

## Beatification of Saint Lucy Filippini

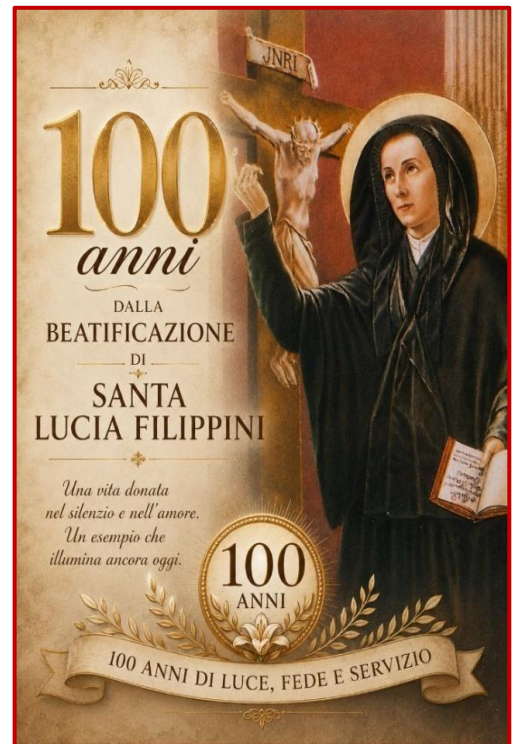
### *100 years of light, faith, and service!*

A century after this important recognition by the Church, we remember a woman who dedicated her life to education, the formation of younger generations, and service to others.

Her example continues to inspire generations of educators, students, and communities, inviting us to cultivate knowledge, faith, solidarity, and love for others.

May her message continue to be a light today, capable of guiding the path of those who believe in the value of education as a tool for human and spiritual growth.

*100 years of a legacy that continues to educate and build the future.*



**In Bitonto**, "*Steps of Peace in the Footsteps of Lucy*" was a journey of prayer, meetings, celebrations, and small gestures capable of uniting the school, families, and the community in one great embrace.

From the Rosary to the Eucharistic Celebration, to the final celebration and the procession through the city streets, every moment expressed peace, service, hope, and the joy of walking together.

Her silent testimony, made up of daily hard work, attention to the young, and service to the community, continues to speak to the present, thanks to the lay teachers who feel they inherit and carry forward this teaching with the same spirit of dedication.

In a rapidly changing world, Lucy Filippini's message remains surprisingly timely: educating with passion, preserving values, and building authentic relationships is still a precious lesson for everyone today, because educating isn't just about teaching... but about lighting lights that continue to shine through time!

## Centenary celebrations in Sao Paulo, Brazil

Together with the entire Institute, on June 13, the Vice-Province and all its communities celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Beatification of Saint Lucy Filippini with a Eucharistic Celebration of thanksgiving for this significant milestone in the history of the Maestre Pie Filippini.



Before the Holy Mass, Sr. Maria Moreira read the historical account prepared by Sr. Emmanuela, recounting the journey toward the Beatification, the miracle attributed to Saint Lucy, and the joyful celebration of her Beatification in St. Peter's Basilica. United in gratitude, all

gave thanks to the Lord for the gift of our Holy Foundress and for the grace of her Beatification.



Sr. Elizabeth Venâncio marked this special occasion with the Community of Saint Lucy Filippini in Vilhena, State of Rondônia, where she, too, joined the faithful in praising and thanking the Lord for our Holy Foundress on this solemn occasion.

## Celebrations in Eritrea

On June 13, the entire Eritrean Region gathered to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Beatification of Saint Lucy. Sisters, lay teachers, and Saint Lucy families participated in prayer and in the celebration of the Eucharist. The large congregation reflected on Saint Lucy's witness of holiness and her enduring invitation to live her life rooted in God's Word and faithful service



## Celebration in India

The invitation of Mother General to commemorate the Centenary of the Beatification of Saint Lucy Filippini was enthusiastically welcomed by the Queen of Peace Region. We are deeply grateful to the General Administration for preparing and providing the special prayer service for this significant occasion. Celebrating with the same prayer made us feel more closely united with the entire Institute as we joined together in thanksgiving and prayer.

All the communities of the Region celebrated this memorable day with great joy and devotion.



The Regional Community, comprising the Regional Team, the professed sisters, junior sisters, novices, and candidates, each gathered in the Saint Lucy Chapel, Janampet, in a spirit of gratitude to celebrate this important milestone in the history of the Institute.



During the celebration, the professed sisters carried lighted candles in procession to the altar and placed them before the beautifully decorated statue of Saint Lucy, symbolically representing every Maestra Pia serving in different parts of the world. It was truly a grace-filled moment as we honored Saint Lucy, our Mother and Foundress.

For the newly joined fourteen candidates, this celebration became a deeply inspiring experience during their first days with the community. The

prayer service concluded with the Hymn to Saint Lucy, when everyone had the opportunity to venerate and kiss the relic of Saint Lucy.

Grateful to the Lord for the countless blessings we continue to receive through the maternal intercession of Saint Lucy, we pray that we may faithfully carry forward her spirit and become "*many Lucys*," just as she desired.



*O Saint Lucy Filippini,  
Holy Mother Foundress,  
Grant us Your Spirit!*

