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Dear Friends,

The month of June has so many beautiful liturgical feasts: The Body and Blood of Christ, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, and Saints Peter and Paul. It is a month brimming with graces for the taking.

I would like to zero in on the first one, Corpus Christi. This feast does not mark an event in the life of Christ, but a reality and tenet of our faith, the belief in the Most Holy Eucharist. As consecrated persons the Mass is an essential part of our very being. How could we live without it? It is the moment of deepest union with our Lord and Savior, with the one who has chosen us as his very own.

We are called to live from Mass to Mass, that is, to make it the definition of our consecration and mission. It encompasses all classical forms of prayer. At the beginning and again just before receiving Communion, we express our smallness before God as we admit we have not lived up to our ideals. This is not a humiliating smallness but a humbling one. We recognize we cannot fulfill our mission by ourselves.

In the readings we receive our orders for the day, so to speak, the particular emphasis for the next 24 hours to which we say our yes. The texts are full of petitions, formal and more informal, but sufficient to express that we rely on God's help in our everyday life, for natural and supernatural needs. We place ourselves on the paten or in the chalice to partake in our own transformation.

The Eucharistic prayer contains such beautiful expressions of adoration and surrender, culminating in the reception of Communion when we become what we eat in the fullest sense; we become other Christs and he relives his life in us throughout the day. In our hearts he rules the world, he expresses compassion through our words and deeds, he dies and resurrects in our failures and successes. But above all, he loves the Father in us and the Father loves his Son in us. Now that is grace!

My wish for you this summer is a greater awareness of just how blessed we are to be children of God.

God bless you all,
Marcia Vinje

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OUR JOURNEY WITH ST. JOSEPH - BY MARIE DAY

“Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord’s graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint.
-St. Peter Julian Eymard

This Year of St. Joseph is truly a gift. It has given us *a stronger love for our good saint!* How did we and how are we journeying with St. Joseph this year that our souls can *reach greater heights?*

We delved into further reading about St. Joseph and shared with one another our new discoveries. We had many enlightening conversations. Some of the wonderful books we read during this year were:

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH - THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

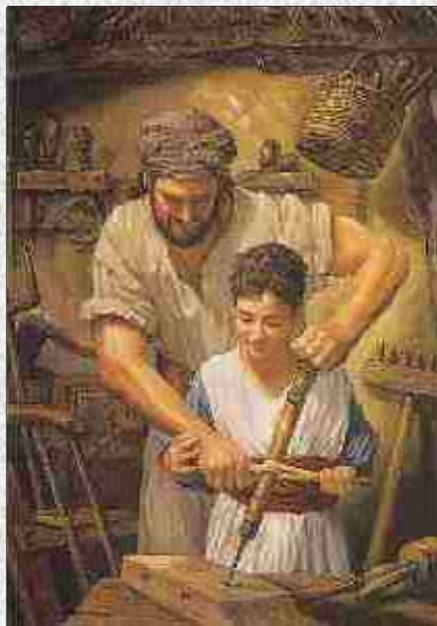
By Donald H. Calloway, MIC

In his book, Fr. Calloway shares the quotes of an endless number of saints, those blessed and those venerable, who have extolled the greatness of St. Joseph. He also pointed out and unfolded the richness of his Litany titles. How honored we are to have such a spiritual father.

JOSEPH, THE MAN WHO RAISED JESUS

By Fr. Gary Caster

Fr. Caster presents us with the many virtues of St. Joseph and how he lived them out in his daily life. He is a perfect example for our lives today, this man of obedience, of courage, and of patience.



THE TRUTH ABOUT SAINT JOSEPH – ENCOUNTERING THE MOST HIDDEN OF SAINTS

By Fr. Maurice Meschler

In this book, Fr. Meschler shows us St. Joseph in the life of Christ and in the life of the Church. The “most hidden of saints” has become for us one of the “most known of saints.” How blessed we are to know more fully this *Shadow of the Heavenly Father, this man according to God’s own heart, and the model of the hidden and interior life.*

Another book with a totally different style that we have been promoting this year is

SAINT JOSEPH – A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS,

Translated from German by Fr. Alfons Maria Weigl

It has amazing stories, past and present, which will inspire you to look to St. Joseph for help and guidance in all of your situations. It is an adventure to discover many *miracles* that were worked through the intercession of St. Joseph.

