



**Come and see!**

**Young Formation Week - Faith and Light**  
**July 30 - august 5, 2018**  
**Casa Don Orione - Fano (Pesaro e Urbino)**





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The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.

When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.

Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked: **«What do you want?»**

They said, «Rabbi» (which means *Teacher*), «where are you staying?»

**«Come»**, he replied, **«and you will see.»**

**So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him.** It was about four in the afternoon.

*John, 1 (35-39)*

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# Welcome!



**H**ow can words describe the beauty of living a friendship? In Faith and Light - where the eyes, the hugs, the smiles and even the tears express the capability of welcoming each other, we think this is an essential experience. When we are asked “What do you do precisely?”, we simply answer “Come to the community and you’ll find out”.

Pope Francis calls for special attention to young people, who are at the center of this year’s Synod. That’s why we thought our invitation to youth could only be: “Come and see”, as

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### **The project team**

**Maria, Federica, Sara, Francesca, Daniela, Arianna, Silvana, Michele, Angela, Carla, Nives, Rosita, don Marco**

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Jesus said to the men he chose as companions to travel around Galilee and beyond to Jerusalem.

In the summer of 2017, young people from the 53 provinces of Faith and Light around the world, lived a week of formation rich in contents and proposals, in Guardamar, Spain.

The young Italian representatives of “A River of Peace”, “Kimatà” and “Seas and Volcanoes” came back home full of enthusiasm. They thought they couldn’t keep so much joy for themselves, they had to share it with others: an opportunity of formation should be given to other young people of the three provinces. That’s how the proposal of a session in Italy was born. And it found the support of adult friends and the national chaplain, Father Marco Bove. The National Assembly and the board of Fede and Luce Onlus have supported us and the president Angela Gattulli has encouraged us on this journey.

The three coordinators Liliana Ghiringhelli, Pietro Vetro and Vito Giannulo spread the proposal and backed the organization. As well as the vice international coordinator Lucia Casella.

After one year of preparation, you have come here in Fano from the regions of Italy and also from Israel, Greece, Cyprus and Albania. We can’t wait to make your acquaintance! Let this be an opportunity for reflection, mutual exchange, getting to know the different traditions and religious confessions. Let this be a week of joy, hugs, smiles and occasions for celebrating life. Let this be your starting point for choosing the way you will build deep relations with the ones you meet.

You said “Yes” to an invitation. So welcome! Come, see and bring your joy in everyday life and in your communities! Have a good formation session!

***The project team***





# Come, see and... Live!



**Angela Gattulli**

Associazione Fede e Luce onlus National President

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**D**ear young friends, welcome to Fano!  
Last year I followed the youth meeting in Guardamar with great interest. When I met some of the participants of the Italian delegation and I heard their passionate stories, I felt moved. I was used to listening to the testimonies of the “historic” members of Faith and Light, but this time I finally heard different words and languages, which brought nonetheless the same message: “Come, see and discover the richness of the gift we have received”.

The week of Guardamar brought fruit and young friends have returned with such enthusiasm that they wanted to re-propose this week for the young people of our 3 provinces. I thank Sara, Francesca, Claudia, Luigi, Michele, Maria, Federica, Daniela, Sara, Martina, Arianna and Silvana for making the message received at Guardamar their own message and for sharing it with their peers; I thank Angela Grassi for somehow

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provoking and accepting this new challenge and I thank the project team for making this formation week possible. If you are now in Fano, you owe it to them!

After many years a formation meeting has been finally organized, where not only young friends from all the Italian communities are invited (regardless of the origin province), but also young friends from our “provincial companions” of Cyprus, Greece, Galilee and Albania. This diversity of provenance and experiences is a priceless richness and I invite all of you to treasure it.

The idea of a formation meeting brought me back 20 years (sorry the amarcord, but it’s typical for those of my age!). Like some of you, I too left home with a lot of curiosity and a bit of recklessness, I did not know what to expect. I thought it would have been a waste of time and that going to a summer camp maybe would have been better. Instead, it was an intense, rich and unforgettable experience. I created deep friendship ties and I lived a dimension that went beyond my community. I felt in communion with people who came from other cities and other experiences, but who saw the importance of putting the “little ones” at the centre, like me. Without that formation week perhaps my story in Faith and Light would have been different. My way of accepting and living the responsibility, the call, would have been different. The theme was ‘Give me to drink’ and in these years I have often been thirsty: of self-confidence, of authentic relationships, of meaning. Faith and Light was a source to which I drew deeply, which gave me confidence, made me feel loved as I am, made me experience the authenticity of friendship, gave sense to my doing. I thank Don Marco who opened my heart with his testimonies during





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that week and who has accepted once again to lead your moments of reflection.

My wish is that you may live this week savouring every moment, each one with his/her own style, with his/her talents and fragility and with a great desire to enter into a true relationship with others. You are the future of our communities, the strength to welcome new families and to create new friendship bonds must come also and most of all from you. Come, see and then live the message of Faith and Light in your life, in your everyday life, with your friends. The fruits will come. You won't run out of strength, because you have the support of the community of Faith and Light.

***Good week, dear friends!***





# Schedule



**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcome**

**The Call**

**The meeting that changes us**

**To guide and to be guided**

**And You?**

**Faith and Light  
24 hours per day**

**Let's go back home**

**MORNING**

<b>8 am</b>	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
<b>9 am</b>	We come from different places and countries.	Prayer gestured by Marie Vulcanti - Puglia	Prayer gestured by youths of Galilee	Prayer, gestured by Kimata Italy and Albany	Prayer gestured by Kimata Greece and Cyprus	Prayer gestured by Flume di pace and Marie Vulcanti
<b>10 am</b>		Intervention by don Marco Bove, theme <i>The Call</i>	Testimony of Monica Tommaso and Caterina Bertolini	Interactive training by Angela Grassi	Intervention by Don Marco Bove	Witnesses
<b>10:40 am</b>		Division into exchange groups	Exchange groups	Exchange groups	Exchange groups	Exchange groups
<b>11 am</b>		Exchange groups	Exchange groups	Exchange groups	Desert	
<b>12 am</b>		Exchange groups	Exchange groups	Exchange groups	We express with creativity what has emerged in the desert time.	

**AFTERNOON**

<b>1 pm</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>3 pm</b>		Prayer	Afternoon at the beach	Afternoon at the beach	Afternoon at the beach	Lunch
<b>4 pm</b>		We learn together songs from other countries	We learn together songs from other countries	We learn together songs from other countries	We learn together songs from other countries	We learn together songs from other countries
<b>4:30 pm</b>		Sharing of what was shared in the groups	Sharing of what was shared in the groups	Sharing of exchange groups	Sharing of exchange groups	Youth Assembly
<b>5 pm</b>		Video message by Marie-Hélène Mathieu Story of Faith and Light	Video message by Ivana and Matteo Mazzarotto Greetings of new international coordinator, Raul	Intervention by Ivana and Matteo Mazzarotto Greetings of new international coordinator, Raul	Intervention by Ivana and Matteo Mazzarotto Greetings of new international coordinator, Raul	Youth Assembly

**EVENING**

<b>6 pm</b>		Prayer	Prayer	Prayer	Prayer and blessing for the youths	Mass and dispatch
<b>6:30 pm</b>	Welcome evening, presentation of the program. Greeting of Jean Vanier	Welcome evening, presentation of the program. Greeting of Jean Vanier	Welcome evening, presentation of the program. Greeting of Jean Vanier	Welcome evening, presentation of the program. Greeting of Jean Vanier	Welcome evening, presentation of the program. Greeting of Jean Vanier	Welcome evening, presentation of the program. Greeting of Jean Vanier
<b>7:30 pm</b>	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
<b>9 pm</b>		Festival of all regions and nations. Everyone share typical products of his homeland and propose dances and songs.	Show at the Masetti Auditorium <i>My brother chases the dinosaurs</i>	White party at the beach with dances and songs.	Night game proposed by the Alcatraz Group	Final celebrations



# Welcome



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**7.30 pm**

We come from different places and countries.

We meet at Casa Don Orione to start with the dinner, after having found a place in the respective rooms.

**9 pm**

Welcome evening,  
presentation of the program

We listen to the greeting of Jean Vanier

**Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>**

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# The Call

Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

Character of the day

Peter

Opening song

E sono solo un uomo

Prayer

Psalms 139 (1 - 18)

<sup>1</sup> You have searched me, Lord,  
and you know me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue  
you, Lord, know it completely.

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

<sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

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if I settle on the far side of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,”

<sup>12</sup> even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.

<sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place,  
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts,[a] God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup> Were I to count them,  
they would outnumber the grains of sand  
when I awake, I am still with you.



## Gospel

Luke 5:1-11 (gestured by Puglia)

*<sup>1</sup> Now it happened that he was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, <sup>2</sup>when he caught sight of two boats at the water's edge. The fishermen had got out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats -- it was Simon's -- and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' <sup>5</sup>Simon replied, 'Master, we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' <sup>6</sup>And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, <sup>7</sup>so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled both boats to sinking point. <sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were completely awestruck at the catch they had made; <sup>10</sup>so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will be catching.' <sup>11</sup>Then, bringing their boats back to land they left everything and followed him.*

Together we recite Our Father each in his own language, holding hands.

## Final song

Vocazione

**10 am**

**Intervention by don Marco Bove**

**10.40 am**

**Division into exchange groups**

**11 am**

**Exchange groups**

### **Questions to think**

- ✓ **How has been your call for the fragility's world and for Faith and Light?**
- ✓ **Have you also experienced some unexpected gifts in this call?**
- ✓ **Who are you sharing this Call with? When have they been important?**

**4 pm**

**We learn together songs from other countries**

**4.30 pm**

**Sharing of what was shared in the groups**

**5 pm**

**Video message by Marie-Hélène Mathieu  
Mime by the River of Peace**





## Little story of Faith and Light

### First scene

Gérard and Camille are the parents of Loïc and Thaddée, two children with a severe motor and cerebral handicap: they do not walk, they do not speak, they depend on their parents for everything.

They create a real family, but life is very difficult.

In 1968, Camille and Gérard decided to go on pilgrimage to Lourdes to ask Mary to help them.

They would like to enroll in the diocesan pilgrimage, but those responsible say they are sorry but their children are too disabled, they will not be able to understand the meaning of the pilgrimage and might annoy the other participants.

Camille and Gérard are deeply disappointed, but they decide to go to Lourdes, whatever happens, by their means, even if everything is very complicated.

In Lourdes, hoteliers are very worried when they see the two children.

A receptionist says: your place is at the reception Notre-Dame, in another place, an receptionist hosts them, but under the condition that their meals are served in the room in order not to disturb other customers.

Camille and Gérard have a heavy heart.

They left looking for the hope and the comfort of Mary but they returned more sad, more alone and more discouraged. They feel set aside by the Church.



## Second scene

On their return, Gérard and Camille talk about this experience of Jean Vanier, Marie-Hélène.

Five years earlier, Jean had founded the first Arche foyer, which is a house where some people with mental disabilities share their lives with assistants. It is a family life.

Marie-Hélène, six years earlier, founded the Christian Office of people with disabilities in Paris to help and support parents.

From their exchanges, comes the idea of organizing a pilgrimage to Lourdes, with people with mental disabilities and their families.

Their dream soon becomes real, families will be accompanied by young friends.

small communities of 20 to 30 people will be organized and they will share the experience of the pilgrimage together.

It will take three years of work, meetings, reflection and organization to prepare this unique event.

## Third scene

In Lourdes, before their arrival, there is a panic.

Citizens are wondering what will happen if a crowd of disabled, fragile and non-normal people arrives in their city. They are worried that the disabled people might to throw themselves into the river.



Many traders prefer to lower the gate and close their shops.

The hoteliers, worried, expect the worst.

But, on Holy Thursday morning, 12,000 find themselves in Lourdes.

They come from fifteen countries in the world where the news of this great project has spread and they are also organized by community: they hear greetings in all the languages:

Hello, Guten tag, Bonjour, Hello, Goodmorning, Hasta luego

María welcomes, for the first time, thousands of people with mental disabilities, with their parents and friends, and this is because of Thaddée and Loïc.

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It is an immense movement of love, joy and hope.

Everyone is happy to be together.

Together, it turns out that this heavy prejudice that is the handicap does not paralyze us anymore, but opens our hearts towards each other and opens the door of the love of Christ and his Mother.

