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**At Easter,  
hope is reborn**



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***“Jesus himself drew near and walked with them.” (Lk 24:15)***

Dear confreres,

Easter is approaching as a time of light that enters discreetly, yet with a power capable of transforming what seemed unchangeable. Every year this mystery surprises us, because it does not merely remind us of a past event: it reaches us in the present, in our struggles and in our hopes, and invites us to rise again. The Resurrection of Jesus is the act by which God lifts up wounded humanity, and we Camillians are called to participate in this movement of life. Every time we bend over a sick person, every time we listen to a story of pain, every time we accompany someone through their night, Easter draws near. It is there that our charism becomes a ministry of resurrection, a presence that sustains and opens windows to the future.

In this season, we feel a strong desire to be reborn together. Our communities, with their history and their fragility, are the place where the Resurrection takes shape in daily life. Fraternity is not an abstract ideal, but a concrete journey made up of patience, forgiveness, and mutual listening. Easter invites us to rebuild bonds, to rediscover the joy of sharing the mission, to recognize that we need one another. When a community allows itself to be renewed by the Spirit, it becomes a credible sign of the Gospel: a place where healing takes place, where new beginnings are made, where hope finds a home. It is a precious gift, especially in a world that often divides, isolates, and erodes relationships.

Indeed, we are living in a time marked by conflicts, violence, and hurtful words. As Camillians, we cannot remain indifferent in the face of these wounds of humanity. Easter invites us to believe that peace is not a utopia, but a possible path; that reconciliation can arise even in the places most scarred by hatred; that care, lived with humility and perseverance, becomes a universal language capable of opening pathways where everything seems closed. Our service to the sick and the poor is a concrete way to oppose the logic of violence with the logic of mercy, to bear witness that life is stronger than destruction.

The Risen Christ also calls us to take a step of courage. We all know those stones that threaten to shut out life, but Easter reminds us that no stone is permanent. The Lord opens new spaces precisely

where we thought everything was over. He invites us to emerge from our inner tombs, to let ourselves be freed from what imprisons us, to rediscover the joy of mission. The charism we have received is a force that drives us toward the peripheries of suffering, toward those awaiting a kind word, toward those in need of a presence that does not judge but accompanies.

My thoughts go in a special way to my confreres who live out their mission in hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, and places where suffering is most evident and most silent. There, Easter takes on a concrete face: it is the light that enters the nights of illness, it is the hand that supports when strength fails, it is the closeness that restores dignity even in the most fragile moments. You are ministers of consolation, witnesses to a hope that makes no noise but changes lives. Your presence, often hidden and silent, is one of the most authentic expressions of the Gospel. I thank you for the faithfulness with which you serve, for the tenderness you know how to give, for the strength you find even when everything seems heavy.

On this journey, we are accompanied by the fire of charity that St. Camillus kindled and that continues to burn in the world through us and through the many laypeople and collaborators who share our mission. It is a fire that illuminates and transforms, that warms and purifies, that does not go out in trials. To guard it means to nourish it with prayer, with fraternity, with concrete dedication to the sick and the poor. It means allowing ourselves to be transformed by it, because charity is not just what we do, but what we become. It is a fire that asks to be passed on, because the world needs signs of mercy, gestures that speak louder than words, hearts capable of compassion.

I wish you a holy Easter that brings breath, courage, and unity. An Easter that finds us standing, together, ready to let ourselves be surprised by the power of the Risen Lord. An Easter that renews our way of looking at the world and serving those who suffer. A deeply Camillian Easter, capable of rekindling once again the desire to be men of mercy, brothers to all, guardians of hope.

With affection and gratitude,

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

# Combating Blood Shortages in Benin: The Tireless Commitment of Fr. Bruno Hounkonnou

*Every month, Father Bruno organizes an average of twenty blood drives on weekends across the country's various departments and dioceses.*

By **Fr. Medard Aboue**

For years, Father Bruno Hounkonnou has been a key figure in Benin in promoting blood donation.

In September 2025, the Provincial Council appointed him Coordinator of this initiative in the three African countries under the Province's jurisdiction: Benin, Togo, and the Central African Republic.

Also in 2025, during the Jubilee Year of the Conversion of St. Camillus, specifically on June 14, World Blood Donor Day, he and our "La Croix" Hospital in Zinvé were recognized by the Minister of Health, through the National Blood Transfusion Agency (ANTS), and by the country's First Lady, through her Claudine Talon Foundation, as the best promoters of this precious gift for the lives of patients in Benin's hospitals.

