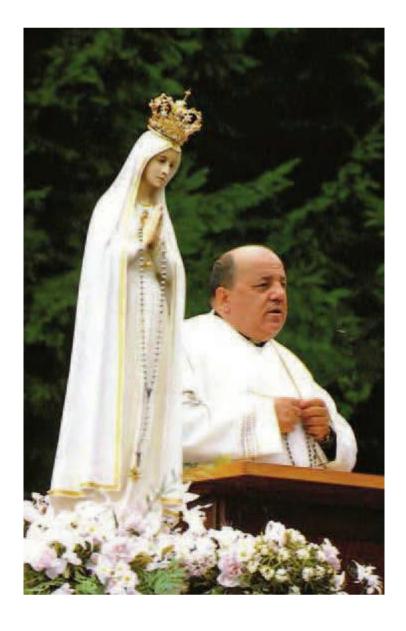
# THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS Newsletter – 2025



ANNUAL MESSAGE FROM FR. LUCA PESCATORI Director of the MMP World Wide



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# 1. Introduction – from Fr. Francis

The Book of Revelation describes the war between the Blessed Mother and Lucifer: between the rest of Her children, and the army of the Evil one.

We don't have any choice: we either belong to one cohort or to the other.

From the book of Revelation: "And a great portent appeared in Heaven, a woman clothed with the sun" (12,1) ... "And another portent appeared in Heaven; behold a great red dragon ..." (12,3) ... "Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring ..." (12,17).

How is the woman Clothed with the sun going to fight? She tells us that our weapon is the <u>ROSARY</u>.

"You are venerating me as the Lady of the Holy Rosary.

The rosary is my prayer; it is the prayer which I came down from heaven to ask of you, because it is the weapon which you must make use of, in these times of the great battle, and it is the sign of my assured victory.... The chain, with which the great Dragon is to be bound, is made up of prayer made with me and by means of me. This prayer is that of the Holy Rosary." (#479 – 7/10/92)

After Holy Mass, after the Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary is the most powerful tool for personal holiness and for the salvation of all.

In fact, by reciting the Rosary we meditate the Father's love, who sent His only Begotten Son to save us. All this began with the Yes of the Blessed Mother at the Annunciation. From that moment on

She gave her full collaboration, to the work of our Redeemer. When we pray the 20 mysteries, we, with the company of the Blessed Mother's Heart, offer to the Father the infinite merits of each moment of the life of our Redeemer. It is as if His work of Redemption is renewed TODAY with every bead of the Rosary.

It's no wonder, that at every apparition, the Blessed Mother has always insisted on the recitation of the Rosary. She is the Mother of our Redemption, and through our Rosary, She can extend and fulfill TODAY the acts of redemption of Her Son Jesus. We therefore become the collaborators of Mary, the Mediatrix between us and Jesus.

The Rosary can stop a third world war.

#### About Our Lady's Messages

"In these years, as Mother, I have formed you through my messages. They are so many words of wisdom, which I have caused to come down from my Immaculate Heart to form you according to my plan.... Meditate on my messages, and live them. If you live what I have shown you and travel the road which I have traced out for you, you will walk securely along the way of the consecration which you have made to me, and you will bring to fulfillment the great plan of the triumph of my Immaculate Heart.

Otherwise, you will be halted by doubts, discouragement, difficulties and the opposition which you will encounter. You will come to a halt and will not be ready to accomplish what I have arranged for you and which today is so necessary for the salvation of the world and the renewal of the Church, whose Mother I am." (#297 - 9/11/84).

In every message Our Blessed Mother speaks to us. We should be aware that we too can experience what is described in the Gospel

about the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth: "And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the Babe leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit... (and said) for behold when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Lk. 1, 41&44).

Therefore, every time we listen with love to her messages, to her greetings, to her motherly teachings, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and with joy. Please read message 284, entitled "My gift to you", in the Blue Book.