During four days, they meet, pray, sing, party, celebrate the love of God given to us all.

#### **Fourth scene**

On Easter Monday, Jean and Marie-Hélène organized a meeting with the 300 community leaders: they want to thank them and greet them.



Jean Vanier decides to encourage them to do all that the Holy Spirit will suggest to them. Thus, Faith and Light was born.

But with a profound joy. We ask everyone responsible with their banner to get on the stage.

The essential of Faith and Light consists in living each month these times of meeting, sharing, prayer and celebration ... in friendship. It is about welcoming all those who are alone and who will come.

Today Faith and Light are more than 1,600 communities in 77 countries around the world that can sing like us and with us.

6 pm

Let's pray together

Song

Amis chantons notre joie

Let us listen to a reflection by Pope Francis:

*The place of the Christian is the world to announce Jesus, but his gaze is turned to Heaven to be united with him. The Scriptures show us three words, three places of reference for the Christian journey. The first word is memory. The risen Jesus tells his disciples to precede him in Galilee: here was the first meeting with the Lord. And each of us has his own Galilee, where Jesus manifested himself for the first time, we met him and we had this joy, this enthusiasm to follow him. To be a good Christian it is always necessary to have the memory of*





*the first encounter with Jesus or of the successive meetings. It is the grace of memory that gives me certainty at the moment of trial.*

*The second point of reference is prayer. When Jesus ascends to Heaven he does not detach himself from us: physically yes, but he is always connected with us to intercede for us. He shows the Father the wounds, the price he paid for us, for our salvation. Therefore, we must ask for the grace to contemplate Heaven, the grace of prayer, the relationship with Jesus in the prayer that is listening to us right now, is with us. Then there is a third point: the world. Before leaving, Jesus tells the disciples his mission: "Go into the world and make disciples". Go: the place of the Christian is the world to announce the Word of Jesus, to say that we are saved, that He has come to give us grace, to bring us all with Him before the Father.*

*The three places of reference of our life are memory, prayer, the mission; the three words for our journey, Galilee, Heaven and the world.*

### WE PRAY TOGETHER

*Lord, we want to ask you the grace of memory: "That I do not forget the moment when you elected me, that I do not forget the moments in which we met".*

*Help us to keep our eyes on the sky, where you are ready to intercede for us.*

*Let us know how to live and bear witness to the Gospel. To inspire our life to the risen and living Jesus is our joy, a joy that no one can take away from us.*

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**Final song**

**Quando lo Spirito vive in me**

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**9 pm**

**Festival of all regions and nations represented.  
Everyone is invited to share typical products of his  
hometown and to propose dances and songs**

**Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**

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# The meeting that changes us

Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

**Character of the day**

Zacchaeus

**Opening song**

Te, al centro del mio cuore

**Prayer**

*“Give me a backup wing”, Lord  
Father Tonino Bello*

*I want to thank you, Lord  
For the gift of life  
I have read somewhere  
That men have only one wing:  
They can fly only when they hug each other.  
Sometimes, in intimacy,  
I dare to think, o Lord,  
That you have only one wing,  
And you keep the other hidden  
Maybe for letting me understand  
That you don't want to fly without me:  
For this reason you gave me life:  
So that I would be your flight mate,  
teach me to fly with you then  
Because living is not dragging life,  
It is not rip off it, chew it,  
Living is let oneself go as a seagull  
To the thrill of the wind.  
Living is to taste the adventure of freedom.  
Living is to open the wing, the only wing,  
With the trust of who knows to have  
A partner as great as You during the flight.  
But it is not enough to be able to fly with You, Lord,*

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*You gave me also the task to hug the brother  
And to help him to fly.  
I ask you forgiveness, thus,  
For those wings that I haven't helped to open  
In order not to be indifferent  
To the brother that is left with the wing, the only wing  
Inexorably entangled in the net of misery and loneliness,  
And he is convinced  
That he is not worthy to fly with you anymore.  
In particular for this unfortunate brother give me,  
O Lord,  
A backup wing.*

## Gospel

LC 19, 1 – 10 (gestured by Galilea)

<sup>1</sup>He entered Jericho and was going through the town <sup>2</sup>and suddenly a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. <sup>3</sup>He kept trying to see which Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; <sup>4</sup>so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I am to stay at your house today.' <sup>6</sup>And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. <sup>7</sup>They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said. <sup>8</sup>But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' <sup>9</sup>And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; <sup>10</sup>for the Son of man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'





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Together we recite Our Father each in his own language, holding hands

**Final song** Vivere la vita

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**10 am**

Testimony of Monica, Tommaso and Caterina Bertolini

**10:40 am**

Exchange groups

**Questions to think**

- ✓ Is there a meeting that has been important for your life?
- ✓ What does it mean “to be transformed”?
- ✓ What are the aspects that you acknowledge in your person that still need to be transformed?



**3 pm**

Afternoon at the beach

**6.30 pm**

Sharing of what was shared in the groups  
Ecumenical prayer prepared by Albania

### Introduction

In the current moment in which religious radicalism is reawakened, the witness of living in harmony with diversity is very important.

In 2014, Pope Francis came to Albania and encouraged our Albanian people, which stands out for its various religious traditions (Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelicals, and Muslims), to live these different belonging in harmony and mutual respect.

In the Prayer we have prepared we will make you hear the different voices of our traditions, inspired by two themes that are important for everyone:

- 1) Almighty God and creator of the universe**
- 2) God of love**





**Execution:**

- ***Prayer to the Holy Spirit***  
with text from Orthodox church
- ***Reading of Psalm 8***  
who celebrate the greatness of God
- ***Reading a letter by Saint Paul***  
“Hymn to Charity”
- ***Words from Pope Francis***  
in the letter announcing the year of Mercy
- ***Reading of Koran***
- ***Prayer of spontaneous intercession***
- ***Final prayer of Mother Teresa***

***Prayer to the Holy Spirit***

Prayer to the Holy Spirit, consoler, Spirit of truth that you are present in every place and everything you fill, treasure of goods and giver of life, come and live in us, and purify from each stains, and save us, our God, our souls!

***Reading of Psalm 8***

*Chorus: Oh Lord, our God,  
how great is your name all over the world!*



With the mouths of children and infants you can claim your power against your adversaries, to silence enemies and rebels. If I look at your sky, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have fixed, what is the man because you remember it and the son of the man because you take care for him?

*Chorus: Oh Lord, our God,  
how great is your name all over the world!*

And did it a little less than the angels, you crowned him with glory and honour: you gave him power over the works of your hands, all you put under his feet: all the flocks and herds, all the beasts of the countryside. The birds of the sky and the fish of the sea, which run through the sea.

*Chorus: Oh Lord, our God,  
how great is your name all over the world!*

### **Reading Saint Paul Cor 13, 1-13**

*Chorus: Where there is charity and love,  
here there is a God!*

### **Letter from Pope Francis**

*The face of love*

*The Year of Mercy will allow the faithful of the three monotheistic religions to rediscover the common roots among which I also precisely the mercy... which will facilitate the*

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*construction of bridges between the faithful of different religions, allowing to deepen the authentic dialogue... Mercy has a value that goes beyond the confines of the Church and fosters dialogue with other religious traditions.*

### ***Reading of Koran***

The Islamic tradition attributes 99 names to our Creator. Among these divine names, those cited more often and which return more frequently are certainly Rahim: the Merciful, the Clement. At the beginning of each Sura (Chapter) of the Holy Quran (except for Sura 9) we find the formula: In the name of God, the Merciful, the Clement.

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### ***Prayer of spontaneous Intercession***

Our Father

### ***Prayer of Mother Teresa***

Lord, teach me to speak with love and give me the faith that moves mountains with love!

Teach me that love is always patient and kind; never jealous, presumptuous. Love has joy in the truth, always ready to forgive, to believe, to hope and to endure, that I may be weak but constant reflection of your perfect love.



9 pm

Show at the Masetti Auditorium  
*My brother chases the dinosaurs*

theatrical adaptation of Christian Di Domenico  
and Carlo Turati from the homonymous novel by  
Giacomo Mazzariol

Directed by Andrea Brunello

With Christian Di Domenico

Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>

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*I often stop to look at people (men, women, children) affected by various diseases or disabled, to try to understand their approach to life, from simple actions, daily, to meeting with others; what kind of relationships do they have, what passions or desires; how they see themselves, what awareness they have of their condition. And then, all of a sudden, I realize that all these questions should be addressed to myself. At that point the matter becomes interesting and problematic at the same time. Am I willing to recognize my shortcomings, my shortcomings, my disabilities? How many friends do I have and what relationships do I have with them? I'm honest, do you live? With which yardstick are I ready to criticize or simply evaluate the lives of others? For what reason can I see only their faults, what they lack and not their merits, their virtues? Then happens to come across a video that some teenager bully wanted to send on the internet to brag about acts of cruelty against some unfortunate disabled boy, with Down syndrome or simply weaker and unable to defend themselves and you ask: why? Or to read in a newspaper that in the last four months, in the*



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*neonatal department of a hospital in Bari, where I live, a child and a child with Down's syndrome were born and in both cases their parents decided to abandon them, while other people subsequently chose to adopt them. Because? I read the book of Giacomo Mazzariol: "My brother chases the dinosaurs". I met him and his wonderful family. Their story has enlightened me and I felt like telling it in my own way. So I decided to start a new path that will help me re-educate my disabled gaze, so that I can finally see all the beauty and love that every living being is able to receive and give. Without prejudice and without expectations. See and choose to love.*

**Christian Di Domenico**



# To guide and to be guided



**Character of the day**

The disciples of Emmaus

**Opening song**

Il canto dell'amore

**Prayer**

Psalm 121

Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
where is my help to come from?

<sup>2</sup> My help comes from Yahweh  
who made heaven and earth.

<sup>3</sup> May he save your foot from stumbling;  
may he, your guardian, not fall asleep!

<sup>4</sup> You see -- he neither sleeps nor slumbers,  
the guardian of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> Yahweh is your guardian, your shade,  
Yahweh, at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> By day the sun will not strike you,  
nor the moon by night.

<sup>7</sup> Yahweh guards you from all harm  
Yahweh guards your life,

<sup>8</sup> Yahweh guards your comings and goings,  
henceforth and for ever.

*<sup>13</sup> Now that very same day, two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and they were talking together about all that had happened. <sup>15</sup> And it happened that as they were talking together and discussing it, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were prevented from recognising him. <sup>17</sup> He said to them, 'What are all these things that you are discussing as you walk along?' They stopped, their faces downcast. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' <sup>19</sup> He asked, 'What things?' They answered, 'All about Jesus of Nazareth, who showed himself a prophet powerful in action and speech before God and the whole people; <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. <sup>21</sup> Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have now gone by since it all happened; <sup>22</sup> and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they could not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe all that the prophets have said! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer before entering into his glory?' <sup>27</sup> Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. <sup>28</sup> When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; <sup>29</sup> but they pressed him to stay with them saying, 'It*





is nearly evening, and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. <sup>31</sup> And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’ <sup>33</sup> They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, <sup>34</sup> who said to them, ‘The Lord has indeed risen and has appeared to Simon.’ <sup>35</sup> Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

 Together we recite Our Father each in his own language, holding hands

**Final song**

Resta qui con noi

**10 am**

Angela Grassi – interactive training

**11 am**

Exchange groups





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### Questions to think

- ✓ Who are the most important people that accompanied you during your life?
- ✓ Have you ever recognized the presence of somebody close to you only later?
- ✓ Have you ever experienced to accompany somebody? What have you learned?

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4 pm

Songs

4.30 pm

Sharing of exchange groups

5 pm

Matteo and Ivana Mazzarotto tell us how Fede and Luce grew up in Italy

Video greeting of the new international coordinator, Spaniard Raül Izquierdo Garcia

6.30 pm

Washing of the feet introduced by don Marco Bove

# Living together the washing of the feet

## The meaning of our action

On the night before his death, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples with much love and humility and said «For I have given you an example that you also should do as I have done for you». What humility, what an example of service, of goodness! Jesus teaches us by this gesture, to put ourselves at the service of one another with love and gentleness. He teaches us to go spiritually on our knees before our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest ones. We are going to wash each other's feet, in an atmosphere of prayer, of silence, knowing that it is a time of grace. Saint Bernard liked to say that the washing of feet was a sacrament, that is to say, a moment, when, Jesus, by his love, joins us. To be sure, washing each other's feet is a symbol. However, it reveals our desire to forgive, to be forgiven, to serve with humility, to become smaller, poorer. Thus, to wash each other's feet becomes for each one of us a prayer. This gesture has also a particular significance from the point of view of unity. If we cannot always eat together at the same Eucharistic table as our brothers and sisters of other denominations, we can already be deeply united to each other in living through the washing of feet together.