It is in this context that, in collaboration with delegates from various countries in the Province, Father Bruno is able to reach an ever-growing number of fellow citizens to support the goal that no patient should ever again die due to a lack of blood in any healthcare facility in the country.

Every year, public campaigns are launched through the mass media (newspapers, radio, television, social media, etc.) to create a broad network of blood donors through voluntary blood donor associations and numerous parishes in the dioceses. This year, the campaign was launched



*Fr. Bruno Hounkonnou*

last February in collaboration with the National Blood Transfusion Agency (ANTS). Each month, Father Bruno organizes an average of twenty blood donation drives on weekends across the country's various departments and dioceses.

The initiative continues to be successful, with the number of volunteers steadily increasing. Heartfelt thanks to Father Bruno and his collaborators for the tireless commitment they dedicate to this precious Camillian ministry in the service of our sick brothers and sisters.



## The Camillian Spanish Province holds its Open Meeting in Zamora

By **Juan Pablo Hernández**

**O**n March 19 and 20, the Spanish Province of the Camillian religious held its Provincial Open Meeting (Reunión Abierta) at the Casa de la Iglesia in Zamora.

It was a time of fellowship, reflection, and shared discernment, attended by religious and laypeople associated with the various communities and ministries of the Province.

The meeting was attended by the Provincial Superior, José Carlos Bermejo; Brother Long Tran, the event organizer; Fr. Agustín Bado; and the religious Miguel Ángel Sacco, Hardy Steward Cruz, Le Van Thuong, Brayan Stiven Gallo, Elysee Gbedji, Manuel Martín Rojas, Phuc Hoang, and Santiago García.

Also in attendance were lay leaders and collaborators from various sectors: Sylvia Blanco (administrator of the San Camillo Center), Juan Pablo Hernández (Provincial Secretariat), Bernardino Lozano (Lay Camillian Family), José Manuel Martínez (director of the San Camillo Center), along with directors

and representatives of the Province's foundations and social service agencies.

The meeting began on the afternoon of March 18 with communal prayer, lived in the light of the Order's Constitution, followed by a time of fellowship and a brief visit to the city of Zamora. The day of March 19 began with prayer and a communal breakfast.

Subsequently, the Provincial Superior, José Carlos Bermejo, presented a report on the state of the Province, outlining a roadmap focused on strengthening inter-community communion and charismatic identity through shared presence and fraternal life.

Among the most significant developments is the process of demographic and intercultural transformation. The Province currently has 38 religious members in Spain and Argentina. The incorporation of confreres from Peru, Vietnam, Benin, Burkina Faso, India, Colombia, and Italy has lowered the provincial average age from

80 to 66, creating a younger and more diverse community at the service of the mission. The meeting highlighted the strength of the care and pastoral network, comprising two care centers (Tres Cantos and Vagues), the Center for the Humanization of Health, four chaplaincies, and four Listening Centers (Centros de Escucha) in Madrid, Seville, Valencia, and Barcelona.

The report highlighted the importance of academic and specialized training as a strategic pillar, with religious engaged in studies of bioethics, medicine, theology, counseling, and grief management. Subsequently, Fr. Agustín Bado presented an initial assessment of the Province's Strategic Plan, launched in October 2025.

Following this, Roberto Pérez led the reflection "Safe Spaces: Opening Our Eyes to Abuse, Power, and Structures," within the framework of the Province's commitment to a culture of care.

The presentation reaffirmed the need to understand power as service and mission, overcoming structural dynamics that foster abuse and placing victims at the center of healing processes.

It was reaffirmed that the creation of safe environments is not merely a regulatory obligation, but a charismatic imperative deeply rooted in the Gospel and the style of care characteristic of the Camillian tradition. On the afternoon of March 19, participants explored the figure of St. Camillus de Lellis. José Carlos Bermejo addressed St. Camillus's work and its spread.

Miguel Ángel Millán presented the book *Humanizing Care: The Example of St. Camillus* and highlighted how the Founder's human frailty gave rise to a charisma of extraordinary ecclesial strength. The day concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist, presided over by Fr. Agustín Bado.