#### Moses told the Israelites:

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him.... I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.<sup>19</sup> I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name." (Dt. 18, 15...17)

Our Blessed Mother speaks in the name of the Lord. She is a Prophetess for our times. Therefore, we must all know what God is telling us through Her.

# How to live and attend Holy Mass

"Each day with love and with sorrow, with the intimate participation of your own lives, celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It has the power to make reparation and to destroy so much evil in the world". (#271 - 3/9/83).

Imagine how Our Blessed Mother followed Jesus during his agony, the Scourging, Death and Resurrection: during Holy Mass we also should immerse ourselves in the same suffering and offering of the Blessed Mother when She was beneath the Cross. Remember

how St. Padre Pio experienced even physically the passion of Jesus during Holy Mass.

At our Baptism the Celebrant told us that we are priests. In other words, by offering every moment of our life, we join Jesus as He offers himself to the Father.

#### Our need to Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

"Priests and faithful of my Movement, go often before the tabernacle; live before the tabernacle; pray before the tabernacle ... Through you, I desire that the cult of the Eucharist again flourish in all the Church in an ever more powerful way.

As for now there must be an end to this profound crisis in regard to devotion to the Eucharist, a crisis which has contaminated the entire Church and which has been at the root of so much infidelity and of the diffusion of such a widespread apostasy." (#360 - 21/8/87)

During our time of Adoration, even when we are tired or distracted, we give Jesus the opportunity to work all the graces that He intends to give us. Even when we give him "our wasted time" (time wasted with unnecessary things), we give Him great Glory and Joy.

# 2. MMP News

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Please share your email with us so that we can provide you periodic updates on MMP news and events throughout the year. Your contact information will be kept confidential.

Our old email addresses <a href="mmpcanada@me.com">mmpcanada@me.com</a> are no longer in service. Emails sent to these addresses will not reach us. Please use our current one above.

#### Our Website

Please feel free to visit our website at

https://www.mmpcanada.ca/ for current MMP Canada news and resources. New contents are being added regularly. You will find information on upcoming retreats and regional cenacles. You can order publications using the on-line form. There is a collection of

meditations that were given at past conferences and retreats. There is an audio recording of Fr. Gobbi at the cenacle in Toronto in 1994. There is a section on the proper format of a cenacle and a section where you can download sheet music of the hymns that you can use at cenacles. We encourage you to take advantage of the information on our website.

#### **Donations**

<u>We thank</u> all those who have been generous in contributing to the work of the Blessed Mother during the year 2024. Your generosity has helped us pay all our bills, especially the printing and the mailing of approximately 5,000 newsletters. This is a testament on why we must trust in Divine Providence.

Your donations have also helped cover the travel and lodging costs for two of our priests who attended the International Retreat in Collevalenza, Italy in June.

For donations by cheque, please kindly use the envelope provided in this newsletter. If you are using an old envelope from us, check that the envelope has our current mailing address. Donations sent to our old addresses will take a long time to be redirected to us. We also accept e-transfer from a Canadian banking institute. Please contact Christopher, our volunteer secretary, for details. Tax receipts can be issued at request.

# Cenacle in Ottawa in August 2024

On August 31, 2024, Fr. Andrew Goodwin visited Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Ottawa, Ontario to conduct a cenacle. With the help from our Blessed Mother, the event went smoothly, and we had an excellent turnout. More than 40 people participated. We would like to thank all the local event organizers for their help in putting this event together.

#### Upcoming Cenacles in Alberta and British Columbia

Fr. Andrew Goodwin will be travelling to British Columbia and Alberta at the end of May and early June to conduct cenacles. All are welcome. Please help spread the word. We are still in the planning stage. The dates below are subject to change. Please reach out to the contact persons listed below or Christopher, our secretary, in April or May for the confirmed schedule and venues.

