we reached it and entered through a long 13th-century Angevin staircase with 86 steps, at the end of which, in the church carved out of the cave below, we prepared to listen to Holy Mass.

It is a mystical and evocative place that attracts pilgrims from all over the world to pay homage to St. Michael the Archangel. It is one of the oldest places of worship in the West and is characterized not only by its early medieval architecture but also by various works of art, including a beautifully crafted statue of the Archangel on the main altar.

Camillus was very devoted to St. Michael the Archangel, so much so that on his deathbed he wanted a painting to be made depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the crucifix on the right side and St. Michael the Archangel on the left side, as defender of souls against evil in the final passage.

The time had come to set off again for Rome.

The contact with these places of faith, with unspoiled nature and the profound reflections they have inspired, certainly make us return renewed, at peace with ourselves, reminding us of the true values we must strive for.

I conclude with the reflection of Fr. Gianfranco, who in the stories of his various pastoral journeys told us how, from a remote valley in the Gargano countryside, through a journey that lasted 450 years, faith in St. Camillus reached places that were unthinkable at that time and today can only be reached by a 15-hour flight or more. Yet it all began there, on a cold day on February 2, 1575.

Thank you, Camillus, for teaching us to look within ourselves to see a new world!



## The Vice-Province of Vietnam welcomes the Superior General

By Fr. Paul Pham Van Truong

From November 13 to 22, 2025, the Superior General, Fr. Pedro Tramontin, accompanied by the Vicar General of the Order, Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon, made a pastoral visit to the Camillian Vice-Province of Vietnam. This event marked an important moment in the life of this young community, strengthening the communion and concern of the Order towards its Vietnamese confreres.

The itinerary, carefully prepared and approved, included visits to communities, institutions, and dioceses, offering opportunities for encounter, celebration, and dialogue. After arriving in Da Nang, the Superior General celebrated Mass with the community of Our Lady of Peace and met with the Vicar General of the diocese before moving on to Saigon. In the following days, he visited the communities of St. Joachim-Anna and St. Teresa, the Mai Khoi Clinic, and the novitiate, also participating in the "Healing Night" at the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Saigon. A particularly significant moment was the celebration and blessing of the new religious house of the community of St. Martin, followed by a visit to the Lang Sen building project and the Dong Tien Clinic.

The visit continued with a meeting with the Mau Tam community and Archbishop Joseph Nguyen Nang, and with the Eucharistic celebration and talks at the San Camillo community, which also included a visit to the Naza Hospice, Gary House, and the Formation House, as well as a meeting with Bishop Joseph Tran Van Toan of the Diocese of Long Xuyen. On November 21, a meeting was held with the vice-provincial council and a general assembly with all the religious, during which Fr. Tramontin offered encouragement and fatherly



advice, listening attentively to the concerns of his confreres and proposing a reflection on "Camillian Holiness" as an invitation to live the spirituality and mission of the Order with renewed dedication.

The visit concluded with a thanksgiving Mass and, the following day, with the celebration of the Solemn Profession of four confreres in the church of Tam Hai, an event of great significance that sealed the visit with the testimony of a new generation of fully consecrated religious.



# Promove São Camilo: where care takes on a face, a history, and a future



By Felipe Almeida

When we talk about Camillian works in Brazil, we are not just talking about healthcare techniques. We are talking about history, vocation, and that unique way of looking at others with depth and love. This is the essence that has characterized Promove São Camilo since 2002, the Teaching Clinic of the São Camilo University Center, created to serve the vulnerable population of São Paulo.

Promove is not simply a healthcare service: it is a space for the promotion of life, integral rehabilitation, and authentic social integration. Each patient is never reduced to a medical record number, but is accompanied with closeness, patience, and that human and personalized attention that the Camillian charism has been teaching for over four centuries.

With a structure of over 5,400 m<sup>2</sup>, the Clinic-School brings together teams trained to work in an interdisciplinary manner. Each professional looks at the patient as a whole, aware that autonomy and quality of life are not a privilege but a right. The constant commitment to

improving practices, adapting treatment plans, and involving the family in the care process has made Promove a true school of charity, where students of the health courses at the São Camilo University Center learn in a concrete way how care can transform lives—and also transform those who care—by living the Camillian motto of having “the heart in the hand.”