Every book is a great read! These “encounters with St. Joseph” in the many pages serve to unfold the richness of this man chosen by God to be guardian and protector of the Holy Family. In the end of our readings a magnificent portrait was painted of a man we knew but NOW really know.

With our new knowledge and greater love for St. Joseph, and the desire to share it with others, we placed a large statue of St. Joseph in the lobby to welcome all who would come to our retreat center. When we walk by the statue we are reminded of all the wonderful things we learned about him. We then thanked God for the gift of St. Joseph as the spiritual father of Jesus, as the delight of saints, as the terror of demons, and the list goes on.

Through one of our Schoenstatt publications, sent to over 300 members of our lay movement in Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska, we shared the **Apostolic letter *Patris Corde* written by the Holy Father for this 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church.** We invited families to study this letter especially in the light of the fatherhood of St. Joseph. This we know is a great need in our time, the renewal of the father, the renewal of the family. St. Joseph can help. St. Joseph, pray for all fathers, for all families!

St Joseph *continued...*

And lastly, we see anew our call to share in the mission of St. Joseph right now where his example and powerful intercession is so needed. Our founder, Father Joseph Kentenich, spoke of this mission on the Solemn Feast of St Joseph, March 19, 1966:

“The image of St. Joseph is to us a mirror that tells us what we are meant to be like and what our mission looks like...What does the personality of St. Joseph look like?

“And how does God want to see us? We know the answer: we shall embody the ideal of the new person in the new community so that the Father will be glorified... Concerning the saint’s mission, we find a classical wording in Sacred Scripture, “Joseph, rise, take the Child and his Mother and flee into Egypt.” The words: take the Child and his Mother, evidently meant for St. Joseph that first he himself should see to it that these two holy inseparable persons should govern over his heart...

“Now, the appeal to our hearts: we, who share in St. Joseph’s mission, in his care for the Child and the Mother, must see to it that these two holy persons govern our hearts as long as we live...

“We want to choose St. Joseph as our patron for the future. Just as he took care of the Blessed Mother and the Child, he must also take care of us. Our heart is sad and full of worries! What does the future hold? ... He will help us.” -*Father Joseph Kentenich.*

Ordination of Father Sebastian

Last June a member in formation with the Voluntas Dei Institute, Sebastian Springob was ordained to the permanent diaconate. Due to the pandemic, plans had to change and he was not able to come to New York City to work in a parish here. Since last October he was serving in a parish in Berlin, and since Divine Mercy Sunday he was serving in his hometown of Attendorn, in west central Germany. **His ordination to the priesthood took place on June 12, 2021.** Due to the pandemic no institute members were permitted to fly from here.

The ordination liturgy took place in the parish church of St. Johannes Baptist to the great joy of his home parish. "In addition to all the challenges facing the Church today, I look forward to the future with much joy, gratitude and trust in God."

As Fr Sebastian got to know of **the Secular Institute "Voluntas Dei" in the USA**, he was fascinated from the beginning by the down-to-earthness and suitability for everyday life of this spiritual approach and decided to join about eight years ago.



In his sermon Auxiliary Bishop König also expounded on the five principles of Voluntas Dei: prayer as the "umbilical cord" to God; Sacred Scripture as the word of life; sharing in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist; adoration and contemplation; and the example of the Mother of Jesus with her eyes to God.

Auxiliary Bishop Matthias König, Pastor Christian Matuschek, Father Sebastian Springob, Dechant Andreas Neuser and Deacon Thomas Ludwig as well as altar servers

Founder Venerable Armida Barelli Will Be Declared Blessed

With gratitude to Davide Dionisi, Vatican City News February 20, 2021

Pope Francis has authorized the promulgation of the Decrees that will bring the co-founder, together with Father Gemelli, of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart to the altars and which recognize the heroic virtues of seven Servants of God.



