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Theme: “Together, the Burden is Lighter”

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A Celebration of Communion and Shared Mission

On 29 June 2026, the Generalate of the Sisters Ministers of the Sick of St. Camillus in Rome served as the central gathering point for the global Camillian Charismatic Family on the occasion of the Third World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The event, held under the theme “Together, the Burden is Lighter,” reflected a deep ecclesial and charismatic commitment to mutual support, vocational discernment, and shared missionary responsibility.

Rooted in the biblical exhortation from Galatians 6:2, the celebration highlighted the spiritual and communal dimension of vocation within the Camillian family, emphasizing fraternity, communion, and service to the sick as essential expressions of Christian discipleship.

The event was broadcast live via YouTube, enabling wide participation from Camillian members across various continents, including religious men and women, lay collaborators, benefactors, and friends of the Charismatic Family.

A Celebration of Prayer, Communion, and Vocational Commitment

The Third World Day of Prayer for Vocations was characterized by a strong spirit of unity, international participation, and deep prayerful reflection. The gathering served as both a moment of spiritual renewal and a public witness to the Camillian vocation of caring for the sick and suffering.

The program was structured to foster active participation and to highlight the international and multicultural identity of the Camillian Charismatic Family.

A Fraternal Welcome: Opening the Celebration

The afternoon program commenced at 4:30 p.m. with the reception of participants at the General House of the Sisters Ministers of the Sick of St. Camillus. This initial gathering provided an opportunity for members of the Camillian Charismatic Family to meet in a spirit of fraternity



and welcome, fostering an atmosphere of joy, communion, and spiritual anticipation as they prepared to begin the Third World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

This opening moment reflected the fraternal spirit that would characterize the entire celebration, bringing together participants from various institutes and countries in a shared commitment to prayer and vocation promotion.

Family in Prayer: The Holy Rosary for Vocations

At 5:00 p.m., the community gathered for the Holy Rosary for Vocations, which constituted the central spiritual moment of the event. The prayer was animated by the Sisters Ministers of the Sick of St. Camillus and was offered in multiple languages, reflecting the international composition of the Camillian Charismatic Family.

Each mystery of the Rosary was entrusted to a different linguistic and cultural group, manifesting the universality of the Church and the unity of vocation beyond linguistic and national boundaries:

- First Mystery (English): Animated by the Sisters Ministers of the Sick.
- Second Mystery (Italian): Led by Saverio, temporary professed religious of the Siculo-Napolitano Province.
- Third Mystery (French): Led by Sr. Pauline Kima of the Daughters of St. Camillus.
- Fourth Mystery (Italian): Animated by the Sisters Ministers of the Sick.



- Fifth Mystery (Spanish): Led by Sr. Nora Amanda of the Handmaids of the Incarnation.

This multilingual structure of prayer expressed the richness of cultural diversity within the Camillian Family while affirming a single, shared vocation: service to Christ present in the sick and suffering.

Opening of the Third World Day of Prayer for Vocations

At 5:45 p.m., the official opening of the Third World Day of Prayer for Vocations commenced with a cordial welcome addressed by Sr. Catherine Wanga, whose introductory remarks established an atmosphere marked by gratitude, fraternity, and joyful anticipation.

The program of the day was then presented by Fr. Sergio Palumbo, who also served as moderator





for the entire celebration, ensuring the orderly progression and coordination of the various segments of the event.

In his address, Fr. Palumbo highlighted the appreciation expressed by the various Provinces of the Order for the formation resources prepared by the Central Commission for Formation. Both the Rosary for Camillian Vocations and the Novena proved to be valuable spiritual aids, guiding the faithful with devotion in their preparation for this special day.

Concluding his remarks, Fr. Sergio expressed the hope that, beginning next year, additional Provinces would be invited to participate in the preparation of this celebration by offering their unique spiritual, vocational, and pastoral contributions. Such collaboration, he noted, would further enrich the multicultural and intercultural dimensions of the Camillian charismatic family and foster an even deeper sense of communion.