March 20 was dedicated to the presentation of the San Camillo Welfare Foundation (home care service) and the Camillo de Lellis Foundation, which assists 2,493 elderly men and women religious in 90 centers across Spain. Through its example, the Foundation consolidates a model of care centered on the dignity of the person in the final stages of life. José Manuel Martínez presented the data from the San Camillo Center: in 2025, the Care Center welcomed 207 residents, while the Palliative Care Unit accompanied 580 people.

The Center for the Humanization of Health maintained an intense editorial and scientific activity, strengthening the network of Listening Centers, which now counts more than 50 locations.

Following this, reports were presented by the communities of Tres Cantos, Barcelona, and Valencia, along with updates from the

Provincial Secretariat, youth ministry, vocational ministry, and financial administration. Bernardino Lozano offered a reflection on the Camillian Lay Family (FCL), highlighting new initiatives to revitalize lay participation in the shared mission. Before closing, the Provincial Superior met with the religious to emphasize the importance of fostering a culture of transparency and preparing for the upcoming pastoral visit to Argentina in April 2026.

The Provincial Open Meeting was a privileged space for listening, communion, and discernment. In light of the legacy of St. Camillus de Lellis, religious and laypeople renewed their commitment to promoting a culture of care marked by humanization, closeness, and evangelical tenderness—distinctive signs of the Camillian charisma in the Church today.

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*Fr. Erwan-Jean-Marie Francois, Provincial Delegate, with some members of the Delegation.*

## Haiti becomes a Camillian Delegation

By **Fr. Erwan-Jean-Marie Francois**  
*[Provincial delegate]*

The greatest joy we have experienced this year as a community is the transition of the Camillian mission in Haiti from its founding phase to that of a Delegation, effective January 30, 2026.

Some Camillian religious, coming from Turin, arrived in Haiti in 1994. Currently, the mission has 12 local priests. Eight of us are working in Haiti, while the other four are on mission in the Mother Province in Italy.

We have the privilege of always having among us Father Massimo Miraglio, an Italian Camillian religious who has been a missionary in Haiti for about twenty years.

The Delegation also includes ten temporary professed members in theological formation in Burkina Faso, three novices, and one pre-novice in Haiti. We have two active communities: one in Port-au-Prince and the other in Jérémie.

Our house of formation is also located in Port-au-Prince. We plan to open a new mission in the

Diocese of Nippes soon.

Our activities in the country are organized primarily around three main areas: healthcare, pastoral care, and social work.

We give thanks to God the Father, who in his infinite love did not allow his Son to remain in the power of the grave, but raised him from the dead, to give us life, peace, and joy in fullness. All our gratitude goes to the Provincial, the Most Reverend Father Giuseppe Rigamonti, to his Council, and to the community of Turin, in particular to Father Antonio Menegon and Father Paolo Cipriano Joaquim, who have agreed to accompany us in this process of growth. For us in Haiti, this decision by the Provincial and his Council is a sign of trust and of the maturity of religious life.

This development has allowed the young Delegation to regain a certain organizational serenity in carrying out its mission among the sick and the poor.

The transition to the Delegation phase has sparked a new missionary zeal among the brothers and a new dynamism in our various ministries. While we rejoice in this transition, we are nonetheless aware that it is at the same time a great responsibility for each of us.

Since the installation of the Delegation Council on March 19, the time for idle talk and past disputes is over. Rather, it is a time for forgiveness, reconciliation, and fraternity. It is a time to discuss useful projects, future prospects, and new initiatives.

It is time to get to work, to make the young Delegation shine and to strengthen our credibility among those who are tasked with accompanying us. The theme that will guide the Delegation's work for the remainder of the 2025–2028 term is as follows: "Toward a reconciled and dynamic Delegation: fraternal communion, participation of all, and a new missionary impetus." This theme, inspired by that of the Synod on Synodality, aims at two major objectives: first, to be a reconciled

Delegation, and second, to be a dynamic Delegation.

The means to achieve these two objectives are: fraternal communion, participation of all, and a new missionary zeal.

Reconciliation cannot be decreed. It is achieved gradually and freely, through the efforts of both parties, with the aim of restoring harmonious relationships previously troubled by real, presumed, or fabricated misunderstandings, while respecting, of course, each person's pace.

We are all human beings, with limitations, weaknesses, and flaws. It is unwise to believe oneself to be perfect or as pure as the driven snow. Each of us has our own merits and faults. In this case, the best attitude would be to humbly acknowledge one's own shortcomings, like the tax collector in the Gospel, thereby initiating a mutual process of overcoming and healing.