#### Vancouver - TBD

Contact person: Alberto

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#### Nanaimo – Monday June 2, 2025 (confirmed)

Contact persons: Jaime and Sheila

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#### Edmonton - Wednesday June 4, 2025 (tentative)

Contact person: Roger

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#### Calgary – Friday June 6, 2025 (tentative)

Contact person: Marjorie

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#### The 2025 Annual Retreat for Priests and Laity

Our annual retreat for priests and laity this year will be held at the Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre (7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls, Ontario) from Monday September 22 to Thursday September 25, 2025. It is a spiritually enriching experience. There will be a daily Mass, Rosary recitation and prayer time. Our priests will give meditations. We had a good turnout last year with almost 50 participants. We look forward to seeing you this year. You may participate in the full or a partial retreat, staying overnight or commuting daily.

#### Full Retreat (Monday evening to Thursday morning):

Lodging & meals: \$485

• Meals only: \$210

#### Partial Retreat (per day):

Lunch: \$45 per day

• Lunch and dinner: \$70 per day

In Her messages, our Blessed Mother has always expressed Her thanks especially to those who participated in a continuous, multiple-day cenacle retreat.

More information will be available in early summer. To register, please contact Christopher, our secretary, by phone at (416) 900-4392 or by email at <a href="mailto:mmpcanada1930@gmail.com">mmpcanada1930@gmail.com</a>.

#### The 2025 International Retreat in Collevalenza, Italy

The International Retreat will take place in Collevalenza, Italy, from June 29 to July 5 this year. For more information, please visit our website or contact Christopher, our secretary. We can cover the travel cost for priests attending the retreat.

#### Virtual and In-person Cenacles

For the list of in-person parish cenacles across Canada, visit the MMP Canada website.

We have a virtual cenacle/Rosary recitation every weekday night. All are invited. However, as Fr. Luca mentioned in his annual letter, virtual cenacles are not a substitute for family or parish cenacles. Virtual cenacles provide an additional channel to connect us and help us follow, alongside each other, this wonderful way of the Immaculate Heart.

#### Virtual cenacles:

Monday 7:30pm	Italian	Fr. Francis Geremia	
Tuesday 7:00pm	English	Fr. Andrew Goodwin	
Wednesday 8:00pm	French	Fr. Jean-Pierre Couturier	
Thursday 7:30pm	English &	Fr. Francis Geremia	
(Rosary)	Italian		
Friday 7:30pm	English	Fr. Francis Geremia	
		Fr. Luc Payette	

For the cenacles on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night**, use either method A or B below to join.

#### A) Join by Phone:

#### Step #1: Dial the number in your Province

(587) 328-1099 (Alberta)

(778) 907-2071 (British Columbia)

(204) 272-7920 (Manitoba)

(647) 374-4685 (Ontario)

(647) 558-0588 (Ontario)

(438) 809-7799 (Quebec)

Step #2: Enter the Meeting ID Meeting ID: 788 084 9807 (#)

Step #3: Enter the Password

Password: **518554 (#)** 

#### B) Join by the Internet:

- 1. The MMP Canada website: https://www.mmpcanada.ca/
  - Go to the "Join a Cenacle" page
  - Scroll down to the bottom of the page
  - Click the "Join Cenacle on Zoom" button

## The Monte Carmelo Church website: https://www.mont-carmelo.com/

Go to the "Praying the Rosary" page

Click the "Clicca Qui per Participare" button

Meeting ID: 788 084 9807

Password: 518554

For the cenacle led by Fr. Goodwin on **Tuesday** night at 7:00pm, contact Maria Cipriano by email at <a href="mailto:spanishonion03@gmail.com">spanishonion03@gmail.com</a> to obtain the access link on Google-Meet.

Fr. John Nosan has a cenacle <u>for priests</u> once a month on a Sunday evening at his parish in Brampton, Ontario. Priests can join by phone or in person. Please contact Christopher, our secretary, for details.

If you wish to have a priest guide your regional cenacle, please call one of the priests, whose numbers are on the first page of this newsletter, or Christopher, our secretary.

<u>Everyday, we should read one message</u> from the Blessed Mother, and we will find it easier to pray the Rosary and to feel her real presence beside us during these difficult times.

### **Publications**

If you would like to order publications, please contact Christopher for the English books and Sistina for the French books. Please note that a tax receipt will not be issued for book donations.