Finally, he encouraged all the men's and women's communities of the Camillian family to recite daily the Prayer for Camillian Vocations, which has already been translated into several languages. He emphasized that this prayer is not merely an addition to the community's common prayers, but rather the united voice of the entire

Camillian family imploring God to nurture and strengthen the "little plant" of St. Camillus with new and holy vocations.

Subsequently, Fr. Baby Ellickal, introduced the central theme of the day, inviting the assembly to enter more deeply into the spirit of shared responsibility in the promotion and accompaniment of vocations within the Camillian Charismatic Family.

Presentation of the Theme: "Together, the Burden is Lighter"

During the opening session of the Third World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocations, Fr. Baby Ellickal formally presented the theme "Together, the Burden is Lighter" (Gal 6:2). He emphasized that the celebration represented a grace-filled moment for the entire Camillian Charismatic Family to renew its commitment to the gift of vocation and to the mission of compassionate service to the sick and suffering.

He highlighted that, despite the diversity of countries, cultures, and ministries, the members of the Camillian Family are united as one spiritual body, called to continue the charism of St. Camillus de Lellis by making the mercy of Christ visible in the world of suffering. He further highlighted



that every vocation originates in a personal encounter with Christ and is nurtured within the communion of the Church. In this perspective, vocation is never an isolated path but a shared journey sustained by fraternity, mutual support, and service.

Reflecting on the significance of the date, Fr. Baby noted that June 29 coincides with the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, as well as the 280th anniversary of the canonization of St. Camillus de Lellis. He observed that this providential convergence serves as a reminder that the Camillian charism remains a living and dynamic path of holiness, continually inspiring the Church and all those who participate in its mission.

He further emphasized that the General House of the Sisters Ministers of the Sick of St. Camillus, as the venue of the celebration, represented a visible sign of communion among the various expressions of the Camillian Charismatic Family. Religious men and women, lay collaborators, associations, and friends were thus united in a shared commitment to the mission of mercy toward the sick and vulnerable.

Developing the central theme, Fr. Baby explained that St. Paul's exhortation, "Carry each other's burdens" (Gal 6:2), expresses both the heart of the Gospel and the essence of the Camillian vocation. Drawing inspiration from the parable of the Good Samaritan and the example of St. Camillus de Lellis, he affirmed that authentic Christian discipleship is expressed through compassionate accompaniment of those who suffer, characterized by humility, attentive presence, and selfless service. In this light, the Camillian mission is understood not only as alleviating suffering, but also as sharing in it, thereby making the merciful presence of God tangible in the contemporary world.

Fr. Baby further underlined that vocations flourish in communities that are rooted in prayer, sustained by authentic fraternity, and animated by joyful Gospel witness. He reminded the assembly that vocation promotion is a shared responsibility of the entire Camillian Family. Every community, family, parish, healthcare institution, youth group, and lay association is called to become a fertile environment in which God's call can be heard, welcomed, and accompanied.

Concluding his presentation, Fr. Baby reaffirmed

that prayer remains the fundamental source of all vocations. He exhorted the Camillian Charismatic Family to persist in prayer for new vocations, to support those already living their vocational commitment, and to encourage young people to respond generously and courageously to God's call. Entrusting the initiative to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saints Peter and Paul, St. Camillus de Lellis, and all the Saints and Blessed of the Camillian Family, he expressed the hope that the theme of the day would be translated into concrete life, so that fraternity, shared responsibility, and compassionate service may truly manifest that "together, the burden becomes lighter."

Institutional Greetings

The opening ceremony continued with institutional greetings, which expressed the unity, communion, and collaborative spirit among the various branches of the Camillian Charismatic Family. The interventions highlighted a shared commitment to the promotion of vocations and the continuation of the Camillian mission of compassionate service to the sick and suffering.

