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Message of the Superior General

Learning to die in order to live

"At the invocation 'May meek and festive Christ Jesus manifest His face,' Camillus lit up for an instant, and joined his last smile with his last breath. He has known that face for a long time. It is 9:30 p.m. on July 14, 1614"
(From the *Transit of Saint Camillus*).

In the Camillian tradition, July is the month in which we commemorate the transit of St. Camillus to Heaven. After the passing of a person, opens the testament for the transmission and sharing of his or her inheritance to the survivors, and begins, above all, the sentimental and relational rereading of the deceased person's life and values.

The mother-rule bequeathed to us by St. Camillus is the proposal of a supratemporal value that opens for us the responsibility of a radical duty and a precise form of life. The terms in which this precious inheritance is presented are clear and demanding, perhaps too demanding so much so that we doubt their feasibility.

“If, inspired by the Lord God, one desires to exercise the corporal and spiritual works of mercy according to our Institute, let him know that he must be dead to the world, that is, to relatives, friends, things and to himself, in order to live only for Crucified Jesus under his most gentle yoke of perpetual poverty, chastity and obedience and service of the poor sick even plague-ridden, in corporal and spiritual needs, day and night, according to what he will be commanded. He will do this out of true love for God, out of penance for his own sins, remembering what the Truth, Jesus Christ, says, “What you did to one of the least of these my brethren, you did to me,” and elsewhere, “I was sick and you visited me: come with me, O blessed ones, possess the Kingdom prepared for you before the foundation of the world.” [...] Therefore whoever wishes to enter our Order, think that he must be dead to himself, if he has received such a great gift of graces from the Holy Spirit that he cares neither for death nor for life, neither for infirmity nor for health: but as dead in all to the world, let him give himself wholly to do the will of God under perfect obedience to his superiors, totally renouncing his own will, and let him deem it a great gain to die for the Crucified Christ Jesus, our Lord, who says, “no one has greater love than he who lays down his life for his friends.” [...] “ (From our *Formula of Life* - 1599).

It is interesting to note this threefold insistence of Camillus on being ‘dead to the world,’ ‘dead to himself,’ and ‘dead in all to the world.’ For him, there is a ‘dying to live’ as well as a ‘living to die’; that is, a dying and a living, understood and lived precisely as a reserving oneself in an absolutely exclusive sense, without reductionism of any kind, all for the sacred and holy thing par excellence: the ‘service of the poor sick, even plague-ridden,’ done ‘for the true love of God’.

In *Vita Manuscript* (251) we read, “All his contemplations, ecstasies, raptures, and visions, consisted in keeping himself almost the whole nights to gaze fixedly over some dead body, or dying body, or other poor destructed infirm. And in such exhausted and mangled bodies he considered the extreme misery of human life... And in such spectacles of horror he learnt it to live in order to die, and those were always his



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books and his schools where he learnt to despise the world, and love his neighbours.”

Camillus simply but rigorously gives us the precise direction of reflecting on the experience of the cross and mercy, the primary and permanent sources of his life: service to the sick was for him the place where he “learnt to live in order to die.”

But this radical ascetic experience, of permanent human and spiritual conversion, does not yet seem to be enough: his personal-interior-mystical life and all his commitment to relationship and service are substantiated by a good done well, in which the primary good is

not the external-apparent-visible-objectified-quantifiable content of actions; but is primarily encapsulated by a radical 'form of Christian life,' consistent and constantly monitored in its deepest motivations.

When Camillus, in fact, comes to enucleate the sole and fundamental reason for exercising the works of mercy, in dying to self and living only for the crucified, affirms in a sober but extremely clear formula: "which he will do out of TRUE love for God."


We here touch the most intimate - and often ignored - core of the experience of faith and therefore of holiness, capable of making charity and works of mercy authentic. Camillus invites us to go beyond appearance, to look at ourselves (and not just what we do) in front of the cross, and allow ourselves to be put in the truth of his Word.

