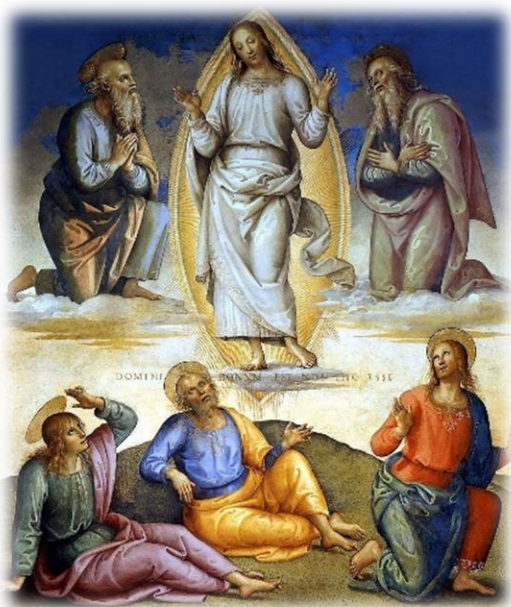




April 2026

Dear Sisters,

Each week during this Lenten season, the General Superiors received a reflection on the Sunday Gospel from the UISG (International Union of Superiors General). Each reflection was deeply enriching. I would like to share one in particular with you, the reflection on the Gospel of the Transfiguration from the Second Sunday of Lent. This is a Gospel we encounter on occasion through the year, and it also offers a meaningful focus for prayer in the Fourth Luminous Mystery of the Rosary. I invite you to take some time to reflect on it, and I hope it proves as valuable for you as it has been for me.



“There in their presence he was transfigured...”

There are moments of Tabor in our consecrated life. Moments when everything becomes luminous. When the face of Christ shines for us like the sun. When our vocation regains its original clarity, beauty and freshness.

Jesus takes Peter, James and John with him. He takes them aside, up a high mountain. Nothing is improvised. The Transfiguration is not a spectacle: it is a grace given in intimacy.

As consecrated women, we know what it means to be **“led up a high mountain by themselves.”** Our times of prayer, our retreats, our chapters, our community silences... these are the mountains where the Lord leads us to show us who He truly is — and who we are in Him.

But the Transfiguration is not only consolation. It is revelation.

Jesus' face becomes bright as the sun. His clothes, white as light. It is not another person: it is Jesus himself. The one who will walk to Jerusalem. The one who will be misunderstood. The one who will be crucified.

The light does not remove the cross. It reveals its meaning.

How many times have we wished to “**set up three tents**”? To fix a moment of strength, to keep a community fervent, to preserve a mission that bore fruit, to hold on to a more stable era in our congregation...

“Lord, it is wonderful for us to be here!”

Yes, it is good to be in the light. But our vocation is not to dwell on the mountain. It is to listen.

The Father's voice resounds: **"This is my Son, the Beloved... listen to him"**.

Listen to him... In our governmental decisions, in our apostolic choices, in our community tensions, in our declining numbers, in the new calls of the synodal Church. Listen to him.

Our fruitfulness does not come from our strategies, but from our ability to listen to the beloved Son.

“The disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear.”

The experience of God is unsettling. It brings us to our knees. It reminds us that we are not in control.

Then Jesus approached them. He touched them. ‘Stand up, do not be afraid.’ This gesture always moves me deeply. Christ does not leave his disciples crushed by fear. He lifts them up.

How many sisters today need to be lifted up? Lifted up from fatigue, discouragement, loss of meaning, conflicts, restructuring, personal fragility...

What if our first mission were to become, for one another, this gesture of Christ?

“And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus.”

In the end, only He remains.

Neither Moses, nor Elijah, nor the securities of the past, nor institutional certainties. Only Him.

Perhaps this is the heart of consecrated maturity: consenting to everything being simplified until only Jesus remains.

And then comes the descent from the mountain.

We do not remain in the light. We descend towards the plain, towards the sick, towards the crowds, towards incomprehension... towards the cross.

Our consecrated life is this **ongoing movement**:

**Going up to contemplate. Going down to serve. Listening to discern.
Receiving light to walk through darkness.**

In a fragmented world, in a Church undergoing transformation, in congregations called to reinvent themselves, the Transfiguration reminds us of this: Our future does not depend on our strength.

It depends on our ability to listen to the Beloved Son.