- English version of the Blue Book: \$15 each plus shipping
- French version of the Blue Book: \$20 each plus shipping
- English version of the cenacle guide: \$4 each plus shipping
- French version of the cenacle guide: \$5 each plus shipping
- Biography of Fr. Gobbi (English): \$6 plus shipping

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- <u>Saskatchewan</u>: Edna Evans (306) 382-1680

Our Blessed Mother must be very happy because we hear that most of the cenacles are still meeting regularly. These are times of emergency. This means that we must <u>multiply our cenacles and say our Rosaries</u> even from our homes, when many churches are, unfortunately, closed during the day. Attend <u>Adorations</u> at church as frequently as possible.

#### Additional Copies of the Newsletter

If someone in your cenacle group did not receive this newsletter but wishes to, please contact Christopher, our secretary. We have a few extra copies available.

# 3. <u>Annual Letter from Fr. Luca Pescatori,</u> General Director of the MMP Worldwide

#### MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

**Ave Maria** 

1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – Mary Most Holy Mother of God Holy Year – Jubilee of Hope

Dear members of the Marian Movement of Priests,

The Church offers us the grace of a new Holy Year, which the Pope has called the "Jubilee of Hope". With the Holy Year, the Church offers us abundantly the treasures of God's mercy, especially through the gift of the indulgence and the call to conversion to holiness. It is a great help towards growing in faith, which we live on the path of hope in charity. We are therefore invited to open our hearts to this gift of God and to learn to live in a better way the theological virtue of hope.

Our Mother, in fact, guides us and encourages us to live each year with the intensity of a Holy Year, even if she has emphasized that the Lord, through the Church, gives us a special grace at this time: "This Holy Year becomes the final effort of the divine Heart of Jesus and of my Immaculate Heart to make all of you walk the road of a return to God, in sincere repentance for your sins and with a serious commitment to conversion, such as will lead you to active works of justice and charity, of goodness and giving, for the good of all." (March 25, 1983); "The Lord is at the doors of this generation and, during the Holy Year of his Redemption, He still knocks on the hearts of all, with insistence and love" (December 31, 1983).

Our Lady expects us to live the Holy Year not thinking only of our personal journey, but of the heart of the call that comes to us from her Immaculate Heart: to bring as many people as possible to live the consecration to the Immaculate Heart, to be kept safe in her refuge during the Tribulation and to be an instrument of salvation for all, walking towards the victory of Jesus who will bring back his Kingdom of love, of justice and of peace. She makes alive in us the expectation of the return of the Lord Jesus, which is a fundamental element of our faith, she proclaims him close and wants to make us his instruments to help humanity to be waiting and ready. She revives our hope, strengthens us as Mother of hope, as Mother also generates within us to this theological virtue.

But how does she teach us to live in hope?

We live in the Church and, with a faithful and concrete witness (the prophetic dimension received in Baptism), we are called to point out the Lord as the only Saviour and only goal to a world that has rejected him and no longer wants him, in order to bring humanity back to being the image and likeness of God, to live and be the glory of God, to eternal life. The adversary (the enemy) does not want God to be loved and glorified by us and puts all his strength into preventing the Church from being the light of the world and the salt of the earth, the Light that guides and the Salt that purifies and preserves for eternal life. Then Our Lady offers us the spirit of her Immaculate Heart to heal our faith and sustain our hope, living in both spiritual and corporal charity.

We see how the action of the adversary is ever more brazen and proud: he wants to hit the Church (sometimes even through

homilies or teachings of some of us priests) to lead us all to be full of pride in being ourselves (sins included) instead of calling us to conversion to let it be that Jesus live in us, he leads us to pride in a purely earthly and material rather than spiritual and eternal realisation.. The action of the adversary is to subvert the faith, prevent hope and render charity void.

The Immaculate Heart comes to our rescue by bringing back to our souls the beauty of the teaching of the faith and by reviving us in hope, to spur us on: "These are the propitious days for your conversion. They are the days of grace and of mercy, of hope and of expectation. These are the days of preparation for what is now in store for you, for the great events which have been foretold to you." (4 March 1987).