The emphasis on the adjective 'true,' seems to hint at the possibility of love being 'not true,' of mercy for the sick person being 'in facade.' Camillus knew the distinction between 'real good' and 'apparent good,' between that which is experienced as valuable, good-for-itself and that which, in some way, is merely something important-for-me. As in other aspects of the life of faith, and perhaps even more so, in the works of mercy is the question whether we can make a sincere gift of ourselves to others. The saints' examination of conscience has always been substantiated by this radical selfcriticism: the more they progressed in age and wisdom of life, approaching God's holiness (cf. Lev. 11:44) the more they discovered themselves to be inadequate and in need of continual correction. Camillus in his transit, would confess himself as a "flawed and spiritless monster." If the answer - certainly not the verbal one, as much as the existential one, which is embodied in the lifestyles, in the small, ordinary, often linear choices of which our days are made - is not 'for Jesus crucified,' it will inevitably always be 'for myself.

The crucifix is the unifying element for Camillus, the experience that allowed him to 'bring his gaze to the center'. The crucifix is both the life-giving servant and the one who is served in those with whom he is especially identified; it is the 'place' where one learns to die in order to live and to live in order to die; it is the most excellent 'sign' of the acceptance of unconditional mercy, from needy men who, in this way, can enter into the truth of themselves.

In front of the cross, Camillus discovered himself as a man in need of mercy. It is only from the absolute and incomprehensible gratuitousness of crucified love that he learnt to have mercy on himself, on his limitations, on that humanity which was waiting to be known and respected and which is called to be transformed and transfigured in the image of the crucified.

I wish all Camillian confreres and all members of the Camillian Charismatic Family to feel caught up and embraced by the last and blessing words of our Father and Founder: "As far as it is granted to me by God, as your father, in the name of the Most Holy Trinity and the Blessed Virgin, I give to you, as to the absent and the future, a thousand blessings."



p. Pedro Tramontin MI
Superiore generale

First World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocation

Generalate of the “Daughters of St. Camillus”, Grottaferrata, Roma

by **Fr. Baby Ellickal MI**
General Consultor for Formation

On Saturday, June 29, 2024, on the occasion of the commemoration of the 278th anniversary of the canonization of St. Camillus, the First World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocations was solemnly inaugurated and celebrated, with the theme, “Fishers of Men in the Sea of Charity.”

Many religious men and women were present including Fr. Baby Ellickal, General Consultor for Formation; Fr. Pedro Tramontin, Superior General of the Ministers of the

Infirm, who was connected via streaming; Mother Zélia Andrighetti, Superior General of the “Daughters of St. Camillus”; Sister Catherine Wanga, General Councilor of the Sisters “Ministers of the Infirm”; Mother Lurdes Calderon Flores, Superior General of the “Handmaids of the Incarnation”; Luisa Muston, President General of the Missionaries of the Infirm “Christ Hope,” as well as several religious men and women from the great Camillian Charismatic Family.

The surprise presence of Archbishop Prosper Kontiebo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Ouagadougou, who, in the morning, had received the pallium from Pope Francis, was appreciated.

The event was held at the General House of the Daughters of St. Camillus in Grottaferrata (RM) and broadcast live on their YouTube channel.

The celebration, which began at 5:30 p.m., was introduced by



the recitation of the meditated Holy Rosary for Camillian vocations, animated by the Daughters of St. Camillus.

At the end of the community Marian prayer, the first part of the program began with the report of the coordinator for vocation formation and animation - Europe Region, Fr. Sergio Palumbo.

P. Palumbo, in his speech, emphasized that we become fishers of men with prayer and with the deep conviction that vocations are first and foremost a gift from the Lord, the fruit above all of our bent knees, and not only of our individual abilities. But he also emphasized the importance of praying for the specific Camillian vocation, that is, asking the Lord to guard the call each consecrated person has received to serve the sick with “more heart in his hands” and “with the tenderness of a mother,” in the world of health care, following the example of St. Camillus de Lellis.

“The Celebrations of this first World Day,” as Fr. Palumbo



remarked, “do not end today, but give the start to a series of initiatives and programming that will see the Camillian community as protagonists in the coming Jubilee 2025.