And when fear grips us, when uncertainty brings us to our knees, let us remember: He draws near, he touches us, and he says to us again today: 'Stand up, do not be afraid.'

May this Word become, for each of us, a light to continue on our journey.

Although this reflection was intended for General Superiors, I hope that you have been able to find meaning and encouragement in it for your own journey of faith and consecrated life. May it help us to recognize those moments of light the Lord offers us, and to remain attentive to His voice, especially in times of uncertainty or challenge.

Ask for the grace to be willing to go up the mountain to encounter Jesus for contemplation, and then be ready to come down to serve with renewed courage and energy.

Sisters, on another note I want to share my unexpected visit in England with you.

During the month of March as many of you are aware, I spent three weeks in the Mater Christi Region, Medstead, England, with our dear Sisters. A call from Sister Barbara Ranere, Regional Superior, prompted my visit. Sister Barbara alerted me that she was entering the hospital as an emergency patient and that Sister Joan Henry's health was declining rapidly. A day later she was also hospitalized. Thinking I could be of service in the event the Lord called Sister Joan, together with Sister Mary Elizabeth Lloyd, we immediately flew to England.

Our beginning days there were complete hospital days, filled with closeness, fraternal attention, unity in prayer, and then finally surrendering them into the Lord's arms, Sister Barbara's unexpected passing on March 10, and Sister Joan's expected death two days later.

We were so blessed that we were able to assist the remaining sisters by helping to prepare a special Mass of Resurrection where many people from the Parish came to celebrate their lives at a double funeral. I thank you for your continued prayers for the repose of their souls. I also ask your prayers for the four sisters who now are experiencing the emptiness of these losses.

May God bless you as together we move forward in faith, hope and love!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Sister Ascenza Tizzano, MPF

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General Superior

Sacred Heart Province, Italy Community Days - January 3-5, 2026

In an atmosphere filled with Christmas joy and the warmth of fraternity, the ongoing formation days, scheduled annually, took place at the Sacred Heart Provincial House. The richness of sharing and the beauty of being together compensated for the sisters' sacrifices in being present at this annual event. The sisters arrived and shared greetings on January 3rd, while January 4th was a day of prayer, reflection, and a group workshop.

The following words from one of the sisters perfectly summarize the sentiments of gratitude of all the participants:

Dearest Sister Virginia, thank you for these beautiful days you have given to the sisters of the Province. They have been a wonderful beginning to a meaningful journey of renewal, one that we will strive to continue with care and dedication, trusting in the help of our great God who became a child.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the entire community of the Provincial House, who welcomed us with such generosity and fraternal love. May the Lord reward you with His abundant blessings.



The reflection that engaged the sisters at the “synodal” tables was guided by a video centered on the key symbol of the Jubilee Year: the door. This image points to the person of Jesus, the one who cares for His sheep and gives meaning to all the narrow doors of charity and service that we are called to pass through each day.

These “doors” became the areas of reflection, meditation, and sharing:

- **The Door of the heart**, which, when open, allows us to deeply welcome the Lord and our brothers and sisters with concrete and prophetic attitudes;
- **The Door of affection and bonds** expresses the profound meaning of our existence in building the common good;

- **The Door of educational charity** is the concrete environment in which, as *Maestre Pie*, we are called to experience the plan of salvation;
- **The Door of Heaven** allows us to see things in a new way.

Groups, formed at random, reflected on a set of guiding questions for sharing. Here are some of the insights that emerged:



- *We are in the Christmas season, the mystery in which humanity experiences "God with us." The mystery challenges us because of its simplicity. We have arrived here after a Jubilee year, in which we experienced the gift of the General Chapter, and many powerful moments of grace.*

- *God is not afraid of our humanity. God became like us, not to explain everything to us, but that we don't distance ourselves from Him when life grows dark. He took on our flesh so that we understand that salvation is not an escape, but an opening to "new doors."*

- *We must not lose sight of the source: the light that filters from Heaven, the light that reveals our frailties, and the prejudices that wound others and stir our defenses.*

- *Only by becoming aware of our frailties and shortcomings, can we lay down the shields and defenses that prevent our hearts from becoming open, welcoming, and missionary doors.*

- *Disarming the heart and making it an open door is possible only with a profound contact with God, an open-hearted listening to His voice and in the Word, we receive each day.*

Formative Meeting "Laity of Saint Lucy Filippini" Via Trevignano Romano - February 15, 2026,

"Jesus Still Wants to Speak to Us, Let Us Listen!" This is the title of the booklet that absorbed the day dedicated to the journey of the "Lay Associates of Saint Lucy Filippini." The title conveys a strong message, but through the words of His Excellency Msgr. Emidio Cipollone, the group's spiritual director, he gave further depth to the true meaning of our journey.