Rev. Fr. Pedro Tramontin, Superior General of the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm

Rev. Fr. Pedro Tramontin welcomed all members of the Camillian Charismatic Family and emphasized the significance of celebrating the Third World Day of Prayer for Vocations on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Referring to the theme "Together, the Burden is Lighter" (Gal 6:2), he underlined that the Camillian vocation is a shared calling to bear the burdens of the sick and suffering through compassionate service.

He highlighted that the charism of St. Camillus de Lellis continues to flourish through the communion of religious, consecrated persons, and lay collaborators whose united witness strengthens the Church's mission of mercy. He further stressed that vocations are nurtured through authentic Christian witness, prayer, and fraternity, and encouraged every member of the Camillian Family to become an active promoter of vocations by living the Gospel with joy and generosity.

Concluding his address, Fr. Pedro invited the



entire Camillian Family to renew its commitment to prayer, unity, and service, entrusting present and future vocations to the intercession of Saints Peter and Paul and St. Camillus de Lellis, so that the spirit of Christ's compassion may continue to be embodied in the world.

Rev. Mother Lucia Walker, Superior General of the Sisters Ministers of the Sick of St. Camillus

Rev. Mother Lucia Walker extended a warm greeting to all participants and reflected on the theme "Together, the Burden Becomes Lighter" (Gal 6:2), affirming that the Camillian vocation is



grounded in the shared responsibility of carrying the burdens of others through compassionate service.

She emphasized that every vocation originates in an encounter with Christ and matures within community life, fraternity, and self-giving service. She encouraged the Camillian Family to continue witnessing the merciful love of Christ through care for the sick, the poor, and the vulnerable, while persistently praying for new vocations inspired by St. Camillus and the founders of the Camillian Institutes.

In conclusion, she entrusted present and future vocations to the intercession of Mary, Health of the Sick, St. Camillus de Lellis, and all the founders, expressing the hope that unity and mutual support would continue to strengthen the worldwide mission of mercy.

Rev. Sr. Laura Cortese, Vicar General of the Daughters of St. Camillus

Rev. Sr. Laura Cortese addressed the assembly on the occasion of the Third World Day of Prayer for Vocations, reflecting on the theme “Together, the Burden is Lighter” (Gal 6:2). She emphasized that Camillian vocations are rooted in communion, where no one is called to live or serve in isolation.

She highlighted that the Camillian charism is expressed through a shared mission of compassionate service to the sick, lived in fraternity among religious, consecrated persons,

and lay collaborators. Vocations, she noted, are born and nurtured in communities that authentically live the Gospel of charity with joy, fidelity, and mutual support.

Concluding her message, she invited all members of the Camillian Family to renew their commitment to communion, prayer, and service, entrusting present and future vocations to St. Camillus de Lellis and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick.

Rev. Sr. Nora Amanda Gavaghan Korman, Handmaids of the Incarnation & Member of the Central Formation Commission

Rev. Sr. Nora Amanda Gavaghan Korman addressed the assembly by reflecting on the missionary and spiritual legacy of St. Camillus de Lellis, presenting him as a witness of God’s love for the sick and a reformer of healthcare grounded in charity, human dignity, and compassionate care. She also recalled the life and ministry of Fr. Primo Fiocchi, highlighting his Camillian spirituality lived through hospital chaplaincy in various Italian cities and his contribution to deepening the Church’s understanding of God’s merciful presence among the sick.

She further developed the “charism of the Incarnation,” affirming that human fragility, including illness, does not hinder consecrated life or service to God, since vocation is rooted in divine election rather than human perfection. Drawing on Scripture (Mk 3:13–19; Mt 9:9–13;

1 Cor 1:26–31), she emphasized that God calls those considered weak by human standards in order to manifest His glory.

She concluded by encouraging prayers for vocations, invoking the intercession of St. Camillus de Lellis, Bl. Luigi Tezza, St. Giuseppina Vannini, Blessed Maria Domenica Brun Barbantini, Fr. Primo Fiocchi, and Mother Annunziata, and expressed gratitude to the organizers for the successful coordination of the event.