I wish to present for your reflection, therefore, some messages that Our Lady gave to Fr. Stefano Gobbi: you will see that she reminds us that we are in the Good Friday of the Church and we must learn from her how to live in hope the "scandal of the Cross", that is, of the denial of Jesus and of the Church, of her being stripped of her divine dignity and being nailed to earthly and transient realities (such as the wood of the Cross, cf. 11 February 1979); learn from her to keep vigil in hope throughout Holy Saturday, and not be confused or discouraged if the wait is long or if things do not seem to follow our expectations of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart. It is not up to us to know the times and understand the ways of triumph, it is only up to us to act by carrying out what Our Lady asks of us, to live and act in hope as she teaches us, without letting ourselves be stopped by anything, not even bv disappointments that may come from within the Church. Living in hope, as she teaches us, becomes the engine of those spiritual weapons with which she wants us to fight and win her battle, so that Jesus can return to reign and triumph in our hearts as he already triumphs in hers.

"I wish to give a message to the Church to be heard and welcomed by her.

It is a message of trust and of hope.

Notwithstanding the difficulties and the sufferings which the Church is called upon to bear, and the painful hours of agony and of passion which mark the time of her bloody purification, the moment of a renewed splendor and of a second Pentecost is in preparation for her. My dearly beloved children, never lose confidence and hope. (1 January 1985)

"I am manifesting myself to you in an extraordinary way to urge you to confidence, to hope, to take refuge in me through your act of consecration to my Immaculate Heart". (11 February 1988)

"White flakes of snow are coming down from my Immaculate Heart upon you, children consecrated to me, so that you may bring to all my motherly voice which leads you to hope and confidence". (5 August 1995)

"Never before as today, O Church, have you been so likened to your Crucified Spouse. For you too this is the hour of your agony, of your abandonment, of your painful death on the Cross. But during your Good Friday, there stands at your side your sorrowful mother, who is comforting you and watching in prayer and in the firm hope of your imminent and glorious resurrection". (28 March 1986)

"In these last times let your commitment to live in union of life with your sorrowful Mother become stronger.

This is a long Holy Saturday, which is now about to end. And so, let your prayer become more intense. Do not allow yourselves to become absorbed or taken up by activity and by excessive preoccupation. In the moment of suffering, in the sorrows of the last times through which you are living, I urge you to keep watch with me in assiduous prayer.

In the long Holy Saturday through which you are living, keep watch with me in confidence and in hope. [...] Even though you are still living the pain, the fatigue, the suffering and the death of this long Holy Saturday [...] live with me today in the expectation of this his return". (30 March 1991)

"Today look at me also with immense hope, in the days in which humanity knows the sorrowful experience of being far from God. [...] There have arrived for it the hours of the great trial and of its merciful chastisement.

Then, as Mother, I make myself present in a strong and continuous way, in order to help it in its journey of conversion and of return to the Lord, Thus, to all humanity, I open the door of my Immaculate Heart a safe refuge, wherein it must enter for its salvation. [...]

With immense hope, look to me my little children, so afflicted, wounded and stricken by the impetuous wind of the great tribulation.

Come to me, all of you my little children. Come to me, because you have need of being consoled, encouraged, protected, defended and saved

by your heavenly Mother". (8 December 1996)

"[And still] the Church looks upon this lost humanity with motherly and merciful eyes, and trustingly makes her way to the summit of Golgotha, for her crucifixion and agony.

This is how I find my Daughter today. I am close to her in the painful hour of her Good Friday. With John, who is living again in each of my beloved sons, consecrated again to my Immaculate Heart, together let us be willing to help her in this, her agony, [...] let us surround with prayer and hope the bloody moments of her crucifixion.

