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witnesses of the Father's mercy

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## exhibition

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**CENTRO SAN LORENZO**  
CHIESA DI SAN LORENZO IN PISCIBUS

ROMA - Via Pancrazio Pfeiffer  
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verso Piazza San Pietro



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## Introduction

### The right way.

*Witnesses of the Father's mercy.*

The Italian Catholic Action, together with Caritas Italiana, the International Forum of Catholic Action and the Pius X Foundation CA School of Sanctity presents some witnesses, saints, blessed, venerable and servants of God, who show us the right way of sanctity which we are all called to follow, promoting a more human standard of living. (cf. LG 40).

Faithful to their proper vocation, they accompany us in our daily life, with a language and with deeds which transmit mercy and which penetrate people's hearts and very often provoke them to find the way to return to the Father (cf. MV 12). In fact, we should not forget that the Holy Year of mercy is a gift which we should accept and take advantage of in our life as believers in an "outgoing" Church which "has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father's infinite mercy." (*Evangelii Gaudium* 24).

Together with these witnesses, we experience the communion of Saints: "Their holiness comes to the aid of our weakness in a way that enables the Church, with her maternal prayers and her way of life, to fortify the weakness of some with the strength of others" (MV 22).

First and foremost, but not only, the exhibition is aimed at young people and is meant to urge them to put into practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, in the light of the Beatitudes – the way of true happiness (Mt 5) – and according to the protocol on which we will be judged (Mt 25). They are also invited to accept the richness and the beauty of the associative option as a "

school of sanctity" and to journey together along life's ways with joy.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati opens the exhibition. He is the one, whom Pope Francis suggested as an example for the World Youth Day which will be held in Krakow in 2016, and by Saint John Paul II, during the inauguration of the Centro San Lorenzo in 1983, even before the WYDs started being held. During the WYDs we have seen Pier Giorgio accompanying generations of young people, in their joyful encounter with Jesus, with friends and with the poor.

*The brochure gives the texts of the panels in the exhibition. A list of all the witnesses may be found on page 32*

*The exhibition is made up of 25 panels and is in three languages (Italian, English and Spanish).*

*The exhibition presents 53 witnesses: 28 are young people or people who worked with young people. Among these, there is the very young Antonietta Meo; These are men and women, Catholic Action leaders and priest assistants coming from 12 countries.*

*The figures represent the variety of lay vocations as well as the many priestly and religious vocations which matured in the association.*

ITALY

### Pier Giorgio FRASSATI

Turin 6.4.1901 - 4.7.1925

**Beatified 20.5.1990** // Liturgical memory: **4 July**

He was born into a prominent family. Pier Giorgio lived a serene youth. He enrolled at the Politecnico in Turin. After a voyage in Germany, to the industrial Ruhr valley, he dreamed to devote himself to the miners. He thought that any profession is a service to our neighbour. He dedicated much of his time to works of social action and charity, he was active in the St. Vincent Society serving the sick and the poor. In 1919 he joined the Fuci (Federation of Catholic Action Students in the University), then in 1920 the Popular Party, and in 1922 the Society of the Catholic Youth. He lived the dimension of friendship to the utmost and founded the Company of the Tipi Loschi in order "to serve God in perfect joy". The true link was faith and prayer. He died owing to a sudden attack of polomyelitis. John Paul II knew him since he was in Cracovia and defined him as "the man of the eight Beatitudes".

*Entirely immersed in the mystery of God and totally dedicated to the constant service of his neighbor: thus we can sum up his earthly day! He fulfilled his vocation as a lay Christian in many associative and political involvements in a society in ferment, a society which was indifferent and sometimes even hostile to the Church. In Catholic Action he joyfully and proudly lived his Christian vocation and strove to love Jesus and to see in him the brothers and sisters whom he met on his way or whom he actively sought in their places of suffering, marginalization and isolation, in order to help them feel the warmth of his human solidarity and the supernatural comfort of faith in Christ.*

St. John Paul II Rome 20.5.1990

*And I permit myself to recall here the words of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young man like you: "Live, don't just get by!" Live!*

Francis Turin 21.6.2015

## WORKS OF MERCY

*It is my burning desire that, during this Jubilee, the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. It will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty. And let us enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples.*

Franciscus, Misericordiae Vultus 15

### CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. To feed the hungry
2. To give drink to the thirsty
3. To clothe the naked
4. To harbor the harborless
5. To visit the sick
6. To ransom the captive
7. To bury the dead

### SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. To counsel the doubtful
2. To instruct the ignorant
3. To admonish sinners
4. To bear wrongs patiently
5. To forgive offences willingly
6. To comfort the afflicted
7. To pray for the living and the dead

ITALY

### Gianna BERETTA MOLLA

Magenta (MI) 4.10.1922 - Monza 28.4. 1962

**Saint 16.5.2004** // Liturgical memory **28 April**

After the high school, she enrolled in the Faculty of Medicine, she took part in FUCI and was responsible for the Catholic Action Young Women (GF) in her parish. She became a surgeon in 1949 and specialized in Pediatrics in 1952. She lived her profession with a supernatural spirit and loved to say “ who touches the body of a patient, touches the body of Christ”. On December 8th 1954 she met the engineer Pietro Molla. They married on September 24th 1955 and lived at Ponte Nuovo di Magenta. During her fourth pregnancy, in 1961, a fibroid was discovered in her uterus. Gianna decided to give birth to her daughter, whom she could only see once, then she died.

*In a letter to her future husband a few days before their marriage, she wrote: "Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women". The extreme sacrifice she sealed with her life testifies that only those who have the courage to give of themselves totally to God and to others are able to fulfil themselves.*

St. John Paul II Rome 16.5.2004

ITALY

### Luigi BELTRAME QUATTROCCHI

Catania 12.1.1880 - Rome 9.10.1951

### Maria CORSINI

Florence 24.6. 1884 Serravalle di Bibbiena (AR) 26.8. 1965

**Beatified 21.10.2001** // Liturgical memory **25 April**

Maria and Luigi met in Rome in 1899. Maria gained her accountancy diploma whilst Luigi graduated in Law. Their wedding was celebrated in Rome on November 25th 1905, in the Basilica Santa Maria Maggiore. Since their engagement they knew that love was the meaning of existence. They had four children, three of whom became religious. Maria collaborated with Catholic Action, she was in the central Board of the Italian Catholic Women Union. Luigi collaborated with Scouts.

