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Monthly message

The anchors of salvation

Jesus and Mary are the safety harbour where we can secure the life of our families, of our community, the life of the church and of the whole mankind. **The real life spent under the protection and care of Mary makes us realize in full the more authentic and vivid resources of a Christian existence:** her truly tender love as a mother for each one of us induces us to be gathered and allows us to manifest our fraternal love. The trustworthiness and importance of living the truth of our faith, mostly regarding our eternal life, impel us to take care with special attention to the shaping of our will, through the pedagogy of our brotherly correction and the true witnessing of the Gospel. The value of prayer invites us to the daily prayer searching for help and recovery. **Mary is for us the “safety harbour”** as the Pope Benedict XVI recalled at the Angelus prayer of Sunday, June 15th in Brindisi: “Every harbour reminds us of acceptance, of shelter, of safety; it shows us a safe landing we longed

for after a crossing, perhaps long and difficult. But it entails also the desire of departure of plans and future aspirations... We look once more to Mary from this stretch of Europe, surrounded by the Mediterranean sea, closed between East and West.

Mary is our mother who points us the way – Odegitria –, donating Jesus to us, the way of peace... **we pray her as the safe harbour for each man and for the whole mankind.** Her motherly protection may always defend your town and country, Italy, Europe and the whole world from the storms that threaten the faith and the true values; **help the young find the way with no fear to face the journey of life with Christian hope.** Mary our safe harbour, pray for us”.

The safety pointed out by Mary leads us to the Risen Christ who wins over sin and death. Jesus enters into our mankind stained by sin and misery, **with the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist**, and he saves us. Jesus the Lord enters into the dark night of our existence and

holds us by hand with the intention to safe us to uplift us to lead us to the pastures of eternal life, in order to feed us with the bread of heaven and inebriate us with the chalice of salvation .

Don Pier Luigi Cameroni
Spiritual Animator ADMA



INTENTION OF PRAYER CONNECTED TO THE PRAYER APOSTOLATE – August 2008

General: So that the human family may respect God's design on the world and may become more aware of the great gift of God represented to us through the creation.

Missionary: So that the answer of God's people aimed towards vocation to one's sanctity and mission may be promoted and nourished. All this combined with the desire of discovering the different charismas united with a constant task for spiritual and cultural formation.

For the bishops: So that the elderly may not be forgotten and set aside, but that they may be gathered and valued as a great resource for the community.

Marian: So that Mary may not allow us to set aside anyone and separate him from our fraternal love, following the example of our heavenly Father that makes the sun rise on the wicked and the good ones, and shower the rain on the just as well on the unjust ones .

Trained and relieved... by Mary
(Marian celebration by Fr. Erino Leoni sdb)

G: Painter Michelangelo, in the last universal judgment places at the feet of our Redimer and our Blessed Virgin Mary a group of rescued people, who, through a mysterious force, are attracted and raised to the sky. The saved are shown stretching their hands with charitable intention. They are not angels but believers enlightened by his light, who lift up with brotherly gestures those who are still stuck in the mud of evil. They are pushed by the power of love, they travel from the kingdom of darkness towards the true life. Two souls darkened by sin emerge. They are now liberated due to the fact that they are grasped to a huge rosary held and prayed with strength by a blessed soul. **This is the power of the Marian prayer we too want to test.** It is grace that comes from the contemplation of the mysteries of Christ who changes our hearts. It is the meditation of Mary, who anticipates the hour of Christ, the hour of the miracle, the hour of grace, the hour of our salvation. This becomes for us a true life, a powerful help, a sought after salvation. Let us go happily to Mary so that, fastened to her, we can experience her help and the interceding strength that leads us to the forgiveness of Christ .



Entry song

LB: On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants: "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Meditating song

G: Don Bosco found in Mary a teacher. Under her guidance we become clever, without her we become fool. He **knew** her when he was **consecrated** to her by mamma Margherita at the day of his Baptism. He discovered her at the **Angelus** while kneeling at his bed at the beginning of a new day, then at the side of the field at midday, and again near the fireplace at the end of the day. He knew her when he was in dire **need** at the burial of his father or during the famine that was making his stomach ache. He knew her during his **school days** when he preferred the formation away from home instead of the superficiality of every day life that does not program the future. He knew her in **the dangers**, in the struggles, in the anguish of life. He knew her as a **mother, teacher and helper**. In this way **he made her known**. He asked people to invoke her, love her for the safety of the souls of his boys. Mary became then, for him and for his boys, an educator, a protector, a helper.