Bishop Emidio, with greater clarity reviewed the liturgical texts of recent Sundays: with the passage from the Beatitudes, he emphasized the importance of the Word that transforms our lives and leads believers to strengthen their faith in Christ and experience the joy of the Gospel. He returned to the Gospel text of salt and light, which invites us Christians to be an active presence in the world, with the humility of those who give flavor (salt) and those who illuminate (light) through consistent witness. Salt, in the right dose (defined by Don Emidio as ‘as much as needed’), gives flavor, preserves, and gives taste. The believer carries within himself the wisdom of the cross and bears witness to it to the world. The

Light does not illuminate itself, it gives light, allows us to see things, must not be hidden under the bushel of inadequate and misleading motivations, but must instead be raised to illuminate the home, the hearts...

Bishop Emidio's words sparked moments of deep discussion in the various groups that helped define some aspects of the journey: our search for true relationships, the desire to be part of this active and present group through which Saint Lucy Filippini guides us to become an example, first and foremost in our families, for our children, and also for those who approach us.

We are at the beginning of Lent, a journey of grace in our lives, and even though the roads are steep and winding, God's help will push us forward to bring love to all hearts in need.

During the Eucharistic Celebration, His Excellency concluded his homily with the title of a song that won the *Sanremo Music Festival* a few years ago, "SI PUÒ DARE DI PIÙ" (You Can Give More): we couldn't have had a better final summary, because yes, in our lives, on our journey, we can give more, we can do more. We shouldn't think about receiving or taking, but about offering as much as we can to others by sharing, and enriching our lives with what others can give us. *(Brief reflection shared by Rosangela Perniola, participant.)*

Conference for Teachers, "Maestre Pie Filippini" Schools Provincial House, Rome - March 7, 2026

Sisters from all our schools in Italy, along with the teachers who continue to support them in their activities, gathered together at the Provincial House for their annual learning session.



After greetings and a festive mutual welcome, the participants prepared themselves to listen to Father Antonio Scigliuzzo, who offered valuable insights and interesting stimuli through videos, and interactions through the direct involvement of some of the participants.

His presentation elaborated on the following key points:

Glance of Hope

Christian Humanism at the Foundation of the School Community

- 1. The Essence of Christian Humanism in the School**
- 2. The Teacher as Educator-Witness**
 - This includes:**
 - **Cultural Mediation**
 - **Authoritative Presence**
 - **Formative Assessment**
- 3. Trust, Freedom, and Critical Awareness**
- 4. The Culture of Dialogue and Inclusion**
- 5. Alliance with Families and Global Challenges**

After a break that refreshed everyone mentally and physically the participants were invited to form small groups to get to know each other better and share the essence of these goals and hopes. The day was enlightening and the teachers are commended not only for their attendance on a free day, but for their positive comments and their appreciation to be enlightened by these concepts that were developed.



Saint Lucy Province, USA Birthday of Saint Lucy Filippini

The children, faculty and staff of Saint Augustine School in Kendall Park, New Jersey, gathered for Mass on Saint Lucy's birthday, January 13, 2026. Rev. Canon Robert G. Lynam presided at the Eucharistic celebration while students read, sang and offered the gifts. Saint Lucy is their well-known patron and guiding light. In his homily, Father Lynam expounded upon Saint Lucy's continued protection and inspiration to the school community. At the conclusion of the liturgy, Sister Mary Esther Carsele, Superior, blessed the children with Saint Lucy's relic.



Study Day in the Province

Each year, the Sisters of Saint Lucy Province, gather on the last Saturday of February, to work on timely topics and relevant matters. This year, the day was comprised of two parts. In the morning, the Sisters shared Conversation in the Spirit as regards Vocation Promotion, and in the afternoon, the time was spent on Session 1 of the study of *“Fraternal Life in Community”*.