*This couple lived married love and service to life in the light of the Gospel and with great human intensity. Drawing on the word of God and the witness of the saints, the blessed couple lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way. Among the joys and anxieties of a normal family, they knew how to live an extraordinarily rich spiritual life.*

St. John Paul II Rome 21.10.2001

ITALY

### Armida BARELLI

Milan 1.12.1882 - Marzio (VA) 15.8. 1952

**Venerable 1.6. 2007**

She was born in a middle class family, she studied in a Swiss college. When she returned to Milan she met Father Agostino Gemelli with whom she worked all her life long. In 1918 she founded the Catholic Action Young Women (GF) in Milan and then in Italy, responding to the calling of Pope Benedict XV to be the “elder sister” among sisters. In 1919 she gave life to the Secular Institute of Missionaries of the Kingship of Christ and to the Work of the Kingship for the spreading of liturgy. In 1921 she became the “treasurer” among the founders of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart. In 1923 she established the Benedict XV Institute in China. When the Fascist regime fell, the Catholic Action Young Women were educated both to participate in the political and democratic life of the country and to vote. In 1946 Pius XII named her General Vice President of Catholic Action. In 1949 she became sick with bulbar paralysis which would bring her to death.

*Follow faithfully the path marked out by such strong and fearless woman, imitating her tension to holiness, her missionary zeal and her civil and social commitment, to rise by the leaven of the Gospel the broad fields of culture, politics, economy and free time.*

St. John Paul II Rome 8.6. 2002

ITALY

### Antonietta MEO (Nennolina)

Rome 15.10. 1930 - 3.7. 1937

**Venerable 17.12. 2007**

She was a very lively child, with a great sense of justice and honesty. She was always ready to obey, reflect and ask humbly forgiveness, even on her knees, for her faults. At the

beginning of 1935 she was enrolled in the Catholic Action Young Women, among the piccolissime (very young) and was very active. When she couldn't yet write, she dictated to both her mother and her sister her letters for Jesus, God the Father, the Holy Spirit and Our Lady, afterwards she would write by herself. When she was not yet 6 years old, she was affected by osteo-sarcoma. After long and terrible suffering which she accepted so as to "be missionary in Africa", she died on July 3rd 1937. Armida Barelli opened her process of beatification.

*I know You suffered so much on the Cross and, this week of Passion, I want to offer with you, I want to suffer for the needy souls so that they may convert. Dear Jesus, I love you so much, but really much, o Jesus, and I want to be your light and your lily, iris which represents the purity of the soul and the light which represents the flame of love which never leaves You alone.*

Nennolina, from her letter

## CA Young Women

*The Catholic Action Young Women (Gf) was established in Milan in 1918 on the initiative of Armida Barelli. From the beginning, its program consisted of the trinomial Eucharist-Apostolate-Heroism. The Gf members immersed themselves in the world around them and asserted themselves as "new women" to fulfill the Kingdom of Christ the King of the universe and of history, breaking the consolidated scheme of the Church and society, entering in all professional working environments, in cultural and democratic life, contributing to the preparation of the Vatican Council II and then to the unification of Italian Catholic Action in 1968.*

## Rachelina AMBROSINI

Pietradefusi (AV) 2.7. 1925 - Rome 10.3. 1941

**Venerable 10.5. 2012**

When she was 11, following a serious illness suffered by her father, the young Rachelina offered her life in exchange for his recovery which she obtained. She died at 16 due to a serious form of meningitis.

## Paola Renata CARBONI

Montefalcone Appennino (AP) 21.2. 1908

Grottazzolina (AP) 11.9. 1927

**Venerable 2.4. 1993**

She was born into a non believer family, she took part in the life of the association and in 1926 she was named diocesan secretary of the Gf. She was a teacher and consecrated lay woman.

## Marietta GIOIA

Casette d'Ete, Sant'Elpidio a Mare (AP) 23.9. 1904 - 7.3. 1931

**Venerable 6.4. 1998**

She was very active in her parish teaching catechesis to children, girls and young women. She visited needy families always bringing a word of comfort and advice, trying to heal family quarrels and marriage unions. She was a teacher and consecrated lay woman.

## Maria Carmelina LEONE

Palermo 11.7. 1923 - 1.10. 1940

**Venerable 4.4. 1997**

Seamstress and dressmaker. She was distinguished for her very lively wish to comfort those around her, especially the most marginalized. She became suddenly ill and lived her illness with interior joy in the harshness of her pain.

## Maria MARCHETTA

Grassano (MT) 16.3. 1939 - 4.7. 1966

**Servant of God**

During her teenage years she was struck by flaccid paraplegia, she matured steadily in her faith until she transformed her irreversible immobility into smiles, prayers and offerings, especially for the unity of Christians. She supported the great early ecumenical meetings of Paul VI with the patriarch Atenagora and the Anglican primate Ramsey with prayer.

## Carla RONCI

Torre Pedrera (RN), 11.4. 1936 - Rimini 2.4. 1970

**Venerable 7.7. 1997**

Catholic Action Leader, in 1950 she was a delegate for Beniamine (girls) and in 1955 delegate for Aspiranti (teenagers). In 1961 she joined as a novice the secular institute Mater Misericordiae.

## Maria Chiara MAGRO

Palermo 3.6. 1923 - Roma 9.10. 1969

**Venerable 11.7. 1995**

Consecrated lay woman and teacher. She was a member of the Gf since her childhood, parish president and regional and diocesan responsible of the association.

## Angelina PIRINI

Celle di Sala di Cesenatico (FC) 22.3. 1922

Cesenatico (FC) 2.10.1940

**Servant of God**

Seamstress. President of Gf. She was a Consecrated young lay woman.

CHILE

## Alberto HURTADO

Viña del Mar 22.1.1901 - Santiago in Chile 18.8.1952

**Saint 23.10.2005** // Liturgical memory **18 August**

He studied law and together with his friends he opened a legal advisory office for workers. He joined the Jesuit Society in 1925 and was ordained priest in 1933. He finished his studies in philosophy and theology in Spain and in Europe. He returned to Chile in 1936 and began his apostolic work with youth. In 1941 he became the Santiago Catholic Action Youth Assistant and later National Assistant. His strong passion for the poor made him promote this passion in others. The "Hogar de Cristo" (Home of Christ) are an institution still functioning today. He was struck by an illness which led to his death. He accepted this with courage and abandonment in God.