Some realities can only be understood by seeing them. The new documentary “Beyond Care” is just that: a deep dive into the impact that Promove has on the lives of those who pass through it. Real stories, authentic encounters, daily challenges: every scene breathes the Camillian sense of caring as Christ cared, with compassion, competence, and courage.

Watching it means allowing yourself to be touched, remembering that true care does not stop at the clinic, but reaches the heart. It is an invitation to immerse yourself in this extraordinary work of the Camillian mission in Brazil. The documentary is available on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_xBmuw5I12I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xBmuw5I12I)

# The *Cuorità* Project renews the governance model of the Brazilian Camillian province

The Camillian province of Brazil has embarked on a new phase of its missionary journey, marked by a significant internal renewal movement. At the heart of this process is the *Cuorità* Project, a governance model that will guide the Camillian mission in Brazil and serve as a reference point for the works, communities, and pastoral fronts entrusted to the Order.

More than an administrative project, *Cuorità* was created in response to the real needs of the mission: to strengthen management, improve transparency, and ensure fidelity to the charism of St. Camillus de Lellis in every area of activity.

## What is *Cuorità*

The term “*Cuorità*” derives from an Italian neologism that combines the word *cuore* (heart) with the suffix *-ità*, the same suffix that forms words such as *carità* (charity), *unità* (unity), and *umanità* (humanity). It is therefore a way of living “with heart,” an attitude and a culture that inspire the Camillian way of caring, deciding, and serving. In practice, *Cuorità* translates what St. Camillus lived radically: the union between

competence and compassion, between management and the Gospel, between efficiency and tenderness.

## Why it is necessary

The Camillian mission in Brazil, present for over a century, has expanded and diversified: hospitals, health centers, universities, pastoral services, and religious communities today require an integrated model capable of supporting decisions, enhancing skills, and ensuring continuity. In a contemporary healthcare context that demands mature processes and cooperative structures, *Cuorità* aims to strengthen unity and ensure that the mission remains faithful to the Gospel, relevant in its responses and responsible in its choices.

## How it was built

The project is the result of a process of listening and discernment that involved Camillian religious, lay people involved in the works, and a technical consulting team. The result is a model that integrates essential dimensions of the mission: spirituality, management, co-responsibility, care for people, shared decisions, and long-term vision.

*Cuorità* organizes flows, defines competencies, strengthens leadership, and offers tools for clearer and more participatory management, always rooted in the Camillian charism and illuminated by the Gospel.

## Where it will be applied

*Cuorità* embraces the entire Camillian mission in Brazil: hospitals, health units, university centers, social works, religious communities, pastoral services, and administrative structures. It is not limited to one sector but involves the entire Province, with the aim of integrating visions, standardizing practices, avoiding dispersion, and ensuring that every missionary front is oriented toward the same horizon.

Like the first Christian community that lived “with one heart and one soul” (Acts 4:32), *Cuorità* invites the Camillian Province of Brazil to walk together, with clarity of purpose and institutional maturity.

To learn more about this new phase and to find out about the project’s proposals, methodologies, and stages, visit the *Cuorità* Portal: <https://materiais.camilianos.org.br/portalcuorita>.

# Renewed Formation and Mission

## Camillian Workshop in Indonesia

*The three workshops formed a single fabric of growth and shared mission, a community that learns, prays, and discerns.*

By **Fr. Koffi Medard Aboué & Fr. Baby Ellickal**



In November 2025, the Camillian delegation in Indonesia experienced a time of grace and renewal through three important workshops organized at the St. Camillus Social Center in Maumere. Thanks to the paternal support of the Superior General, Fr. Pedro Tramontin, and the General Council, and the fraternal collaboration of the Camillian Province of the Philippines, these events represented a true gathering of brothers journeying in faith, formation, and mission.