In her welcome, Sister Marianne McCann, Provincial Superior, recapped the Province Practice that had been the focus of the previous gathering on January 24th as part of the Study of the *Acts of the Chapter*. A newly appointed Vocation Team was announced: Sister Helen Sanchez will remain as Vocation Contact and is now joined by Sister Lucy Battistuz and Sister Luciana D'Cruze. As the Team develops its plan, all Sisters will be invited to take part in vocation activities around the Province.



As the morning began, Sisters of the Province experienced Conversation in the Spirit once again. The same methodology that had been used at the General Chapter



was implemented with much success. The prayerful setting provided the context in which Sisters allowed the Holy Spirit to illumine the path and impel all to follow.

The foundational premise of Vocation Promotion in Saint Lucy Province is to cultivate a joyful presence. *"A fraternity rich in joy is a genuine gift from above. . . Such a testimony of joy is a powerful attraction*

to religious life, a source of new vocations and an encouragement to perseverance." (Fraternal Life #28). Each Sister discerned her answer to the question, *"What am I willing to do to nurture a spirit of joy in my local community?"*

Following a joy-filled lunch break, the Sisters reconvened to cover Session 1 of the study of *Fraternal Life in Community*. In conclusion Sisters at each table shared their three insights with the large group. As this Study continues, some sessions will be worked together at Province gatherings, while others will be conducted in the local convents.

The day concluded with a joyful rendition of *"We Are Family"*!



Ministries at Villa Ferretti, Connecticut

Dedication of Villa Ferretti's Outdoor Shrine: Winstead

Villa Ferretti's outdoor Blessed Mother Shrine has overlooked Route 263 for over 50 years. Passers-by identify this location by her presence on the hill. It has been refurbished many times. Most recently and for the third time, pro bono, Janet Spirodoukas reinforced the stone structure, repainted Our Lady a luminous white, and the



interior a magnificent Marian blue. On January 17, 2026, Father Robert Briuce, OFM, of Saint Joseph Parish, solemnly rededicated the Shrine in the presence of their Lucians, guests and benefactor. Prior to the outdoor dedication, they had a Prayer Service simulating the procession through Saint Peter's Jubilee Door, and continued the Rosary in procession to the Shrine. A feast in the convent then celebrated this memorable occasion!

Chapel Dedication - An Altar on Fire Winchester - January 19, 2025

A new look is evident at the Oratory of our Mother Mary in Winchester, Connecticut, where they honor Our Lady of Revelation, who appeared to Bruno Cornacchiola on May 30, 1947. In one of her messages Our Lady said, "*Go to my beloved daughters, the Maestre Pie Filippini...*" After a fire on the altar, the renovation was

made possible by unsolicited gifts from the Bulla Family, former MPF students, and friends. All the labor, pro bono, was personally done by Michael Novajoski, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, and his friends.



Every Wednesday, the Lucians join the Sisters in a two-hour Eucharistic Adoration to pray for vocations and for those who ask for prayers. Visits from devotees are always welcome, and they have a "prayer bucket" near Our Lady, which holds all the written petitions. Monthly, they change the petitions placed on the Oratory door.

On March 19, Father Robert Briuce, OFM, pastor of Saint Joseph Parish, blessed the new altars and offered Mass. Every first Wednesday, the parish priest offers Mass for the sisters as part of their Adoration hours.

Mater Divinae Gratiae, Vice Province Sao Paulo, Brazil

Celebration of Consecrated Life



On February 2, 2026, the 30th World Day of Consecrated Life was celebrated at the initiative of the Congregation of Religious of Brazil (CRB – Regional São Paulo). A solemn Mass of thanksgiving was celebrated at the Salesian Sisters' College.

The Eucharistic Liturgy was presided over by Bishop Carlos Silva, OFM Cap., Auxiliary Bishop

of São Paulo and Regional Secretary of the Brazilian Bishops' Conference. In his homily, reflecting on the Beatitudes (cf. Mt 5:3–12), he emphasized:

“Consecrated life is a prophetic sign, born not of power, but of radical trust in God. It is not an escape from the world, but an evangelical presence at the heart of its wounds. It is precisely there that consecrated persons are called to remain.”

A large number of religious were present, including the Religious Teachers Filippini: Sister Maria Moreira de Souza, Sister Maria Eunice da Silva, Sister Ione Honória de Souza, and Sister Laiju.