*... a true contemplative in action. In love and in the total gift of self to God's will, he found strength for the apostolate. He founded "El Hogar de Cristo" for the most needy and the homeless, offering them a family atmosphere full of human warmth. In his last days, amid the strong pains caused by illness, he still had the strength to repeat: "I am content, Lord", thus expressing the joy with which he always lived.*

Benedict XVI Rome 23.10.2005

SPAIN

## Ángel HERRERA ORIA

Santander 19.12.1886 - Madrid 28.7.1968

**Servant of God**

He was the tenth among thirteen brothers. He graduated in law, the arts and philosophy and was a state lawyer. Later he was the administrator of the Catholic newspaper «El Debate». He founded a school of journalism, the national Action party, and later the people's Action Party, the Spanish Workers' Institute and the University Studies Centre(Ceu). He also participated in the foundation of the Catholic Propagandists Association and was its first President. In 1933, for a short but very active period, he was the President of the Catholic Action's Central Council, with the Social Weeks and the Social Institute. And as a last stage, in 1936, he started his way towards the priesthood. He worked in the parish and in the cultural sector, he participated in the foundation of the Bac Publishing House. In 1947, he became Bishop of Malaga, he built schools, country chapels, houses for the poor and revived many activities. In 1965, Paul VI created him a cardinal. He took an active part in the Second Vatican Council.

*The man who stops hoping, stops living.*

Angel H.O.

## CA Assistants

*You may be sure: to be Assistants of Catholic Action, on account of the unique relationship of co-responsibility inherent in the experience of the Association, makes it a source of fruitfulness for your apostolic work and your holiness of life.*

St. John Paul II 19.2.2003

ITALY

## Francesco BONIFACIO

Pirano (today Slovenia) 7.9.1912 - 11.9.1946

**Beatified 4.10.2008** // Liturgical memory **11 September**

Youth Assistant. His pastoral work reached the farthest hamlets and farmhouses. He taught catechism to groups of children in the most isolated places. He visited the houses of the poor, the aged and the sick and listened to their suffering. He was executed by Yugoslav soldiers.

ITALY

## Giuseppe PUGLISI

Palermo 15.9.1937 - 15.9.1993

**Beatified 25.5.2013** // Liturgical memory **21 October**

Assistant of the Student Movement and Fuci. He worked in Brancaccio, a district in Palermo, with the Pater Noster Centre in a context where the mafia ruled. He worked for justice with teen agers who were already under the influence of the mafia. He was killed in an attack.

ROMANIA

## Vladimir GHKA

Constantinopoli (Istanbul) 25.12.1873 - Jilava 16.5.1954

**Beatified 31.8.2013** // Liturgical memory **16 May**

Ordained priest in Paris in 1923 when he was fifty years old. He embarked on hard apostolic work with the very young and the poor. His priestly mission had a universal dimension The Holy Father appointed him member on the committee responsible for Eucharistic Congresses.. In 1939 he decided to remain in Romania to see to the needs of Polish refugees

after the Nazi invasion of Poland. In Cluj he looked after the Astru Youth Group (United Romanian Student Association). In 1952 he was arrested and condemned because he was involved in the Catholic Church in Romania.

SPAIN

## José Pio GURRUCHAGA

Tolosa 5.5.1881 - Bilbao 22.5.1967

**Servant of God**

He was ordained priest on the 23rd December 1905. Between 1913 and 1919. He founded and led trade unions for railway men and women workers and farmers together with his apostolic work in the parish and in the diocese. In 1931 he became the National Assistant of the Catholic Action Adult Female Section and in 1936 Assistant of the Catholic Action Adult Men Section in Irún, in his diocese.

SPAIN

## Miguel FENOLLERA ROCA

Valencia 7.6.1890 - 1.5.1941

**Servant of God**

He was ordained priest on the 19th December 1903. He graduated in Canon Law and taught psychology and history of philosophy in the Pontifical University of Valencia. He promoted Catholic Action in Valencia and was its first Assistant from 1927 to 1936.

ITALY

## Enrico MAURI

Bosisio Parini (CO) 26.10.1883 - 10.5.1967

**Servant of God**

He was the first National Assistant of the Catholic Action Young Women (Gf) and collaborated directly with Armida Barelli. He founded the "Madonnina del Grappa" institution which cared for widows and orphans from the First World War and towards the 50's became a "Centre of Spirituality". In the light of the mystery of the nuptial love of Jesus for the Church, he founded the Secular Institute "Christ the King Oblates".

ITALY

## Secondo POLLO

Caresanablot (VC) 2.1.1908 - Montenegro 26.12.1941

**Beatified 23.5.1998** // Liturgical memory **4 January**

Diocesan priest, parish priest, lecturer in philosophy and theology, Diocesan Assitant of the Catholic Action Youth and an Alpini military chaplain. He was killed by a missile while he was looking after a wounded soldier. In his hands he had the rosary beads and the holy oils.

ITALY

## Maria SAGHEDDU (Gabriella dell'Unità)

Dorgali (NU) 17.3.1914 - Grottaferrata (RM) 23.4.1939

**Beatified 25.1.1983** // Liturgical memory **23 April**

Maria was born in a family of shepherds. Up to the age of eighteen, she led a very simple life. Then, suddenly, her spiritual life, which up to then had been quite lukewarm, changed and she let herself be overtaken by God's love. From that moment, she compared herself to the prodigal son and kept on repeating, like a refrain: «How good the Lord is!». At that time, she enrolled as a member in Catholic Action, and started living the trinomial of the Catholic Action Young Women (Gf): Eucharist, Apostolate, Heroism. She was an active member of her group and this helped to mature her religious vocation. When she was twenty, she left Sardinia and joined the Trappists in Grottaferrata. She took up the drama of the division among Christians and offered her life for unity. After a short while, she contacted tuberculosis and, in spite of the intensive care, she died after fifteen months of harsh sufferings at the age of twenty five years. Her body was laid to rest in a chapel next to the monastery in Vitorchiano (Vt) where the Grottaferrata community went to live. This is now the destination of many "ecumenical" and youth pilgrimages. Gabriella dell'Unità is known all over the world even among believers of other religious denominations.

