



**Turin and Catholic Action Youth Meeting
26 July, Church of Holy Trinity – Dominican fathers
WYD 2016 KRAKOW**

Introduction

READER: Presentation of Pier Giorgio Frassati

He was born into a prominent family. Pier Giorgio lived a serene youth. He enrolled at the Politecnico in Turin. After a voyage, to the industrial Ruhr valley in Germany, he dreamt of devoting himself to miners. He thought that any profession is a service to our neighbour. He dedicated much of his time to social work 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 University Students), In 1920, he joined the Popular Party and in 1922 the Society of 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 poliomyelitis. John Paul II knew about him since he was in Krakow and defined him as “the man of the eight Beatitudes”. Pope Francis set him as an example for all the youth of the world in his letter for WYD 2016: Pier Giorgio was a young man who understood what it means to have a merciful heart that responds to those most in need. He gave them far more than material goods. He gave them himself by giving them his time, his words and his ability to listen. He served the poor very quietly and unassumingly. He truly did what the Gospel tells us: “When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret” (Mt 6:3-4). Imagine that, on the day before his death, when he was gravely ill, he was giving directions as to how his friends in need should be helped. At his funeral, his family and friends were stunned by the presence of so many poor people unknown to them. They had been befriended and helped by the young Pier Giorgio.

SINGING

Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum

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I. PRAYER

Celebrant: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Together: AMEN

Celebrant: Peace be with you

Together: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

READER (a young person):

"Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). In our century, Pier Giorgio Frassati incarnated these words by St. Peter in his own life. The power of the Spirit of Truth, united to Christ, made him a modern witness to the hope which springs from the Gospel and to the grace of salvation which works in human hearts. Thus he became a living witness and courageous defender of this hope in the name of Christian youth of the twentieth century. Faith and charity, the true driving forces of his existence, made him active and diligent in the milieu in which he lived, in his family and school, in the university and society; they transformed him into a joyful, enthusiastic apostle of Christ, a passionate follower of his message and charity. The secret of his apostolic zeal and holiness is to be sought in the ascetical and spiritual journey which he traveled; in prayer, in persevering adoration, even at night, of the Blessed Sacrament, in his thirst for the Word of God, which he sought in Biblical texts; in the peaceful acceptance of life's difficulties, in family life as well; in chastity lived as a cheerful, uncompromising discipline; in his daily love of silence and life's "ordinariness."

POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II'S HOMILY FROM THE BEATIFICATION MASS
OF BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI - ROME, MAY 20, 1990

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Happy are those who fear the LORD,

Hallelujah! Happy are those who fear the Lord
who greatly delight in God's commands.

Their descendants shall be mighty in the land,
their generation upright and blessed. (R)

Wealth and riches shall be in their homes;
their prosperity shall endure forever.

They shine through the darkness, a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and just. (R)

All goes well for those gracious in lending,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

They shall never be shaken;

the just shall be remembered forever. (R)

They shall not fear an ill report;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting the Lord.
Their hearts are tranquil, without fear,
till at last they look down on their foes. (R)
Lavishly they give to the poor;
their prosperity shall endure forever;
their horn shall be exalted in honour. (R)

SINGING FOR THE GOSPEL: Alleluia

GOSPEL

From the Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5, 1-12

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Word of the Lord

Commentary by H.E. Mgr. Cesare NOSIGLIA – Archbishop of Turin

Silence and meditation

SINGING

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

PRESENTATION OF THE BEATITUDES

INTRODUCTION

Representatives of the diocese of Turin and of the Countries which are participating in the CA meeting during WYD are called and the Celebrant hands over a lit candle to each representative.

A young male representative says: We are young people from (name of the country of origin), then takes the candle and the prayer with the Beatitudes and Pier Giorgio follows.

Celebrant: *Dear young people, during the WYD of the year 2000, held in Rome, Saint John Paul said: "In reality, it is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; (during the Vigil of Prayer at Tor Vergata, Rome, WYD 2000). We are now living this short time of prayer. Pier Giorgio lived like this. He had a full life, he was happy and led Jesus to others. Let us pray that the Beatitudes may be the driving force in our life.*

Between one beatitude and another, the following verse is sung:

Beato è il cuore che perdona! (Blessed is the heart which forgives!)

Misericordia riceverà da Dio in cielo! (It will receive Mercy from God in heaven!)

A priest: (Jesus says): "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven "

A young man: (Pier Giorgio replies): Witnessing everyday the Faith with which families often bear the most excruciating pain and the never ending sacrifice which they go through, doing all this for the Love of God, we cannot but repeatedly ask ourselves this question: I, who have received so many things from God, am still so lethargic, so bad, while they, who have not been as privileged as I am, are so much better than I am.

A young woman: Blessed Pier Giorgio ,teach us true poverty of spirit. Help us to understand that God loves us and that He expects us to love others, especially those who need help. Lead us to make choices which place the service to God and to our brethren as a top priority, before the world's breathless search for riches and joy. Make them capable of loving especially the poor and the sick.

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A priest:(Jesus says): "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

A young man: (Pier Giorgio replies): To be christians, our life has be a continuous renunciation, which however is not burdensome when one thinks of these few years, passed in pain, compared to eternal happiness, where joy is endless and where we will enjoy an unimaginable peace

A young woman: Blessed Pier Giorgio, teach all the young people participating in this WYD that they should also be able to cry, so that they may experience joy. Show them how to face sorrow, without trying to avoid it or pretending that it does not exist. Help them to get involved in all prevalent pains so that their souls may be emptied and filled instead with the peace of the Lord..

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A priest: (Jesus says): "**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.**".