- G: April 1878. Don Bosco on his return journey from the usual trip from France had this dream .
- dB: “I had the impression to be a guest in a family, whose members had decided to sentence to death a cat. A great pandemonium reigned in that house. I was leaning on a stick when a black cat with shaggy hair appeared, he was running towards me. Two huge dogs were running after him and they seemed to be catching on him. Since I was watching that cat passing beside me I called him, he seemed hesitating but since I invited him again showing the brim of my cassock, he rushed and flattened beside my feet. Those two dogs stopped while snarling and growling. - Get away, leave this poor cat in peace. - Then, with my great surprise, those terrible dogs opened their mouth and showing their tongues began to speak as a man
- 1L: No! We have the order to obey our owner and we have received the command to kill this cat .
- dB: With what authority ?
- 1L: He subdued himself to his service and will. Our master, therefore, can dispose of the life of his slave. So we have the order to kill him, and therefore we are going to do it.
- dB: - The master -I answered- has the rights on the doing of his servant, but certainly not on his life. I will never allow that this will take place, that this cat might get killed .
- 1L: You will not allow that? Will you?
- dB: After having uttered that, the two dogs rushed furiously to seize the cat. I raised my stick slashing blows and desperate strikes everywhere. Watch out! I Shouted, stop! Go back! But they at times were assailing, at other times they were retiring and the fight continued for quite a lot. I ended up very tired. While the dogs were retiring for a while I noticed that the cat was still crouched near my feet, but surprisingly I saw him changing into a pretty lamb. While I was thinking about this happening, I turned towards those two dogs. They too had changed shape: they resembled two ferocious bears; then changing again appearance they seemed first tigers, then lions, then dread monkeys and they were assuming more and more terrible shapes. Finally they ended up as two horrible devils.
- 1L: Lucifer is our master, the one you are protecting gave himself to him, we must bring him to our master and kill him.
- dB: I turned to the lambs, but I did not see him anymore; in his place there was a poor guy, extremely frightened who was repeating with mercy:
- 2L: **Don Bosco help me! Don Bosco save me!**
- dB: Do not be afraid! **Do you really want to change life and become good?**
- 2L: Yes, yes, don Bosco. But what am I to do in order to save myself?
- dB: Do not be afraid, **kneel down, take the medal of our Lady into your hands. Then, courage, pray with me.** The boy did so, he knelt down. The devils would have wanted to come near me but I was on my guard with the stick ready to strike. Enria, the nurse, seeing me so worried, woke me up and he did not allow me to see the end of the dream. (MB XIII, 548).

Meditation break

- 1L: Oh Lord, thank you for Mary, woman of the morning, who lived in fullness her days saying “yes” to the call of God.
- Tutti: Holy Mary virgin of the morning
do not allow our days
to be carried out with superficiality and indifference ,
marked by our egoism, by claim and dictatorship of our I.
Virgin of the morning, teach us the right view :
on the many gift we received ,
on the needs of the other ,
on God’s calls that incite us .**

1L: Oh Lord thank you for Mary, pure Lady
who lived her love without spoiling the signs of love

**Tutti: Holy Mary, all pure;
it is so hard to leave our love:
we look for it at every moment,
we cry for it when it disappears from our families,
but we also spoil it with great facility:
with our thoughts that outsell it,
with our words that turn it futile,
with gestures that sound as a blackmail.
Please educate us to the purity that fills our heart.**

1L: Oh Lord, thank you for Mary, our anchor of hope,
even when the discouragement takes our breath
or the fatigue deprives our desires and wishes
and especially when sin cancels all our horizons.

**Tutti: All. Holy Mary help of Christians,
we need to be saved,
even when we think we can do it by ourselves,
even when we believe we can manage all our difficulties,
even when we believe to be ok:
without sin, evil, death
but this makes us die slowly,
it darkens our sense of selfcriticism
it darkens our sight, hearing and heart .
Lift us up and bring us to Jesus,
remove our pride and presumption,
so that, with our softened heart,
we can accept your pardon. Amen.
Amen!**

G: Concluding, we trust ourselves to Mary with Don Bosco's words, so that she can defend us against
the evil that clamps our life, the life of our families, the life of the Church .

