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Dear confreres and members of the Camillian Family,

I hope that the Lord's grace continues to sustain your lives, your ministry, and your consecration, granting you inner strength, daily fidelity, and the deep joy of belonging to Christ and to the charism of St. Camillus.

These days we are gathered at Bucchianico for the Annual Meeting of Major Superiors, a precious time of listening, discernment, sharing, and fraternity. It is always a significant moment in the life of our Order, because it allows us to read the signs of the times together, to discuss the challenges of our mission, and to renew our commitment to service in the Church and in the world.

As we experience this important gathering of communion and shared responsibility, I ask you to accompany us with your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may enlighten our reflections and guide us with evangelical wisdom, prophetic courage, and an authentic spirit of fraternity.

Recently, together with Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon, I had the joy of visiting Poland. It was an intense and grace-filled experience, which allowed us to encounter vibrant communities, generous confreres, and a sincere witness of fidelity to the Camillian charism. We were able to listen, share, accompany, and strengthen the bonds of communion within the Province. These encounters also powerfully highlight how important it is to preserve unity, support one another, and continue walking together.

With this letter, I wish above all to invite you to live with particular intensity the Third World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocations, which we will celebrate on Monday, June 29, 2026.

The theme chosen for this year is one of extraordinary beauty and spiritual depth: "Together, the burden is lighter." "Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2).

This Word touches the very heart of our Camillian identity. As Ministers to the Sick and as members of the great Camillian charismatic family, we are called not only to take on the suffering of the sick, the poor, and the marginalized, but also to bear one another's burdens in fraternity, compassion, and concrete solidarity.

This is not merely a pastoral invitation, but a Gospel way of life.

On a personal level, this theme challenges us deeply. It invites us to examine our capacity for listening,

empathy, patience, hospitality, and openness. It asks us whether we know how to let ourselves be helped, whether we allow others to enter into our frailties, and whether we are willing to become, in turn, a source of consolation and hope for our brothers and sisters.

At the community level, especially in our intercultural and multicultural communities, this message becomes even more urgent and necessary. Living together among brothers from different countries, languages, mentalities, and sensibilities is a great treasure, but also a daily challenge. Fraternity does not arise spontaneously: it must be built with patience, humility, sincere dialogue, mutual forgiveness, and the ability to overcome misunderstandings and differences.

Bearing one another's burdens means learning to view diversity not as an obstacle, but as a blessing; not as a burden to endure, but as an opportunity for human, spiritual, and charismatic growth.

Even at the ministerial and pastoral level, we are called to rediscover the deepest truth of our service. The care of the sick cannot be reduced to mere professional efficiency or a functional presence.

Our mission becomes authentically evangelical when it is marked by compassion, human closeness, spiritual tenderness, and the ability to accompany suffering with respect and love.

Within the Camillian charismatic family, this World Day of Prayer represents a precious opportunity to strengthen communion, a sense of belonging, and vocational co-responsibility. The celebration of this Day will take place at the Generalate of the Sisters Ministers of the Sick of St. Camillus, a place that continues to be a living sign of evangelical dedication and loving service to the sick and suffering, located at Via Maria Domenica Brun Barbantini 135, 00123 Rome. To facilitate adequate preparation and active participation in this important event, the General Secretariat for Formation, together with the members of the Central Commission for Formation, has already shared with all of you the necessary materials and resources, in both Italian and English. These resources are intended to support personal prayer, enrich community reflection, and deepen our shared sense of vocation.

I therefore ask the provincial superiors, vice-provincials, and provincial delegates to: ensure the timely printing and widest possible distribution of the materials in the communities, ministry centres, websites, and social media platforms; promote active, joyful, and committed participation in this moment of prayer, also encouraging, where possible, the creation of short promotional videos; facilitate, where possible, the translation of the materials into local languages, so that the message may reach every person and be understood by all.

The celebration will be broadcast live on June 29, 2026, from the Generalate of the Sisters Ministers of the Sick. The link for the livestream will be shared shortly, thus allowing for truly universal participation by the entire Camillian family.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us continue to walk together, strengthened by faith, united in charity, and guided by the beauty of our charism. May this World Day of Prayer awaken new vocations, rekindle in each of us the joy of consecration, and help us rediscover that, when we carry one another in love, Christ himself walks among us.