In the sure expectation of her resurrection, by the work of the Holy Spirit, she will again be completely renewed and know a wondrous splendor. For her too, the Good Friday of her passion will certainly be followed by a joyous Easter and a new Pentecost of grace and of life". (9 April 1982)

As we see, Our Lady teaches us to make fruitful the suffering that the Church is experiencing at this time. Each one of us is a child of Mother Church: we are sanctified in the Church by the Grace that God has entrusted to her, but we are also called to help her in her spiritually sick children. Every sick child makes Mother Church suffer, and in her each one of us suffers. We, although sinners humiliated by our sins, once reconciled are called to be instruments of salvation by responding to the call that comes from the Immaculate Heart. Our Lady says that she wants to save all those sick, sinful children of hers through us (cf. February 2, 1982; July 3, 1987). No situation can be considered "hopeless", because the Lord carries out his designs in ways that we cannot understand in all their loving embellishment.

(26 July 1976) "I invite you to live only in trust...

Your time must be measured by trust.

Your time must be measured by trust in the merciful love of the Father and in the action of your heavenly Mother. [...] All the saints and the friends of God lived in this trust.

The Almighty in carrying out his plan in every age, always made use of this trust alone.

Often He realized it even against everyone's expectation, at a moment when no one thought it possible.[...]

And your Mother was called to hope against the very evidence of things and to place her complete trust only in the word of God. Thus, she became the Mother of the Word and gave you her Son Jesus.

Now I have announced to you the triumph of my Immaculate Heart and the necessary and painful purification which must precede it. I have also told you that this is the time of the purification and that these are the years of my triumph. But do not search out the moment, scrutinizing the future and counting the years, the months and the days. In this way you would be caught up by anxiety and agitation and would truly waste your time, which is so precious. My beloved sons, my time is not to be measured in this way, but only by your trust in me, who am preparing you to be instruments chosen and formed by me to bring about at this time the triumph of my Immaculate Heart".

To live by trust means to walk in a plan that leads to a goal prepared by the Lord, it means to walk and act in hope. It is a trust that does not make us stand still waiting for something to happen or waiting for the world to return to Jesus on its own, but that asks us to act as Our Lady teaches us so that soon everyone will return to Jesus: littleness, courage and abandonment, by way of Cenacles and the offering of oneself, and helping everyone to live the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

It is spiritual action, not inaction. It is not standing still but, in fact, movement forward.

The word that opened the Holy Year is "Spes non confundit", "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5), and we know that Our Lady leads us to walk to the heights of hope with marvellous fruits of faith and charity, towards the triumph of the Immaculate Heart.

Hope causes us to rejoice at being in a plan of salvation in which we are saved sinners, it leads us to littleness (cf. 8 September 1976). We are saved, we are not judges, we cannot occupy a position that has not been given to us, we cannot live always complaining about things that are wrong in the world or in the Church. Hope lived in littleness asks us not to give in to "human reactions" but to react with "reactions in the Holy Spirit", as Our Lady teaches us: pray, suffer, offer, be silent. And make reparation. Does something make us suffer? Let us react in that way, and possibly with a Cenacle. From this spiritual action a good witness comes about, which has as its fruit the bringing of souls (beginning with our own) to open themselves to God's Grace and to conversion. We do not know the times of God's Grace nor of the

triumph of the Immaculate Heart, but we do know what to do. This is what Jesus teaches us, the Church transmits it, Our Lady who always asks for it, explained it well to us in the messages given to Fr. Stefano Gobbi.

In the littleness of the one consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who "works spiritually" in a Cenacle for her maternal plan of salvation, there is the well lived hope that builds up the life of the Church.

Our Lady asks us, therefore, to live this time of the Cross in hope and bearing witness to it, and in this Holy Year we are called to transmit in the Church the hope of the Mother of Hope, to be in the Church the action of the Mother of Hope, to be an instrument, a way, a door of hope in showing everyone the path of the maternal work of the Immaculate Heart and the consolation that she gives us in times of trial.

"I am the Mother of Hope.

This is the theological virtue which must be especially lived in the bloody hours of the purification.