Messages from the Secular Institute and the Lay Camillian Family

Two brief messages were presented from the secular and lay expressions of the Camillian Charismatic Family, highlighting shared responsibility in vocation promotion and service to the sick.

Secular Institute Missionaries of the Infirm “Christ Hope”

A message delivered by Luisa Muston and Rosa Bianca, and read by Fr. Alessandro, reflected on Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another’s burdens,” emphasizing vocational life as a shared journey of mutual support, joy, and perseverance.

It stressed that service to the sick and marginalized requires constant availability and fraternal communion, even for members living outside community structures. The message concluded with a prayer for vocations, especially among young people, and expressed spiritual unity with the worldwide Camillian Family.

Lay Camillian Family

Represented by President Anita Ennis and read by Fr. Gianluca, the message focused on the theme “Together, the Burden is Lighter” (Gal 6:2). It highlighted the daily realities of suffering, illness, loneliness, and anxiety and affirmed that Christian vocation is expressed through simple acts of presence, listening, and care.

It emphasized that vocations are nurtured in communities where people feel supported and loved, and called for a shared responsibility in promoting vocations, prayer, and fidelity to the Camillian charism in both lay and religious life.

Together, these two messages from the



Secular Institute and the Camillian Lay Family clearly underscored that the promotion and nurturing of vocations is not the responsibility of a single institute or state of life, but rather a shared mission entrusted to the entire Camillian Charismatic Family.

Solemn Eucharistic Celebration: The Heart of the Day

The second part of the program commenced at 6:30 p.m. with the Solemn Eucharistic Celebration, masterfully coordinated by Fr.



Lorenzo Lettere, who served as Master of Ceremonies. The Eucharist was introduced by Sr. Catherine Wanga, and presided over by Rev. Fr. Pedro Tramontin, Superior General of the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm, together with the concelebrants: Fr. Gianfranco Lunardon; Fr. Baby Ellickal; Fr. Sergio Palumbo; and Fr. Gianluca Spalice.

A particularly significant moment marked the entrance procession, during which representatives of the Camillian Charismatic Family proceeded toward the altar carrying lighted candles, symbolizing the shared light of vocation entrusted to all branches of the Family. Participants included Bro. Carlo Mangione, Provincial Superior of Siculo-Napolitana; Mother Lucia Walker, Superior General of the Sisters Ministers of the Sick of St. Camillus; Sr. Laura Cortese, Vicar General of the Daughters of St. Camillus; and Sr. Nora Amanda Gavaghan Korman, representing the Handmaids of the Incarnation and the Central Commission of Formation.

The Liturgy of the Word was proclaimed with solemnity: the First Reading by Sr. Melanie Tajonera, the Responsorial Psalm sung by Sr. Oliva

Bano Seran, and the Second Reading by Bro. Enso. The homily called the assembly to renewed trust in God's call, emphasizing that vocations flourish in communities rooted in compassion, fraternity, prayer, and joyful witness.

In his reflection, Fr. Pedro Tramontin highlighted that vocation is born from a personal encounter with Christ and from a concrete willingness to respond by serving others, especially the sick and suffering. He presented Saints Peter and Paul as two distinct yet complementary vocations united in a single mission: Peter as the one who strengthens the faith of the Church, and Paul as the one who carries the Gospel to the nations. Within the Camillian perspective, this unity becomes a model of compassionate service, closeness to the sick, and missionary openness.

A central theme of his message was "bearing one another's burdens," understood as the Christian call to share in the struggles of others, transforming suffering into a place of encounter with Christ. He emphasized that when burdens are shared in faith and charity, they become lighter and are transfigured into moments of grace and communion.