May St. Camillus intercede for us and teach us to live with hearts full of mercy, hands ready for service, and communities radiant with fraternity.

Fraternally in St. Camillus,

*Fr. Pedro Tramontin,*

*Superior General*



## Major Superiors of the Order meet at Bucchianico

*Guided by the theme “Renewing the Camillian Mission Today: Discernment, Sustainability, and Shared Responsibility for the Future of the Order,” the major superiors engaged in an intensive period of listening, discussion, and discernment regarding the path of our community.*

By **Fr. Baby Ellickal**

**W**e gathered at Bucchianico, the birthplace of St. Camillus de Lellis, for the Meeting of Major Superiors of our Order, from May 31 to June 10, 2026. The Superior General and the General Council participated, along with the major superiors of 12 Provinces, 2 Vice-Provinces, and 10 Delegations of the Order.

Guided by the theme “Renewing the Camillian Mission Today: Discernment, Sustainability, and Shared Responsibility for the Future of the Order,” we experienced an intense time of listening, discussion, and discernment regarding the journey of our community.

Liturgical prayer and the Eucharistic celebration provided opportunities to renew our spiritual life and to present the needs and projects of our Order to the Lord.

In the first session, dedicated to the theme “Returning to our origins to re-examine our path: a living memory of the Order’s journey,” we shared the life and mission of the Provinces, Vice-Provinces, and Delegations through reports from the major superiors regarding the situation of the religious, apostolic works, formation, finances, communication, projects of social relevance, strategic perspectives, and the main challenges.



***Group work, dialogue, and fraternal gatherings enriched our discussions and strengthened the bond of fellowship among confreres from different cultures, backgrounds, and circumstances, yet united by the same vocation and the same Camillian mission.***

Reports were also presented by the Superior General, the General Consulta, the General Curia, and its affiliated bodies, particularly the General Finance Office, the General Postulation Office, the Communications Office, CADIS, and *Salute e Sviluppo*.

The second session, titled “Discerning to Care: Healing Fragilities and Revitalizing the Order’s Present,” helped us reflect on several issues significant to consecrated life today: mental health, artificial intelligence, and social media,

as well as the proper exercise of authority and the prevention of abuse of power. These insights encouraged us to promote healthier communities, authentic fraternal relationships, and a leadership style inspired by the Gospel and the charism of St. Camillus.

In this context, we also examined the legal document regarding the renunciation of assets and the importance of strengthening interprovincial collaboration, as concrete tools for a more authentic evangelical witness and a more effective shared mission.

The third part of the Meeting focused on the theme “Starting Anew with Hope: Guidelines and Choices for the Future of the Order.” We addressed the economic and legal management of

the Order's assets, recognizing the importance of transparency, sustainability, and a co-responsible administration of assets in service to the mission. In this context, the draft "Regulations for the Administration of Assets ad experimentum" was also presented, and certain aspects regarding the ownership of the Order's assets were explored in depth.

Group work, dialogue, and fraternal encounters enriched our discussions and strengthened the communion among confreres from diverse cultures, histories, and realities, yet united by the same vocation and the same Camillian mission. Particularly significant were: the pilgrimage to the historic sites of the birth and life of our founding father at Bucchianico, and the pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Holy Face in Manoppello, and the celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, an experience of grace that renewed in us the desire to recognize and serve the face of Christ in the sick and the suffering.

The Assembly concluded at the Shrine of St. Camillus with a Eucharistic celebration presided over by Most Rev. Bruno Forte, Archbishop of Chieti-Vasto. During this Mass, we entrusted to the Lord the fruits of this journey and the hopes we carry in our hearts for the future of our Order.