**Procedure**

The procedure Before beginning, several persons will have prepared the room. The chairs will be arranged in (a) circle (s) (one or several depending on the number of participants). At the centre, there are placed a Bible, a candle and a basin, a jug filled with water and a towel. Water will have been placed in reserve, outside the circle, to refill the jug if necessary. The celebration begins. The candle is lighted. We sing some quiet songs and recollect ourselves to find peace and interior silence. After the songs, the leader will explain the meaning of the evening ceremony «We are going to wash each others' feet as Jesus has asked us to do ». And he reads the text of the Gospel of John 13, 1-17.

*Now before the feast of the Passover, it was clear to Jesus that the time had come for him to go away from this world to the Father. Having once had love for those in the world who were his, his love for them went on to the end. So while a meal was going on, the Evil One having now put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to be false to him, Jesus, being conscious that the Father had put everything into his hands, and that he came from God and was going to God Got up from table, put off his robe and took a cloth and put it round him Then he put water into a basin and was washing the feet of the disciples and drying them with the cloth which was round him. So he came to Simon Peter. Peter said, Lord, are my feet to be washed by you? And Jesus, answering, said to him, What I do is not clear to you now, but it will be clear to you in time to come. Peter said, I will never let my feet be washed by you, never. Jesus said in answer, If I do not make you clean you have no part with me. Simon Peter said to him, Lord, not my feet only, but my hands and my head. Jesus said to him, He who is bathed has need only to have his feet washed and then he is clean all over: and you, my disciples, are clean, but not all*



*of you. (He had knowledge who was false to him; that is why he said, You are not all clean.) Then, after washing their feet and putting on his robe again, he took his seat and said to them, Do you see what I have done to you? You give me the name of Master and Lord: and you are right; that is what I am. If then I, the Lord and the Master, have made your feet clean, it is right for you to make one another's feet clean. I have given you an example, so that you may do what I have done to you. Truly I say to you, A servant is not greater than his lord; and he who is sent is not greater than the one who sent him. these things are clear to you, happy are you if you do them.*

Then he kneels down in front of the person who is on his right in the circle and washes his two feet very slowly, with a great deal of love and respect. This is a sacred gesture. He wipes the feet. When he has finished, he remains on his knees before the person. This latter person puts her hands on the head of the other, and they both pray in silence. This is a gesture of mutuality and reciprocity. After several moments of prayer, the who has had her feet washed, rises and kneels before the person on her right and washes his feet... and so on, until each member of the community has had his/her feet washed.

During all this time of the washing of feet, we can arrange for background music or softly sing a refrain (from Taizé, for example). Certain persons with difficulties must be helped in order to be able to accomplish all these gestures. However, it is important for them to experiment with this responsibility of service. When the gesture of the washing of feet appears to be difficult, even impossible to carry out, it is up to each leader to intervene with kindness to make one or other of the participants not feel guilty, and suggest, for example, the simple washing of hands.



**Ideas for personal reflection**

- Why does this gesture collect us together, bring us together?
- What are the actions, the words, the attitudes in my life which can build unity?
- When I find myself with a person very different from me, in whose presence I feel « frozen », or where I feel uncomfortable, can I try to imagine in my heart, that I am kneeling down to wash his/her feet and then, that he/she in their turn, is washing mine?

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At the end, we sing together « Ubi Caritas» and recite the «Our Father » holding each others' hands.

**Jean Vanier**



**Character of the day**

Elijah

**Opening song**

Vivere la vita

**Prayer**

Psalm 63 (1 - 9)

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> God, you are my God, I pine for you;  
my heart thirsts for you, my body longs for you,  
as a land parched, dreary and waterless.

<sup>2</sup> Thus I have gazed on you in the sanctuary,  
seeing your power and your glory.

<sup>3</sup> Better your faithful love than life itself;  
my lips will praise you.

<sup>4</sup> Thus I will bless you all my life,  
in your name lift up my hands.

<sup>5</sup> All my longings fulfilled as with fat and rich foods,  
a song of joy on my lips and praise in my mouth.

<sup>6</sup> On my bed when I think of you,  
I muse on you in the watches of the night,

<sup>7</sup> for you have always been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice;

<sup>8</sup> my heart clings to you, your right hand supports me.





## Bible

## 1 KINGS, 19 (1-8) (gestured by Greece and Cyprus)

*<sup>1</sup> When Ahab told Jezebel everything that Elijah had done, and how he had put all the prophets to the sword, <sup>2</sup> Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, 'May the gods bring unnameable ills on me and worse ills too, if by this time tomorrow I have not made your life like one of theirs!' <sup>3</sup> He was afraid and fled for his life. He came to Beersheba, a town of Judah, where he left his servant. <sup>4</sup> He himself went on into the desert, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Yahweh,' he said, 'I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.' <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down and went to sleep. Then all of a sudden an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' <sup>6</sup> He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. <sup>7</sup> But the angel of Yahweh came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' <sup>8</sup> So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, God's mountain.*



Together we recite Our Father each in his own language, holding hands

## Final song

Su ali d'aquila



10 am

Intervention of don Marco Bove

11 am

Desert

### Questions to think

- ✓ What are the moments of difficulty or crisis in your life? How did you face them?
- ✓ What gave you support and strength?
- ✓ What experiences helped you to recognize and accept your weaknesses and limits?
- ✓ What helped or might help you to rediscover a meaning and a direction in your life?

12 am

We express with creativity what has emerged in the desert time.

3 pm

Afternoon at the beach

6.30 pm

Prayer and blessing



**Song****Nada et turbe**

Lord, we have tried to face our limitation, we know that the journey to welcome them may not be easy, but we know that You will not abandon us. The Spirit you have given us will be our support at all times and, however fragile, we will bear good fruit.

One of the fruits of the Spirit is love, which translates into multiple signs and manifestations.

**Wisdom:** above all, it is the intelligence of the heart that knows how to love. Jesus grew up in age and wisdom. He amazed his contemporaries who wondered where this wisdom came from. Living in the intimacy of his Father, he shared with the “little ones” the secret of the love of God, hidden from the sages.

*Everyone: Lord, give us the wisdom of the heart*

**Sweetness:** it is not resignation, but welcoming attitude. It is a radiant goodness. Jesus shows his sweetness in exercising God’s mercy. Jesus is truly “kind and humble of heart”. Parents teach us to Faith and Light to give a smile even in the moments of greatest effort.

*Everyone: Lord, give us sweetness and humility of heart*

**Spirit of service:** those who want to be the greatest, says Jesus, become servant. He himself did not come to be served but to serve. When he washed the feet of his disciples, he gave the example. We think of those who have a responsibility, that is to say, perform a service, in Faith and Light (coordinators, assistants, members of the teams), but also to each one of us,



because the community is born thanks to the contribution of all its members

*Everyone: Lord, help us to put ourselves at the service of the community*

**Perseverance:** means to remain attached to the Gospel. The person that will resist until the end, Jesus tells us, will be saved.” Sometimes we feel tired, sometimes we are angry, but in community we find the strength that comes from walking together

*Everyone: Lord, teach us to live friendship with fidelity*

**Patience:** it is the quality of the sower awaiting harvest maturation. The men must be patient with his neighbor. Love requires patience, says St. Paul, because he hopes in everything. The community is a place of celebration and forgiveness. We all need patience to build the community.

*Everyone: Lord, teach us to be patient and to forgive each other*

**Peace:** peace is the first gift offered by Jesus to his disciples on the evening of the Resurrection: <Peace to you>. It gives us peace and we can become artisans of peace, to bring it to those who will accept the message of the good news. May there be peace between us and all over the world, beyond cultural, economic, linguistic and religious differences.

*Everyone: Lord teach us to become peacemakers*

**Joy:** it is the promise to the disciples “Your sadness will change in joy because I desire that my joy be in you”. According to his promise, no one can deprive us of this joy. Ask for it and

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you will receive it, and your joy will be perfect, like that which Mary sings in the Magnificat.

*Lord, make us messengers of joy*

At Faith and Light the guys are masters in all these gifts. Now they are to bless each one of us so that we become capable of living a true friendship. We prepare the heart and we live this gesture in silence.

**Final song**

Vieni, vieni Spirito d'amore

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9 pm

Night game proposed by the Alicante Group



# Faith and Light 24 hours per day



**Character of the day**

Paul

**Opening song**

Canzone di San Damiano

**Prayer**

Christ has no hands

*Christ has no hands,  
He only has our hands  
To do his job today.*

*Christ has no feet  
He has only our feet  
To guide humans  
To his paths.*

*Christ has no lips,  
He has only our lips,  
To tell about himself to the men of today*

*Christ has no means,  
He has only our help  
To lead to him the men of today*

*We are the only Bible  
That peoples still read  
We are the last message of God  
Written in work and words*

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

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## Prayer

Acts of Apostles 9. 1 - 19 (gestured by North and South Italy)

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Saul was still breathing threats to slaughter the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked for letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, that would authorise him to arrest and take to Jerusalem any followers of the Way, men or women, that he might find. <sup>3</sup> It happened that while he was travelling to Damascus and approaching the city, suddenly a light from heaven shone all round him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground, and then he heard a voice saying, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' <sup>5</sup> 'Who are you, Lord?' he asked, and the answer came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.' <sup>6</sup> Get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' <sup>7</sup> The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless, for though they heard the voice they could see no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing at all, and they had to lead him into Damascus by the hand. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without his sight and took neither food nor drink. <sup>10</sup> There was a disciple in Damascus called Ananias, and he had a vision in which the Lord said to him, 'Ananias!' When he replied, 'Here I am, Lord,' <sup>11</sup> the Lord said, 'Get up and go to Straight Street and ask at the house of Judas for someone called Saul, who comes from Tarsus. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and has seen a man called Ananias coming in and laying hands on him to give him back his sight.' <sup>13</sup> But in response, Ananias said, 'Lord, I have heard from many people about this man and all the harm he has been doing to your holy people in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> He has come here with a warrant from the chief priests to arrest everybody who invokes your name.' <sup>15</sup> The Lord replied, 'Go, for this man is my chosen instrument to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;

<sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for my name.'





<sup>17</sup> Then Ananias went. He entered the house, and laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, I have been sent by the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, so that you may recover your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>18</sup> It was as though scales fell away from his eyes and immediately he was able to see again. So he got up and was baptised, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food he regained his strength. After he had spent only a few days with the disciples in Damascus.

**Reflection**

1 CORINTHIANS 15, 3 - 11

The tradition I handed on to you in the first place, a tradition which I had myself received, was that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried; and that on the third day, he was raised to life, in accordance with the scriptures; <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas; and later to the Twelve; <sup>6</sup> and next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still with us, though some have fallen asleep; <sup>7</sup> then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all he appeared to me too, as though I was a child born abnormally. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles and am not really fit to be called an apostle, because I had been persecuting the Church of God; <sup>10</sup> but what I am now, I am through the grace of God, and the grace which was given to me has not been wasted. Indeed, I have worked harder than all the others -- not I, but the grace of God which is with me. <sup>11</sup> Anyway, whether it was they or I, this is what we preach and what you believed.

 Together we recite Our Father each in his own language, holding hands.

**Final song**

Andate per le strade



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**10 am**

**Witnesses**

**11.00**

**Exchanges groups**

**Questions to think**

- ✓ **Why do you think that there are only few young people in Faith and Light?**
- ✓ **How could we involve new young people?**
- ✓ **What might be appealing for them?**
- ✓ **Which one might be a good integration process for young people in Faith and Light?**
- ✓ **What else would you like to say about Faith and Light?**

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**4 pm**

**Songs**

**16.30**

**Youth Assembly**

**18.00**

**Mass and dispatch**



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*From the Gospel according to Matthew 5: 13-16*

*At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt loses its taste, with what can it be salted? Nothing else but to be thrown away and trampled by men. You are the light of the world; A city placed on a mountain can not be hidden, nor a lamp is lit to put it under a bushel, but above the lampstand to make light of all those who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven “.*

At the end of the first Faith and Light pilgrimage in 1971, Jean Vanier told the participants: “Do whatever the Spirit inspires you to do”. We ask that the Spirit of Jesus be given to us to be witnesses of love and messengers of joy.