The journey began on November 14 with the workshop “Growing in Identity, Deepening Mission,” which involved 25 religious with temporary vows. Led by Fr. Baby Ellickal, the young confreres reflected on Camillian

identity and mission, the Rule for Formation, and the Camillian Formation Map, discussing contemporary formation models and the need for authentic witness in today’s digital and pastoral context. The day ended with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, a sign that formation is a continuous journey rooted in prayer and compassionate service.

From November 17 to 19, the Formation Leadership Workshop was held on the theme “Towards a Renewed and Holistic Camillian Formation.” Nine formators and vocational animators explored the fundamental skills of the formative ministry, the psychological dynamics of accompaniment, the principles of protection,



the socio-cultural realities of Indonesia, and the challenges posed by digital culture. With the contribution of Fr. Bon Arimbuyutan and the guidance of Fr. Baby Ellickal, the participants developed a renewed sense of responsibility, committing themselves to building formation houses that are authentic “homes of love,” capable of helping young religious grow in freedom, maturity, and faith.

The cycle concluded from November 20 to 22 with the Workshop on Camillian Ministry, aimed at 25 religious with perpetual vows and led by Fr. Koffi Medard Aboué. The theme “Camillian Ministry Between Past, Present, and Future” offered an opportunity to re-read the history of the Order, discern current pastoral challenges, and imagine new horizons for the Camillian

mission. These days were a time of gratitude and renewed dedication, strengthening the bonds of fraternity among those who have already consecrated their lives to God and to the service of the sick.

Together, the three workshops formed a single fabric of growth and shared mission, a community that learns, prays, and discerns. They reaffirmed the conviction that formation and ministry are paths to be walked hand in hand, always open to the guidance of the Spirit and the needs of the Church.

The delegation in Indonesia, supported by the Camillian province of the Philippines, looks to the future with confidence, accompanying their confreres with fidelity, compassion, and joy.



# A day of remembrance and gratitude: 420 years of the Province of Sicily and 90 years since its reestablishment

By **Sonia Ferrigno**

**O**n December 4, 2025, at the provincial headquarters in Mangano (CT), the Camillians of Southern Italy experienced an intense day of remembrance and fraternity, celebrating the 420th anniversary of the founding of the Sicilian Province and the 90th anniversary of its refounding. Religious, sisters of the Daughters of St. Camillus, consecrated members of the Secular Institute Missionaries of the Sick Christ Hope, and numerous lay people shared in this moment of celebration, a sign of the vitality of a charism that continues to generate life and service.

The celebration began with the procession of the relic of the Heart of St. Camillus, a sign of blessing and a living memory of Camillian spirituality. The provincial superior, Brother Carlo Mangione, welcomed those present and addressed a special greeting to the ecclesiastical authorities who attended: Monsignor Antonino Raspanti, Bishop of Acireale, Don Angelo Pennisi, diocesan delegate for consecrated life, and Father Gianfranco Lunardon, Vicar General of the Order.

Monsignor Raspanti expressed his gratitude for the presence of the Camillians in the area, recalling their ministry lived "with their hands



immersed in the labors of service to the poorest and most needy." Don Angelo emphasized the power of the Spirit that continues to blow through the charism of St. Camillus, while Father Lunardon, in his report entitled "Life is not made with ifs, but with yeses," offered food for thought on how to transform the memory of the past into

light for the present and prophecy for the future.

The day was enriched by the participation, albeit remotely, of the provincial superiors of the Northern Italian, Roman, and Benin-Togo Provinces, the latter born precisely from the missionary zeal of the Camillians of Southern Italy.

A particularly touching moment was the pilgrimage to the Tenda San Camillo, a facility for AIDS patients, where five years ago Brother Leonardo Grasso tragically lost his life in service. In his room, marked by the memory of his sacrifice, a moment of prayer was held that made visible the radical nature of the Fourth Camillian Vow: to serve the sick even at the risk of one's own life.

The day ended with the celebration of the Eucharist in the church of St. Camillus in Acireale, an opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for several jubilees of religious life and to commemorate Brother Leonardo. Finally, a moment of sharing at the Casa Sollievo San Camillo sealed this anniversary, which united memory, gratitude, and hope for the future of the Sicilian Province.