In order to give shape and concreteness to the possible initiatives listed in his speech, the coordinator for formation in Europe Region, announced that soon the Central Commission will be enriched by the inclusion of the members responsible for the formation of the Camillian Charismatic Family.

“If it is true that union is strength,” Fr. Palumbo concluded, “it is, however,

also true that a desirable collaboration strengthens it.”

Subsequently Fr. Baby Ellickal MI addressed the assembly with words of gratitude and thankfulness to the Lord for the gift of the Camillian Charism, highlighting the active and valuable collaboration of all the members of the Central Commission for having organized the event. He finally extended greetings to Sister Lucia Walker, Mother General of the Congregation of the Ministers of the Infirm, and Ms. Anita Ennis, President of the Lay Camillian Family, who were absent for pastoral reasons.





saw the entire Camillian Charismatic Family united in communion to celebrate the great gift of vocation and to pray with one voice and one heart, so that other young people may respond to the Lord who does not tire of calling “fishers of men in the sea of Charity.”

Fr. Felice De Miranda MI spoke with a greeting on behalf of the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm.

P. Baby, in thanking all the participants in attendance and remotely, expressed feelings of gratitude to Mother Zelia and Sister Laura Cortese, Vicar General of the Daughters of St. Camillus, for the hospitality and logistical organization of the day, as well as to Rev. Fr. Antonio Marzano, Provincial Superior, Fr. Sergio Palumbo, Fr. Walter Vinci and the Roman Province for their work, availability and financial contribution for the printing of the materials necessary for the celebration of the First Day dedicated to prayer for Camillian vocations.

went to all the Provincials, Superior Delegates and Community Superiors for making the event, a memorable and meaningful occasion for the Great Camillian Charismatic Family.

Next, the Mothers General intervened, each expressing a lively enthusiasm for the initiative and sincere appreciation to the Central Commission.

In particular, Mother Zelia thanked “the Lord for having given the inspiration to establish this World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocations, today the first ever, which

Finally, Fr. Walter Vinci MI, Postulator General of the Order, presented the logo, explaining its meaning (available in detail in the booklet: “Thematic Insight,” sent to the entire Camillian Charismatic Family). The logo was then officially handed over to the Superiors General, and to Brother Paul Kabore, General Consultor for Missions on behalf of the Order, during the Eucharistic Concelebration presided over by Bishop Prosper Kontiebo.

We continue to thank the Lord for our consecration to the service of the sick and pray for the gift of perseverance in witnessing His merciful love.

Lastly, sincere appreciation



Feast of St. Camillus and the first world day of prayer for Camillian vocations

by **Fr. Marco Moiola MI**

For many years, both Turin Villa Lellia and Piosasco (TO) have celebrated the feast of St. Camillus on the last Sunday of June.

This choice also makes it possible for the employees of St. Camillus Health Presidium to participate before the well-deserved vacation period that sees many of them in July and August in holiday resorts. The news of a worldwide day of prayer for Camillian vocations to be celebrated on June 29 thus fit harmoniously within the program of celebrations.

On Saturday, June 29, a time of Eucharistic adoration was held in the chapel of the health center with the participation of our volunteers; they are mostly the young men of the Sovereign Order of Malta who with commitment and dedication every Sunday volunteer at our clinic accompanying the sick to church for Holy Mass and for many and varied services. They are fascinated by the Camillian charism and we are thinking with them about new and interesting initiatives for the future.

Prayer for Camillian vocations also found ample space on Sundays during the celebrations of Holy Masses, both the one celebrated at our health center in Turin where many sick people were able to participate, and in the intense afternoon at the St. Camillus fraternity in Piosasco between moments of prayer, testimonies but also refreshment and fraternity.

In this festive setting we celebrated several anniversaries:

- the 40th anniversary of the opening of the house of prayer desired by Father Domenico Lovera
- the forty years of the Lay Camillian Family of Piedmont, a reality that is still flourishing and dynamic today



- the twenty-five years of the association “Punto Giovani” which proposes a path of fraternity, growth and service with the aim of evangelizing and introducing young people to an authentic journey of faith.