Founder of the first women's youth circles of Catholic Action, she gave birth to the **Secular Institute of the Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ** in Assisi and was co-founder in 1921, together with Father Agostino Gemelli, of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart. Armida Barelli is the missionary of Catholic Action for which Pope Francis recognized the miracle by decreeing the forthcoming beatification and with her, in today's audience with Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, the heroic virtues of venerable Servants of God.

Trust in God and always do his will

Born in Milan on December 1, 1882, she studied in a Swiss religious college before meeting, in 1910, the Franciscan Agostino Gemelli, with whom she organized the consecration of Italian soldiers to the Sacred Heart in the Great War. In 1917 Cardinal Andrea Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, invited her to take care of the women's movement, and she founded the first circles of the future Women's Youth of Catholic Action, which in September 1918, on behalf of Pope Benedict XV, were extended into all Italy. She died at the age of 71, on August 15, 1952, in Marzio in the province of Varese, and is buried in the crypt of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan. On July 17, 1970, the Archiepiscopal Curia of Milan started the diocesan process for her beatification, which continued in Rome at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

Wonderful contemplative vision

Cardinal Tomas Spidlik attributed to her "a wonderful contemplative vision of everything that surrounds her, and a great human sensitivity." **Armida Barelli is a key figure in the twentieth century church and the seeds sown then, with the spiritual and also vocational movement aroused by her work still visible today.** Without the experience of the female youth, everything that the Second Vatican Council subsequently acknowledged, with respect to the role of the laity, women and movements in the Church, would have been different. Her apostolic and missionary zeal led her to give birth to an initiative of sisters still active in China, but her commitment was above all aimed at giving awareness to the right and duty of women to participate in the life of civil society and that of the Church. The goal was to ensure that women could bring their personal experience into reflection on the dimension of the sacred. As for the more demanding pastoral challenges, she used to repeat that "Catholics have no right to be mediocre as witnesses to the royal priesthood of Christ."

Venerable Armida Barelli *continued* . . .

The miracle

The miracle attributed to the intercession of Armida Barelli took place in Prato. On May 5, 1989, Mrs. Alice Maggini, 65, was hit by a truck while traveling by bicycle and suffered a severe concussion. Doctors had predicted severe neurological consequences. It was then that the lady's family involved the intercession of the Servant of God. In a scientifically inexplicable way, Alice Maggini recovered completely and, without having suffered any consequences, continued her life in total autonomy until death occurred in 2012.

The joy of the Beatification and Canonization Committee

The announcement was received with great joy and gratitude for the Pope by the Beatification and Canonization Committee (the Italian Catholic Action, the Secular Institute of the Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ and the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart) together with many people who in Italy and around the world remember her and keep her legacy alive. The Committee hopes that the path of holiness lived and witnessed by Armida Barelli, starting from an unshakeable faith in the Sacred Heart, may be an example and encouragement for all those who in the life of the association, in the commitment of consecration in the world and in cultural and academic activity they try every day to contribute to the manifestation of the kingdom of God. With their intense spiritual life and tireless organizational activity continues to note, it was ahead of its time by helping to open new paths for the role of women in the life of the Church and of society. Docile to the action of the Holy Spirit, she was able to face new challenges with extraordinary courage and support prophetic works which still today are revealed to be rich in pastoral, social, and cultural fruits.

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Soon-to-be-beatified Italian woman, Armida Barelli, pioneered faith-based feminism

By [Courtney Mares](#) Archdiocese of Milan, Catholic News Agency, Rome, Italy, April 15, 2021

Armida Barelli, a lay Catholic leader who formed “generations of conscious and motivated women” in the faith, will be beatified after the Church approved a miracle attributed to her intercession.

Born in Milan in 1882, Barelli came of age at a time when Italy’s first secular feminists emerged from the women’s suffrage movement, adding calls for divorce rights and more non-religious schools to their campaigns.