# A life dedicated to the vulnerable

## The missionary story of Fr. Juan Antonio Amado

By Juan Pablo Hernández

The Spanish province of the Camillian Religious expresses its profound gratitude to Fr. Juan Antonio Amado for his long and fruitful mission in Argentina, where he served for over thirty years with exemplary dedication, pastoral sensitivity, and unwavering fidelity to the charism of St. Camillus de Lellis. Arriving in the country in 1994, he began his service in the community of Vagues, dedicating himself to the Hogar San Camilo and to accompanying people with physical disabilities. From that moment on, his life became intertwined with the history of the Camillian delegation in Argentina, taking on positions of increasing responsibility and passionately guiding works and communities. Over the years, he has been superior, bursar, director of magazines and institutions, chaplain, and finally provincial delegate, a role he has held continuously until 2025, always with the style of a pastor close to the most fragile and attentive to the needs of the community.

His work was not limited to administration or leadership, but embodied the heart of the Camillian charism: serving the sick with "his heart in his hand," promoting humanization as a pastoral style, and offering consolation and hope to those who were suffering. His presence left an indelible mark on the Hogar San Camilo in Vagues, on the communities and on the lay collaborators, who found in him a model of mercy and evangelical fidelity.

On November 26, Fr. Juan Antonio returned to Spain and was welcomed into the Camillian community of Tres Cantos, in Madrid. The Spanish province welcomes him with deep gratitude, recognizing the good he has sown in Argentina and hoping that the fruits of his mission will continue to flourish in the works, communities, and people he has encountered. His story remains a living testimony to what St. Camillus taught and an invitation to continue in the same spirit of compassion and dedication.



# One planet, one future

## Rome hosts international conference on sustainability and resilience

By Giulia Calibeo



**O**n December 2 and 3, 2025, the Camillianum Center in Rome welcomed nearly forty representatives of NGOs and civil society organizations from around the world for the International Conference "One Planet, One Future: A Global Alliance of Defenders for a Sustainable Future," promoted by CADIS International. Two intense days transformed a working meeting into a veritable laboratory of ideas, experiences, and shared visions for a more sustainable and resilient future.

From the opening remarks by Monsignor Robert Vitillo of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development, the need for a global response to disasters in a changing world emerged strongly. The sessions on the first day offered different but complementary perspectives: from planetary health to social movements, from community reconstruction initiatives to new financing tools for ecological resilience. In the afternoon,

testimonials of good practices showed how interreligious collaboration, community-level risk reduction, and psychosocial support can become concrete instruments of hope. The day ended with the launch of the book *Faith in Action: A Decade of Compassion and Resilience* with CADIS and the Musicamilliana concert, which gave voice and music to the Camillian charism, transforming art into a message of joy and consolation.

The second day marked the transition from discussion to planning. Moderated by Marco Iazzolino and technically guided by Fr. Aris Miranda, participants worked in thematic groups to develop innovative and community-based strategies for resilience and disaster preparedness, with an eye toward consultation on the Sendai Framework GP 2028. The proposals that emerged showed competence, creativity, and a deep sense of global responsibility, giving shape to a unified document that CADIS will present as a concrete

contribution to the international community.

The conference ended with the awareness that the challenge of sustainability and resilience cannot be tackled alone. It is a journey that requires alliances, dialogue, and an open heart,

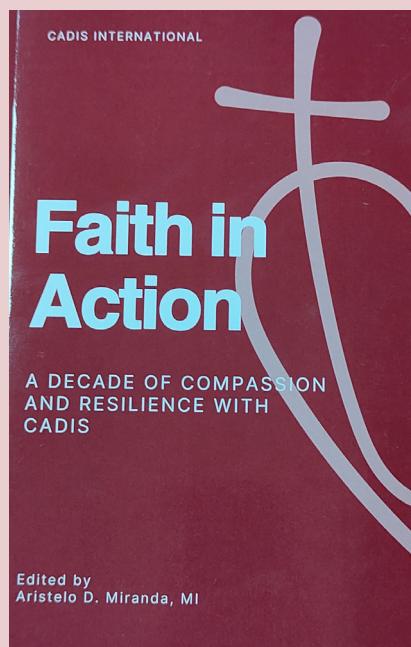
just like the first Christian community that lived “with one heart and one soul.” In this spirit, CADIS and its partners are preparing to carry forward a shared commitment to a more just, supportive, and future-oriented planet.