At the conclusion of these celebrations I can report the satisfaction of everyone, from the confreres to the collaborators; we were able to see that the Camillian charism is alive and can still attract many young people.



Camillian March through the places of conversion of St. Camillus

by Fr. Salvatore Pontillo MI

From June 14-16, 2024, a group of about forty people, including Camillians, the Daughters of St. Camillus, the Ministers of the Infirm (Camillian Sisters), the Lay Camillian Family, and young people from Lazio, Abruzzo, Puglia, Campania, Basilicata, and Sicily, travelled to the conversion places of St. Camillus, San Giovanni Rotondo and Manfredonia, to experience spiritual moments through a 25-kilometer walk. The group also saw the presence of Father Gianfranco Lunardon, Vicar General of

the Camillians, Father Baby Ellickal, General Consultor for Formation, Sister Laura Cortese, Vicar General of the Daughters of St. Camillus, Brother Carlo Mangione, Provincial Superior of the Sicilian-Napolitan Province.

This was the second edition, as a year ago the outward journey of St. Camillus from the Capuchin convent in Manfredonia to the Valley of Hell was retraced. This year we wanted to propose the return journey from the Valley of Hell, where St. Camillus

says, “No more world, no more world,” to Manfredonia on the steps of St. Dominic’s church, where everything begins and where it is necessary to return to make memory of the love that God poured into the heart of St. Camillus.

The theme of this year’s march was “I believed in love.” Last year we meditated on the dream of St. Camillus that he had to convert into God’s dream for him, passing from places of certainty and light, crossing dark and gloomy paths of fear



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and uncertainty, until you arrive at new places that you did not expect and that immerse you in the wonder and joy of a life that is all to be rediscovered. This year precisely from the recognition of a project of God in the life of St. Camillus it was necessary to turn our gaze to a love that one cannot now keep to oneself, but sets one's whole existence in motion to witness to it.

The journey was accompanied by six catechesis: love against all hope, love that forgives, love becomes a gift, wounded love, love becomes a proclamation, and memorial love. This catechesis led to reflections on believing in God's love that always goes beyond all forgiving wounds and becomes memorial and witness when experienced.

With grateful hearts, participants in the march concluded their journey on Sunday June 16 by celebrating the Eucharist in the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, to whom St. Camillus was devoted. May the Lord bless these initiatives of prayer and fraternity and arouse in many souls the desire to follow Him in the footsteps of the Giant of Charity.



Master and post-graduate courses at the Centre for Humanization of Health

by Juan Pablo Hernández

We have opened the enrollment period for the 2024-2025 course of Masters and Post-Graduates at the Center for the Humanization of Health, strengthening the Camillian mission of teaching how to care.

The Camillian Center for the Humanization of Health is a landmark in training for accompanying sick and suffering people. This is the result of more than 400 years of reflection and practice that the Camillian Religious have developed, seeking to offer the best care to the sick and suffering, based on Christian anthropology. The Center for Humanization continues the work of reflection, practice, research and teaching of



these methods of care and accompaniment in the face of suffering and crisis.

The Masters in Counselling and Bereavement and the Postgraduate Programs in Palliative Care, Management of the Centres and Pastoral

Health Care bring all this work together and put it at the service of those who are called to humanize different areas. All in an environment of fraternity that aims for technical knowledge, skills and fundamentals to be embodied in a humanized treatment and personal growth environment.

The golden jubilee of Fr. Arnaldo and the diamond jubilee of Fr. Santiago and Fr. Dionisio Manso

The Tres Cantos community celebrated with great joy and devotion the golden jubilee of priestly ordinations of Father Arnaldo Pangrazzi and the diamond jubilee of Father Santiago González García. This significant event took place on Sunday, June 23, when members of the community gathered to pay tribute to these two religious. The celebration will culminate next July 12 with a solemn Eucharistic celebration at the San Camilo Center



in Tres Cantos on the feast of St. Camillus. This event promises to be a memorable occasion for the community, highlighting the dedication and commitment of these two religious.