I dare to believe that my colleagues are convinced, as I am, that at a certain point in life we must move forward. We cannot remain



*Fr. Massimo Miraglio, Camillian missionary in Haiti*

forever mired in our internal disputes, in our latent or open conflicts. Otherwise, we run the risk of harming others and ourselves and, consequently, of destroying fraternity, slowing down or blocking the Delegation's development—which would in reality amount to self-destruction.

In this sense, fraternal communion and the participation of all are a priority for the Council. The Provincial's latest assignments reflect precisely our desire to involve all the confreres in the organization and management of the Delegation. It is therefore up to each one to demonstrate creativity, ingenuity, fruitfulness, and responsibility in their duties.

The dynamism of the Delegation depends on the dynamism of each of its members. This much-sought-after dynamism necessarily passes through our docility to the Holy Spirit, the One who gives life, who enlivens, and who warms.

Hence the need for each of us to be constantly connected to our Source, who is God, through a life of constant prayer.

This necessarily requires a personal and communal conversion, a shift in mindset and practices, adopting a new way of being and acting, a new lifestyle that Pope Francis calls: a synodal style.

On our shared journey, everyone must be valued for who they are. Every brother is a gift, a precious gift from God to the Delegation. So to speak, we all have something to contribute to the building of the Delegation, whether it be our talents, our skills, our human qualities, or our experiences.

Experience is a rare commodity, without which our theological knowledge, our good will, and

our zeal will clash dangerously with the concrete realities of our contexts, especially in the context of Haiti, marked by poverty and the violence of armed gangs. To acquire this experience, we need humility, patience, and a keen sense of observation, to learn and understand the psychology, culture, and reactions of those with whom we collaborate and those to whom we are sent.

Therefore, I invite my confreres in the Delegation to dig deep, to till and cultivate within themselves to find and give their best in the building and edification of our Delegation.

Thus, let each one take seriously the various responsibilities entrusted to him.

All tasks are important for the Delegation.

And we must always remember the master's words of praise, in the parable of the talents, addressed to the good servant: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things; enter into the joy of

your master" (Mt 25:21).

In conclusion, I am counting greatly on God's grace, on the intercession of the Virgin Mary and of Saint Camillus, our Father, on the support of the General Council, the Provincial, and the community of Madian Orizzonti in Turin, and on the collaboration of all my confreres to build together a more peaceful future for our Delegation—all for the glory of God, the good of the sick in Haiti, and the sake of future generations.

This generation will not ask us for signs, but will judge us on what we have built and left for them, in particular the witness of an authentic religious life, marked by fraternity and reconciliation.



*Fr. Pedro Tramontin and Fr. Sergio Palumbo during the gathering at Bucchianico*

## National Gathering of Camillian Formators, Students, and Vocation Promoters from Italy

By **Fr. Alessandro Carmelo La Rosa**

From April 7 to 11, 2026, the “Nicola d’Onofrio” Spirituality Center in Bucchianico hosted the National Gathering of Camillian formators, candidates, and vocational animators from Italy—an intense time of encounter, reflection, and fraternity lived in the light of Isaiah 53: “By his wounds we are healed.”

This was not merely a formation conference, but a concrete ecclesial experience, in which consecrated life listened to itself, to its own opportunities, and to the urgent needs of the present time.

The proceedings were opened with greetings from the Superior General, Father Pedro Tramontin, together with Father Baby Ellickal, consultant for formation, and Father Sergio Palumbo, European coordinator of the Secretariat for Formation.

Their remarks immediately set the tone for the entire gathering, strongly emphasizing the value of fraternity. Father Tramontin invited all participants to rediscover themselves as one body, to live this time as a true experience of

communion, and to feel “at home” in the land of Bucchianico, a place rich in memory and charism.

Not merely a gathering, but a commitment to becoming actively involved, taking the lead in formation through the call to be proactive, active, and responsible, because formation concerns everyone and arises from living relationships.

These words were followed by a greeting from Father Baby, who offered a deeply spiritual reflection on the time spent together, placing it in the light of the mystery of Christ’s wounds.

Returning to the gathering’s guiding verse, he recalled how the Lord’s wounds are not merely signs of suffering, but transfigured wounds, places where pain is taken up and transformed into redemptive love. From this perspective, formation was presented as a journey that passes through one’s own fragility, embraced and illuminated by the light of the Risen One.