*Historically she is the first member of the Catholic Action Young Women to be beatified; the first among the young people from Sardinia, the first among all men and women trappists; the first among those who worked for unity. Four firsts obtained in the gymnasium of that "divine service school" proposed by the great patriarch Saint Benedict, which evidently is still valid today after 15 centuries once it has*

*succeeded in inspiring such virtuous examples who knew how to assimilate it and put it into practice «with an intellect of love».*

St. John Paul II Rome 25.1.1983

ITALY

## Luigi Andrea BORDINO

Castellinaldo (CN) 12.8.1922 - Turin 27.8. 1977

**Beatified 2.5.2015** // Liturgical memory **25 August**

When he finished his elementary education, he helped his father in the fields. Seeing his good qualities, the vice parish priest asked him to be Catholic Action's President. When he was twenty, Andrea, together with his brother Risbaldo and other Alpini, left for the Russian front and felt prisoner. He never thought of himself but of others and cared for the sick and the dying. In October 1945, the two brothers returned to Italy and Andrea felt that he wanted to dedicate himself to those struck by diseases and thus became a friar, Luigi of Consolata, at the Cottolengo in Turin. He spent his days praying and serving the sick: he was the most sought nurse by doctors and patients. He died of leukemia on the 27th August 1977.

*The legacy which he left us is his good example of humility, modesty, sacrifice, diligence, dignity and affability, small virtues which flower on the holy tree of the great virtue of charity.*

Card. Angelo Amato Turin 2.5.2015

ITALY

## Paolo Roasenda (Father Mariano)

Turin 25.5.1906 - Rome 27.3.1972

**Venerable 15.3.2008**

Having completed his secondary education, he started attending the Turin University and graduated in Arts on the 14th December 1927 aged twenty-one: in fact, he was the youngest graduate in Italy. He joined Catholic Action as a boy and published his first articles on CA periodicals. He taught classic Arts and obtained lectureship in Rome. In those difficult times when fascism prevailed and all types of organisations were prohibited, he was nominated President of Catholic Action Youth. He published books and articles on classical culture and religious instruction. He was an active

member on civic committees. Towards the end of 1940, he joined the capuchins taking the name of Mariano. Ordained priest he became the chaplain of the Roman hospitals of Santa Maria della Pietà, Santo Spirito in Sassia and of the "Regina Coeli" prison. He is well known for a television religious program which lasted from January 1955 to the day of his death.

*He taught us humility and a spirit of poverty. We want to love you also for those who forget you. Bestow on us and on them the peace of Baby Jesus.*

Fr. Mariano

ITALY

## Marcello LABOR

Trieste 8.7.1890 - 29.9.1954

**Venerable 5.6.2015**

Marcello Loewy was born in Trieste from Jewish parents who originated from Kanisza in Hungary. On the advice of his father he changed his name to Labor to affirm that he and his family were Italian. He attended the University of Vienna and Graz, where he graduated in Medicine in 1914. In 1912 he married Elsa Reiss in 1914. Together with his wife, he embraced the Catholic faith and were baptised in Lubiana on the 23rd December of the same year. Marcello was a doctor, an exemplary father and family man, active in Catholic Action Associations and groups, in FUCI and in the Saint Vincent Society. When he remained a widower in 1938 he answered to a priestly vocation. Because of his Jewish origin, he was exiled and after he was imprisoned by Tito's comunists. When he returned to Trieste in 1953, he became Rector of the Seminary. He died of a heart attack.

*"Which faith do you want from me then?" You answer me in your mysterious silence: "Faith in Jesus which makes everything possible; faith in Jesus which gives everything; faith in Jesus which wants everyone to be saved for eternity " Save me, then!*

Marcello L.

SPAIN

### Manuel LOZANO GARRIDO (Lolo)

Linares 9.10. 1920 - 3.11. 1971

**Beatified 12.6. 2010** // Liturgical memory **3 November**

When he was 11 he joined the circle of Azione Cattolica, “prayer, study and action” was his program of life. During the persecution he was arrested with his family members. When he was 21 he took ill with progressive paralysis. He was bound to a wheel chair until the total paralysis caused him to lose also his sight. He always kept an interior joy which radiated to those who came to know him: his secret was the Eucharist. He used radio and books as instruments of evangelization and founded a prayer group. He followed the unfolding of the Vatican Council II. He died praying the Hail Mary.

*In him journalists can find an eloquent witness of the good which can be done when the pen reflects the greatness of the soul and puts himself at the service of truth and noble causes.*

Benedict XVI Angelus 13.6.2010

SPAIN

### Luis CAMPOS GORRIZ

Valencia 30.6. 1905 - Paterna 28.11.1936

**Beatified 11.3.2001** // Liturgical memory **28 November**

Leading figure of the Spanish laity, he studied in San José college run by Jesuits since the age of 7. In 1926 he graduated in arts, philosophy and law in Valencia. He was always committed to his fruitful and tireless apostolical work. In 1933 he married Carmen Echeturia. In 1935 his first daughter was born and he moved to Madrid. On November 28th 1936 he was murdered with rosary beads in his hands.

*My mission consists in fulfilling the unity of Christians. Before sowing we need to plough.*

Luis C. G.

SPAIN

### Francisco DE PAULA CASTELLÓ i ALEU

Alicante 19.4. 1914 - Lerida 29.9. 1936

**Beatified 11.3.2001** // Liturgical memory **29 September**

Francisco studied at the Marist school and then at the Chemistry institute ran by the Jesuit fathers in Barcelona. He matriculated at the University of Oviedo and gathered the youth Catholic groups of Catalonia. He started working in the Chemical complex Cross in Lerida. In the city he met Maria Pellegri with whom he gets engaged. He is imprisoned and then murdered after being submitted to the judgment of a popular Court, where he reasserted his faith.

*Francisco Aleu, 22 years old, a chemist by profession and a member of Catholic Action, he did not want to hide but to offer his youth as a loving sacrifice to God and his brethren; he left us three letters, an example of strength, generosity, serenity and happiness, written a few moments before his death to his sisters, his spiritual director and his fiancée.*

St. John Paul II Rome 11.3. 2001

BOLIVIA

### Virginia BLANCO TARDIO

Cochabamba (Bolivia) 18.4.1916 - 23.7.1990

**Venerable 22.1.2015**

Woman of great faith, she dedicated her life to the service of God and neighbours. Her exceptional talents of charity, honesty and deep spirituality are famous. She was both contemplative and active at the same time, she evangelized tirelessly, with simplicity and spontaneity, both with her words and works. She was an exemplary catechist both in Spanish and Quechua and for forty years she was teacher of Religion in various state schools. In 1962 she founded the “group of prayer and friendship” with father Sayóz, s.j. in Cochabamba. She opened a “polyclinic” for poor people and a “popular canteen”- still working- in her house. Since her youth she had various responsibilities in Catholic Action. In 1950 Pius XII defined her as “apostle of Catholic Action” during the Bolivian jubilee pilgrimage.