At the first Pentecost appeared “languages as of fire” that arose on each of the disciples. The candle is a little like the man in prayer, drawn towards God and open to his grace. When it stays off, a candle does not need much, except perhaps as a decorative element. When it is on, it can give light. In the same way, because we receive the Spirit, our life is transformed. Like the first disciples, we become leaven in the dough, salt of the earth, light of the world.



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**9 pm**

**Final Party**



# Let's go back home

Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

09.00

Short prayer time for those leaving  
in the afternoon

Opening song

Acqua siamo noi

Let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis

«A true Christian can not be saddened or dark in the face, his breath is joy, made above all of peace. Unfortunately, the contemporary world is content with a culture of pleasure and certainty, a culture where so many little bits of a pleasure life are created, which however do not fully satisfy. True joy is not something that is bought in the market, it is a gift of the Spirit and also vibrates at the moment of trial.

Joy is not to live laughing. No, it's not that. Joy is not being funny. No, it's not that. It's something else. Christian joy is peace. The peace that is in the roots, the peace of the heart, the peace that only God can give us. This is Christian joy. It is not easy to keep this joy. The peace is present when we are in tension between memory, the memory of being regenerated, and the hope of what awaits us. We can not forget what the Lord has done for us. Joy cannot be sold at the market, it is the breath of the Christian»

Final song

Messaggeri di gioia

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## Summary

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66. Peré unis-nous tous
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69. Rouha llah nad3ouka
70. Ya Allah delni 3a nur
71. Rabbi anta tariki fi ma3ather l7ayat
72. Ya momtali2a ne3ma arrabo ma3aki
73. Shokran lillahi llazi yakuduna
74. Inshallah l2am7a lli nzar3et bi 2lubna





## 1 Acqua siamo noi

Acqua siamo noi  
dall'antica sorgente veniamo  
fiumi siamo noi  
se i ruscelli si mettono insieme  
mari siamo noi  
se i torrenti si danno la mano  
vita nuova c'è  
se Gesù è in mezzo a noi.

**E allora diamoci la mano  
e tutti insieme camminiamo  
ed un oceano di pace nascerà  
e l'egoismo cancelliamo,  
un cuore limpido sentiamo  
è Dio che bagna del suo amor  
l'umanità.**

Su nel cielo c'è  
Dio Padre che vive nell'uomo  
crea tutti noi  
e ci ama di amore infinito  
figli siamo noi  
e fratelli di Cristo Signore  
vita nuova c'è  
quando Lui è in mezzo a noi. **Rit.**

Nuova umanità  
oggi nasce da chi crede in lui  
nuovi siamo noi  
se l'amore è la legge di vita  
figli siamo noi  
se non siamo divisi da niente  
vita eterna c'è  
quando lui è dentro a noi. **Rit.**

## 2 Alleluja delle lampadine

**A-lleluia alleluia,  
a-lleluia alleluia  
a-lleluia alleluia, alleluia.  
A-lleluia alleluia,  
a-lleluia alleluia  
a-lleluia alleluia, alleluia.**

La nostra festa non deve finire  
non deve finire e non finirà.  
La nostra festa non deve finire  
non deve finire e non finirà.

Perché la festa siamo noi  
che camminiamo verso Te.  
Perché la festa siamo noi  
che cantiamo insieme così... **Rit.**

## 3 Alleluja Passeranno i cieli

**Halle, Halleluja  
Ha-halleluja, halleluja,  
Halleluja, halleluja,  
Ha- halleluja, halleluja.**

Passeranno i cieli  
e passerà la terra,  
la sua Parola non passerà.  
Ha-halleluia, halleluia.che  
cantiamo insieme così... **Rit.**

## 4 Andate per le strade

**Andate per le strade  
in tutto il mondo  
chiamate i miei amici  
per far festa:  
c'è un posto per ciascuno  
alla mia mensa.**

Nel vostro cammino  
annunciate il Vangelo, dicendo:  
"È vicino il Regno dei cieli".  
Guarite i malati,  
mondate i lebbrosi,  
rendete la vita a chi l'ha perduta. **Rit.**

Vi è stato donato  
un amore gratuito:  
ugualmente donate  
con gioia e per amore.  
Con voi non prendete  
né oro né argento  
perché l'operaio  
ha diritto al suo cibo. **Rit.**

Entrando in una casa,  
donatele la pace.  
Se c'è chi vi rifiuta  
e non accoglie il dono,  
la pace torni a voi,  
e uscite dalla casa  
scuotendo la polvere  
dai vostri calzari. **Rit.**

Ecco, io vi mando  
come agnelli in mezzo ai lupi:  
siate dunque avveduti  
come sono i serpenti,  
ma liberi e chiari come colombe:

dovrete sopportare  
prigioni e tribunali. **Rit.**

Nessuno è più grande  
del proprio maestro  
né il servo più grande  
del proprio padrone.  
Se hanno odiato me  
odieranno anche voi  
ma voi non temete  
io non vi lascio soli. **Rit.**

## 5 Benedici o Signore

Nebbia e freddo,  
giorni lunghi e amari  
mentre il seme muore.  
Poi il prodigio antico  
e sempre nuovo  
del primo filo d'erba.  
E nel vento dell'estate  
ondeggiano le spighe  
avremo ancora pane.

**Benedici o Signore  
questa offerta che  
portiamo a Te  
facci uno come il pane  
che anche oggi hai dato a noi.**

Nei filari dopo il lungo inverno  
fremono le viti.  
La rugiada avvolge nel silenzio  
i primi tralci verdi.  
Poi i colori dell'autunno  
coi grappoli maturi  
avremo ancora vino.



**Benedici o Signore  
questa offerta che  
portiamo a Te  
facci uno come il vino  
che anche oggi hai dato a noi.**

## **6 Camminerò**

**Camminerò, camminerò,  
nella tua strada Signor  
dammi la mano, voglio restar  
per sempre insieme a te.**

Quando ero solo,  
solo e stanco nel mondo,  
quando non c'era l'amor,  
tante persone vidi intorno a me,  
sentivo cantare così. **Rit.**

Io non capivo, ma rimasi a sentire  
quando anch'io vidi il Signor.  
Lui mi chiamava, chiamava anche me,  
ed io gli risposi così. **Rit.**

Or non m'importa se uno ride di me  
lui certamente non sa  
del gran tesoro che trovai quel dì,  
e dissi al Signore così. **Rit.**

A volte son triste  
ma mi guardo intorno  
scopro il mondo e l'amor  
sono questi i doni  
che Lui dona a me  
felice ritorno a cantar. **Rit.**

## **7 E sono solo un uomo**

Io lo so Signore che vengo da lontano  
prima nel pensiero e poi nella tua mano  
io mi rendo conto che tu sei la mia vita  
e non mi sembra vero di pregarti così:  
Padre d'ogni uomo e non t'ho visto mai  
Spirito di vita e nacqui da una donna  
Figlio mio fratello e sono solo un uomo  
eppure io capisco che tu sei verità.

**E imparerò a guardare  
tutto il mondo  
con gli occhi trasparenti  
di un bambino  
e insegnerò a chiamarti  
Padre Nostro  
ad ogni figlio che diventa  
uomo. (2v)**

Io lo so Signore che tu mi sei vicino  
luce alla mia mente  
guida al mio cammino  
mano che sorregge sguardo  
che perdona  
e non mi sembra vero  
che tu esista così.  
Dove nasce amore tu sei la sorgente  
dove c'è una croce tu sei la speranza  
dove il tempo ha fine tu sei vita eterna  
e so che posso sempre contare su di te.

**E accoglierò la vita  
come un dono  
e avrò il coraggio di  
morire anch'io  
e incontro a te verrò  
col mio fratello  
che non si sente amato  
da nessuno. (2v)**



## **8** Ecco quel che abbiamo

**Ecco quel che abbiamo:  
nulla ci appartiene, ormai.  
Ecco i frutti della terra che tu  
moltiplicherai.  
Ecco queste mani:  
puoi usarle, se lo vuoi,  
per dividere nel mondo il  
pane  
che tu hai dato a noi.**

Solo una goccia hai messo  
fra le mani mie,  
solo una goccia  
che tu ora chiedi a me...  
una goccia che in mano a te  
una pioggia diventerà  
e la terra feconderà.

Le nostre gocce, pioggia  
fra le mani tue,  
saranno linfa di una nuova civiltà...  
E la terra preparerà  
la festa del pane che  
ogni uomo condividerà.

**Sulle strade il vento  
da lontano porterà  
il profumo del frumento  
che tutti avvolgerà.  
E sarà l'Amore  
che il raccolto spartirà  
e il miracolo del pane in terra  
si ripeterà.**

## **9** Fratello Sole Sorella Luna

Sia laudato nostro Signore  
che ha creato l'universo intero.  
Sia laudato nostro Signore,  
noi tutti siamo sue creature;  
dono di Lui,  
del suo immenso amore;  
beato chi si converte in umiltà.

Dolce sentire come nel mio cuore,  
ora umilmente,  
sta nascendo amore.  
Dolce capire che non son più solo  
ma che son parte  
di una immensa vita,  
che generosa risplende  
intorno a me:  
dono di Lui del suo immenso  
amore.

Ci ha dato il cielo e le chiare stelle  
fratello sole e sorella luna;  
la madre terra con frutti, prati e fior  
il fuoco, il vento, l'aria e l'acqua pura  
fonte di vita, per le sue creature  
dono di Lui del suo  
immenso amore  
dono di Lui del suo  
immenso amore.



## 10 Gloria (Buttazzo)

Gloria a Dio nell'alto dei cieli,  
pace in terra agli uomini.  
Gloria a Dio nell'alto dei cieli,  
pace in terra agli uomini.

Ti lodiamo, ti benediciamo.  
Ti adoriamo, ti glorifichiamo.  
Ti rendiamo grazie  
per la tua gloria immensa. **Rit.**

Signore Dio, Re del cielo,  
Dio Padre onnipotente.  
Gesù Cristo, Agnello di Dio,  
tu, Figlio del Padre. **Rit.**

Tu che togli i peccati del mondo  
la nostra supplica ascolta, Signore.  
Tu che siedi alla destra del Padre,  
abbi pietà di noi. **Rit.**

Tu solo il Santo, tu solo il Signore,  
tu, l'Altissimo, Gesù Cristo,  
con lo Spirito Santo  
nella gloria del Padre. **Rit.**

## 11 gloria (Giombini)

Gloria! Gloria a Dio  
nell'alto dei cieli  
gloria e pace e pace  
in terra agli uomini  
di buona volontà.

Ti lodiamo (ti lodiamo).  
Ti benediciamo (ti benediciamo).  
Ti adoriamo (ti adoriamo).  
Ti glorifichiamo (ti glorifichiamo).  
Ti rendiamo grazie  
per la tua gloria immensa. **Rit.**

Signore, Figlio unigenito,  
Gesù Cristo, Signore Dio,  
Agnello di Dio, Figlio del Padre,  
tu che togli i peccati,  
i peccati del mondo  
abbi pietà di noi, abbi pietà di noi.  
**Rit.**

Tu che togli i peccati,  
i peccati del mondo  
accogli, accogli la nostra supplica.  
Tu che siedi alla destra,  
alla destra del Padre  
abbi pietà di noi, abbi pietà di noi.  
**Rit.**

Perché tu solo il Santo,  
(perché tu solo il Santo)  
tu solo il Signore,  
(tu solo il Signore)  
tu solo l'Altissimo,  
(tu solo l'altissimo)  
Gesù Cristo (Gesù Cristo),  
con lo Spirito Santo  
nella gloria di Dio Padre.  
Amen.





## 12 Jesus Christ You are my life

Cristo vive in mezzo a noi  
Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Cristo vive in mezzo a noi,  
in mezzo a noi, alleluia.  
Jesus Christ you are my life  
Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Jesus Christ you are my life,  
you are my life, Alleluia.

Tu sei Via, sei Verità  
Tu sei la nostra Vita,  
camminando insieme a Te  
vivremo in Te per sempre

Ci raccogli nell'unità,  
riuniti nell'amore,  
nella gioia dinanzi a Te  
cantando la Tua gloria.

Nella gioia camminerem,  
portando il Tuo Vangelo,  
testimoni di carità,  
figli di Dio nel mondo.