Father Baby emphasized that being formators and those in formation means allowing oneself to be shaped inwardly precisely through these wounds, recognizing that it is there that the Lord

meets us and transforms us. It is not a matter of avoiding fragility, but of passing through it, so that it becomes a space for authentic compassion and growth.

His talk concluded with an invitation to live this time as an opportunity for inner renewal and renewed missionary zeal, so that, supported by the intercession of St. Camillus, each person may grow in their vocation and contribute with hope to the life of the Order.

The first day began with a presentation by Father Umberto Andretto, who guided the participants through an intense and deeply provocative reading of the parable of the Good Samaritan, highlighting how the heart of the Gospel is not a generic feeling of mercy, but a love that translates into concrete action.

Through a careful analysis of the Gospel text, Father Andretto showed how Jesus exposes a form of religiosity that can paradoxically end up justifying indifference.

Father Andretto strongly emphasized that this expression, in Scripture, properly belongs to God.

The Samaritan thus becomes a concrete image of the divine way of acting: he does not obey a law, but allows himself to be moved by a love that becomes closeness, care, and service. He does not remain at a distance, but draws near, bends down, gets his hands dirty, and takes upon himself the burden of the other.

Only by entering into the concreteness of life, mingling with the wounds of humanity, is it possible to truly learn to care.

The other educational contributions were then presented within this atmosphere of evangelical depth.

Particularly significant was the presentation by Prof. Vincenzo Comodo, professor of sociology at the Pontifical Institute of Theology of Consecrated Life Claretianum. His presentation opened a broad and thought-provoking reflection on the relationship between consecrated life and new technologies.

Digital technology, he said, is not simply a tool, but an environment that shapes the way we think, communicate, and experience relationships.



Through a journey that interwove etymology, anthropology, and concrete experience, the centrality of the inner dimension emerged. One cannot inhabit the digital world without a solid inner life, without a deep connection with God.

Alongside these perspectives, there were concrete references to the risks associated with the digital world, such as addiction, isolation, and the manipulation of information, highlighting the need for formation capable of addressing these areas as well.

Rounding out this discussion was the presentation by Fr. Giorgio Nacci, a moral theologian, who addressed the issue of abuse, offering a broad and deeply formative perspective.

It became clear that at the root of abuse there is always a distorted use of power and that every formative relationship must safeguard the person's freedom, avoiding any form of imposition on the conscience of service and authentic relationships.

The Superior General's opening call continues to resonate as a decisive criterion: to live fraternity, to feel like one body, to make formation our home.

Alongside moments of listening and reflection, the gathering was marked by daily prayer, the celebration of the Eucharist, group work, and moments of fraternal sharing, making the richness of the proposed content concrete and lived.

# The Polish Province Celebrates Its 80th Anniversary

***The jubilee celebration was not only a commemoration of years past, but also an invitation to continue faithfully following the path of St. Camillus: the path of love, service, and compassion for human suffering.***

By **Maria Chiara Sabato**

On April 12, 2026, celebrations marking the 80th anniversary of the Polish Province of the Camillians took place in Tarnowskie Góry. Before World War II, the German Province had established a clinic for alcoholics, a hospital, and a church in Hindenburg—now Zabrze—in Upper Silesia. With the end of the war, those territories became part of Poland.

On April 12, 1946, an independent Polish Province was established. However, the years of its founding coincided with the rise of communism in Poland. As a result, the Camillians were stripped of their hospitals and were left with only the option of carrying out parish ministry.

With 1989, the year of the fall of Communism, the Order was able to return to living out its charism. The new government, in fact, returned one of the two hospitals to the Camillians and permitted the creation of various facilities for the sick, disabled, and marginalized.

Even today, the Camillians serve as chaplains in numerous hospitals, are present in four parishes, and manage a hospital, five nursing homes, a shelter for the homeless, and an HIV center. Since the start of the war in Ukraine, they have been supporting refugees by creating a dignified place for them to live and helping them start an independent life in Poland.

During the celebrations marking 80 years of the Camillians' presence in Poland, past and present intertwined to remind everyone of the difficulties already overcome but also of future challenges. Among these are the progressive aging of the religious and the lack of vocations, especially local ones.