As we return to daily life in our communities, we renew our commitment to living the Camillian mission with fidelity and creativity, allowing ourselves to be guided by discernment, sustainability, and shared responsibility. Following the example of St. Camillus, we continue to bear witness to Christ's mercy in service to the sick and the most vulnerable. May the Lord, through the intercession of the Mother of the Lord, Health of the Sick, and of our founder, St. Camillus de Lellis, bless our Order and sustain us in our service to the sick and the poor.





## Superior General Visits Polish Province

By **Fr. Roman Zajac**

**T**he Camillian Polish Province hosted the canonical visit of the Superior General, Pedro Tramontin, from May 3 to 17. He was accompanied on this trip by the Vicar General of the Order, Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon, and the translator, Fr. Krzysztof Trębski.

The visit began at the Camillians' headquarters in Biała. Of particular interest were the parish, its structure, past and current events, as well as the hospital, where one of the local priests serves as chaplain.

On May 5, they departed for Zabrze. The parish is the only one dedicated to St. Camillus in Poland. St. Camillus has also been the city's patron saint since 1996.

In Zabrze, the Camillians serve in two hospitals and in our Institute of Care and Assistance, in the Hospice, in one of the schools, and in the kindergarten, and they are involved in the administration of the parish.

During the day, the religious recalled the visit, which took place in 2006, of the relic of St. Camillus's heart.

On May 6, the fathers traveled to Zbrostawice. Here lives the oldest religious of the Province, Fr. Władysław, former director of the Zbrostawice Retirement Home, which houses 95 people. It is they who have won everyone over with their simplicity and selflessness.

On the morning of May 7, the fathers went to Hutek. For 35 years, the forest has been home to a facility for 122 patients. The welcome from the four religious living in the adjacent convent was very warm.

On Saturday, June 9, the fathers traveled to the Mazovia region. There they met the chaplain and the director of the Pruszków-Tworki Hospital. Then they went to Łomianki, where they visited the Student House.

On June 10, at our house in Łomianki, they spoke about the "reorganization" and "revitalization" of the Order. These are two key words that shed light on the future.

On Monday, the fathers were welcomed by the community in Otwock. A home for drug addicts and the sick has been located there since 1998.

The following day, on the way to Zabrze, after morning Mass, the fathers went to Ursus to visit the staff and greet the homeless residents of the social welfare home at 6 Cisowa Street.

Here there are no “clients,” but “residents.” For 30 years, this small religious community has been fostering respect for the human person and often restoring dignity.

On May 13, the fathers visited the parish in Tarnowskie Góry as the bells rang for the celebrations of Our Lady of Fatima. Within the parish, dedicated to Our Lady, Healer of the Sick, six priests and one deacon serve.

On May 14, the destination was Pilchowice. Brother Bronisław took the fathers to visit the nursing home. Then, all together, they went to Taciszów, where the novitiate house is located. It is from here that every Polish Camillian took his first steps in religious life.

On Saturday, May 16, the Pilgrimage of healthcare workers, the sick, the disabled, and volunteers from the Diocese of Gliwice took place in the parish of Tarnowskie Góry.

Bishop Sławomir Oder, addressing the sick, said: “Through his suffering, Christ has opened the way for us to participate in the work of redemption; he has given meaning to human suffering.” He then reminded the healthcare workers that “You are the extension of Christ’s hands, which bend down to the sick.” During Mass, the sacrament of the anointing of the sick was also administered. The pilgrimage was enlivened by the Mali Kamilianie, a wind orchestra composed of children and young people.





## Home Care on Talim Island in the Philippines

By **Maria Chiara Sabato**

**T**he Camillians of the Philippines participated in the SimbaKalusugan (Worship+Health) program of the Episcopal Commission on Health and Care, in collaboration with the Department of Health and the Diocese of Antipolo, in the Philippines, to bring care and healthcare to the residents of Talim.

Talim Island is the largest lake island in the Philippines and is located in the center of Laguna de Bay. Given the island's distance from mainland facilities, the community's healthcare depends largely on periodic medical missions and collaboration with NGOs.

Thanks to the SimbaKalusugan program, more than 530 residents of Barangay Janosa (and neighboring villages) on Talim Island, in Binangonan, Rizal Province, benefited from the medical mission held on May 9.