## 13 Laudato sii Signore Mio

Laudato sii, Signore mio  
Laudato sii, Signore mio  
Laudato sii, Signore mio  
Laudato sii, Signore mio.

Per il sole d'ogni giorno  
che riscalda e dona vita;  
egli illumina il cammino  
di chi cerca te, Signore.  
Per la luna e per le stelle,  
io le sento mie sorelle;  
le hai formate su nel cielo  
e le doni a chi è nel buio.

Per la nostra madre terra  
che ci dona fiori ed erba;  
su di lei noi fatichiamo  
per il pane d'ogni giorno.  
Per chi soffre con coraggio  
e perdona nel tuo amore:  
tu gli dai la pace tua  
alla sera della vita.

Per la morte che è di tutti,  
io la sento ogni istante;  
ma se vivo nel tuo amore  
dona un senso alla sua vita.  
Per l'amore che è nel mondo  
tra una donna e l'uomo suo,  
per la vita dei bambini  
che il mondo fanno nuovo.

Io ti canto, mio Signore,  
e con me la creazione  
ti ringrazia umilmente  
perché tu sei il Signore.



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## 14 Quando lo Spirito vive in me

Quando lo Spirito  
vive in me,  
io canto come David.  
Io canto, io canto,  
io canto come David. (2v)

Quando lo Spirito  
vive in me,  
io lodo come David...  
io esulto come David...  
io danzo come David...  
io prego come David...

## 16 Resta qui con noi

Le ombre si distendono,  
scende ormai la sera  
e si allontanano dietro i monti  
i riflessi di un giorno che non finirà  
di un giorno che ora correrà sempre  
perché sappiamo che una nuova vita  
da qui è partita e mai più si fermerà.

**Resta qui con noi  
il sole scende già  
resta qui con noi Signore  
è sera ormai  
resta qui con noi  
il sole scende già  
se tu sei tra noi  
la notte non verrà.**

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## 15 Santo Zairese

Santo, Santo; Osanna!  
Santo, Santo; Osanna!

**Osanna eh, Osanna eh,  
Osanna a Cristo Signor.  
Osanna eh, Osanna eh,  
Osanna a Cristo Signor.**

I cieli e la terra o Signore  
sono pieni di te!  
I cieli e la terra o Signore  
sono pieni di te! **Rit.**

Benedetto colui che viene  
nel nome tuo Signor!  
Benedetto colui che viene  
nel nome tuo Signor! **Rit.**

S'allarga verso il mare  
il tuo cerchio d'onda  
che il vento spingerà  
fino a quando giungerà  
ai confini di ogni cuore  
alle porte dell'amore vero  
come una fiamma  
che dove passa brucia  
così il tuo amore tutto il mondo  
invaderà. **Rit.**

Davanti a noi l'umanità  
lotta, soffre e spera  
come una terra che  
nell'arsura chiede l'acqua  
da un cielo senza nuvole  
ma che sempre le può dare vita  
con te saremo  
sorgente d'acqua pura  
con te tra noi il deserto fiorirà. **Rit.**

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## 17 Servo per amore

Una notte di sudore  
sulla barca in mezzo al mare  
e mentre il cielo si imbianca già,  
tu guardi le tue reti vuote.  
Ma la voce che ti chiama  
un altro mare ti mostrerà  
e sulle rive di ogni cuore,  
le tue reti getterai.

**Offri la vita tua come Maria  
ai piedi della croce e sarai  
servo di ogni uomo, servo per  
amore, sacerdote  
dell'umanità.**

Avanzavi nel silenzio  
fra le lacrime e speravi  
che il seme sparso davanti a Te  
cadesse sulla buona terra.  
Ora il cuore tuo è in festa  
perché il grano biondeggia ormai,  
è maturato sotto il sole,  
puoi riporlo nei granai.

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## 18 Symbolum 80

Oltre la memoria  
del tempo che ho vissuto  
oltre la speranza  
che serve al mio domani  
oltre al desiderio  
di vivere il presente  
anch'io confesso ho chiesto  
"che cosa è verità?"

E tu come un desiderio  
che non ha memorie, Padre buono,  
come una speranza  
che non ha confini  
come un tempo eterno sei per me.

**Io so quanto amore chiede  
questa lunga attesa del tuo  
giorno o Dio.  
Luce in ogni cosa  
io non vedo ancora  
ma la tua parola mi  
rischiererà.**

Quando le parole  
non bastano all'amore  
quando il mio fratello  
domanda più del pane  
quando l'illusione  
promette un mondo nuovo  
anch'io rimango incerto  
nel mezzo del cammino.  
E tu Figlio tanto amato  
verità dell'uomo, mio Signore,  
come la promessa  
di un perdono eterno  
libertà infinita sei per me.

Chiedo alla mia mente  
coraggio di cercare  
chiedo alle mie mani  
la forza di donare  
chiedo al cuore incerto  
passione per la vita  
e chiedo a te fratello  
di credere con me.  
E tu forza della vita  
Spirito d'amore dolce Iddio  
grembo d'ogni cosa  
tenerezza immensa  
verità del mondo sei per me.





## 19 Ti ringrazio mio Signore

Amatevi l'un l'altro  
come lui ha amato noi;  
e siate per sempre suoi amici;  
e quello che farete  
al più piccolo tra voi  
credete, l'avete fatto a lui.

**Ti ringrazio mio Signore  
non ho più paura,  
perché con la mia mano  
nella mano degli amici miei,  
cammino tra la gente  
della mia città  
e non mi sento più solo;  
non sento la stanchezza  
e guardo dritto avanti a me,  
perché sulla mia strada  
ci sei tu.**

Se amate veramente  
perdonatevi tra voi  
nel cuore di ognuno ci sia pace;  
il Padre che è nei cieli  
vede tutti i figli suoi  
con gioia a voi perdonerà. **Rit.**

Sarete suoi amici  
se vi amate tra di voi  
e questo è tutto il suo Vangelo;  
l'amore non ha prezzo,  
non misura ciò che dà,  
l'amore confini non ne ha. **Rit.**

## 20 Tu al centro del mio cuore

Ho bisogno di incontrarti  
nel mio cuore  
di trovare te, di stare insieme a te,  
unico riferimento nel mio andare,  
unica ragione tu,  
unico sostegno tu,  
al centro del mio cuore  
ci sei solo tu.

Anche il cielo gira intorno  
e non ha pace,  
ma c'è un punto fermo  
è quella stella là,  
la stella polare è fissa ed è la sola,  
la stella polare tu,  
la stessa sicura tu,  
al centro del mio cuore  
ci sei solo tu.

**Tutto ruota intorno a te  
in funzione di te  
e poi non importa il come,  
il dove, il se.**

Che tu splenda sempre  
al centro del mio cuore  
il significato allora sarai tu,  
quello che farò  
sarà soltanto amore,  
unico sostegno tu, la stella polare tu,  
al centro del mio cuore ci sei solo tu.

**Tutto ruota intorno a te  
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e poi non importa il come,  
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al centro del mio cuore ci sei solo tu.

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## 21 Tu sei

Tu sei la prima stella del mattino,  
Tu sei la nostra grande nostalgia  
Tu sei il cielo chiaro dopo la paura,  
dopo la paura di esserci perduti  
e tornerà la vita in questo mare.  
(2 volte)

**Soffierà, soffierà  
il vento forte della vita,  
Soffierà sulle vele  
e le gonfierà di Te.  
Soffierà, soffierà  
il vento forte della vita,  
Soffierà sulle vele  
e le gonfierà di Te.**

Tu sei l'unico volto della pace,  
tu sei speranza delle nostre mani  
tu sei il vento nuovo sulle nostre ali,  
sulle nostre ali soffierà la vita  
e gonfierà le vele in questo mare.  
**Rit.**

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## 22 Vivere la vita

Vivere la vita  
con le gioie e coi dolori  
di ogni giorno,  
è quello che Dio vuole da te.  
Vivere la vita  
e inabissarti nell'amore  
è il tuo destino,  
è quello che Dio vuole da te.  
Fare insieme agli altri  
la tua strada verso Lui,  
correre con i fratelli tuoi...  
Scoprirai allora il cielo  
dentro di te,  
una scia di luce lascerai.

Vivere la vita  
è l'avventura più stupenda  
dell'amore,  
è quello che Dio vuole da te.  
Vivere la vita  
è generare ogni momento  
il Paradiso,  
è quello che Dio vuole da te.  
Vivere perché ritorni  
al mondo l'unità,  
perché Dio sta nei fratelli tuoi...  
Scoprirai allora il cielo  
dentro di te,  
una scia di luce lascerai.

Vivere perché ritorni  
al mondo l'unità,  
perché Dio sta nei fratelli tuoi...  
Scoprirai allora il cielo dentro di te,  
una scia di luce lascerai,  
una scia di luce lascerai.



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## 23 La canzone di San Damiano

Ogni uomo semplice  
porta in cuore un sogno  
con amore e umiltà potrà  
costruirlo.

Se con fede tu saprai  
vivere umilmente  
più felice tu sarai  
anche senza niente.

**Se vorrai ogni giorno con il  
tuo sudore  
una pietra dopo l'altra in alto  
arriverai.**

Nella vita semplice  
troverai la strada  
che la pace donerà  
al tuo cuore puro.  
E le gioie semplici  
sono le più belle  
sono quelle che alla fine  
sono le più grandi.

**Dai e dai ogni giorno  
con il tuo sudore  
una pietra dopo l'altra  
in alto arriverai.**

Vivi sempre libero,  
non avere fretta:  
con la fede e grande amore  
questo è ciò che conta.

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## 24 Com'è bello e gioioso

Com'è bello e gioioso  
stare insieme come fratelli. (2)

Come olio che scende sulla testa  
profumando tutto il volto. (2)

Come olio che scende sulla barba  
profumando anche le vesti. (2)

Come rugiada che scende  
dall'Ermon sui monti di Sion. (2)

Il Signore ha mandato  
benedizione e la vita per sempre. (2)

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## 25 Come un fiume

**Come un fiume in piena che  
la sabbia non può arrestare  
come l'onda che dal mare si  
distende sulla riva  
ti preghiamo Padre che così  
si sciolga il nostro amore  
e l'amore dove arriva sciolga  
il dubbio e la paura.**

Come un pesce che risale a nuoto  
fino alla sorgente  
va a scoprire dove nasce e si  
diffonde la sua vita  
ti preghiamo Padre che noi  
risaliamo la corrente  
fino ad arrivare alla vita nell'amore.



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Come l'erba che germoglia cresce  
senza far rumore  
ama il giorno della pioggia si  
addormenta sotto il sole  
ti preghiamo Padre che così in un  
giorno di silenzio  
anche in noi germogli questa vita  
nell'amore.

Come un albero che affonda le  
radici nella terra  
e su questa terra l'uomo costruisce  
la sua casa  
ti preghiamo Padre buono di  
portarci alla Tua casa  
dove vivere una vita piena  
nell'amore.

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## 26 Il canto dell'amore

Se dovrai attraversare il deserto,  
non temere io sarò con te.  
Se dovrai camminare nel fuoco  
la sua fiamma non ti brucerà.  
Seguirai la mia luce nella notte,  
sentirai la mia forza nel cammino.  
Io sono il tuo Dio, il Signore.

Sono io che ti ho fatto e plasmato,  
ti ho chiamato per nome.  
Io da sempre ti ho conosciuto  
e ti ho dato il mio amore.  
Perché tu sei prezioso  
ai miei occhi,  
vali più del più grande dei tesori  
io sarò con te, dovunque andrai.

Non pensare alle cose di ieri,  
cose nuove fioriscono già.  
Aprirò nel deserto sentieri,  
darò acqua nell'aridità.  
Perché tu sei prezioso  
ai miei occhi,  
vali più del più grande dei tesori.  
Io sarò con te, dovunque andrai.

Io ti sarò accanto, sarò con te,  
per tutto il tuo viaggio sarò con te.

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## 27 Nella luce del Signor

Nella luce del Signor marciamo (4)

Nella forza del Signor marciamo (4)

Nella fede del Signor marciamo (4)

Nella gioia del Signor marciamo (4)

Nella pace del Signor marciamo (4)

Nell'amore del Signor marciamo (4)

Nella luce del Signor marciamo,  
nella forza del Signor marciamo.  
Nella pace del Signor marciamo.