On Monday, June 24, the Camillian community of Seville celebrated with great joy the 60th anniversary of priesthood of Father Dionisio Manso from the community of Sant Pere de Ribes. This celebration took place during Father

Dionisio's visit to this community, where he lived and served as chaplain of the Virgen del Rocío Hospital for 38 years. The day began with a lunch in the community, which was attended by several volunteers and friends of Father Dionisio in addition to the religious. In the afternoon, at 6:00 p.m., Father Dionisio presided over a Mass in the chapel of Virgen del Rocío Hospital, expressing his gratitude to God for his vocation and ministry throughout these 60 years.

Promoting humanization of health care in Chile



The Provincial Superior of Camillian Spanish province, Brother José Carlos Bermejo, participated in several training activities on June 17 and 18 in Santiago, Chile, focused on humanization of care and health. The Silva Henríquez University was the main setting for these events, in collaboration with the Chilean Interdisciplinary Society of Sociomedical Humanization (SOCHIIS). During these days, José Carlos had the opportunity to visit the community of

Camillians present in this country.

On Monday, June 17, Bermejo lectured in four preconference courses. In the morning, he addressed the topics “Digital Bereavement” in the course ‘Digital Health and Users’ Experiences in the Hospital Setting’ and “The St. Camillus Center as a Model of Humanization” in the course ‘Humanization-Related Health Models in Hospitals.’ In the afternoon,

he spoke about “The Work of Bereavement” in the course ‘Bereavement Management and Communication of Bad News’ at Central University and “Professional Competence for Training in Humanization” in the course ‘Tools for Entering Humanization’ at Silva Henríquez University.

On Tuesday, June 18, Bermejo was the keynote speaker at the conference at the University Silva Henríquez, presenting a paper on humanization in health. Afterwards, he visited the university, participated in a meeting with the rector and conducted a seminar with students and faculty on “Humanization and Professional Competence.”

These activities reflect the commitment of the Camillian Religious of Spain and the participating Chilean institutions in improving the quality of care through humanization in the socio-health field.

Celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Camillian presence in Colombia

by **Fr. Diego Fernando MI**
Provincial Delegate, Delegation in Colombia-Ecuador

We celebrate in a special way the event that 60 years ago this seed touched Colombian soil to continue spreading the aroma of tenderness, teaching us to serve with the heart, with a mother's love

The Camillians of the delegation in Colombia-Ecuador, with the motto "In hope called to serve," are enthusiastically celebrating this time of grace and blessing.

Like a seed that falls on the soil, the plant of charity of service to our sick brothers and sisters has come to these lands of Latin America for many years. We

celebrate in a special way the event that 60 years ago, this seed touched the Colombian soil again to continue spreading the aroma of tenderness, teaching us to serve with the heart, with the love of a mother. With the closeness and presence of Camillian religious, volunteers, the Lay Camillian Family and other collaborators, as a Church we experienced two

special moments in the light of faith, enlightened by our pastors.

In the presence of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Bogota, Cardinal Luis José Rueda Aparicio, who encouraged us to continue to be witnesses of the presence of Christ who is always near and present in the reality of



suffering. He reminded us of three fundamental attitudes intrinsic to the Church as mother and to our charism as witnesses of life. These attitudes are hope, trust and discernment.

With hope, we are reminded that in the midst of sorrow, the Lord Jesus assures us that He always remains in our midst, and this is reason enough not to be invaded by the enemy of despair. On the contrary, hoping in Him is the way that the man of faith always experiences, because he knows in whom he has placed his hope.

With trust-confidence, he insists that the world needs messengers to proclaim and reminds us of the trust God has placed in us by calling us children, emphasizing that His presence is permanent and that He is always watching and welcoming us.

And in order to live with hope and confidence, he gives us the virtue of discernment, to be able to discern what the Lord's will is in our actions and in the midst of our realities and our humanity, never abandoned by the fatherly love that comes from the Lord. This first spiritual nourishment was given in the presence and intimacy of the meeting of Major Superiors, held this year in the city of Bogotá, in the Camillian Center for Humanization and Pastoral Health Care, which welcomed us.