Our Family is Growing



On February 4, 2026, after completing the spiritual exercises, Fernanda Oliveira Velano entered the Novitiate during Vesper services. The entire community gathered to witness and celebrate this significant moment.



Among those present was Father Jorge Silva, the parish priest of Our Lady of O’

The Brazilian community gave thanks to the Lord for the gift of the new novice and prayed for her perseverance in her choosing this vocation. The celebration concluded with a joyful reception.



Saint Lucy Filippini College, São Paulo

On March 3, 2026, Saint Lucy Filippini College in São Paulo celebrated its 62nd anniversary.

With renewed commitment, the institution continues its mission of educating with love, inspired by the charism of Saint Lucy. Confident that the Lord guides every step, the community joyfully continues to write new pages of its history each day.

Lenten Season in the Church of Brazil

On the afternoon of Sunday, March 22, the Episcopal Region of Brasilândia marked the regional opening of the Campaign of Fraternity, a meaningful expression of the Lenten season.

This year’s theme, “*Fraternity and Home*” (“He came to dwell among us!” – Jn 1:14), called for prayer and concrete acts of solidarity, especially toward the homeless and those living in vulnerable and unsafe conditions.

The celebration was attended by the regional bishop, Most Rev. Carlos Silva, numerous priests and religious, as well as Sister Ione Honória de Souza and Sister Geralda Coelho. The Faithful from various parishes also participated.



Brother Marx Rodrigues dos Reis, OFM, coordinator of the initiative, urged all present to embrace true conversion through faith, prayer, and concrete outreach to those in need.

“Luciane” Project – Miracatu, SP

On March 26, the “*Luciane*” Project celebrated 33 years of dedicated service, promoting dignity and support for children and youth in vulnerable situations.

The occasion also included a joyful celebration of the birthdays of members born during the month.



“Joy of Living Together” Project

In preparation for Holy Week, the “*Joy of Living Together*” project offered several meaningful activities:

- A conference on the Holy Shroud, presented by Sister Geralda Coelho;
- A visit to preschool children;
- A visit to Saint Lucy Filippini College.

These intergenerational encounters brought joy to both children and the elderly. The seniors were warmly welcomed and had the opportunity to experience the school environment, engage with students, and share life experiences in a spirit of mutual enrichment.



Mater Boni Consilii Region, Ethiopia

A Journey of Renewal

Lenten Retreats

During the holy season of Lent, the Ethiopian Community was blessed with a series of spiritual retreats held over four successive weekends, each offering a meaningful time for prayer, reflection, and renewal. Different groups participated on separate days: teachers, house workers, students, aspirants, and the lay women of Saint Lucy. Each group had a focused and enriching experience.

Abba Muse led the teachers' retreat on March 14. He centered on the theme of leaving behind our daily responsibilities and finding rest in Jesus. It was a deeply enriching and inclusive moment that brought participants together from different backgrounds and religions. They all experienced a great joy and spiritual renewal.



On March 15, 2026, our house workers had their day of reflection that centered on the nourishment needed by our bodies is also needed by our spirit. The priest started his reflection with a question: *“What did you do before coming here, and why did you come here?”* They participated actively, with interest, and showed great openness, making the experience meaningful for all.



The Sisters led the students' retreat on March 9, 2026, focusing on the parable of the Prodigal Son. The students were invited to reflect more deeply on God's mercy, forgiveness, and unconditional love,

and to see how they can return to God in their daily lives with trust and humility through prayer, reflection, and active participation so they may grow in their spiritual journey.

On March 22nd, the aspirants' retreat was guided by Abba Woldu Haish, who helped them understand the deeper purpose of retreat: to renew their hearts, to repent and ask for God's mercy, to receive spiritual grace through the communion of saints, and to discover what is hidden within their lives, recognizing their struggles and listening attentively to God's call.



On the same day, the Daughters of Saint Lucy held their recollection at Goala, enriched by an inspiring talk by Abba Thomas. In his reflection, he reminded them that Saint Lucy was a woman of deep faith and influence, and encouraged them, as an association bearing her name, to live worthy of that calling to be "*salt of the earth*" in their families and in the sectors where they serve.

In addition, during this Lenten season, the Daughters of Saint Lucy carried out a beautiful mission of visiting the sick and elderly Catholics in their communities, praying with them, and bringing comfort and hope to those who often feel lonely. Their presence was truly uplifting and a living witness of Christian charity.