She served as president of the National Girls Youth of Catholic Action for more than three decades, helping young women to be formed in “a Eucharistic spirituality” and to recognize their equal “baptismal dignity” with men, according to the vice postulator for her sainthood cause, Ernesto Preziosi.

“She had a unique way of enhancing ‘the feminine genius’,” Preziosi said.

“Ultimately, hers was not a feminism seen in the wake of the secular and socialist movements then present; for her and for the young women gathered in the National Girls Youth of Catholic Action, the dignity and freedom of women had a spiritual foundation, nourished by formation,” he said in an interview with CNA’s Italian-language sister news agency, ACI Stampa.

“In fact, she mobilized thousands of young women -- without following in the footsteps of secular feminism which was then in the process of spreading -- helping them to find their baptismal dignity and substantial freedom with recognition of equal dignity with men, all rooted in a Eucharistic spirituality,” he said.

Barelli was raised in an upper class family in Milan, where she was educated by Ursuline nuns in primary school before being sent to a boarding school in Menzingen, Switzerland run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Holy Cross

She refused multiple advantageous marriage proposals arranged by her parents, feeling drawn instead to dedicate herself to the Lord and serving the poor, particularly orphans and children of prisoners.

Under the **spiritual guidance of Franciscan Fr. Agostino Gemelli**, Barelli discerned a lay vocation as a Third Order Franciscan in 1910.

More in Europe

Blessed Cardinal Andrea Ferrari, the Archbishop of Milan, asked her to help found the city’s Catholic women’s chapter of Catholic Action and then recommend her abilities to Pope Benedict XV.

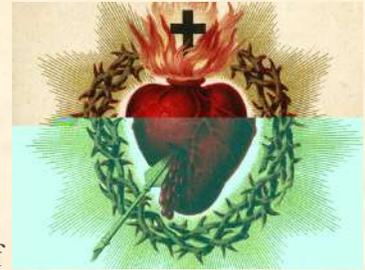
At first, Barelli did not especially want to accept her archbishop’s invitation to lead the women’s group, Preziosi said. “But then noticing the difficulties with which the young women lived at that time, she accepted the challenge and went on to work tirelessly, reaching unimaginable results ... in the formation of the Catholic laity.”

Barelli met with Pope Benedict XV in 1918 for a private audience in which he appointed her as president of National Girls Youth of Catholic Action.



Soon to be Beatified *continued...*

Serving in that role from 1918 to 1946, Barelli formed “generations of conscious and motivated women,” Preziosi said. Known as Ida to her friends, Barelli had an strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which helped to spread among the Catholic women she encountered. “For her, the Sacred Heart is the 'Heart of the King', the merciful love of Christ, which invests every human action,” Preziosi said.



“She lived her faith with ever greater depth, a faith that led to an encounter with Christ himself, loved and present. It is a faith that is simple and strong at the same time, lived as a response to the call of the Lord,” he said.

Barelli went on to help found the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan, collected a fund to open an orphanage in northern China, and founded the Secular Institute of the Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ together with Fr. Gemelli.

She died in 1952 after suffering for three years from a progressive chronic illness. Barelli’s cause for sainthood was opened by the Archdiocese of Milan in 1960. Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed her Venerable in 2007 in recognition of a life of heroic virtue.

On Feb. 20, 2021, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to Barelli’s intercession, paving the way for her upcoming beatification. The miracle involved the healing of Alice Maggini, who was hit by a truck while riding her bicycle in 1989 in Prato, Italy after which the doctors predicted severe neurological repercussions. Maggini’s family invoked the intercession of Barelli, who was then a Servant of God, and Maggini was completely healed in a scientifically inexplicable way and did not suffer any later consequences of the injury until her death in 2012.

The current president of Italy’s Catholic Action, Matteo Truffelli, welcomed the news that Barelli will soon be declared *a Blessed*. “Traveling down unexplored paths in the proclamation of the Gospel, Armida met thousands of young women, arousing in all of them a creative, daring, courageous and enthusiastic faith, and stirring in them the desire to involve many other people in this mission,” Truffelli said.