In how many ways my Adversary seeks to bring you to discouragement, in order to make you harmless and to weaken the power of my victorious cohort! Do not be afraid, because Satan has already been defeated by Jesus, and every apparent victory of his prepares a great new a real defeat for him.

[...] if humanity is not returning along the way of love, if rebellion against God becomes greater every day, your trust in the mercy of your Heavenly Father must be all the greater, and you must look to me as the sign of your hope. [...] The great coldness which covers the world

must not discourage you, because each day i am spreading everywhere seeds of life and of resurrection". (1 January 1983)

"For this reason, I am asking you to multiply your Cenacles of prayer in the conclusive time of the great tribulation. In this way, you help me to save many of my poor children, who are walking toward their eternal perdition". (15 September 1994)

"Keep watch with me. In hope which, on this day, is about to become certainty.[...]

Keep watch with me. In confidence live with me this Sabbath day.[...] For this, beloved children, I invite you today to keep watch with me in prayer, in hope and in confidence, on this your long Sabbath, which is about to come to an end". (15 April 1995)

If you, my beloved children, suffer and pray with me, you will succeed in leading many souls each day along the road which leads to paradise.. You then, o children consecrated to my Immaculate Heart, must be today the instruments of my maternal mercy". (13 August 1982)

"Through your fidelity to the Gospel and your sufferings, you will be able to point out the way of salvation to a vast number of souls". (4 January 1975)

"Thus you will have a part in building, with me each day, new heavens and a new earth, as the most beautiful fruit of the fullness of grace and of mercy, which the immaculate Heart of your heavenly Mother forever gives you.". (8 May 1986)

Dear brothers in the priesthood and dear brothers and sisters: may the words of our Mother guide us to live <u>as she wants</u> this Time of Grace, in which God has placed us to be the cohort of the Immaculate Heart.

don Luca Pescatori Vina Grand responsible – coordinator of the M.M.P.

#### Some news:

Again in 2024, I was able to visit many cenacles in Italy, India (also for the annual retreat of priests and laity), Germany (also for the retreat of priests), Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil (for the annual retreat of the laity and for the priest's Spiritual Exercises), also meeting 10 Bishops and 5 Cardinals.

In 2024, the International Spiritual Exercises for priests were held as always in Collevalenza at the end of June, with the presence of 150 priests and bishops, and some lay people representing their nations.

In the 50<sup>th</sup> year since Our Lady asked our dear Fr. Stefano Gobbi to pray in Cenacle (January 17, 1974), the Marian Movement of Priests had the joy and grace of seeing the opening of his Cause of Beatification, which took place in Como with the diocesan Bishop, Cardinal Oscar Cantoni. Don Stefano is now considered by the Church as a "Servant of God" and his testimony of faith and priestly life is being examined, in order to propose him – if it is in God's plans – as an example of holiness and intercessor with God and with the Immaculate Heart. The Cardinal of Como approved a

prayer that has already been released and can be found on the international website of the MMP:

https://www.msm-mmp.org/en/about-3

As for the Cause of Beatification of Fr. Nazareno Lanciotti, there is only one last step left that is expected at any moment, we pray that it will come soon and that we can have good news already in these months. Speaking of martyrdom, let us always pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters, who suffer greatly.

For priests: the Jubilee for Priests will be in Rome from 25 to 27 June, consequently the next International Spiritual Exercises - which will be held as usual in Collevalenza - this year will be from Sunday 29 June evening to Saturday 5 July morning. We suggest that priests join diocesan or national pilgrimages to come to Rome for the Jubilee of Priests, and to stay the following week for the Exercises, or at least to buy early plane tickets to Rome, which because of the Holy Year are in great demand and are likely to soon become very expensive. We ask the lay faithful to support priests (also economically) and help them take part. For information, write to Fr. Florio Quercia, querciaflorio@gmail.com, +39.333.6322248.