The Way of the Cross was prayerfully celebrated with each group, deepening their reflection on Christ's suffering and love.

Overall, these Lenten retreats were truly grace-filled moments, bringing joy, peace, and spiritual renewal to all who participated, including the Sisters, who were blessed to be part of these experiences.



Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future.

With heartfelt gratitude and joy, our community celebrated a memorable moment of transition as Sister Freweini Weldu, our first Regional Superior, completed her term of six years' service in the Region. The day was filled with warmth and happiness as we expressed our heartfelt thanks for her dedicated leadership, guidance, and the many ways she has touched our lives. Gifts were exchanged, kind words of appreciation were shared, and the atmosphere was one of cheer, unity, and deep gratitude.



On the 19th of March, the responsibility was officially handed over to Sister Mebrhit Weldemichael, the newly appointed Regional Superior, who accepted it trustingly and meaningfully. The former Superior, together with her councilors, handed over the leadership with grace and encouragement, making the day even more special. It was a celebration of continuity, hope, and shared commitment to our mission. We warmly welcome our new Superior and assure her of our prayers and support as she begins this new chapter of service among us.

Mater Misericordiae Region, Eritrea Community Gathering



On Saturday, February 28, 2026, the Regional Community of Eritrea held its community gathering.

All members arrived in Asmara on Friday afternoon and shared a moment of fraternity around the table before the official meeting began.

On Saturday morning, the gathering opened with Lauds and the celebration of the Eucharist.

After Mass, Sister Qidusan Tewelde, the Regional Superior, gave a comprehensive introduction to the booklet from the Generalate entitled *“Fraternal Life in Community.”* She shared a general reflection on the sisters’ daily way of life, inviting them to consider: *How do we live our daily lives? How is our communion with God and with one another? How dedicated are we to the service entrusted to us?*



She emphasized the importance of fraternal love and recalled the call to be artisans of peace, as highlighted by Pope Leo. She also reminded the sisters of the significance of the holy season of Lent, a time of renewal and inner strengthening, enabling a deeper encounter with God and with one’s neighbor. This, is the true meaning of fraternal life in community.



Sister Qidusan also shared the heartbreaking news of the passing of Sister Senait at the age of 39. Until the very night the Lord called her, she served with great devotion and love. Reflecting on her life, Sister Qidusan said: *“This witness is a call for each one of us to remain vigilant and ready in our daily lives, for we do not know when God will call us.”* (Rev 3:3)

Father Saimon Teklesenbet, a Pavonian priest, then addressed the gathering, presenting the document *“Fraternal Life in Community”* in a simple and accessible manner.

After a short break, the sisters worked in groups to reflect on guided questions. Each group later presented its insights to the entire assembly.

Pastoral Activities: Community of Hamelmalo

The community of Hamelmalo is dedicated to serving college students as well as the small number of Catholic families in the area. Although most of the village's inhabitants are Muslim, the sisters also reach out to them through family visits.

Thanks to God's providence, the chapel is often filled with young college students from various regions. Since the college is located close to the convent, students come both individually and in groups for prayer, personal meditation, retreats, and workshops. Every Sunday they participate in Holy Mass, and every Tuesday they



gather for Eucharistic adoration and spiritual conferences led by the sisters, as well as seasonal retreats during Christmas and Easter.

On March 28–29, 2026, about fifty college students participated in a retreat on the theme *“The Grace of God Received Through Penance.”* The retreat was animated by the sisters together with two priests, Father Habtemariam and Father Goitom.

The seven Catholic families in the area gather on the 13th of each month in honor of Saint Lucy. They attend Holy Mass, followed by a traditional coffee ceremony. During these gatherings, they also participate in spiritual conferences that support them in their Christian journey. These moments are deeply appreciated, and they pray to Saint Lucy for guidance and strength in their daily lives.



Queen of Peace Region, India

Gifts of the New Administration and Acts of the Chapter 2025

Following the General Chapter 2025 and the consultative voting held in September in the Queen of Peace Region, the community waited with anticipation for the announcement of the new Administration.