## ***Faith in Action: A Decade of Compassion and Resilience with CADIS***

By **Fr. Aris Miranda**

**A** book recounting ten years of humanitarian missions and global solidarity. Published by Camillian Disaster Service International (CADIS), *Faith in Action* traces the journey that began in 2015, when the Order of Ministers of the Sick established its humanitarian and development arm.

Through the voices of Camillian religious, humanitarian workers, academics, and frontline partners in Asia, Africa, and Europe, the book offers a deep and concrete look at the challenges faced: earthquakes, typhoons, epidemics, conflicts, and forced migration. At its core is the Integral Human Care model, which integrates medical care, psychosocial support, pastoral accompaniment, and rehabilitation of livelihoods,



embodying the Camillian charism of mercy and the Fourth Vow to serve the sick even at the risk of one's own life.

From the Philippines to Nepal, from India to East Africa, to

the response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis in Poland, the pages document experiences of resilience and healing, showing how faith-inspired solidarity can transform entire communities.

More than a chronicle of emergencies, *Faith in Action* is a reflection on what it means to accompany those who suffer towards a new dignity. It is both a celebration of CADIS's first decade and an invitation to continue the mission of care and hope in a world marked by climate crises, pandemics, and conflicts.

An essential text for humanitarian leaders, church organizations, scholars, and all those who believe in a more compassionate and resilient future.

# The joy of vocation: solemn profession and priestly ordination

***These events, experienced on different continents but united by the same spirit, bear witness to the strength and beauty of the Camillian vocation.***

By Communication Office

In November and December, the Camillian Family experienced some moments of great vocational intensity, concrete signs of the vitality of St. Camillus' charism and the fruitfulness of the journey of consecration lived in different ecclesial contexts.

On November 22, 2025, at the parish of Tam Hai in the Archdiocese of Saigon, the Solemn Profession of four confreres of the Vice-Province of Vietnam was celebrated: Joseph Nguyen Dinh Minh Quang, Paul Dinh Bo Dam, Vincent Vu Tien Dat, and Thaddeus Tran Van Tay. The celebration, presided over by the Superior General, Fr. Pedro Tramontin, who received the vows according to the Constitutions and Statutes of the Order, was attended by numerous religious, confreres from other Asian realities, benefactors, and faithful from the local community. In an atmosphere of deep fraternity and joyful dedication, the newly professed expressed their definitive choice to consecrate themselves to the service of the sick, a sign of vocational



*Solemn profession celebrated in Vietnam*



*Priestly ordination of Alexander Pérez in Bogotá*

maturity and growth for the Vice-Province.

A few days later, on Sunday, November 30, 2025, in the San José Chapel of Hogar Betania in Bogotá, Deacon Alexander Pérez Panqueva received priestly ordination through the laying on of hands by His Excellency Edwin Raúl Vanegas Cuervo. The celebration was a precious gift for the Church and for the Order, which welcomes a new priest called to live the priestly ministry according to the Camillian perspective of service to the sick and the most fragile.

In addition to these significant events, on December 13, 2025, Joseph Michel Rakotonjanahary (Madagascar) made his Solemn Profession in Zbrosławice, Poland. This definitive consecration is also an eloquent sign of the universal dimension of the Camillian charism and its ability to generate generous responses to the Lord's call.

These events, experienced on different continents but united



*Solemn profession of Joseph Michel, celebrated in Poland*

by the same spirit, bear witness to the strength and beauty of the Camillian vocation: a call that is expressed in religious consecration and priestly ministry, always oriented towards making Christ's mercy present through compassionate

care of the sick. They are signs of hope and renewed dedication, encouraging the entire Camillian Family to continue with confidence and enthusiasm on their vocational journey.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).



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