<p>Tutti: "Dear Mary, powerful virgin, You great garrison of the Church; o Mary, help of Christians! You powerful army You who defeated all the heresies; in every part of the world</p>	<p>you give us the sun that wins all darkness you in all anguishes and struggles of life; you defend us from the dangers of our enemy; you in the hour of our death accept our soul in Paradise ."</p>
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Final song

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PRIMARY ADMA TURIN

On the 20th of June, feast of **Madonna Consolata**, several ADMA members took part in the procession in honour of our Madonna Consolata, so dear to the people of Turin. There were 40 of us: To-Primari, To-Crocetta, To-Stura, Mappano, To-Agnelli. Sister Giuseppina Franco, vice provincial of FMA and sister Carmela Santoro in charge of the youth pastoral, got together under the flag of ADMA during the procession. Our presence is a witness of devotion to the Virgin, beside a commitment to imitate her virtues in our life.



SATURDAY THE 28TH OF JUNE IN MADRID the coordinating commission ADMA of Spain got together. The world animator **Fr. Pier Luigi Cameroni** participated upon the invitation of National coordinator **Fr. Eleuterio Lobato**. The gathering took place on the vicinity of the Provincial house of Madrid with the participation of more than 20 Salesians, daughters of Mary Help of Christians, Presidents and representatives of the various groups. After the initial greeting, the prayer and the reading of the minutes, Fr. Pier Luigi Cameroni was introduced. His speech presented the life and future plans of the Association, taking into consideration the Rector Major's stenna for the coming year, dedicated to the Salesian family. After that, **Fr. Mario Pardos**, Director of Saragoza, outlined, as a coordinator, the program and the specs related to the **VII National Congress of Mary Help of Christians**, that will be held in ALICANTE – EL CAMPELLO in the month of May 2009, days 1 – 3. The congress will witness the participation of over 700 people not only from ADMA, but also from the various groups of the Salesian family. As a conclusion Fr. Lobato presented the formative themes for the year 2008 – 2009, reproposing the outlines of the international congress of Mary Help of Christians that took place in 2007 at Mexico city. Fr. Pier Luigi



Al centro don Eleuterio Lobato, Coordinatore nazionale, con don Pier Luigi Cameroni

manifested his joy for this first trip to Spain, both for having had the possibility to know at fist hand ADMA, so alive and well organised, and as well for the various contacts with Salesian Spain such us **the Salesian bulletin, represented by Fr. Eugenio Alburquerque and the Publishing house (central catequistica salesiana) in the person of the Director Fr. José Antonio San Martin**, and also for the brotherly welcome. Touching was the visit and the prayer of **the new chapel, situated inside the shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Madrid – Atocha dedicated to the blessed Salesian martyrs**, killed during the civil war. May the Lord and Mary Help of Christians bless every plan and desire of good for the youth and people of Spain.

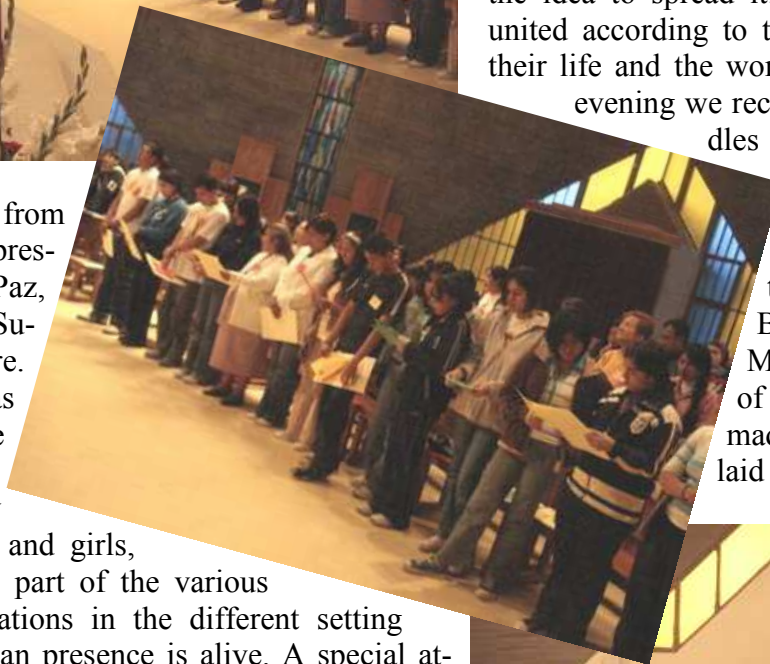
News from ADMA world

BOLIVIA – First Congress for ADMA Youth.