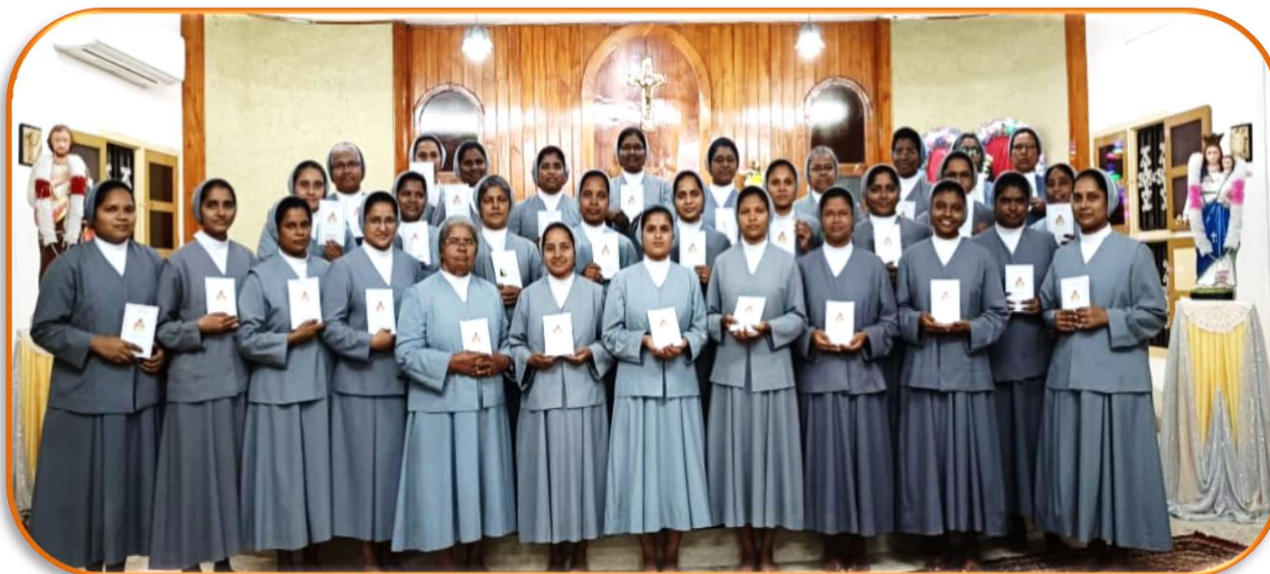
At the same time, the Region experienced a delay in receiving the Acts of the Chapter due to postal service difficulties. In a remarkable turn of providence, Sister Mercy Chakkiath personally traveled to India to bring the documents. This became a grace-filled occasion, as her presence coincided beautifully with both the reception of the Acts and the transition of leadership in the Region.



On the evening of February 1, 2026, the community gathered at the Saint Lucy Convent Chapel, Regional House, for a meaningful time of prayer marked by gratitude, welcome, and reflection. The prayer unfolded in three movements. The first was a heartfelt

thanksgiving to God for the fruitful and dynamic leadership of Sister Maria Xavier, Sister Elaria Vempati, and Sister Pramila, who had faithfully served the Region as Regional Superior and Councilors.

The second was one of joyful welcome, as the community received the new Administration: Sister Elaria Vempati as Regional Superior, together with Sister Aji Pulikal and Sister Juliet John as Councilors. The community invoked God's abundant blessings upon them as they began their new responsibility.



In the third moment, following a period of prayerful reflection, *the Acts of the Chapter 2025* were solemnly received by the community.

February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the Day dedicated to Consecrated Life, became a day of special significance for the Region, as the new Administration officially assumed office.



The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided by Rev. Father Anil Suthi, Rector of Francis College. He invoked God's blessings upon the new team and encouraged

them in their mission. At the conclusion of the celebration, Sister Mercy read the congratulatory message from the Mother General. Her presence and the presence of the Superiors from various communities added grace and dignity to the occasion. The evening was marked by a joyful celebration, as the community came together

in a spirit of festivity. Through colorful dances, melodious songs, and creative skits, the sisters expressed their deep gratitude to the outgoing Administration and extended a warm and affectionate welcome to the new team.



The Queen of Peace Region expresses its sincere appreciation to Sister Maria Xavier and her team for their inspiring and dedicated leadership over the past seven years. With prayer and fraternal support, the Region now accompanies the new Administration as they begin their journey of service.