*When I suffer and when I cry give me your sweet consolation, never forget me as a lighthouse for the soul, star of the sea, console my sorrows. Turn your eyes to me.*

Poem written by Virginia B.T. to the Holy Virgin

PARAGUAY

### Maria Felicia Guggiari Echeverria (Chiquitunga)

Villarica 12.1.1925 - Asunción 28.4.1959

**Venerable 27.3.2010**

Her training started in Maria Ausiliatrice parish school. When she was 16 she became a member of Catholic Action and became responsible. She worked tirelessly in catechesis for children, young workers, and university students. She took care of the elderly, poor and sick people. She got her diploma as a teacher in 1945. She moved, together with her family, to Asunción where she continued her studies and became diocesan responsible for the young. She started to attend the Carmel, when she was 30 she entered the monastery of the Discalced Carmelites in Asunción. In 1956 she was affected by a grave illness which brought her to her death after three years of suffering. She is known by the familiar name of “Chiquitunga”.

*I have never thought to be so happy consoling those who suffer, entering in houses, living even only a smile as spontaneous fruit of grace which throbs in our heart. To be apostles, Lord is a very beautiful dream.*

Chiquitunga

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA CROATIA

### Ivan MERZ

Banja Luka (Bosnia-Herzegovina) 6.12.189

Zagreb (Croatia) 10.5.1928

**Beatified 22.6.2003** // Liturgical memory **10 May**

He was born in a liberal family. He enrolled as a student at the Vienna University and studied Philosophy. But in 1916 he had to join the army and was sent to the front. After the war he left for Paris to further his studies, including liturgy, and graduated in Zagabria. Here he taught French and German language and literature. He became a promoter of the Youth Croatian Union of the Eagles following Catholic Action principles, in answer to the call made by Pius XI to form apostles "who renew everything in Christ". He developed a profound lay spirituality.

*The great aspiration of his whole life was "never to forget God, to desire always to be one with him". In all his activities he sought "the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus" and he allowed Christ to make him his own. [...] Conscious of the*

*vocation he had received in Baptism, he made his whole life a "race" towards holiness, the "high standard" of Christian life [...] I therefore appeal to each of you; I invite you not to step back, not to yield to the temptation to become discouraged, [...] Do not seek a more comfortable life elsewhere, do not flee from your responsibilities and expect others to resolve problems, but resolutely counter evil with the power of good.*

St. John Paul II Banja Luka 22.6.2003

CROATIA

## Marica STANKOVIC

Zagreb (Croatia) 31.12.1900 - 8.10.1957

**Servant of God**

She was a teacher and was among the founders of the branche of the Youth Croatian Union of the Eagles. She became the President. She wrote on the catholic magazines and dedicated herself completely to the education of young people. She was the first Croatian woman to receive the honour Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice from Pius XII. With the coming of the communists, she was arrested in 1947 and gave a very strong witness. She remained in jail under forced labour up to 1952. In 1953 she founded the Collaborators of Christ the King Community. The years she spent in prison greatly effected her health and Marica died on the 8th October 1957.

*During the process: I end with the words with which I have served all my life: "Long live Christ the King, long live the Pope, long live Christian Europe!" and with her sisters she intoned the hymn "Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat" amidst the amazement, the surprise and the admiration of all those present, judges and friends in the public.*

SLOVENIA

## Aloise Loize GROZDE

Zgornje Vodale (Slovenia) 27.5.1923 Mirna (Slovenia) 1.1.1943

**Beatified 13.6.2010** // Liturgical memory **1 January**

He was born outside marriage and when his mother got married, he lived with his grandmother and aunt. He was very intelligent and studious. He attended the school in Ljubljana where at the young age of twelve he participated in the Eucharistic Congress, an experience which impressed him greatly. In 1935 he joined the Marian Congregation and consecrated himself to Mary Immaculate. He also frequented

Catholic Action where his decision to dedicate his life to the service of God's Kingdom matured. He was tortured and murdered while he was on his way to visit a family for Christmas, after having stopped to receive communion at the Cisterian Monastery in Sticna.

*The young martyr Loize Grozde had a particular devotion to the Eucharist, which nourished his indestructible faith, his ability to sacrifice himself for the salvation of soul and his apostolate in Catholic Action to lead other young people to Christ.*

Benedict XVI Angelus 13.10.2010

POLAND

STANISLAW STAROWIEYSKI

Ustrobna (Poland) 11.5.1895 - Dachau (Germany) 12-13.4.1941

**Beatified 13.6.1999** // Liturgical memory **4 June**

He came from a catholic family of land owners who were greatly involved in social spheres. He attended the Jesuits' College. He obtained his diploma but had to join the army in 1914 and distinguished himself for his dedication and courage. In 1921, he married the Countess Maria Szeptycka. He settled in Laszczów, near Lublin and had six children. He was among the founders of Catholic Action in Poland and was the first President in Lublin. He organised retreats and pilgrimages for young people. He appealed to others to join Catholic Action. On the 19th June 1940 Stanislaw was arrested by the Gestapo and interned in Sachsenhausen and then in Dachau. Even here he went on with his apostolate. His condition got worse in March 1941, when he was compelled to carry out hard labour. He died in 1941 on the night between Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

*Among the blessed martyrs there are also lay people. There are five young people formed in the Salesian oratory; a zealous activist of Catholic Action, a lay catechist tortured to death for his service and an heroic woman, who give up her own life in exchange for that of her daughter-in-law who was with child. These blessed martyrs are today inscribed in the history of holiness of the People of God on pilgrimage for over a thousand years in the land of Poland.*

St. John Paul II Warsaw 13.6.1999

ITALY

## Odoardo FOCHERINI

Carpi (MO) 6.6.1907 - Hersbruck (Germany) 27.12.1944

**Beatified 15.6.2013** // Liturgical memory **6 June**

In 1924 he was among the founders of the "L'Aspirante", the first Catholic journal for the Italian Catholic Action children. He married Maria Marchesi and had 7 children. He was an insurer and dedicated his free time to apostolic activities. In 1936, he became president of the Diocesan Catholic Action. In 1939, he was appointed administrator of the "L'Avvenire d'Italia". In 1942 he led some Polish Jews safely to Switzerland and also ensured constant contact with soldiers on the front and with those who were missing. On the 11th March 1944, he was arrested and after his imprisonment in the camp at Fossoli and Gries, he was transferred to Flossenburg and then to Hersbruck near Nuremberg. Here he died due to a wound in his leg assisted by Teresio Olivelli. In 1969 he was recognised as "Righteous Among the Nation" by the State of Israel.