“In the diocesan associations of Catholic Action, there have been and still are numerous examples of women like Armida, who have continued her legacy over the years by carrying on with contagious enthusiasm their ‘elder sister’s’ work of evangelization.”

“Catholic Action is the hope of the Church in restoring the Reign of Christ in the world”

~Pope Pius XII



Preziosi said: “The testimony of Armida Barelli is that of a Christian laywoman who takes her life in hand, who loves the Church, who allows herself to be questioned by her time and spends her entire life proclaiming the love of God, which she saw in the Sacred Heart. A woman who, serving a great ideal, shows us the way to a conscious Christian vocation.”

Cause of the Founder of the Apostolic Oblates Moves Forward

By Jackie Sempek, an associate member of the Institute of the Apostolic Oblates

February 12, 2021, was a day of celebration for members of the Apostolic Oblates around the world, a Secular Institute founded by Servant of God, Bishop William Giaquinta. The Diocese of Rome concluded the first phase of their founder's cause for beatification.

Giaquinta, an Italian Bishop and the Founder of the Pro Sanctity Movement, died in 1994 at the age of 79. His cause was opened for investigation in 2004.



Bishop Giaquinta with the first Oblates who came to the USA

William Giaquinta founded the Institute of the Apostolic Oblates in 1950 when six women under his direction felt called to a life of consecration and dedication to the work of promoting the universal call to holiness, a call to which Giaquinta devoted his whole life. These six women went on to animate The Pro Sanctity Movement, groups of lay persons dedicated to the apostolate of holiness.

"His witness of ordinary holiness in daily life and of how radical availability to God's grace can transform one's heart and the whole world is a witness we need," Jessi Kary, an apostolic oblate and the national director of Pro Sanctity in the United States, recently told the Catholic News Agency via email in response to the advancement of their founder's cause.

"His life can draw priests more deeply into the heart of the priestly vocation and help them discover more deeply how to receive from the source, Christ the Priest," she said. "He also assists the laity in discovering the amazing invitation to become a saint," she continued, "and very practical ways in which to respond to that call in the ordinary circumstances of daily life."

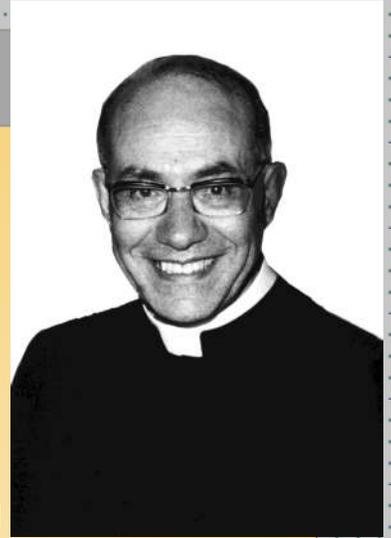
Bishop Giaquinta was born in Noto, Italy, on June 25, 1914, and discovered his call to the priesthood when his father, exasperated by his son's mischievousness, sent him to a high school seminary to be taught by priests. Young Giaquinta would say he knew *with certainty* he had to become a priest *the instant* he entered the door of the school. The certainty never left him.

He was ordained in 1939 and celebrated his first Mass on the Feast of St. Joseph that year, March 19. St. Joseph would prove to play a very important role in his life.

Giaquinta was known as a man of asceticism who believed time was the money of the poor and chose not to waste it. He spent the early hours of every day studying, writing, and in prayer. His principal published work is a book called *Love is Revolution* which expresses his thoughts on the spirituality of the call to holiness.

"Redemptive Love and the Thirst of Christ are two themes at the heart of the charism and spirituality entrusted to Bishop Giaquinta," Kary said.

"He discovered within himself the Thirst of Jesus for souls to know and receive the infinite love of the Father," she said. "Bishop Giaquinta lived his life attentive to this thirst he shared with Christ, striving to quench the thirst of all those he encountered with the life-giving water Jesus offers."



Giaquinta's Postulator Comments & A Golden Priesthood Jubilee

Servant of God William Giaquinta "was not an ordinary man or priest: he carried within his gestures, his words, his ministry, an ordinary extraordinariness," Marialuisa Pugliese, the postulator of his cause, told CNA.