*p. Roman Zajac, padre provinciale della Polonia*

The highlight of the celebration was the Holy Mass celebrated at the parish of Mary, Mother of the Healing of the Sick, in Tarnowskie Góry. The liturgy was presided over by Father Roman Zajac, MI, the Provincial Superior, who emphasized in his homily that mercy is a common trait not only of the Camillians but of the entire Church. In fact, thanks to the initiative of a Polish pope who, on April 30, 2000, established Divine



*Eucharistic Celebration*

Mercy Sunday, mercy has become a treasure of the entire Church.

“If we are here,” said Father Roman Zajęc, MI, Provincial Superior of Poland, “it is because we have encountered the Camillians at some point in our lives, perhaps throughout our entire lives. Undoubtedly, we are united by God, the Resurrection, Divine Mercy, St. Camillus, and the sick and suffering. St. Camillus, too, was touched by the grace of Divine Mercy.

It was February 2, 1575, when his conversion took place. Like him, if we wish to open ourselves ever more to God’s guidance for the Order, the Province, and for ourselves, we must always move from God toward humanity. “Human beings have a profound need for mercy, for the experience of God’s love.”

The homily concluded with a thanksgiving to God “for allowing us to become part of the history of this extraordinary city of miners, which this year celebrates 500 years of civil rights. Our own modest celebration is also part of this history.”

The jubilee celebration was not only a remembrance of years past, but also an invitation to continue faithfully following the path of St. Camillus: the path of love, service, and sensitivity to human suffering.

The invitation is to look “with confidence toward the future, because God always guides the work He has begun. Let us remain in Divine Mercy along all the paths of our lives. Let us remain steadfast, confident, and merciful.

## Being Close to the Sick Without Being Intrusive

By **Maria Chiara Sabato**

From March 19 to 22, the national conference “For Francis, Death Is a Sister: A Provocation to Life” was held at the Domus Pacis in Assisi, marking the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death.

Among the speakers was Fr. Arnaldo Pangrazzi, MI, who offered insights into the various facets of human suffering and led a workshop on the spiritual and religious accompaniment of the sick and the dying.

The priest highlighted problematic attitudes to be mindful of. His talk began with the story of his first encounter with a patient who was about to die. “I arrive at the hospital in the late afternoon, and as soon as I get there, some volunteers hand me the list of people to visit. Next to one name, it says URGENT. It is a woman in the ‘Tuberculosis and Lung Problems’ ward.

Her name is Anna. I met her; she wanted me to pray for her. She was convinced that God wouldn’t listen to her because, she said, ‘I’ve behaved very badly toward Him. My life has been a disaster. My friends have abandoned me. I have two children and I’d like to see them again... Please pray for me.’

Anna was the first woman I saw die. Later I learned that as a young woman she had been a prostitute and had been living with tuberculosis and HIV for years.”

In the work of comforting the sick, Father Pangrazzi said, one encounters many different kinds of people. Their character, life experiences, and vulnerabilities are also reflected in how they experience pain and interpret suffering.

For some, suffering is a punishment, a trial, or an injustice; for others, it is an opportunity for growth or sanctification.



*Fr. Arnaldo Pangrazzi*

Faced with this panorama of the human soul, one risks being intrusive if not properly trained.

It is important to know how to listen, to understand the fears and hopes of the sick person, and to avoid clichés, advice, and reassurances that often fail to touch the spirit and remain empty and superficial.

Blaming the sick, stifling their emotions, or trivializing their feelings can also be ineffective actions.

To avoid being superficial or intrusive, it is important to welcome the sick with respect and humanity, to empathize, to identify with their feelings, and ultimately, to understand what their spiritual needs might be.

Father Pangrazzi reminded us that when facing those who suffer, we must ask ourselves not only “What can I communicate and be for them?” but also “What can I learn from those who suffer?”

For in every sufferer dwells a healer, and in every helper dwells one who is wounded.

## The new issue of *Cura Pastoralis* is available

By **Communications Office**

The second volume of *Cura pastoralis*, the journal of pastoral health theology published by the Camillian Study Center, has just been released.

The title itself—“From Conversion to Consecration: The Year 2025—Jubilee of Hope and Jubilee of the Conversion of St. Camillus”—reflects the two main themes explored in the numerous articles.

As Father Pedro Tramontin, Superior General of the Order, notes in the preface to the volume, “The Jubilee Year has allowed us to relive history in order to build a future of hope for the new generations who are drawn to the ideal of the Camillian religious life. The two jubilees have certainly



allowed Camillians and all healthcare workers to renew their commitment to serving the sick, the frail, and the least among us, offering all their energies as a gift and as a path to spiritual growth.” At the same time, he adds, “We

have noted with joy that St. Camillus is a saint who remains ever relevant because suffering has never ceased to be a companion of human existence. The Christian vocation, and in particular the Camillian one, is a sign of hope for the Church, especially for that part of humanity that suffers.”