*An unforgettable figure of a christian husband, whose virtuous example continues to speak to today's Church. Fearless, generous, evangelical witness of a lay person, who imitating Christ, incessantly did his best for the salvation of his brethren.*

Benedict XVI for the centenary of Odoardo Focherini 6.6.2007

ITALY

## Teresio OLIVELLI

Bellagio (CO) 7.1.1916 - Hersbruck 17.1.1945

**Venerable 14.12.2015**

At the age of ten he went to Mortara (Pv) where he frequented the Ginnasio school. He studied at the Vigevano Lyceum and involved himself in Catholic Action and in the Saint Vincent Society. When the groups of the latter risked being closed down he got enraged at the regime's decision. He graduated in law at Pavia obtaining full marks. Between 1939 and 1941 he lived in Berlin to further his studies and as an Administrative Law Assistant in Turin. In 1940 he was appointed an Alpini official: voluntarily he asked to go for war in Russia to be near the young soldiers and to share their fate. After the armistice of the 8th September 1943, he was arrested and deported in Germany. He escaped and joined



the Brescian Catholic resistance . He was arrested again in the beginning of January 1945, when he was protecting a young Ukrainian and was led to his death at Hersbruck. At the beginning of 1944, he founded the journal "Il ribelle ", a manifest of the moral uprising against fascism and wrote the Rebel's Prayer.

*O God, who are Truth and Freedom, make us free and strong: inspire our goals, tend to our wills, multiply our strengths, let us put on your armour. We pray You Lord.*

from The Rebel's Prayer (Teresio O.)

ITALY

### Giorgio LA PIRA

Pozzallo (RG) 9.1.1904 - Florence 5.11.1977

#### Servant of God

He was born in Sicily in a humble family. He graduated in Law in Rome and later moved to Florence. When he was 29, he got involved in the Florentine Catholic Action and won the lectureship in Roman law. He was welcomed in the Dominican Community of San Marco where he lived. In 1946 he was elected on the Constituent Assembly. In 1950 he published the famous essay "L'attesa della povera gente" in the "Cronache Sociale" Review. On the 6th July 1951, he was elected mayor of Florence (1951-1958; 1961- 1965). In 1952, in full cold war, he organised the first International Convention for Peace and Christian Civilization. In 1955, the mayors of the various world capitals signed an agreement of friendship in Florence. He launched the idea of a European University in Florence. He worked for peace, focusing especially on the Holy Land and the Mediterranean "the great lake of Tiberias". He followed attentively the proceedings of the Second Vatican Council.

*... I am not a 'mayor', neither am I a 'member of parliament' or an 'undersecretary': I have never wanted to be neither mayor, nor member of parliament, nor member of parliament, nor under secretary, nor minister [...]. And the reason for all this is very clear: my vocation is only one, structural I might say: despite all the imaginable deficiencies and unworthiness, by the Lord's grace, a witness of the Gospel ... you will be my witnesses (eritis mihi testes): my vocation, the only one, is all here!*

Giorgio La P.

ITALY

### Giuseppe LAZZATI

Milan 22.6.1909 - 18.5.1986

#### Venerable 5.7.2013

After having graduated at the Sacred Heart Catholic University in 1931, from 1934 to 1945 he was the diocesan President of Catholic Action Youth. In 1939 he founded the "Milites Christi", which later became the Christ the King Secular Institute. During the war he was deported to different concentration camps. He returned to Italy in August 1945 and started working for the civil and political reconstruction of the Country. On the 2nd June 1946 he was elected on the Constituent Assembly and on the 18th April 1948 on the House of Parliament. On his return to Milan he dedicated himself to teaching at the Sacred Heart Catholic University and was Dean of the Faculty of Arts. In 1968 he was appointed Rector of the University, a post which he held for five triennia up to 1983. He worked hard for the formation of lay and young people, particularly at the San Salvatore Hermitage.

*Politics, which for me means the building of the city of man, remains the highest human activity; that which should result in the common good which is to be understood as the creation of those conditions which make the fullest development of every person possible.*

Giuseppe L.

ITALY

### Giuseppe TONIOLO

Treviso 7.3.1845 - Pisa 7.10.1918

#### Beatified 29.4.2012 // Liturgical memory 4 September

He graduated in Law in Padua in 1867 and in 1878 he married Maria Schiratti. They had seven children. He was a professor at the University of Pisa and lived in this town from 1879 until his death. On December 29th 1889, in Padua the Catholic Union for Social Studies was set up, Giuseppe Toniolo was its president and founder. In 1883, in Pisa, he started "Rivista internazionale di scienze sociali e discipline ausiliarie". Toniolo elaborated his sociological theory which stated the prevailing of ethics and Christian spirit over the hard laws of economy. During the first world conflict he worked on the statute of an Institute of International Law of peace. His

contribution was vital to the Catholic Movement, Catholic Action and the rising social teaching of the Church. As declared by Cardinal De Giorgi during the homily for his Beatification, "he was convinced all without any distinction are called to holiness. [...] the rooting in God was the soul of his Christian commitment in his family, teaching and in the society".

*His message is very up to date, especially in these times: Bl. Toniolo points out the way of the primacy of the human person and of solidarity. He wrote: "Over and above even the legitimate goods and interests of individual nations and States, there is an inseparable note that coordinates and unites them all, that is to say, the duty of human solidarity".*

Benedict XVI Regina Coeli 29.4.2012

ARGENTINE

### Enrique SHAW

Paris 26.2. 1921 - Buenos Aires 27.8. 1962

#### Servant of God

He was an excellent student at the Brothers of Christian schools in Buenos Aires, and entered the naval academy. In 1943 he married Cecilia Bunge and they had nine children, one of whom would become a priest. He accepted the role of director in his family company. Exercising his Christian virtues and assuming the social teaching of the Church was a rule of life. In this period he joined Argentinean Catholic Action becoming a responsible and then National President of the Men of ACA in 1961. Together with other businessmen, he participated, as secretary, in the organization of the humanitarian help for Europe after the war. From this experience, he founded the Christian organization of entrepreneurs and promoted the world movement of Christian entrepreneurs in Latin America. In 1957 he felt ill with a tumour but his apostolic activity remained intense. As a sign of his Marian devotion, before his death, he went on a pilgrimage to Lourdes where he prayed for his beloved.