Another very special moment was celebrated in the Bogotá Cathedral, where we



gathered on Saturday, June 8, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the charism of mercy that St. Camillus transmitted through his way of serving those who suffer. The entire Camillian charismatic family present in Colombia, united with the local and national Church, raises its gratitude to God because it is He who made this plant of Charity sprout. The celebration was presided over by Monsignor Alejandro Díaz, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Bogotá, who invited us to live this special moment with gratitude in our hearts and to experience it with the eyes of faith. In the image of Christ the doctor, who heals physical and spiritual suffering but above all is the ultimate remedy for sin, he invited us to witness this love for those who suffer,

being today those missionary disciples that the world needs, following the example of Camillus, this Abruzzese saint.

This is the work of the seed of charity that has had two moments in our land. Today we celebrate the continuity of more than 60 years: the first missionaries were invited by then Cardinal Luis Concha, and encouraged to live this reality of patience with those who suffer. The lessons this charism has taught us left in each of us urges us to continue to respond to the needs of today, and where this charism has much to contribute, in respect for life, dignity, humanization of health services, etc. Not forgetting the little ones and faithfully devoting ourselves to this holy service was part of his invitation, following the



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example of St. Camillus de Lellis, and may the red cross on his chest continue to be a sign of hope and joy in our country. In this atmosphere of closeness and celebration we were able to come together to feel comforted and encouraged to continue witnessing God's presence in our midst. For the Colombia- Ecuador Delegation it was a great opportunity to commemorate this anniversary, united in prayer with those who for various reasons could not experience it in person, but who were sowers of those seeds that today continue to bear fruit by God's grace.

We are truly grateful for what we have experienced, but also for the responsibility of continuing to cultivate this particular vocation of service and dedication. For this we

thank God, the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm, and our mother province in northern Italy that has allowed us to know and carry on this charism of mercy through the action of

the Holy Spirit. Encouraged to continue to serve in hope, we pray that we will never lack God's guidance and blessing to continue to be bearers of his light.



Celebration of the First World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocation

by Felipe Rodrigo de Almeida



Through these platforms, we are able to not only inform, but also inspire and unite our followers into one voice of prayer and gratitude.

The theme chosen for this Day, “fishers of men in the sea of charity,” guided our actions and reflections. We produced prayer sessions and videos with vocational testimonies that deeply touched all participants. This content, created with the active participation of the entire Camillian charismatic family, formed a powerful network of prayer and vocation promotion. Each testimony shared was a living testimony of the joy and commitment in following the Camillian charism, bringing to light inspiring stories of faith, vocation, dedication and living the teachings of St. Camillus.

June 29 was marked by events throughout our province.

With great joy and devotion, the Camillian province of Brazil celebrated the first World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocations. This day represented an intense and motivating journey that brought together the entire Camillian charismatic family in Brazil in a common effort to promote

and celebrate vocations. Throughout the month of June, a series of engaging activities were developed in our communication network, connecting religious and lay people from all parts of the country. This effort allowed us to reach just over 19,000 people through our social networks.



Moments of prayer and the celebration of solemn Mass were held in various locations. The Mass, celebrated by our provincial superior, Father Mateus Locatelli, at Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii Parish in St. Paul, SP, was a significant event. It was attended by religious, members of the Lay Camillian Family and the

Congregation of the Daughters of St. Camillus, who came together in a spirit of unity and faith.

The celebration not only strengthened our bonds as a community, but also served as a reminder of the importance of promoting and supporting Camillian vocations. It was

an occasion of great spiritual nourishment, reflection and renewal of our commitment to the charism of St. Camillus. This Day marked an important chapter in our history, reaffirming our mission and inspiring everyone to continue to follow in the footsteps of St. Camillus with dedication and love.

Laudato Si’ Day celebrated

Laudato Si’ Day was celebrated June 25-28, 2024 at the Camillian Hospitals in Santa Catarina, Brazil. The theme of the event was “The climate crisis and the care of our common home in light of Laudato Si’.”