For the laity, I continue to encourage that national, or at least regional, retreats be held in every nation, even if they are of a few people. When the members of the MMP live very far from each other or are unable to hold cenacles in their regions, I encourage them to meet at least on the internet platforms, as has already been happening for some time in some areas of the world: it is not a substitute for family or parish cenacles, it is one more cenacle that connects us and helps us to walk together on this wonderful

way of the Immaculate Heart. In the same way, I encourage priests of every nation (or linguistic group at least) to meet through the Internet every month to pray in cenacle, to get to know one another and to support one another with friendship and witness. It is already happening in many nations with good spiritual fruits.

I take the liberty of recommending to you again this year not to fall into the trap of division in the Church, but to be united to the Church and in the Church, to welcome with ever greater heart and maturity our second commitment, that is, to pray with love for the Pope, as Our Lady also asks us in the Act of Consecration, and to live the messages and the Act of Consecration without taking away or adding anything. Only humble prayer is effective, only that keeps us in the way of the Immaculate Heart, opens us to discernment, makes us strong witnesses and leaves us confident that the Lord guides the Church in the time of the Great Tribulation according to His sometimes mysterious plans towards the Purification and the Eucharistic Kingdom of Jesus, in the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

# 4. A Meditation by Fr. Andrew Goodwin



St. Francis de Sales wrote that man's life is like the surface of the sea. It never remains in the same state. His life on earth flows away like waters that float and undulate in a perpetual diversity of movement. Sometimes they buoy him up in hope, and sometimes they cast him down in fear. Sometimes they carry him to the right in consolation, and sometimes to the left in affliction.

For us there is a great lesson in this. Even though everything turns and changes around us, we must always remain unchanging and ever looking toward God. No matter what course the ship may take, no matter what wind drives it on, no matter whether it sails to the east, west, north or south, the mariner's needle never points in any direction except toward the fair polar star. Everything may be in confusion around us. Everything may be in confusion within us. The winds, the heaving sea, and the swelling tides may carry our souls from sweetness to bitterness, from turbulence to peace, from light to darkness, from terror to serenity. And yet, for all this movement, upheaval and change, the compass needle of our heart must always point toward the Creator.

Here is our invincible refuge. Here we cannot be overcome. As St. Paul tells us, "Neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing" can ever come between us and Jesus our Lord.

Yes, in this life we are Christian mariners sailing tempestuous waters. No matter how high the waves, how black the night, how fierce the storm, we keep our eyes fixed on the fair Morning Star of Christ. Then, the light of this Star will lead us safely homewards, across the seas, and beyond the seas, to the eternal harbour of Paradise.



# Prayer for the Beatification of Servant of God Fr. Stéfano Gobbi

**O Most Holy Trinity**, we thank You for having given your priest servant, Fr. Stefano Gobbi, to the Church and to the world. In Your Infinite Mercy, through his humble and total yes to You, You made him a true witness of faith in You, the One and Triune God.

By his unconditional yes, O Father, he was a courageous witness of Your Love. In his clear and impassioned proclamation of the Gospel, he was a shining and true image of You, **Divine Son Jesus.** 

With his total abandonment to You, **O Holy Spirit**, he became in his priestly apostolate a fruitful minister for Your Bride [the Church], a herald of Mercy and a defender of Truth, always in communion with the Pope and in obedience to the Church.

In him, O God, you made true devotion, filial love and infinite trust towards Your Holy Mother shine resplendently – She to whose Immaculate Heart and for whose triumph in the world, as a little apostle, he consecrated himself; and in whom he encouraged everyone to trust.

Through Mary, he showed us the sure path to the Most Holy Trinity.

For his shining example of faith and humility, and for the gifts You bestowed upon him, we ask You, O Most Holy Trinity, to grant us through Fr. Gobbi's intercession this grace we now request (.....); all the while wishing to remain totally abandoned to Your Will as Fr. Gobbi himself taught us.

Lord, we beseech You that soon the Church will advance him as an example for all Your holy people.

And you, beloved Fr. Gobbi, please continue to intercede for us. It is by imitating you and being supported by you that we continue on our journey towards Heaven through Jesus Christ, the sure way that you have pointed out to us.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

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