*More than ever in this time, facing difficulties, the entrepreneurs as well as the intellectuals must bring a message and the light of faith for the primacy of spirituality and must make an effort to second the research of adequate solutions to the reality which is always changing according to the Christian social principles.*

Enrique S.

SPAIN

### Vicente VILAR DAVID

Manises, Valencia 28.6.1889 - 14.2.1937

**Beatified 1.10.1995** // Liturgical memory **14 February**

The boy Vicente distinguished himself through his exercise of charity and assisting the poor and needy. After his studies at high school in Barcelona, he graduated in Industrial Engineering and directed his father's ceramics company, paying great attention and respect towards the employees. He was a man of peace in social conflicts between businessmen and workers. He wanted to improve the conditions of workers and establish insurance for illness and old age. On November 30th 1922 he married Isabel Rodes Reig. They were an exemplary model of Christian virtues, in their parish apostolate, in the circles for social studies and for the Youth of Catholic Action. He was persecuted in 1936 until he eventually resigned from his duties and died already well recognised for his sanity.

*He crowned with his martyrdom his existence lived dedicating completely to God, the neighbor and the promotion of justice in the world of work... his matrimonial state, the exercise of his profession, the activities which are specific of secular people, are ways which lead to holiness if they are lived with sincerity and evangelical donation, as exigencies of the baptism.*

St. John Paul II Rome 1.10.1995

ITALY

### Egidio BULLESI

Pola 24.8. 1905 - 25.4. 1928

**Venerable 7.7. 1997**

He was born in Pola (Diocese of Parenzo), therefore Austria at the time. In 1914, with the outbreak of the First World War, his family took refuge in Rovigo, Szeghedin (Hungary), Wagna (Stiria), Graz (Austria) before finally returning to Pola, which had since become Italy in 1919, today in Croatia. Egidio started to work as a carpenter in the arsenal of Pola, he joined the Youth of Catholic Action, he lived by the motto "prayer, action and sacrifice" all his life long both in his military and working life. For the military service he chose the Navy and afterwards he worked at the naval dockyard at Monfalcone (Go). He was a Franciscan tertiary, active both with Scouts and the St Vincent society. He died of tuberculosis living his illness as "a gift of God".

*"This life is so beautiful so why should we be saddened? To be happy in our Lord: this is our joy!"*

Egidio B.

ARGENTINE

### Eduardo Francisco PIRONIO

Nueve de Julio 3.12.1920 - Rome 5.2.1998

**Servant of God**

He is born in a family of Friulian immigrants. He is the twentysecond son. He carries out his studies in philosophy and theology in the seminary in San José de la Plata and then completes them in the pontifical University "Angelicum" in Rome. He is ordained priest on December 5th 1943 in the national Basilica of Nuestra Señora de Luján, Argentina, where he will be also consecrated bishop and where he is buried. Professor of theology at Mercedes, he becomes assistant of the Catholic Action Youth of his diocese and then national assistant of Argentine Catholic Action. In 1960 he is Rector of the metropolitan seminary of Villa Devoto in Buenos Aires. In 1967 he is appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Avellaneda, and in 1968 he is elected General Secretary of CELAM (Consejo Episcopal Latino-Americano). In November 1972 he is elected President of CELAM and reconfirmed in 1974 for further four years. Auxiliary Bisop of La Plata and Bishop of Mar del Plata, in March 1974. In March 1974 he preaches the exercises to Paul VI who will be his great friend and to the roman curia. On September 19th the Pope appoints him Pro- Prefect of the Congregations for Religious and of the Secular Institutes. On May 24th he is created Cardinal. On April 9th 1984 he is appointed President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity. He participates in the creation of the World Youth Day since 1985. On August 20th he leaves the Pontifical Council for the Laity. He dies in Rome on February 1998. On March 11th the diocesan phase of his beatification and canonisation process is closed.

*In the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit! Amen. Magnificat! I was baptised in the name of the Blessed Trinity; I firmly believed in it; I experienced His loving presence in the littleness of my soul (I felt myself inhabited by the Trinity). Now I enter "into the joy of my Master", into direct "face to face" contemplation of the Trinity. Up to now "from afar I wandered towards the Lord", now "I will see Him as He really is". I am happy. Magnificat!*

From his spiritual testament

SYNOD

**"The vocation and mission of the lay faithful in the Church and in the world"** Rome, 4 October 1987

Beatification of 3 young people during the opening Mass.

ITALY

### Antonia MESINA

Orgosolo (NU) 21.6.1919 - 17.5.1935

Liturgical memory **17 May**

### Pierina MOROSINI

Albino (BG) 7.1.1931 - Bergamo 6.4.1957

Liturgical memory **6 April**

Both girls were born in a numerous family of humble origin, and lived their daily life with an intense faith in their own parish. Pierina worked in a textile factory and Antonia helped her mother to the house. They became very active members of Catholication Young Women. Both of them knew St. Maria Goretti's life and heroic death. On May 17th 1935 Antonia was attacked by a young man who killed her in a wood near her home. On 4th April 1957 Pierina was attacked while returning home from work. She opposed a strong resistance, until she was struck on the head to death.

FRANCE

### France Marcel CALLO

Rennes (France) 6.12.1921 Mauthausen (Germany) 19.3.1945

Liturgical memory **19 March**

He was first a boyscout, then when 15 years old he met the Christian Workers Youth (JOC). He worked as a printer and was engaged when in 1943 was ordered by the Nazi to go to work in Germany. He did not choose to join the Resistance but rather to be a missionary and "to help the others to resist" in the hard work in the factories. In 1944 he was arrested for being "too much of a Catholic" and being near to the Resistance. He was deported to the concentration camp at Mauthausen where on March 19th he was found dying. In the infirmary he was assisted by a prisoner who was atheist. Just at the moment Marcel died, he converted thanks to his serene smile.