The event was attended by the provincial councilor in charge of pastoral care and mission and coordinator of the province’s Laudato Si’ Project, Fr. Júnior Moreira, M.I., and the coordinator of pastoral healthcare in Camillian hospitals in the west of Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul, Fr. André Luiz Giombelli, M.I.

The purpose of the event was to promote reflection on Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato si’, which focuses on caring for our common home. The event aimed to draw the attention of the whole Church and people of good will to the critical issues of our time, emphasizing the Camillians’ commitment to the holistic care of the human person and creation.



Celebration of the first world day of prayer for Camillian vocations in the Polish Province



The daughters of St. Camillus were invited to the moments of prayer, and prayer for vocations was combined with the veneration of St. Camillus' relics.



Prayer services were organized in all our religious houses, together with patients in hospitals, nursing homes, and Camillian parishes.



Eucharistic celebrations, Eucharistic adoration, rosary, liturgy of the hours, lectures on St. Camillus, and art classes for children in homes for the disabled were organized.

Indian province celebrates diaconate ordinations

St. Camillus Province of India celebrated the diaconate ordinations of Absalin K., Sumit Barla, Rohit Danwar, Sumesh, and Able. Absalin, Sumit, and Rohit were ordained deacons by His Excellency, Rev. Lawrence Dorairaj, Bishop of the Dharmapuri Diocese, on May 24th at Snehagram Chapel in Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu.



Sumesh and Able were ordained deacons by His Excellency, Rev. Alex Tharamangalam, Auxiliary Bishop of the Mananthavady Diocese, on June 2nd at St. Norbert's Priory in Mananthavady. The ceremonies were attended by Fr. Bijoy Kuliraniyil, the Provincial Superior of the Indian Province, Camillian confreres, and the family members of the newly ordained deacons.



Celebration of the First World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocation

The first World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocation was celebrated on 29th June in all the communities of the Indian province, emphasizing spiritual reflection, prayer, and community activities to foster and support Camillian vocations.

The celebration at the St. Camillus Provincialate in Bengaluru was marked by community prayers, personal reflections, eucharistic adoration, Confession, and eucharistic celebration. Fr. Justin Kuzhivelil CMF gave an inspiring talk on “Revitalizing our vocation, its relevance, and sustainability.”

At St. Camillus Seminary, Mananthavady, around 50 individuals, including minor seminarians and Camillian Sisters, participated in a well-organized event. The highlight was a talk by Fr. Tom Pannalakuvel MSFS, focusing on finding joy and happiness in one's vocation. The event provided a platform



for reflection and prayer for Camillian vocations, showcasing the dedication of the organizers and inspiring future vocations.

At Snehasadan, Mangalore, the Day began with the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, during which Sr. Isabel DSC lit a candle to signify the start of this global prayer initiative. The Snehasadan and Jeevadan communities collaborated to organize various prayer services dedicated to fostering Camillian vocations. The day emphasized spiritual guidance and community prayer, aiming to inspire and support individuals considering a Camillian vocation.

St. Camillus Seminary at Trichy organized various activities to mark this day. The community began preparations on 24th June, coinciding with the Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Students were divided into groups to create prayers and spiritual activities, coupled with classes on the importance of vocations. On 29th June, a solemn Eucharistic

Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joseph from the Congregation of Rosarians. The celebration included a candle procession and symbolic offerings, with a homily focusing on the importance of a vocation dedicated to the works of mercy. The day concluded with indoor and outdoor games and a fraternal meal.

St. Camillus college at Janampet

celebrated the day with community prayers, reflection, and celebration of the Holy Eucharist, presided over by Fr. Christopher Surin, the superior of the community.

In short, each community organized the celebration, ensuring a unique yet unified observance of the World Day of Prayer for Camillian Vocation.





Through the ministry of mercy towards the sick, we contribute towards the welfare and promotion of the whole human family, and we cooperate in the building up and growth of the whole body of Christ. (cf. Constitution, art.12)

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