With the desire to bring to life one of the commitments left by the Rector Major at the V international congress of Mary Help of Christians (Mexico City 2007): *“With the idea to involve the youth in the spiritual path of ADMA, in order to live the spiritual experience of the Church and Mary”*, we have celebrated in **Fatima, Cochabamba, from June 29th to July 1st**, the 1st congress of youth ADMA of Bolivia. A hundred of young partici-



pants, coming from the Salesian presences of La Paz, Santa Cruz Y Sucre were there. The number was not a great one since we had gathered only the youth, boys and girls, who already are part of the various existing organizations in the different setting where the Salesian presence is alive. A special attention is to be given to the presence of the animator of the association of Bolivia **Sr. Rina Pabòn FMA**, and of the various Salesian and Daughters of Mary Help of Christians spiritual animators of ADMA. **The purpose was to make these young people acquainted with each other, in order to exchange their experiences on how they live their Christian life, in the devotion to Virgin Mary Help of Christians and what they do in their sur-**

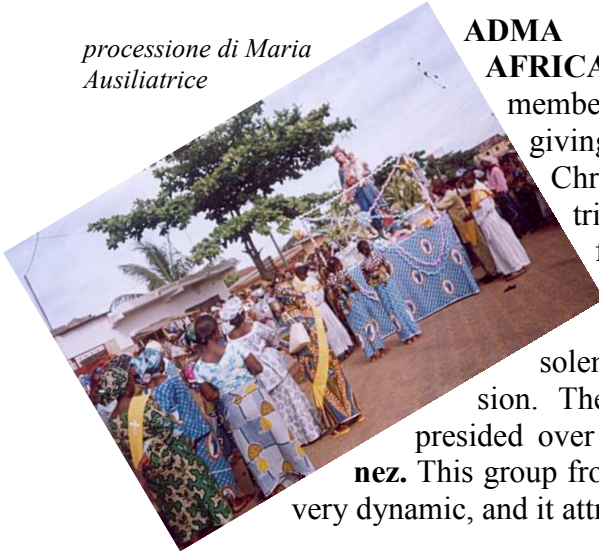


roundings. At the start of the Congress we proposed a challenge: turn these 3 day as an experience of Christian life and not only aimed at listening to conferences about Mary. **The provincial Fr. Juan Pablo Zabala**, invited the youth to imitate Mary during the introduction Mass. There were 3 conferences: **Fr. Severino Laredo**, animator of ADMA Boliva summarized the proposal of Rector Major in Mexico while showing “Mary the believer mother and teacher of Christ’s disciples”, **Fr. Thelian Corona**, Rector of the Salesian University developed the theme “Mary Help of Christians and don Bosco”, while **Sr. Beatriz Loayza**, FMA and Directress of Maria Mazzarello College presented “Mary as a model to imitate”. In the afternoon of the second day, the national delegate brought us the greetings of Mrs Giuseppina Chiosso from Turin together with Fr Pier Luigi Cameroni, spiritual animator. Later the natural delegate presented ADMA and each delegation showed how alive is the devotion to the Virgin and what they do with the idea to spread it. Later on the youngster got united according to their region for programming their life and the work of every association. One evening we recited the Rosary, carrying candles and images of the Virgin and reaching the various houses of formation. Another evening was devoted to an artistic overnight in honour of the Blessed Virgin. In the closing Mass a group of boys, members of the Association for long, made a promise and each group laid on the Altar their program of



life for the coming years. **We have lived days of happiness, joy, brotherhood, experience of Christian life under Mary's mantle.** The youth, boy and girls, left with the enthusiasm proper of their time, with the promise to inflame others with the same love to Mary Help of Christians. I believe that our Lady became so happy at the sight of so many sons around her. (Fr. Severino Laredo SDB – Spiritual Animator of Bolivia).