Services provided included medical examinations, vital sign assessments, tuberculosis screening via chest X-rays, electrocardiograms (ECGs), dental services including tooth

extractions, oral prophylaxis, and fluoride varnish application, mental health counseling, HIV testing and counseling, nutritional services, and free distribution of medications.

Camillian faith and spirituality are powerful catalysts for the overall health of the community. They nurture the "whole person," encourage preventive health behaviors, and provide compassionate and dignified care to vulnerable people.

The SimbaKalusugan program aims to bring quality, accessible, and compassionate health services closer to communities, particularly those located in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas.

Among the most interesting aspects of the project is the growing collaboration between government agencies, religious organizations, healthcare providers, and local communities in promoting inclusive, community-centered healthcare services.

# European Meeting of Hospital Chaplaincies in Madrid

By **Fr. Arnaldo Pangrazzi**

The 19th European Meeting of Coordinators/Directors of European Hospital Chaplaincy Associations (Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish, and other denominations, including Hindu and Muslim) took place in Madrid at the Episcopal Residence, from May 6 to 10, 2026.

Eighty-five representatives from 25 countries attended the meeting. The largest groups came from Northern Europe (particularly Lutherans from Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Denmark), along with substantial groups from the Netherlands and Great Britain. Also present were representatives from traditionally Catholic countries (Belgium, France, Croatia, Ireland, Italy, Austria, the Czech Republic, and Malta) and

Orthodox countries (Greece and Cyprus), as well as from Israel.

I participated as the sole representative of the Camillians at this meeting, which was particularly relevant to our charism.

The experience was a valuable opportunity to observe the complex multicultural and multireligious landscape that increasingly characterizes the contemporary world and spiritual and religious care for the sick.

The Madrid meeting, following the opening address by the president of the Spanish Episcopal Conference, Bishop Luis Argüello García, featured several segments: introductory meditations, keynote presentations, group work (with representatives from various countries



and religious traditions in each group), and workshops.

The central theme of the meeting was: “Wells and Arches: Sharing the Narratives of Chaplaincies.” The wells symbolize the experiences, sense of belonging, and dignity of every person; the arches represent existential questions, the dimension of faith, and spirituality.

Most of the participants were women, reflecting a shift in perspective regarding spiritual care in an increasingly multicultural and less monolithic world, where there is a growing need for trained professionals capable of accompanying people from diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds.

The goal of the meeting was to promote unity in diversity, placing greater value on what unites rather than what divides, and learning to appreciate the history, experience, and challenges of every spiritual tradition.

The Madrid meeting offered a multifaceted view of Europe’s cultural and religious contexts, marked by the growing phenomenon of migration and the diversity of people’s spiritual needs.

The first challenge is to train priests, pastors, rabbis, imams, Buddhist monks, and other spiritual guides so that they may be visible presences and witnesses to values and meanings that are particularly important in moments of vulnerability and existential disorientation.

It also highlights the importance of knowing how to accompany even those who do not profess any religious faith, supporting the spirituality inherent in every person.

The fact that women made up the majority of attendees (70%)—and were highly qualified professionally—highlights the paradigm shift underway in the contemporary world and invites us to work in teams with them, valuing their feminine sensitivity and creativity.

This report can also be useful for us Camillians, so that we may participate, learn, and collaborate—in diverse cultural and interreligious

contexts—by promoting forms of presence and spiritual accompaniment capable of adapting to and discerning the different needs of those who suffer on the human, spiritual, and religious levels.

The participants’ diverse accounts highlighted the varying human and spiritual needs of patients and their families, healthcare staff, institutions, and administrative bodies.

Being interpreters of the value of chaplaincy also means helping others find meaning in life amidst vulnerability, through the existential (contingency), spiritual (transcendence), ethical (morality), and aesthetic (art and the senses).

A model of multiconfessional chaplaincy was presented by coordinator Singh Carter of the Leicester team (Great Britain). A Hindu, he explained how, in light of the country’s complex cultural and religious landscape, a chaplaincy model has developed that integrates representatives of various traditions: Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, people without religious affiliation, and groups interested in spirituality.

