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Do not be afraid of holiness ... Do not be afraid to set your sights higher

Gaudete et Exultate 32:34

Friday, 30 October 2020 - online for 1h



The exhibitions and the service of the Pius XI Foundation

"Catholic Action and Holy Priests. CA Assistants and promoters to be Church together";

"The Good path. Witnesses of the mercy of the Father".

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The Foundation was established to serve the CA of the world as well as those who takes care of the promotion of single witnesses in collaboration with all CA and those who promote the witnesses. We need this reciprocity that expresses the desire to make witnesses known so that they can become our "friends" on the path to holiness.

An example are the two exhibitions we are talking about that were realized with texts in three languages: Italian, English, Spanish.

1. In 2016, on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy, we created the exhibition "**The Good Path. Witnesses of the mercy of the Father**": 53 witnesses from 12 countries, especially young people or at the service of young people. With these figures we highlighted the bodily and spiritual works of mercy in the light of the Beatitudes, indicating the central objective of the missionary formation of CA, the way to true happiness for every believer, taking as reference Mt 5 and Mt 25).

The exhibition was held at the San Lorenzo Center in Rome and also on the occasion of the International Congress on CA in the atrium of the Paul VI Hall on April 27, 2017.

2. In February 2020, on the occasion of the International Symposium on the Pedagogy of Sanctity held in San PIO X, we prepared the exhibition "**Catholic Action and Holy Priests. Assistants and promoters of CA to be Church together**" to emphasize a founding characteristic of CA, the co-responsibility between layfaithful and priests. We have collected 41 figures among assistants and promoters of our Association, exemplary witnesses.

We wanted to make them known first of all in our associations and to ecclesial public opinion, almost an antidote to clericalism the Pope talks about in his Letter to the People of God of 2018: "Clericalism, favored both by priests and by the laity, generates a split in the ecclesial body that foments and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we denounce today. To say no to abuse means to say strongly no to any form of clericalism".

Even an exhibition can become a popular formative pastoral missionary tool.

After the Symposium we had, like everyone else, the difficulties related to the pandemic, but we are working to make the two exhibitions accessible online.

3. An ordinary service of the Foundation is the **website** where you can meet the profiles of 13 Saints, 63 Blessed, 48 Venerables, 63 Servants of God in the Roman phase, 35 Servants of God in the Diocesan phase and 196 significant figures.

In the spirit of *Gaudete et exsultate* we point out the witnesses who have followed or are following the process of the causes of beatification and canonization: the saints, blessed, venerable, servants of God, but also the significant figures: "the saints next door" who have lived holy in our parishes and in our dioceses that make up their memory.

We await new reports.

4. We also have the **FB page** we invite you to visit. In these days, around November 1st, for example, you can find a series of witnesses and texts on holiness taken from *Christus vivit.*: Pier Giorgio Frassati, Marcel Callo, ...

5. Let's not forget the publications with the **AVE publisher**.

These materials are mainly in Italian, we hope that thanks to your collaboration we can start a translation plan!