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## **28** Ora che il giorno finisce

Dio, quante volte ho pensato, la sera,  
di non averti incontrato per niente;  
e la memoria del canto di ieri,  
come d'un tratto sembrava lontana.

Dio, quante volte ho abbassato lo  
sguardo,  
spento il sorriso, nascosto la mano:  
quante parole lasciate cadere,  
quanti silenzi, ti chiedo perdono.

Io ti ringrazio per ogni creatura,  
per ogni momento  
del tempo che vivo.  
Io ti ringrazio perché questo canto  
libero e lieto ti posso cantare. (2)

Ora che il giorno finisce, Signore,  
ti voglio cantare parole d'amore;  
voglio cantare la gente incontrata  
il tempo vissuto, le cose che ho  
avuto.

Sorrisi di gioia, parole scambiate,  
le mani intrecciate  
nel gesto di pace  
e dentro le cose – pensiero  
improvviso –  
la tua tenerezza il tuo stesso  
sorriso.

## **29** Su ali d'aquila

Tu che abiti al riparo del Signore  
e che dimori alla sua ombra  
di' al Signore "mio rifugio,  
mia roccia in cui confido".

**E ti rialzerà, ti solleverà,  
su ali d'aquila ti reggerà  
sulla brezza dell'alba  
ti farà brillar come il sole,  
così nelle sue mani vivrai.**

Dal laccio del cacciatore ti libererò  
e dalla carestia che distrugge.  
Poi ti coprirà con le sue ali  
e rifugio troverai.

Non devi temere i terrori della notte  
né freccia che vola di giorno  
mille cadranno al tuo fianco,  
ma nulla ti colpirà.

Perché ai suoi angeli  
ha dato un comando  
di preservarti in tutte le tue vie  
ti porteranno sulle loro mani  
contro la pietra non inciamberai.

**E ti rialzerà, ti solleverà,  
su ali d'aquila ti reggerà  
sulla brezza dell'alba  
ti farà brillar come il sole,  
così nelle sue mani vivrai.**

**E ti rialzerò, ti solleverò,  
su ali d'aquila ti reggerò  
sulla brezza dell'alba  
ti farò brillar come il sole,  
così nelle mie mani vivrai.**





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## 30 Vieni, vieni, Spirito d'Amore

Vieni, vieni, Spirito d'amore,  
ad insegnar le cose di Dio,  
vieni, vieni, Spirito di pace  
a suggerir le cose che Lui  
ha detto a noi.

Noi ti invochiamo Spirito di Cristo  
vieni tu dentro di noi.  
Cambia i nostri occhi,  
fa' che noi vediamo  
la bontà di Dio per noi.

Vieni o Spirito dai quattro venti  
e soffia su chi non ha vita.  
Vieni o Spirito e soffia su di noi  
perché anche noi riviviamo.

Insegnaci a sperare,  
insegnaci ad amare  
insegnaci a lodare Iddio.  
Insegnaci a pregare,  
insegnaci la via  
insegnaci tu l'unità.

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## 31 Vocazione

Era un giorno come tanti altri  
e quel giorno lui passò.  
Era un uomo come tutti gli altri  
e passando mi chiamò.  
Come lo sapesse che il mio nome  
era proprio quello  
come mai vedesse proprio me

nella sua vita non lo so.  
Era un giorno come tanti altri  
e quel giorno mi chiamò.

**Tu Dio,  
che conosci il nome mio  
fa' che ascoltando la tua voce  
io ricordi dove porta  
la mia strada  
nella vita all'incontro con te.**

Era l'alba triste e senza vita  
e qualcuno mi chiamò.  
Era un uomo come tanti altri  
ma la voce quella no.  
Quante volte un uomo  
con il nome giusto mi ha chiamata.  
Una volta sola l'ho sentito  
pronunciare con amore.  
Era un uomo come nessun altro  
e quel giorno mi chiamò.

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## 32 Evenu Shalom

Evenu shalom alehem (3)  
Evenu shalom, shalom, shalom  
alehem

E sia la pace con noi (3)  
Evenu shalom, shalom, shalom  
alehem

And the peace be with us (3)  
Evenu shalom, shalom, shalom  
alehem

Et la paix soit avec nous (3)  
Evenu shalom, shalom, shalom  
alehem



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Y sea la paz con nosotros (3)  
Evenu shalom, shalom, shalom  
alehem

Diciamo pace al mondo  
Cantiamo pace al mondo  
La nostra vita sia gioiosa  
Ed il saluto, pace, giunga fino a voi.

Evenu shalom alehem (3)  
Evenu shalom, shalom, shalom  
alehem

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### 33 Gesù che sta passando

Gesù che sta  
passando proprio qui,  
Gesù che sta  
passando proprio qui  
E quando passa  
tutto si trasforma,  
via la tristezza  
viene l'allegria  
E quando passa  
tutto si trasforma,  
viene l'allegria nel mio cuor  
e nel tuo cuor. (3)

Chi è che ama - Gesù ama!  
Chi è che salva - Gesù salva!  
Chi è che regna - Gesù regna! **Rit.**

### 34 Ho gioia come un fiume

Io ho gioia come un fiume  
Gioia come un fiume  
Io ho gioia come un fiume nel mio  
cuor (2)

Io ho pace come un fiume  
Pace come un fiume  
Io ho pace come un fiume nel mio  
cuor (2)

Io ho amore come un fiume  
Amore come un fiume  
Io ho amore come un fiume nel mio  
cuor (2)

Io ho gioia, pace e amore  
Io ho gioia, pace e amore  
Io ho gioia, pace e amore nel mio  
cuor (2)

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### 35 La gioia

Ascolta il rumore  
delle onde del mare  
ed il canto notturno dei mille  
pensieri dell'umanità,  
che riposa dopo il traffico  
di questo giorno  
e di sera si incanta davanti  
al tramonto  
che il sole le dà.



Respira, e da un soffio di vento  
raccolgi il profumo dei fiori  
che non hanno chiesto  
che un po' di umiltà.  
E se vuoi puoi cantare,  
e cantare che hai voglia di dare,  
e cantare  
che ancora nascosta  
può esistere felicità.

Perché la vuoi, perché tu puoi  
riconquistare un sorriso;  
e puoi giocare e puoi sperare  
che ti hanno detto bugie,  
se han raccontato che l'hanno  
uccisa,  
che han calpestato la gioia,  
perché la gioia, perché la gioia,  
perché la gioia è con te!

E magari fosse un attimo vivila,  
ti prego,  
e magari a denti stretti non farla  
morire,  
anche immersa nel frastuono tu  
falla sentire,  
hai bisogno di gioia come me.  
La la la la

Ancora,  
è già tardi ma rimani ancora  
per gustare ancora per poco  
quest'aria scoperta stasera;  
e domani ritorna,  
fra la gente che corre e dispera,  
tu saprai che nascosta nel cuore  
può esistere felicità.

## 36 Com'è bella in Fede e Luce la semplicità

Con il cuore pieno di riconoscenza  
Noi veniamo uniti come una  
famiglia  
Vieni tu / vengo anch'io  
Ridi tu / rido anch'io  
E la pace / fra noi  
Non dovrò / finir mai

### Come è bella in Fede e Luce la "semplicità"

Con il dono della vera umanità  
Gran ricchezza è stare qui,  
in comunità  
Vieni tu / vengo anch'io  
Ridi tu / rido anch'io  
E la gioia / doniam  
A chi solo / troviam

### Come è bella in Fede e Luce la "semplicità"

Quanti momenti Che ho vissuto  
pienamente  
Con tanta allegria  
Volti raggianti Che ci fanno  
superare  
Tutte le avversità, difficoltà,  
fragilità.

Ricordando il compleanno  
40 anni ci cammino  
Qui riuniti intorno a te Padre Santo  
ti chiediamo  
Benedici tutti noi Ad Assisi poi  
andiam Con Francesco aregar

*Tutte le avversità, difficoltà, fragilità.*



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## 37 Messaggeri di gioia

**Vivi l'avventura  
Guarda il mondo fuori  
E' una grande tela Piena di  
colori**

Prima il bianco per lo sfondo  
(Prima il bianco che dà)  
da risalto a tutto il resto  
(risalto al resto)  
per la gioia di ogni gesto  
(una tinta di blu)  
usa il blu del mare più profondo  
(del mare più profondo)

Verde nascerà un germoglio che  
parla di speranza gialla luce da  
un stella che riempie la mia stanza

**Vivi l'avventura  
Guarda il mondo fuori  
E' una grande tela  
Usa i tuoi colori**

Rosso fuoco di passione  
(la passione che hai tu)  
tutta quella che puoi dare  
(quella che tu puoi dare)  
qualche macchia di marrone  
(una terra laggiù)  
come terra da coltivare  
(da coltivare)

Il Signore sa che fatica e non ti  
lascierà solo  
Il signore sa veglia su di te mentre  
spicchi il volo

**Vivi l'avventura  
Guarda il mondo fuori**

**E' una grande tela  
Usa i tuoi colori**

Il Signore sa che fatica e  
non ci lascerà soli Il signore sa  
veglia su di noi chiama i nostri  
nomi

Stai finendo il tuo dipinto  
(stai finendo ma tu)  
ma non puoi far tutto da solo  
(non puoi fare da solo)  
ogni amico che ti sta accanto  
(il tuo amico saprà)  
potrà aggiungere un colore nuovo  
(colore nuovo) sfumature che  
parlano di te non avrai più paura  
volerai più in su e sarai anche tu  
messaggero di gioia

**Vivi l'avventura  
Guarda il mondo fuori  
E' una grande tela  
Piena di colori**

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## 38 Messaggeri siamo noi

Siamo arrivati qui tra tanti volti e  
sguardi ho visto te,  
ecco la strada che, mio caro amico,  
ci accoglierà.  
Fede e Luce sai cos'è, un nuovo  
mondo che sorprenderà.  
Credici e vedrai,  
gridiamo ad una voce.



**Messaggeri siamo noi  
oltre le onde verso Kimata,  
siamo noi la gioia che  
come il vento vola libera.**

Vrethikame olì masì,  
ke mèsto kòsmo idà to vlèma su  
Ò dròmos ìne aftòs,  
pu tha mas diksi pune i-charà  
Pisti ke fòs inè jià màs,  
o kòsmos pu-mas alazi mesa mas  
Tragùdise ke esì,  
olì-masì me-mia-fonì. Òpos ta

Kìmata sta kìmata, agheliofòri  
imàste ke emìs  
Emìs imàste i-charà òpos o ànemos  
fisài makrià

Coming from sky and sea, we join  
together happy and joyfully,  
this is the road we see, we're really  
welcome here my little friend.  
Faith and Light you know what is, a  
new great world, amazing, yes it is.  
Believe in me and you will see,  
loudly we shall sing.

Messengers we really are, over the  
waves towards Kimata,  
Joyfulness together far, flying free  
like a mighty wind.

**Messaggeri siamo noi  
oltre le onde verso Kimata,  
siamo noi la gioia  
che come il vento vola libera.**

## 39 Mi pensamiento eres tu

Mi pensamiento eres tu Señor (4)

Porque tu me has dado la vida  
Porque tu me has dado el existir  
Porque tu me has dado cariño,  
me has dado amor (2)

Mi Salvador lo eres tu Señor  
Mi sanador lo eres tu Señor  
Mi proveedor lo eres tu Señor  
Toda mi vidad eres tu

Mi compañero eres tu Señor  
Mi enamorado eres tu Señor  
Mi abogado eres tu Señor  
Rey de mi vida eres tu

## 40 Perfetta letizia

Frate Leone, agnello del Signore,  
per quanto possa un Frate sull'acqua  
camminare,  
sanare gli ammalati  
o vincere ogni male,  
o far vedere i ciechi e i morti  
camminare...

Frate Leone, pecorella del Signore,  
per quanto possa un Santo Frate  
parlare ai pesci e agli animali  
e possa ammansire i lupi e farli amici  
come i cani,  
per quanto possa lui svelare che cosa  
ci darà il domani...



**Tu scrivi che questa non è  
perfetta letizia, perfetta  
letizia, perfetta letizia...**

Frate Leone, agnello del Signore,  
per quanto possa un Frate parlare  
tanto bene  
da far capire i sordi,  
e convertire i ladri,  
per quanto anche all'inferno lui  
possa far cristiani...