Berat, Albania

We Grow and Educate with Kind Words

The International #eTwinning Project, has been a truly enriching journey of cooperation, learning, and personal growth for our students. It brought together the young “*little stars*” of the Ylli i Mëngjesit School of the Maestre Pie Filippini in Berat and the ninth-grade students of Paftal School, Berat.



The theme of the project this year was: *The Magic of Words in Communication Etiquette*. We nurture and inspire through the power of kind words.

This project built meaningful bridges of communication and instilled lasting values in the hearts of our students. Through kindness, respect, tolerance, and collaboration, they discovered that ethical communication is a universal language, one that connects cultures, minds, and hearts.



Thanks to the dedication and passion of teachers, Teuta Bilcari and Eljoza Cenollari, this initiative has become a true success story, where international cooperation came to life through the sincerity and vibrant energy of children.

A New Feature!

As part of the Lines of Action from our General Chapter, we are delighted to promote awareness of the life and sanctity of Cardinal Barbarigo. The Cardinal's Corner will be a regular feature in our quarterly bulletin, offering brief reflections on his enduring legacy.

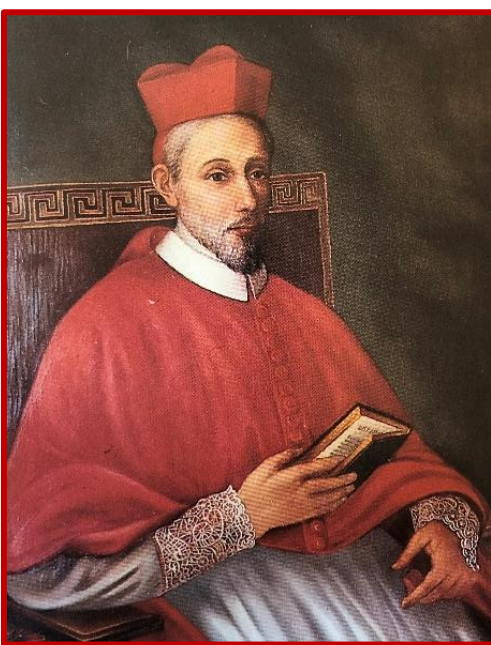
We are grateful to Sister Emanuela Vanich, who contributed to the Position Papers for the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, who will generously provide these reflections each quarter.

The Cardinal's Corner - April 2026

This endeavor is an invitation from Mother General to get closer as a community to Cardinal Mark Antony Barbarigo and to reread his life, to deepen the traits of his personality and recognize the paths of Providence, which through him reached Saint Lucy, the numerous sisters who followed her and today reach us, *poor little* women still on the way. The following lines are a simple initial response to the request for collaboration and a fraternal contribution that deliberately anticipates only fragments of news. Each sister has full freedom to choose her own spaces for study and prayer; the Institute will enjoy new wonder and gratitude for our charism, consecration and mission.

I will give you Shepherds after my own heart... They will guide you with science and intelligence.

Remember your Leaders, your Fathers... They have preached the Word of God to you.



Here is little Mark Anthony, born on March 6, 1640, and baptized on the same day. Here are his parents, the noblewoman Clare and Ser Agostino, the first gestures of the Gospel, the paths of the Beatitudes, and *mercy*. There are many poor people in this period in Venice, especially in Dorsoduro, the district where Palazzo Barbarigo is located in the parish of the Angelo Raffaele; nearby, towards the outlet of the Brenta, there are the Mendicants and the church of San Nicolò, built by them with generosity, today one of the oldest and most fascinating; on feast days the fishermen wait for him on their boats and with him they *happily head* towards the island of San Secondo, guided by songs and prayers. In the meantime, every kind of poverty questions Mark Antony, who sees plans, and acts, and still does not know that the Lord is preparing him for a charism that he will have to pass on to his future

Enrolled at the age of twenty-five in the Golden Book of the Venetian Republic, he soon after left his career; he became a priest, bishop, cardinal, and often faced hardships and humiliations. Convinced of the importance and necessity of cultural formation, he opened seminaries, valued women and the laity and addressed every person with mercy, respect and justice; through works of material charity, he makes concrete the ideal of his whole life, his vocation: to proclaim Christ, the Saviour of the world.

He died in Montefiascone on 26 May 1706.

For Reflection:

Dear Barbarigo, what did you see in Lucy for the work of the schools?

You, Lucy, what did you see and learn from your Cardinal?

And us?