The Prayer of the Faithful, animated by the Daughters of St. Camillus through Sr. Anny Mariavilla and Sr. Fernanda Bongianino, entrusted to God the needs of the Church, those discerning vocations, healthcare workers, the sick, and all engaged in Christ's healing ministry.

A symbolic Offertory Procession followed, introduced by Sr. Maria Ruby, during which representatives of the various institutes presented baskets of bread, signifying fraternity, sharing, solidarity, and hope. The offering was made by Bro. Paul Kabore, Sr. Bindya Indwar, Sr. Merlina, and Sr. Nora Amanda Gavaghan Korman.

The symbolism of the shared bread eloquently expressed the central message of the day: when burdens are shared, they become lighter, and when gifts are shared, the entire community is enriched.

After Holy Communion, the assembly prayed together the Prayer for Vocations, entrusting present and future vocations to the Lord. Sr. Maria Ruby, on behalf of the Organising Commission, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all contributors, participants, and those who followed the celebration via live broadcast.

The assembly was then invited by Sr. Daisy Carmona to continue in a fraternal agape meal. The day concluded with a family photograph of the

Camillian Charismatic Family, visibly expressing unity, diversity, and shared commitment to the charism of St. Camillus de Lellis.

Agape Fraterna: Celebrating Communion

The celebration concluded at 8:00 p.m. with the Agape Fraterna, offering a joyful occasion of fellowship, personal encounter, and renewed fraternity among the various institutes and participants of the Camillian Charismatic Family.

In an atmosphere marked by simplicity, gratitude, and authentic communion, the shared meal became an extension of the Eucharistic table, manifesting concretely the spirit of unity, mutual support, and fraternal joy that had characterized the entire day. The gathering concluded with the hopeful farewell: Until we meet again, in the joy of the Lord and in the service of our brothers and sisters.

Conclusion: A Living Witness of Communion, Vocation, and Hope

The Third World Day of Prayer for Vocations of the Camillian Charismatic Family was not merely an event inscribed in the calendar, but a profound experience of grace, communion, and renewed missionary ardour. It revealed, in a tangible and prayerful way, that the Camillian Family is truly one body animated by one charism





and one mission: to make the compassionate love of Christ present among the sick and those who suffer.

Throughout the day, through prayer, reflection, Eucharistic celebration, symbolic gestures, and fraternal sharing, the central message resounded with clarity and conviction: “Together, the burden is lighter.” This was not only proclaimed but visibly lived. In every moment, the sharing of burdens became a source of unity; differences of language, culture, and geography were transformed into a symphony of communion; and every vocation was recognized as a gift entrusted to the whole Church.

With hearts filled with gratitude and joy, the Camillian Charismatic Family lifts its praise to God for the abundance of grace experienced during this celebration. Deep appreciation is extended to all the Superiors General and their General Councils, to all Provincials and their Provincial Councils, and to all Delegates whose leadership and commitment continue to strengthen the vitality of the Camillian mission throughout the world.

Sincere gratitude is also expressed to all

the brothers and sisters of the Camillian Family, religious, consecrated persons, and lay collaborators, whose daily fidelity to the charism of St. Camillus gives life and credibility to this vocation of mercy. A heartfelt word of thanks is extended to all collaborators and volunteers whose generous service, often hidden yet essential, made this international celebration possible and so beautifully coordinated.

May the Lord, rich in mercy, reward every gesture of generosity, every sacrifice offered in love, and every prayer lifted for vocations. May He continue to bless the Camillian Charismatic Family with new vocations, renewed zeal, and ever-deepening communion, so that the healing presence of Christ may reach ever more deeply into the wounds of humanity.

Under the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, and the intercession of St. Camillus de Lellis and all the saints and blessed of the Camillian Family, may this experience bear lasting fruit. May it strengthen our shared journey, so that together we may continue to walk in hope, serve with compassion, and bear one another’s burdens in love, until that day when all suffering is transformed into joy in the Lord.

Deo omnis laus et gloria, nunc et semper

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