The interfaith team, composed of 14 chaplaincy professionals, operates in different ways but with a common goal: to respond to the relational and spiritual needs of patients, family members, and healthcare staff, adapting to diverse human experiences.

The common goal is to promote what lies at the heart of chaplaincy: human dignity, compassionate presence, and spiritual support.

The areas of intervention for this multireligious team include hospitals, universities, mental health centers, hospices, senior living facilities, and community services.

During the meeting, a group of 12 participants visited the San Camillo Center in Tres Cantos as part of a training experience on models of care and the art of caring through the Center’s educational program.

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## A Celebration of Fraternity Through Prayer

By Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon

**T**he religious of the Northern Italian Camillian Province celebrated their annual Fraternity Festival, on Thursday, June 11, 2026.

For the 2026 edition, a very picturesque location was chosen: the Abbey of Sant'Egidio in Fontanella al Monte. This town is located very close to Sotto il Monte, in the province of Bergamo, a town known for being the birthplace of Pope Saint John XXIII.

Since the 1960s, the Abbey of Sant'Egidio has been the home of an ecumenical study center led by Father David Maria Turoldo, a multifaceted religious of the Servants of Mary and a great contemporary poet. It is located about a 20-minute drive from the Camillian provincial headquarters in Capriate San Gervasio.

About 45 confreres participated in the celebratory event. As is traditional, the occasion was a fitting time to celebrate the jubilees of the confreres: anniversaries of religious profession, ordination, and priesthood.

Following a historical presentation of the site, which dates back to the year 1080 as an ancient Benedictine abbey, the religious concelebrated

the Eucharist. The Holy Mass was presided over by Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon, Vicar General of the Order. Concelebrating were Fr. Giuseppe Rigamonti, Provincial Superior, and Fr. Bruno Caliaro, representing the brothers being honored, who was marking the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

Fr. Gianfranco, drawing inspiration from the religious figure of Fr. Turoldo, who died in 1992 at the Camillian Clinic "San Pio X" in Milan, shared and commented on Fr. David's final homily. In it, drawing from his own experience as a terminally ill cancer patient, Fr. Turoldo invited a new interpretation of the experience of pain and suffering, grounded in the Christian experience of hope.

Hope in suffering is founded on the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God: God's only response to human pain is the sending of His Son Jesus, who came to share exactly in the "weeping" of a troubled humanity. Fr. Turoldo concluded by inviting people—and believers in particular—to help one another in hope.

## The Rebirth of the “Tenda San Camillo”

By **Sonia Ferrigno**

There is a subtle yet indestructible thread that links memory to the future, and on Saturday, May 9, in Riposto, Catania, that thread shone once more. The “Tenda San Camillo” has officially reopened its doors, transforming the ashes of a tragedy into a beacon of charity and hospitality. The new community, named “Casa Fratel Leonardo,” is not just a renovated building, but a symbol of a collective victory over darkness.

The facility was founded in 1993 to provide shelter for people with AIDS and drug addicts. It was one of them who, five years ago, killed Brother Leonardo Grasso and then set the facility on fire. The result was the closure of the Tenda San Camillo.

Since then, the road has been an uphill struggle: five years marked by cumbersome bureaucracy and deep wounds in the heart of the Camillian community and the city.

The “resurrection” of the *Tenda* was made possible thanks to an extraordinary mobilization. Following a renovation project, funded by the 8X1000 tax contribution to the Catholic Church, volunteers, donors, and the faithful joined forces with the Camillian religious, led by the provincial, Brother Carlo Mangione, and the community’s superior, Fr. Dario Malizia, who, with unwavering dedication, pursued the dream of rebirth.

The inauguration was attended by the highest civil, military, and religious authorities. In the front row was Bishop Antonino Raspanti, who

blessed the premises and recalled how the charism of St. Camillus continues to speak to the hearts of people even today. “Caring for the least of these,” the bishop said in his address, “is the most vivid testament Brother Leonardo could have left behind.”

Fr. Baby Ellickal, a General Consulta member, was also present to demonstrate the order’s solidarity with this Sicilian community.