The volume “Cura pastoralis” brings together many of the reflections that emerged during this Jubilee Year, which, for the Camillians, began in Manfredonia – San Giovanni Rotondo (Fg) on February 1 with a formation meeting and concluded on December 8 in Rome. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.it

## *Belleza y humanización de la salud* by José Carlos Bermejo

*Belleza y humanización de la salud* by José Carlos Bermejo explores in depth the connection between care, vulnerability, and beauty, proposing a holistic vision of health that encompasses the body, emotions, relationships, spirituality, and values. Bermejo invites us to recognize beauty as an ethical and relational dimension of care, capable of illuminating even the most fragile aspects of existence:



illness, suffering, dying, and mourning. Through three thematic axes—the relationship between beauty and health, the connection with human virtues, and the aesthetic experience of fragility—the author engages in dialogue with contemporary thinkers and the humanist tradition, offering an original and necessary reflection for healthcare professionals and pastoral workers.

## Father Adriano Giacomo Tarraran [1938-2026]

Father Adriano Giacomo Tarraran was born on October 31, 1938, in Ramon di Loria (TV). He spent his childhood in Zenone degli Ezzelini, after which his family moved to Verghera di Samarate (VA). On October 10, 1949, he entered the seminary in Mottinello, Rossano Veneto (VI); in 1950, he was transferred to the seminary in Villa Visconta, Besana Brianza (MI), and then in 1951 to Marchirolo (VA).

On June 23, 1964, he was ordered priest. After serving as a summer substitute in the chaplaincy of the Civil Hospital of Padua, on September 20, 1964, he went to the Seminary of St. Vito in Pergine (TN) as assistant and instructor for the aspirants, and on September 25, 1965, he moved to Mottinello in the same role for the postulants. On December 17, 1966, he departed for Bogotá, Colombia. From 1967 to 1970, he served as chaplain at the Asilo de Indigentes and the Hospital La Misericordia in Bogotá. From 1970 to 1977, he was in Medellín as chaplain at the Leon XIII Clinic. On June 28, 1977, he was appointed Provincial Delegate of the Colombian-Peruvian Delegation, a position he was reappointed to for the following three years. On August 11, 1977, he was appointed Superior of the San Camilo community in Bogotá, and during that three-year period served as chaplain at the Hospital San Juan de Dios.



In the summer of 1979, he attended the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course in Canada. From 1979 to 1981, he served as President of the Pastoral Care of Health Ministry of the Conference of Religious of Colombia. From 1980 to 2004, he was chaplain at the Materno-Infantil Institute in Bogotá. Meanwhile, beginning in 1982, he began promoting pastoral care in health at the Camillian Pastoral Center in the House of St. Camillus (1982–1988), then at the St. Camillus Seminary (1989–1994), and at the House of St. Joseph (until 1995). In the summer of 1984, he attended a CPE course at the newly established Pastoral Center in Verona. In 1986, he was appointed Coordinator of Pastoral Care in Health for the Archdiocese of Bogotá. In 1994, he was appointed Coordinator of Pastoral Care in Health for the Episcopal Conference of Colombia. From 1995 to 2004, he served as

Superior of the House of St. Joseph in Bogotá and First Councilor of the Delegation. In 2004, he was appointed Director of the Center for Pastoral Care in Health. From 2004 to 2007, he served as Delegation Councilor. On July 31, 2007, he was appointed Superior of the House of St. Joseph in Bogotá, a position he held for the following three years. On July 15, 2021, at over eighty years of age, he returned permanently to Italy and was assigned to the house in Capriate S. Gervasio (BG), where he served at the O. Cerruti Nursing Home. He died on the morning of April 11, 2026, after 62 years of priesthood.

Father Adriano firmly believed in pastoral formation in the healthcare field, so much so that he established the Pastoral Center, which became the primary point of reference for the Colombian national Church.

He focused on involving the laity and promoted the Lay Camillian Family, stepping aside when local religious were ready to take on the Center's responsibilities. As a devout religious, though with much initial difficulty, he committed himself to reintegrating into the Italian rhythms of fraternal life. We remember him for his works and for his gentle nature, which made him a person loved by all his friends and family.