Bishop Giaquinta's tomb at Santa Maria ai Monti Church in Rome

Giaquinta's postulator said that over the years, it was discovered just how big a project investigating his life was going to be, which gave both satisfaction and worry. It "required a lot of work and will require much more," Pugliese said, "but it is worthwhile to bring forward in the name of the great message of universal holiness." 



Celebrating Father Christian's Anniversary

Father Christian Christensen celebrated his 50th Anniversary of Ordination with the Schoenstatt Family, friends, and parishioners in Austin, Texas.

Born in Santiago de Chile on May 3, 1939, he was ordained there on June 5, 1971.

His pastoral assignments as a member of the Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Fathers have included



working in his home country, Spain, Ecuador, and the USA.

We are very grateful for his faithful commitment to the USCSI and all his work that is so fruitful and blessed for building up the kingdom of God.

CMIS Meeting with Prefect of the Congregation for Consecrated Life

By Marcia Vinje

On May 29, 2021, 125 participants met in an online meeting with Cardinal João Braz de Aviz, Prefect of the Congregation for Consecrated Life, and Professor of Theology Michelina Tenace. This was a first time virtual meeting for CMIS, the World Conference of Secular Institutes. Only General Managers and Conference Presidents were invited to participate and they clicked in from every continent.

Jolanta Szpilarewicz, president of CMIS, introduced Cardinal Braz de Aviz as a prefect who has always paid attention to secular institutes. Since the cardinal had difficulty with his computer, the session began with sharing by presidents of continental conferences about what members of secular institutes were doing in relation to the pandemic.

When the cardinal came online he first gave a short impulse about what Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* has to say to members of secular institutes. It is a document that should be studied because fraternity is so necessary for our global culture. As brothers and sisters we are united in the heart of God, who is Triune, one in three. In God we find unity and diversity; these are essential for secular institutes. Our love for God influences our relations to others.

The early Church showed us that fraternal love is realized in the community. We are as one body and God is the heart. When the Father sent his Son to earth he showed us the right attitude we need: humility. We are all small before God. Our culture does not understand this. Rather each one wants to be number one and have the last word, without including others.

The cardinal then answered questions which had been submitted beforehand. Among these was a query about General Assemblies or Chapters which could not take place because of the pandemic. A document is being prepared but the short answer is that institutes can "meet" virtually to discuss ideas, but not to vote for officers. Voting can only be done in person or by mail. Not everyone has access to computers and you want to be inclusive of all members of the institute.

Other advice included that we should knock down barriers and prejudices to pursue social friendship. The new humanity is mainly inside us and we can use our influence to make a difference in the world.

When asked what is expected of national conferences of secular institutes the cardinal replied that they should unite the institutes, bringing together various characteristics and keep institutes connected to the Church. They can facilitate resolving situations together rather than alone, and present common themes to facilitate growing together. It is crucial that we respect one another's identity as institutes. As Christians we are both local and universal so we do not want to become isolated.

In response to a question about the signs of vitality in secular institutes, the cardinal responded that both mission and consecration are crucial for our world. We bear witness to Christ in the world and such witness is attractive to young people. This will draw vocations. We should cultivate interest in what happens around us. "You are the answer God gives to society," he said. The cardinal closed by reassuring that he has great affection for members of secular institutes.

In the second part of the meeting Professor Michelina Tenace, a professor of theology at the Gregorian University and consultor for the Congregation for the Defense of the Faith, shared insights from her research on the theology of consecrated secular life. When the presidency of CMIS met with Pope Francis in November 2019 he had recommended her as a resource for us.

Professor Tenace has worked so far with three pillars of consecrated lay life: Baptism, Ecclesiology of Communion and Mission. She has yet to explore a fourth which is the question of what exactly secularity is. Her presentation was again in reference to *Fratelli Tutti*.

Zoom Meeting of CMIS continued . . .