But the most significant aspect of the day was the large number of people who gathered. A huge crowd filled the facility, including familiar faces who have been coming to the *Tenda* since day one and new volunteers. Memories intertwined with hopes, in an atmosphere of deep emotion for those who knew Brother Leonardo’s dedication and now see his sacrifice blossom into a new life project.

The facility will house 14 people, including drug addicts and those with AIDS. During the day, the residents will cook, cultivate the land, raise small animals, and take care of cleaning the house.

*La Tenda San Camillo* thus sets out anew with a renewed mission. It will not merely be a place of assistance, but a home that bears in its name the legacy of a man who gave his life for others. The “Casa Fratel Leonardo” community is poised to become, once again, a safe haven for those in need, demonstrating that no fire can extinguish the flame of solidarity.





## The Camillian Charism in the Service of Peace: An Honor for Grégoire Ahongbonon

By **Fr. Medard Aboue**

In recognition of his exceptional commitment to serving people with mental illness in Africa, Grégoire Ahongbonon received the prestigious international “Ahmadiyya Peace Prize”, on May 16, 2026, in London.

Through the Saint-Camille-de-Lellis Association, which he founded in 1991 in Bouaké, Ivory Coast, thousands of vulnerable people have regained dignity, care, and hope. The association has since established itself in both Benin and Togo with major facilities that assist patients and their families.

For years, the association has received significant attention from international organizations to support Grégoire Ahongbonon in his struggle and to understand how to improve and spread his method of caring for the sick as widely as

possible.

Grégoire Ahongbonon, a family man and tire repairman, requested and obtained affiliation with the Camillian Order, whose charism and spirituality he fully embraces.

This recognition honors not only his personal journey but also the entire Camillian mission, founded on compassion, service to the most vulnerable, and the promotion of human dignity. It powerfully reminds us that true peace is also built through care for the most vulnerable.

Established in 2009 by the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, the Ahmadiyya Peace Prize recognizes individuals and organizations that have made an extraordinary contribution to peace, justice, and humanitarian service.



## The 4th Camillian March in the Footsteps of St. Camillus

*Young people and adults took part in the march, responding enthusiastically to the invitation and bringing joy and a willingness to get involved.*

By **Sonia Ferrigno**

Setting out on a journey is never merely a physical act, but a spiritual experience that shakes one's certainties and opens the heart to God's unexpected ways. With this profound spirit of seeking and sharing, the Great Charismatic Family celebrated the 4th Camillian March, held from May 15 to 17, 2026.

The event, titled "A Bet on Love," is aimed particularly at young people and young adults aged 18 to 40, inviting them to rediscover the historic sites linked to the radical conversion of St. Camillus de Lellis, universal patron of the sick

and healthcare workers.

What made this edition truly unique was the incredible energy born from the coming together of so many different groups. Alongside the tireless team of organizers, the trails saw a large and lively group pass by.

Young people and young adults participated in the three-day prayer event, responding enthusiastically to the invitation and bringing joy and a willingness to get involved. There were also the Daughters of St. Camillus, who had come for the occasion from various communities scattered



throughout Italy, living witnesses to the Camillian charism in its feminine form. Finally, there were the Camillian religious, who walked side by side with the young people, offering food for thought, a listening ear, and fraternal sharing along the way.

The pilgrimage wound its way through a region of extraordinary natural beauty and spiritual depth, passing through Manfredonia, San Giovanni Rotondo, and the Valle dell'Inferno. It was precisely among these valleys and monasteries, centuries ago, that the young Camillus—once a mercenary soldier devoted to gambling and worldly pleasures—experienced the healing touch of divine Grace.

The journey put the determination of this diverse group of pilgrims to the test. Just as a downpour seemed on the verge of ruining the march and discouraging their steps, the sky suddenly cleared. The group was thus guided and accompanied by a marvelous rainbow, which symbolically united all the participants in a moment of profound emotion and hope.