## Father Joaquín Morant Garcia [1927-2026]

The Spanish Province of the Camillian Religious announces, with deep sorrow and firm hope in the Resurrection, the passing of Fr. Joaquín Morant García, a Camillian religious and priest, which occurred on the morning of April 15 in the community of Seville, surrounded by the affection, prayers, and fraternal support of the religious of his community. Fr. Joaquín was born in Almoines (Valencia) on February 27, 1927. He was baptized on March 5, 1927, and confirmed on November 3, 1940. He entered the Order on October 8, 1939. He began his novitiate in Vic (Barcelona) on September 7, 1944, made his temporary profession on September 8, 1945, and his solemn profession on September 8, 1948. He was ordained a priest on May 31, 1952, in Barcelona, during the International Eucharistic Congress. Throughout his long religious life, he faithfully exercised his pastoral ministry and community service in various communities, especially in Valencia, Seville, and Madrid, holding positions such as Local Superior, Treasurer, Provincial Councilor, and hospital chaplain. He was soon assigned to Seville as chaplain of the Miraflores Hospital, and in 1955 he



was appointed Superior and Treasurer of the community. He subsequently served in Madrid, where he also held the office of Superior and collaborated at the San Camilo Clinic. In 1957, he was elected Provincial Councilor and Provincial Treasurer. In 1962, he returned to Valencia as Superior and Treasurer, and in 1968, he was appointed chaplain of the Clinical Hospital. In 1973, he returned to Seville to serve as chaplain at the San Lázaro Provincial Hospital, where he carried out an intense ministry of accompanying the sick for many years. In 1984, he was appointed Local Councilor and also took on the chaplaincy of the Royal Cemetery of Seville. In 1986, due to his age and progressive loss of vision, he left his service as a hospital chaplain. He continued to collaborate

generously within the community: in 1998, as First Local Councilor, he oversaw worship at the Seville Retirement Home and tended the home's garden. Even after several years of retirement, in 2008 he continued to provide religious services as chaplain at the San Camilo Residence in Seville. In 2010, he was again appointed First Local Councilor, continuing his service at the nursing home. This is how his confreres remember him: "Despite his blindness, he maintained for years a remarkable independence and a serene presence that continued to edify the community. His life was a witness to vocational perseverance, fidelity to the call he received, and concrete love for the sick, whom he served by recognizing in them the face of the suffering Christ, according to the charism of St. Camillus de Lellis. Until the end, he remained united to community life with a fraternal and grateful spirit, being for all an example of silent dedication and trusting hope." We ask the Lord to welcome him into his Kingdom and to grant him full participation in the new life promised to his faithful servants. May he rest in the peace of the Lord.

## Father Tomasz Stachoń [1970-2026]


With deep sadness and faith in eternal life, the Polish confreres announce that on April 15, 2026, at Bielanski Hospital, Fr. Tomasz Stachoń, a Camillian religious of the Polish Camillian Province, returned to the Father's House. Father Stachoń was born on March 3, 1970, in Katowice; he took his perpetual vows on December 9, 1996, in Biała Prudnicka; and he was ordained a priest on May 30, 1998, in Warsaw by His Eminence Cardinal Józef Glemp. In his priestly ministry, Stachoń served God and humanity with dedication, particularly the sick and the needy. He served in many communities, leaving a witness of faith, kindness, and sensitivity to the suffering of others. In his pastoral life, he served in various cities across



Poland, always carrying the message of St. Camillus with love and dedication. His ministry took him from the parish of St. Joseph the Worker in Taciszów (August 1998) to the parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Biała near Prudnik (November 1998), and to the parish of

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, in Tarnowskie Góry in 2006.

Since July 1, 2007, he has served as chaplain at the Children's Hospital in Dziekanów Leśny, Warsaw. From 2017 to 2020, he was assigned to the parish of St. Joseph the Worker in Taciszów as novice master. He concluded his pastoral duties at the Children's Hospital in Dziekanów Leśny, Warsaw, where he has served since 2022. The funeral took place on April 18 at the parish of Our Lady, Health of the Sick, in Tarnowskie Góry. His confreres remember him thus: "He will remain in our memory as a zealous priest, a faithful son of St. Camillus, dedicated to the service of the sick, and a man with a big heart. We entrust him to Divine Mercy."



*“Jesus himself drew near  
and walked with them.”  
(Lk 24:15)*



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