**Tu scrivi che questa non è  
perfetta letizia, perfetta  
letizia, perfetta letizia...**

Se in mezzo a frate inverno, fra neve,  
freddo e vento stasera arriveremo a  
casa e busseremo giù al portone,  
bagnati, stanchi ed affamati  
ci scambieranno per due ladri,  
ci scacceranno come cani,  
ci prenderanno a bastonate  
e al freddo toccherà aspettare con  
sora notte e sora fame.

E se sapremo pazientare, bagnati,  
stanchi e bastonati  
pensando che così Dio vuole e il  
male trasformarlo in bene...

**Tu scrivi che questa è perfetta  
letizia, perfetta letizia,  
perfetta letizia...**

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## **41** La comunità

Sono io, sono io,  
sono io a far comunità,

Sono io, sono io,  
sono io a far comunità,  
Sono io, sono io,  
sono io a far comunità,  
Sono io a far comunità, la la la.

**Naviga verso il cielo, torna  
verso il mare, vai dalle tue  
parti a far comunità (2)**

Sei tu... **Rit.**  
Siamo noi... **Rit.**  
È l'amore... **Rit.**  
È Lui... **Rit.**

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## **42** Forza venite gente

Forza venite gente che in piazza si va  
un grande spettacolo c'è,  
Francesco al padre la roba ridà.  
Rendimi tutti i soldi che hai!  
Eccoli i tuoi soldi, tieni padre, sono  
tuoi, eccoti la giubba di velluto,  
se la vuoi.

Non mi serve nulla, con un saio me  
ne andrò. Eccoti le scarpe, solo i  
piedi mi terrò.  
Butto via il passato, il nome che mi  
hai dato tu, nudo come un verme  
non ti devo niente più.  
Non avrà più casa, più famiglia non avrà.  
Ora avrà soltanto un padre che si  
chiama Dio!

Forza venite gente che in piazza si va  
un grande spettacolo c'è, Francesco  
al padre la roba ridà.



Figlio degenerato che sei!  
Non avrai più casa, più famiglia,  
non avrai. Non sai più chi eri, ma sai  
quello che sarai.

Figlio della strada, vagabondo sono  
io, col destino in tasca, ora il mondo  
è tutto mio.

Ora sono un uomo perché libero  
sarò, ora sono ricco perché niente  
più vorrò.

Nella sua bisaccia pane e fame e  
poesia.

Fiori di speranza segneranno la mia  
via!

Forza venite gente che in piazza si va  
un grande spettacolo c'è.

Francesco ha scelto la sua libertà.

Figlio degenerato che sei! Figlio  
degenerato che sei!

Ora sarà diverso da noi...

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## 43 Volare, volare

E il sole uscì color cinese, e il suo  
ventaglio al cielo aprì.

E in quel fantastico paese,

Francesco dentro un quadro naïf.

E tutto il cielo è sceso in terra, e  
uccelli a frotte ai piedi miei.

Buongiorno piccoli fratelli, felicità  
della tribù di Dio.

**E volare, volare, volare, volare  
Noi siamo l'allegria.**

**E volare, volare, volare, volare  
Leggero il cuore sia.**

**E volare, volare, volare, volare  
Chi ha piume volerà.**

Na, na, naeu, nané, na ,nà (2 v.)  
E come a tanti fraticelli, a gufi e  
passeri parlò.

Attraversate monti e valli, e dite al  
mondo quello che dirò. **Rit.**

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## 44 Laudato sii

Laudato sii mi Signore  
con tutte le tue creature  
specialmente Frate Sole che dà la  
luce al giorno e che ci illumina  
per tua volontà raggiante e bello  
con grande splendore  
di Te è l'immagine altissimo,  
altissimo Signore.

Laudato sii mi Signore per Sora Luna  
e le stelle luminose e belle.  
Alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia

Laudato sii mi Signore per Sora Luna  
e le stelle luminose e belle

Laudato sii mi Signore per Sora  
Acqua tanto umile e preziosa.

Laudato sii mi Signore per Frate Foco  
che ci illumina la notte.

Ed esso è bello robusto e forte

Laudato sii, laudato sii mi Signore  
per Frate Vento e per Sora Aria per le  
nuvole e il sereno per la pioggia e  
per il cielo.

Per Sora nostra Madre Terra che  
ci nutre e ci governa o altissimo  
Signore.

Alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia





Laudato sii mi Signore che per Sora  
nostra Morte corporale.  
Laudato sii mi Signore per quelli che  
perdonano per il tuo amore.  
Per Sora nostra Madre Terra che  
ci nutre e ci governa o altissimo  
Signore.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## 45 Luna

Luna, luna,  
là che solitaria in cielo stai  
Che tutto vedi e nulla sai  
Luna, luna là  
Che sui confini nostri vai  
E fronti e limiti non hai  
E tutti noi uguali fai  
Tu che risplendi  
Sui nostri visi bianchi o neri  
Tu che ispiri e diffondi  
Uguali brividi e pensieri  
Fra tutti noi quaggiù

Luna, luna là  
Mantello bianco di pietà  
Presenza muta di ogni Dio  
Del tuo del mio  
Del Dio che sa  
Tu che fai luce all'uomo  
errante in ogni via  
Dacci pace, la tua pace  
La bianca pace e così sia  
Per questa umanità  
Ah... Ah... Bianca luna, bianca luna...

## 46 Canoni di Taizé

Jubilate Deo omnis terra  
Jubilate Deo omnis terra. Servite  
Domino in laetitia.  
Alleluia, alleluia, in laetitia. Alleluia,  
alleluia, in laetitia.

Magnificat  
Magnificat, magnificat, magnificat  
anima mea Dominum,  
magnificat, magnificat, magnificat  
anima mea.

Misericordias Domini  
Misericordias Domini in aeternum  
cantabo.

Nada te turbe  
Nada te turbe, nada te espante:  
quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.  
Nada te turbe, nada te espante: solo  
Dios basta.

Ubi caritas  
Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus  
ibi est.

Laudate Domini  
Laudate Dominu, laudate dominum,  
omnes gentes, alleluia

De Noche Iremos  
De noche iremos, de noche, que para  
encontrar la fuente.  
Solo la sed nos alumbrá, solo la sed  
nos alumbrá.  
Di noche andremo, di notte, per  
trovare la fonte,  
solo la sete ci guida, solo la sete ci  
guida.



Dona la pace, Signore  
Dona la pace, Signore,  
a chi confida in te;  
dona la pace, Signore,  
dona la pace.

Dans nos obscurités  
Dans nos obscurités,  
Allume le feu qui ne s'éteint jamais,  
qui ne s'éteint jamais.  
Dans nos obscurités,  
Allume le feu qui ne s'éteint jamais,  
qui ne s'éteint jamais.

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## 47 **Vále stin kardiá mas tin agápi**

Vále stin kardiá mas tin agápi  
ti galíni, tin elpída, ti chará  
gia na ímaste to fos pou lámpi  
iliaktída mes tin katachniá (2)  
sti kardiá mas vále chará (2)

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## 48 **Chirokrotíste oi laoí**

Chirokrotíste oi laoí,  
chirokrotíste to Theó (2)  
Tragoudíste,  
tragoudíste to Theó to vasiliá (2)

## 49 **Káne me Theé mou ergáti irínis**

Káne me Theé mou ergáti irínis  
Káne me Theé mou ergáti pistó  
tis irínis sou

**Óπου ipárchi mísos  
na férho tin agápi  
Óπου ipárchi skótos  
na férho to fos  
Stin amfivolía  
na férho tin pisti**

**Óπου ipárchi échthra  
na férho ti signómi  
Óπου ipárchi lípi  
na férho chará  
Stin apelpisia na férho elpída**

**Óπου ipárchi pséma  
na férho tin alithia  
Óπου ipárchi fóvos  
na férho tin andría  
Stin anisichia na férho iríni.**

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## 50 **O Kírie mou**

O Kírie mou póso Se doxázo  
ki ekstatikós ta érga sou kitó  
Vlépo to fos tou íliou kai t' astéria  
pou si eskórpises ston ouranó

Tóte i psychí mou psállí kai imní  
ti dóxa sou ti thavmastí  
Kai mesa apó ti kardiá mou tapiná  
se efcharistó gia óla aftá.





## 51 To giasemí

To giasemí stin póрта sou  
giasemí mou  
írtha na to kladépso  
och giavrí mou  
kai nómise i mána sou  
giasemí mou  
pos írtha na se klépso  
och giavrí mou

To giasemí stin póрта sou  
giasemí mou  
moskovolá tis strátes  
och giavrí mou  
ki i myrodiá tou i pollí  
giasemí mou  
sklavónei tous diavátes  
och giavrí mou

## 52 Oúlla chalálin sou

Tziin to mitsín to trímmaton  
ta melissía ta mmáthkia  
mes to chakkín straftokopoún  
axízousin paláthkia.

**Gia tin karkián  
tziai tin ankálin sou  
ma to Theó  
oúlla chalálin sou.**

Kýpros mou gia enan gélio sou  
thkío sou ton ánthropó mou  
móno mitá sou enná dechtó  
na moirastó to fos mou.

**Gia tin karkián  
tziai tin ankálin sou  
ma to Theó  
oúlla chalálin sou.**

Ta melissía ta mmáthkia tou  
tis melissas imoiázoun  
óntas sou krouzousin ti mian  
tin álli méli stássoun.

## 53 Tillirkotissa

Esei é vereve nan  
á varava stron  
tzi e vere n mitsín  
mes tous vourouvou s  
eftá varava planí virivi tes  
gia vara lourou vourou da mou

**Trialála la la**

Tzi epiá varava san me vereve  
mes ti virivi n karkián  
ta ló vorovo gia  
pou vourouvou mou  
ei virivi pes  
ma vara vroma vara ta mou

**Trialála la la**

Epi virivi an tz ei virivi pan  
tis virivi s pellís  
pos é vereve n na pá varavá o  
pé vereve ra  
gia vara lourou vourou da mou.

**Trialála la la**

Tzi emá varava epse vereve n  
tin thá varava lassan  
tze así virivi kosé vereve n  
agé vereve ran  
ma vara vroma vara ta mou.

**Triálála la la**

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## 54 Come and see!

**Come and see!**  
**Come and see!**  
**And open your heart and eyes**  
**Come and see!**  
**That Jesus wants to melt you ice**  
**Come and see!**  
**There's place for everybody, yes!**

Come, come and see!  
When the raindrops are beginning  
to fell down don't be afraid,  
then don't worry and let the water  
kiss your face and shout:  
umbrella be away!

Quando il Signore chiama il tuo nome  
cosa devi far?  
Non ti preoccupare  
lasciati un po' andare, dai...  
Lui sarà con te! **Rit.**

Quali sono gli ingredienti per la gioia?  
Sono dentro te.  
Basta andare incontro al fratello  
col sorriso e sai...  
la gioia esploderà! **Rit.**

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## 55 Called to bear fruit

**Called to bear fruit in every place**  
**Called to bear fruit, every day,**  
**Called to bear fruit from the**  
**morning to night**  
**Called to bear fruit being Faith**  
**and Light**

Jesus calls you to follow him,  
But you are not alone, haven't you  
seen it?  
With all your talents and disabilities  
Give me your hand and come with me!

Fruits of peace, fruits of love,  
Fruits of joy and service, fruits of work.  
God needs you today to transform  
the world  
Let's sing and dance, more and more

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## 56 All over the world

All over the world the Spirit is  
moving,  
All over the world as the prophet  
said it would be. Alleluia!  
All over the world there's a mighty  
revelation  
of the glory of the Lord, as the waters  
cover the sea.

All over this land ...  
All over the Church...  
All over this room...  
All over us all ...  
Deep down in my heart



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## 57 Amis chantons notre joie

**Amis, chantons notre joie !  
Dieu est vivant, Alléluia.  
Chantons Jésus, Dieu de  
Lumière, Alléluia, Alléluia.**

Nous avons tous le coeur en fête,  
Alléluia  
Tous les pays sont rassemblés,  
Alléluia  
Nous venons vivre la rencontre,  
Alléluia  
Avec Jésus dans l'amitié, Alléluia (3)

Dieu est Amour, Dieu est Lumière,  
Alléluia  
Nous pensons tous à nos amis,  
Alléluia  
Portons chacun dans sa prière,  
Alléluia  
Ceux qui n'ont pu venir ici, Alléluia. (3)

**My friends, let's sing all our joy,  
God is alive, alleluia  
Sing of Jesus, Our God of light,  
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

On joyful holiday we come, alleluia  
Together drawn from every race,  
alleluia  
That we may all with lively love  
Encounter Jesus face to face.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Our God is love, our God is light,  
alleluia  
We think of absent friends and pray,  
alleluia

That God will bless them, one and  
all, alleluia  
Who can not be with us today.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Cantad, amigos, cantad  
Resucito, aleluya  
Cantad, cantad a nuestra luz  
Aleluya, aleluya**

Estamos llenos de alegría, aleluya  
Todos unidos en la paz, aleluya  
Para vivir esta jornada, aleluya  
Con el Señor en la amistad. Aleluya,  
aleluya, aleluya.