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ADMA OF PORTO-NOVO (BENIN AFRICA)

witnessed on May 18th 14 new members during the ceremony of the giving of the medal of Mary Help of Christians. The Novena and the triduum in preparation of the feast of Mary Help of Christians, were held with the celebration of a solemn Mass followed by procession. The Provincial of Western Africa presided over the celebration: **Fr. Manuel Jiménez.** This group from Porto-Novo is a well organized group, very dynamic, and it attracts a lot of people .

membri dell'ADMA con l'Ispettore don Manuel Jiménez



The GROUP ADMA OF THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY AT PORT CHESTER (NY - USA) This group was assembled in October 2004 and aggregated on 2007. **Fr. Timothy Zak SDB** is the guide and animator helped by **Fr. Timothy Ploch SDB** parish priest. It is composed by 18 members and **Mrs. Gregoria Gamarra** is the president. A group that faithfully gathers for the novena to Mary Help of Christians and celebrates every 24th with participation the Eucharist and attends the moments of formation. The scope of the group is to spread among the people the devotion to Mary through the Novena and attracting other people to this devotion under the protection of Mary .



ADMA CALTAGIRONE (ITALIA) We enclose a photograph that shows the closing ceremony of the activity of our Association in the Summer Period of this year. The ceremony was held at Giacoma Cona's house, one of the members. It was a beautiful day of prayer, a sharing moment, lived in the spirit of brotherhood. Present and active participants were not only the official members, but also the family members of the Association. The Holy Mass concluded with the blessing of Mary Help of Christians; the shared lunch, the fraternal coming together have made us experience the family spirit as Don Bosco dreamt for his houses. (Sr Brucculeri Giuseppina FMA).



don Paolo Caltabiano benedice le tessere e i distintivi dell'ADMA

spread the devotion to Mary, while fulfilling the promises. The group activity are: 2 monthly encounters, the first Friday of the month and the 24th. Aim: to promote the devotion to the Eucharist and Mary in the family, in the working environment, in the social life and in friendship; Spiritual assistance and material help to the immigrants, to the unmarried mothers and to the poor children. **Mrs Graziella Fichera** is the President, while the spiritual adviser is the Salesian **Fr. Concetto Pennisi**. A special task imposed to the members is the spreading of Mary Help of Christians' Magazine published by the Basilica of Turin .



Il numeroso gruppo dei 50 nuovi soci dell'ADMA di Catania

ADMA CATANIA – SAN FRANCESCO DI SALES Saturday May 24th St John Bosco Church annexed to the Salesian Institution. A Celebration was held for the enrolment of **50 new members in the Association**. ADMA became again active in this way under the care of emeritus animator Fr. Sebastiano Viotti and the Provincial Inspector Fr. Luigi Pirelli. This group was born in April 27th 1939. The solemn promise was made after one year of training and preparation with great joy and enthusiasm. The celebration was presided by **Fr. Paolo Caltabiano**, director of the School. During the sermon he explained the mission of the Association and the duty to



Consiglio dell'ADMA: al centro la Presidente Sig.ra Graziella Fichera. A sinistra l'animatore spirituale don Concetto Pennisi

ADMA TAORMINA (MESSINA – ITALY) From Taormina we come across the news of the revival of this group born in 1916. The group is being renewed by the presence of new members, man and women. They meet every month on the 24th.



Al centro il Presidente Giuseppe Auteri, a sinistra la Sig.ra Cifali Franca (tesoriera) e a destra la Sig.ra D'Agostino Barbara (Vice presidente)

This year, **on the 24th of May, 6 new Aspirants renewed their promises** in the hands of Salesian Missionary in Madagascar **Fr. John Corselli**. A traditional procession, well attended and deeply felt by the people of Taormina, was held during the festivities. Spiritual Animator is **Fr. Vincenzo Biuso**, rector of the Salesian Community. **Mr Giuseppe Auteri** is the president. He is member as well of the Regional Council of Sicily and he is deeply involved in the Association .



Partecipazione del pellegrinaggio Regionale dell'ADMA della Sicilia