The first pillar of Baptism puts everyone on equal footing as children of the same Father. This is the foundation for fraternity. Religion needs a balance between exalting the Father and caring for our brothers and sisters. Individualism is against fraternity and against God, for one makes the self to be God.

The second pillar is the Ecclesiology of Communion. This is the awareness of being a worldwide community in the same boat in a storm, and the water washes away all our “makeup” so that the true person is revealed. Fraternity must be revealed in social friendship for that is how it is applied in real life. These two realities – children of the same Father and reaching out to others – are important for secular institutes.

The third pillar of mission was only mentioned for the speaker ran out of time. However, she encouraged all members of secular institutes to read *Fratelli Tutti* to further explore the ideas of solidarity and secularity, friendship and fraternity.

At the close of the meeting it was announced that next year there will be an online forum sponsored by CMIS instead of the traditional in-person international congress. It will be held on three days for approximately three hours each session: May 7, May 21 and June 4 of 2022.

It's Not “too late” to Come Join Us for the USCSI National Meeting . . .

**In this Year of St Joseph,
the US Conference of Secular Institutes
will offer a more working form of
presentations for our membership
September 24-26, 2021.**



There will be spiritual insights from Fr George Hazler; technical, legal, and financial insights from Deacon Paul Lang; and tips to navigate the ever-changing world of social media from Professor Christopher Lauber – along with Q&A.

We will be at the beautiful National Shrine of St Maximilian Kolbe with the Conventual Franciscans at Marytown, 28 miles north of Chicago O’Hare Airport.

This will be our first conference available via Zoom participation, so let’s swell our numbers and join in the fellowship as Institute Members.

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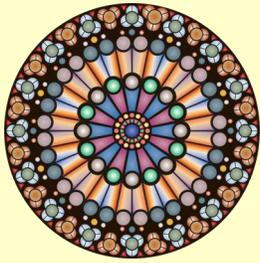
NEWS BRIEFS

☞ Congratulations to the new Directress for the Fr. Kolbe Missionaries of the Immaculata, **Anna Brizzi**. The institute members work and serve in West Covina, CA.

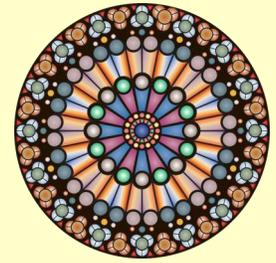
☞ On May 3, 2021, we have learned with great sadness of the death in Rome of Professor **Emilio Tresalti**, at the age of 86. He was Director General of the Cristo Re Institute, and he was also General Secretary (1972 - 1980) and President of CMIS (1996 - 2000), as well as a consultant to the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and an ardent promoter of Secular Institutes in the Church. He advised many Institutes and encouraged the creation of several Continental and National Conferences. His personality, dedication, dynamism, and cordiality were exceptional. We are all indebted to him. *"To fully understand the mission of secular institutes, it is necessary to know and understand the mission of the laity."* -Emilio Tresalti

☞ It is with great thanksgiving to God to share that Prachi Shah, MD was consecrated by Bishop Earl Boyea (Diocese of Lansing) on June 5, 2021. Prachi professed a Perpetual Vow of Consecrated Chastity to be lived in the world, according to the Cistercian Spirit. In preparation for Consecration, Bishop Boyea asked her to write a Rule of Life to live a Consecrated-Secular Life inspired by the Cistercian Charism, which has been shared with, and approved by the Abbots, Abbesses, and Procurator Generals of the Cistercian Order (OCSO). Sr. Sharon Holland, IHM assisted Prachi with the canonical requirements necessary for the Consecration. The Mass Program and Mass Card are attached as PDF files, and the link to view the Mass of Consecration can be found [here](https://youtu.be/8ENMcv-7Ym0). <https://youtu.be/8ENMcv-7Ym0>





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- The USCSI shares in the mission of Jesus Christ in serving its member institutes by providing education, resources, and support for member institutes.
- The USCSI is an organization of member institutes committed to making known, understood, and appreciated the call to consecrated secularity in the Catholic Church.
- USCSI collaborates with other groups to present consecrated secularity as a viable option in today’s Church.

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