*Blessed because they are "pure in heart", Marcel, Pierina and Antonia are delivered to you, lay faithful, to you young people, as witnesses of a love in march, capable to see beyond what is human, to "see God"; they are delivered to you as examples of a mature faith, free from any compromise, conscious of any person's human and Christian dignity; as a song of hope for the coming generations that the Spirit continues to call to the radicalism of the Gospel.*

St. John Paul II

## HOLY YEAR 2000

Rome 21 may Holy Mass for the Canonisation

## Saints Mexican Martyrs

Liturgical memory **15 August**

In 1926 in Mexico broke out a violent persecution against the Church, with an outburst of rage against the Catholics, particularly against their priests. This persecution caused many martyrs and among them many Catholic Action's lay faithful. Three of them were canonised with their assistant in Cristóbal Magallanes' group and his 24 companion martyrs, priests as well as lay faithful.

*They all dedicated their lives to God and their brethren through martyrdom or by generously serving the needy. The firmness of their faith and hope sustained them in the various trials they had to endure. They are a precious legacy, a fruit of the faith rooted in the lands of Mexico, a faith which, at the dawn of the third millennium of Christianity, must be preserved and revitalized so that you may continue to be faithful to Christ and to his Church as you were in the past. Mexico ever faithful!*

St. John Paul II

## Manuel MORALES

**married and father of three children**

Mesillas, Zacatecas 8.2.1898 - 15.8.1926

He devoted himself to the apostolate in his parish as president of the National League for the defence of religious liberty.

## Salvador LARA PUENTE

**employee in a mining company**

Berlín, Zacatecas 13.8.1905 - 15.8.1926

He devoted himself to the militant apostolate of Catholic Action of Mexican Youth.

## David ROLDÁN LARA

**employee in a mining company**

Chalchihuites, Zacatecas 2.3.1902 - 15.8.1926

Good-humoured and generous, he became an orphan in his early childhood and was the father of his brothers. He was a member of Catholic Action of Mexican Youth.

## father Luis BÁTIZ SAINZ

**parish priest and assistant**

San Miguel de Mezquital, Zacatecas 13.9.1870 - 15.8.1926

He was very engaged in the pastoral action, had a great capacity to organise the parish and gave impulse to Catholic Action. He founded also a workshop for Catholic workers and a school for children.

## CATHOLIC ACTION MEETING IN LORETO 2004

**5.9.2004** Holy Mass for the beatification of 3 witnesses

ITALY

## Alberto MARVELLI

Ferrara 21.3.1918 - Rimini 5.10.1946

Liturgical memory **5 October**

Engineer Elected in the town-council he was very active in the reconstruction of Rimini.

*A young man who was strong and free and a generous son of the Church of Rimini and of Catholic Action, considered his brief life of only 28 years as a gift of love to Jesus for the good of his brethren. "Jesus has enfolded me in his grace", he wrote in his diary; "I no longer see anyone but him, I think only of*

*him". Alberto had made the daily Eucharist the centre of his life. In prayer he also sought the inspiration for political commitment, convinced of the need to live to the full as children of God in history in order to make it a history of salvation. In the difficult time of the Second World War, which sowed death and multiplied violence and atrocious suffering, Bl. Alberto fostered an intense spiritual life, from which flowed the love for Jesus that led him constantly to forget himself and to take on the cross of the poor.*

St. John Paul II

ITALY

## Pina SURIANO

Partinico (PA) 18.2.1915 - 19.5.1950

Liturgical memory **19 May**

She was delegate, secretary and then president of the Catholication Young Women. She began the association of "Daughters of Mary" in her parish.

*Blessed Pina Suriano loved Jesus with an ardent and faithful love to the point that she wrote in all sincerity: "I do nothing other than live for Jesus". She spoke to Jesus from her bride's heart: "Jesus, make me more and more your own. Jesus, I want to live and die with you and for you"... She gradually developed a simple, steadfast desire to give her young life to God as an offering of love and especially for the sanctification and perseverance of priests.*

St. John Paul II

SPAIN

## Pere TARRÉS i CLARET

Manresa 30.5.1905 - Barcelona 31.8.1950

Liturgical memory **30 May**

Physician, in charge of the youth then priest and assistant.

*Pere Tarrés i Claret dedicated himself to the lay apostolate among the young people of Catholic Action in Barcelona, whose adviser he subsequently became. As a medical practitioner, he devoted himself with special concern to the poorest of the sick, convinced that "the sick person is a symbol of the suffering Christ"... He accepted with faith and heroic patience a serious illness from which he died at the age of only 45.*

St. John Paul II

## AND YOU?

*Mercy never allows us to feel satisfied. It is the love of Christ which makes us restless until we reach the goal; it impels us to embrace, welcome and include those who need mercy, so that all may be reconciled with the Father (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-20). We ought not to fear for it is a love which comes to us and involves us to such an extent that we go beyond ourselves, enabling us to see his face in our brothers and sisters. Let us allow ourselves to be humbly guided by this love; then we will become merciful as the Father is merciful.*

Francis, Prayer vigil on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy  
2.4.2016

*The Beatitudes (Mt 5,1-16) are the portrait of Jesus, his way of life; and they are the path to true happiness, which we too can travel with the grace that Jesus gives us. Besides the New Law, Jesus also gives us the "protocol" by which we will be judged. At the end of the world we will be judged.... We find it in Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew (Mt 25,31-46). The Lord will recognize us if, in our turn, we recognized him in the poor, in the hungry, in the indigent and the outcast, in those who suffer and are alone.... This is one of the fundamental criteria for evaluating our Christian life, which Jesus calls us to measure up to every day.*

Francis, General audience 6.8.2014

*As an incentive to strive towards high ideals, I wish to remind you of a young man who has lived in our age, Pier Giorgio Frassati. He has been a "modern" young man, open to problems of culture, sport, social issues, to the true values of life. At the same time he has been a promptly believer young man, nourished by the Gospel's message, devoted to serve his brethren and consumed in a fervour of charity that led him to seek and help the poor and the sick. He has lived the Gospel Beatitudes.*

St. John Paul II

Homily for the inauguration of San Lorenzo Centre 13.3.1983

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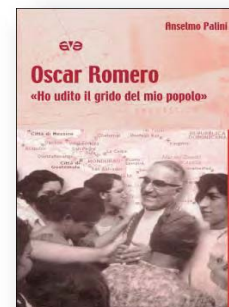
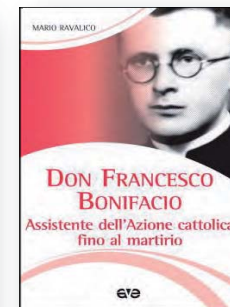
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