Having weathered the storm, the promise of total dedication made by St. Camillus—who chose to devote his entire life to the service of the sick, even calling them his “lords and masters”—is presented today to new generations as a true existential challenge. A “wager” that, today as then, puts one’s life on the line in the name of fraternal love.



## Fuorigrotta in Celebration: Gianluca Spalice Ordained a Priest

By **Sonia Ferrigno**

**O**n June 13, 2026, the parish community of St. Vitale in Fuorigrotta, in the Diocese of Pozzuoli (Naples), was the setting for an event marked by profound spirituality and collective joy. During the solemn celebration at 6:30 p.m., presided over by His Excellency Bishop Carlo Villano of Pozzuoli and Ischia, the Camillian deacon Gianluca Spalice was ordained a priest, crowning a journey of faith and dedication to the service of the least among us.

The ordination came at the culmination of an intense week, from June 6 to 14, dedicated to the “Days of Preparation for Priestly Ordination.” This journey saw the parish community gather in prayer, reflecting on the charism of the Ministers of the Infirm and on the spiritual legacy of St. Camillus de Lellis, patron of the sick and

healthcare workers.

The rite was particularly moving, from the laying on of hands—a sacramental sign of the transmission of the Holy Spirit—to Fr. Gianluca’s evocative prostration, a symbol of total surrender and readiness to serve God and the Church.

In his homily, Bishop Villano offered simple yet deeply meaningful words, forcefully recalling the Camillian charism. The Bishop drew upon the teachings of Pope Francis, emphasizing the importance of closeness to the people of God, especially to those who suffer. “Who more than the Camillians is called to embody closeness to those who suffer?” the Bishop asked rhetorically, pointing to the life and work of St. Camillus as the model of a Church that draws near to human suffering, taking upon itself the wounds of others.

### ***Fede in azione. Un decennio di compassione resilienza nella missione di Cadis a cura di Aristelo Miranda***

The Italian edition of the book “Faith in Action” has been published. In an era marked by growing global uncertainties, climate disasters, and humanitarian crises, how can faith be transformed into a concrete force for healing and reconstruction?



The answer comes from “Faith in Action,” which celebrates the first decade of the mission of Camillian Disaster Service International (CADIS), the humanitarian arm of the Camillian Order.

### ***Performing Possibilities. Applied Theatre with Adolescents across Educational and Community Spaces in Kerala di Sibi Augustin Chennatt***

*Performing Possibilities* explores how theater offers meaningful spaces for young people across Kerala to find their voices, question the world around them, and imagine new futures. This book follows the journeys of adolescents as they engage with acting in everyday contexts. The thesis is that theater helps young people learn, build self-confidence, and connect with their communities. “Performing Possibilities” is aimed at educators, artists, community leaders, and anyone who believes in the power of young people to shape change through creativity and collaboration. through creativity and collaboration.

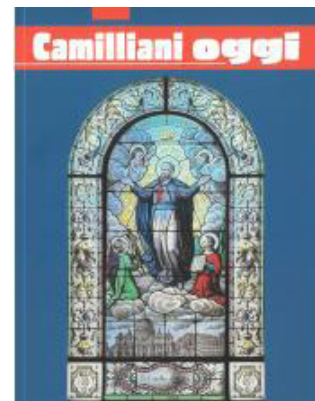
#### **PERFORMING POSSIBILITIES**

Applied Theatre With Adolescents  
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Spaces in Kerala



### ***Camilliani oggi: carisma, spirito e missione***

On June 4, during the Meeting of Camillian Major Superiors, Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon presented the book “Camilliani oggi: carisma, spirito e missione.” The book, recently published, was conceived as an act of gratitude, discernment, and



vision to celebrate the Universal Jubilee and the 450th anniversary of St. Camillus’ conversion.

The book invites readers to rediscover the freshness of a charism that, while rooted in the 16th century, speaks powerfully to the heart of our time.

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The pages of this volume look to the future: to integral formation, the evangelization of suffering, vocation promotion, dialogue with the younger generations, and the building of networks of fraternity and shared responsibility.

**Have unity of spirit, sympathy,  
love of the brethren, a tender heart,  
and a humble mind. (1 Peter 3:8)**