A young man: (Pier Giorgio replies): May your soul be filled with peace: any other gift you might possess in this life is for vanity just as vane all the things of the world are.

A young woman: Blessed Pier Giorgio, guide us in our pretention for God's legitimate inheritance and in being heirs of His kingdom. With your example, show us how be slow to anger and delicate in our relations with others. Help us to communicate the peace of Christ, by pronouncing words of peace and by leading a peaceful.

SINGING:

Beato è il cuore che perdona! (Blessed is the heart which forgives!)

Misericordia riceverà da Dio in cielo! (It will receive mercy from God in heaven!)

A priest: (Jesus says): "**Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.**"

A young man: (Pier Giorgio replies): The Faith, which I have received in Baptism, clearly tells me: You cannot do anything on your own but if God is the centre of whatever you do then you will reach your end" and this is precisely what I wish I could do. I wish to keep Saint Augustine's words as my maxim: "Lord, our heart will never be at peace until it rests in you".

A young woman: Blessed Pier Giorgio, help us to search for and desire God's righteousness, His project for our life and for the salvation of the world. Show us the way of abandonment so that we may desire nothing but to be of service to the Lord and to His kingdom. Lead us to the table of love, where we will be truly satisfied.

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A priest: (Jesus says): "**Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.**"

A young man: (Pier Giorgio replies): Saint Paul the Apostle says: "The love of Christ urges us on" and this fire should, little by little, destroy our personality so that it may palpitate only because of the pain of others. If this is not so, we are not christians and much less catholics.

A young woman: Blessed Pier Giorgio ,teach us with your example of mercy, as young people, to open our heart even more to those who are in need, especially the poor and the sick. Lead us to extend this mercy not only to our friends but also to those we do not know, not only to those who wish us well but also to those who do not love us. Help us to reflect God's mercy, especially in our words and in our acts of pardon.

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A priest: (Jesus says): **“Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.”**

A young man: (Pier Giorgio replies): Dear young people, true happiness does not consist of the pleasures of the world and in earthly things; but we can only have peace of conscience if we are pure of heart and mind.

A young woman: Blessed Pier Giorgio, guide us along our journey in purity, because only the pure of heart can see God’s face. Help us to be faithful to the alliance, we have entered into with God in our baptism, that we may always be faithful to His will and that we may always be able to offer Him our sincere devotion. With your life, show us as to how we can be consistent and tirelessly involved in proclaiming God’s kingdom on earth.

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A priest: (Jesus says): **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”**

A young man: (Pier Giorgio replies): Violence sows hatred. Charity sows Peace in men. Not the peace of the world but the True Peace which only Faith in Jesus Christ can give us, making us all brothers of one another.

A young woman: Blessed Pier Giorgio, in spite of your daily struggles, you found peace by finding strength in your work, in your studies and in your games; in praying on your own and with others, in silence and in song, in laughter and in serious conversations with your friends. Guide us towards that interior peace which helps us to share our peace with others.

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A priest: (Jesus says): **“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

A young man : (Pier Giorgio replies): To live without faith, without a heritage to defend, without battling constantly for truth, is not to live but to ‘get along’; we must never just ‘get along’.

A young woman: Blessed Pier Giorgio, teach us to keep silent when faced by humiliation and unjust criticism. Guide us to be courageous like you by firmly taking the side of God’s truth. Help us to be faithful in all things, so that His will may be done, through our lives.

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A priest: (Jesus says): **“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**

A young man: (Pier Giorgio replies): We, who by the grace of God are Catholics... must steel ourselves for the battle we shall certainly have to fight to fulfill our program and give our country, in the not too distant future, happier days and a morally healthy society, but to achieve this we need constant prayer to obtain from God that grace without which all our efforts are useless; organization and discipline to be ready for action at the right time; and finally, the sacrifice of our passion and of ourselves, because without that we cannot achieve our aim.”

A young woman: Blessed Pier Giorgio, show us how to bear wickedness patiently. Help us to accept the sufferings inflicted upon us because we want to be faithful to Jesus. Here with us for this WYD, there are young people from Syria, Myanmar, Burundi, Ukraine, Iraq, Palestine, Israel...

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STANDING UP

Our Father

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI.

BENEDICTION

SINGING

*BEATO IL CUORE CHE PERDONA
(BLESSED IS THE HEART WHICH FORGIVES)
Sei sceso dalla tua immensità
(You have come down from your immensity)
in nostro aiuto.*

*(in our help).
Misericordia scorre da te
(Mercy flows from you)
sopra tutti noi.
(upon us all)*

*Persi in un mondo d'oscurità
(Lost in an obscure world)
lì Tu ci trovi.
(there you find us)*

*Nelle tue braccia ci stringi e poi
(In your arms you hold us and then)
dai la vita per noi.
(give your life for us)*

***Beato è il cuore che perdona!
(Blessed is the heart which forgives!)
Misericordia riceverà da Dio in cielo!
(It will receive mercy from God in heaven!)***

*Solo il perdono riporterà
(Only pardon can bring back)
pace nel mondo.
(peace in the world)
Solo il perdono ci svelerà
(Only pardon can reveal us)
come figli tuoi.
(as your children)*

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Col sangue in croce hai pagato Tu
(With your blood on the cross You have paid)
le nostre povertà.
(for our poverty)
Se noi ci amiamo e restiamo in te
(If we love each other and remain in You)
il mondo crederà!
(the world will believe)!

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Misericordia riceverà da Dio in cielo!
(It will receive mercy from God in heaven!)

Le nostre angosce ed ansietà
(Our anguish and anxieties)
gettiamo ogni attimo in te.
(we entrust every moment to You)
Amore che non abbandona mai,
(Love which never abandons us)
vivi in mezzo a noi!
(lives amongst us)!

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