Estamos llenos de alegría, aleluya  
Porque la vida renació, aleluya  
Ya no tememos a la muerte, aleluya  
Nuestro Señor la derrotó , Aleluya,  
aleluya, aleluya.

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## 58 Beautiful

Beautiful, beautiful, Jesus is  
beautiful  
and Jesus makes beautiful  
things of my life.  
Carefully, touching me,  
causing my eyes to see  
and Jesus makes beautiful  
things of my life

Belo, belo, Jesus é belo  
e Jesus faz bela a minha vida  
Embalame, tocame, desperta  
omeu olhar  
E Jesus faz bela a minha vida.

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## 59 Ce que Dieu a choisi

Ce qu'il y a de fou dans le monde  
Voilà ce que Dieu a choisi  
Ce qu'il y a de faible dans le monde,  
Voilà ce que Dieu a choisi.

**Viens, Esprit de Feu,  
Viens, Esprit d'Amour,  
Viens, Esprit de Dieu,  
Viens, nous t'attendons.**

Whatsoever is called foolish in the  
world,  
That's what God chose to free.  
Whatsoever is called feeble in the  
world,  
That's what God chose to save.

**Come, Spirit of Fire,  
Come Spirit of Love,  
Come Spirit of God,  
Come, we await you.**

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## 60 Chante Alléluia

Chante alléluia au Seigneur (2)  
Chante alléluia (2)  
Chante alléluia au Seigneur.

Slava tobi boze nash (2) Alleluja,  
Alleluja (2)  
Slava Tobi boze nash

Sing Alleluia to the Lord (2) Sing  
Alleluia (2)  
Sing Alleluia to the Lord

Canta Aleluya al Señor (2) Canta  
Aleluya (2)  
Canta Aleluya al Señor

Singt Halleluja unserm Herrn (2)  
Singt Halleluja,  
Singt Halleluja unserm Herrn

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## 61 Fiesta fiesta

**Fiesta, fiesta, fiesta de fe,  
Fiesta, fiesta, fiesta de luz,  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Es Fe y Luz el gran  
encuentro con Jesús  
Aleluya, aleluya, es Fe y  
Luz el gran encuentro con  
Jesús.

Foi et Lumière c'est la  
rencontre avec Jésus,  
Alléluia, alléluia.  
Foi et Lumière c'est la  
rencontre avec Jésus.

In Faith and light we meet  
with Jesus face to face,  
alleluia, alleluia.  
In Faith and Light we meet  
with Jesus face to face.





## 62 Granito de mostaza

Si tuviera fe como un granito de mostaza, eso dice el Señor (2)  
Yo le diría ala montaña: muévete, muévete, muévete (2)  
Y la montaña se moverá, se moverá, se moverá (2)  
(Montaña / Chicas / Chicos/ Fe y Luz....)

Si tu as la foi comme une graine de moutarde } bis  
Comme le Seigneur nous a dit } bis  
Alors tu diras à la montagne } bis  
Bouge-toi, bouge-toi, bouge-toi } bis  
Et la montagne se bougera, se bougera, se bougera } bis

## 63 I love Jesus

I love Jesus, deep down in my heart (2)  
It's gonna be deep, deep, down,  
down, Deep down in my heart (2).

## 64 It's beginning to rain

It's beginning to rain rain rain Hear the voice of the father.  
He's saying whosoever will Come and drink from the water.  
I'm willing to pour my spirit out On my sons and my daughters.

If you're thirsty and dry, Lift you hands to the sky,  
It's beginning to rain.

Tombe, tombe la pluie, la jolie pluie  
C'est la voix de mon Père,  
N'entends-tu pas le doux récit des gouttes salutaires  
Je verserai sur mes petits mon esprit de lumière  
quand la pluie vous sourit cueillez cette eau bénie  
tombe, tombe la pluie.

## 65 Khallyk Dayman Maana

Tankammel al meshwar Inta al baadak na'esna  
Wel layl ysir Nhar  
Yassou elli jameaana

**Khallik khallik khallik dayman maana (2)**  
**Hott idak maana**

Ma bis'al inta meen inta khayyi w ma bes'al  
Bi ouyounak al helween yassoua fina byekbar

**Khallik khallik khallik dayman maana (2)**  
**Hott idak maana**

Law kenna mekhtelfine haydi hiyi neametna  
Byeb'a al rabb al amine  
Bihal neaami bi addesna Khallik

**khallik khallik khallik dayman  
maana (2)  
Hott idak maana**

Khod idi aatini idak Yassoua  
nehna tlamizak  
Hatta b iman w nour nkoun  
shouhoud l'injilak

**Khallik khallik khallik dayman  
maana (2)  
Hott idak maana**

خليك دايماً معنا  
تاتكمل المشوار إنت البتعدك ناقصنا  
والليل يصير نهار يسوع اللي  
جامعنا

خليك خليك خليك دايماً معنا (2)  
حطّ إيدك معنا

ما بسأل إنت مين إنت خبي وما  
بسأل  
بعيونك الحلوين يسوع فينا بيكبر  
خليك خليك خليك دايماً معنا (2)  
حطّ إيدك معنا

لو كنا مختلفين هيدي هي نعمتنا  
بيبقى الرب الأمين بهالنعمة بيقدسنا  
خليك خليك خليك دايماً معنا (2)  
حطّ إيدك معنا

خود إيدي عطيني إيدك  
يسوع نحن تلاميذك  
حتى بايمان ونور نكون  
شهود لإنجيلك  
خليك خليك خليك دايماً معنا (2)  
حطّ إيدك معنا

**66 Père, unis-nous tous**

Père, unis-nous tous (2)  
Que le monde croie en ton amour.  
Père, unis nous tous.

Father make us one (2)  
That the world may trust in your  
love. Father, make us one.

Padre unenos (2)  
Que el mundo crea en tu amor, Padre  
unenos.

**67 Si Yahamba**

Siya hamb'ekukhanyen kwenkhos  
Siya hamb'ekukhanyen kwenkhos  
(2)  
Siya'hamba, oo,  
Siya'hamb'ekukhanyen'kwenkhos

Nella luce, del Signore marciamo (4)  
Nella forza del Signore marciamo  
Nella gioia del Signore marciamo  
Nella pace del Signore marciamo  
Nella amore del Signore marciamo

We are marching in the light of  
God...  
....singing...  
...praying...  
...dancing...



## 68 Venid a beber de la fuente

Venid a beber de la fuente,  
venid a beber de amor,  
la fuente de la vida y del  
perdón  
la fuente de mi cuerpo y mi  
resurrección (2)

Si os amáis los unos a los otros,  
como yo os he amado a cada uno,  
en eso verán: sois amigos míos,  
en que dáis la vida como yo la doy (2)

Os llamé a todos por el nombre,  
y os junté en una comunidad,  
id por todo el mundo, sembrad la  
paz, amaos  
unos a otros, amaos de verdad (2)

Nadie tiene más amor por otro que  
aquel que su vida quiere dar, si el  
grano de trigo no muere ya, no  
puede dar fruto ni resucitará (2)

### Phonetics

2 = a

3 = aa

7 = h

3' = gh

## 69 Rouha llah nad3ouka

Rouha llah nad3ouka  
Ta2ti fi wassatna  
Tamla2na belkowa  
Ta7ya fina l Ann  
Anta lru7 lmo7yi  
Anta lrabbo l shafi  
Torshid wa to3azzi  
Sod 3layna l Ann

روح الله ندعوك، تأتي في وسطنا  
تملأنا بالقوة، تحيا فينا الآن (٢)  
(أنت الروح المحيي، أنت الرب الشافي  
ترشد وتعزّي، سد علينا الآن) (٢)

## 70 Ya Allah delni 3a nur

Ya Allah delni 3a nur  
Khallini imshi 3ala darb jdidi  
3allemni salli B lman wu 2uwi  
Khalli lma7abbi tekbar bi Albi  
Tahher Anfasna na2ilna 2lubna  
2lubna nawwer 32ulna tanssir 3ala  
darb l nur

يا الله دلني عالنور خليني امشي  
علي درب جديدة  
علمني صلي بايمان وقوة خلي المحبي  
تكبر بقلبي  
طهر اعمالنا نقيلنا قلوبنا. نور عقولنا  
تنسير على درب النور (2)





## 71 Rabbi anta tariki fi ma3ather l7ayat

Rabbi anta tariki fi ma3ather l7ayat  
Rabbi anta rafiki 3enda sa3ati l  
Mamat  
Anta wa7daka da3awt  
Anta wa7daka rajawt  
Anta 3'ayato l monah  
Anta masdaro l Hana  
Anta narun li kalbi  
Anta aydan Nassim  
Anta hadyon li darbi  
Anta Fajri l wassim  
Halleluia Halleluia Halleluia

رَبِّي أَنْتَ طَرِيقِي فِي مَعَاثِرِ الْحَيَاةِ  
رَبِّي أَنْتَ رَفِيقِي عِنْدَ سَاعَةِ  
الْمَمَاتِ

أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ دَعَوْتَ يَا يَسُوعَ  
أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ رَجَوْتَ يَا يَسُوعَ  
أَنْتَ غَايَةَ الْمَعْنَى يَا إِلَهِي  
أَنْتَ مَصْدَرُ الْهِنَا  
هَلْلُويَا هَلْلُويَا هَلْلُويَا هَلْلُويَا  
أَنْتَ نَارَ لِقَلْبِي أَنْتَ أَيْضًا نَسِيمَ  
أَنْتَ هَدَيْتَ لِدَرْبِي أَنْتَ فَجَّرْتَ الْوَسِيمَ  
أَعْضُدُ الْمَوْجِعِينَ سَاعِدِ الْيَائِسِينَ  
أَشْبِعِ الْجَائِعِينَ أَرْجِعِ الْخَاطِنِينَ  
أَنْتَ نُورَ طَرِيقِي أَنْتَ الْحَقَّ وَالْحَيَاةَ

## 72 Ya momtali2a ne3ma arrabo ma3aki

Ya momtali2a ne3ma arrabo ma3aki  
Anti moubaraka (2)  
wa moubarakon Ibnuki(2)  
Halleluia Halleluia(2)  
Moubaraka Mariyam(2)  
Wa mubarakon Ibnuki(2)

يَا مَمْتَلِيَّةُ نِعْمَةَ الرَّبِّ مَعَكَ

أَنْتِ مَبَارَكَةٌ أَنْتِ مَبَارَكَةٌ  
وَمَبَارَكٌ ابْنُكَ وَمَبَارَكٌ ابْنُكَ (2)  
هَلْلُويَا هَلْلُويَا هَلْلُويَا هَلْلُويَا  
مَبَارَكَةٌ مَرْيَمُ مَبَارَكَةٌ مَرْيَمُ  
وَمَبَارَكٌ ابْنُكَ وَمَبَارَكٌ ابْنُكَ

## 73 Shokran lillahi llazi yakuduna

Shokran lillahi llazi yakuduna  
bimawkibi nnosrati kulla 7in  
Kafokara2a la shay2a lana  
wa na7nu no3'ni , no3'ni lkathirin  
Iz nas3a 3anhu ka sofar2a ka2nna  
llaha ya3izo bina

Fi kulli 7inin lana fihi ktifa2  
min kulli ne3'ma , ne3ma wa 3'ina

yakuduka lrabbo 3ala dawam  
yoshbi3o fil jodobi nafssaka  
yonashito laka 3izamaka  
fatassir kajanna jannaten raya



شكراً لله الذي يقودنا في موكب

النصر كل حين

كفقراء لا شيء لنا ونحن نغني نغني  
كثيرين

+إذ نسعى عنه كسفراء كأن الله يعظ  
بنا

في كل حين لنا فيه اكتفاء من كل نعمة  
نعمة وغنى

+يقودك الرب على الدوام يشبع في  
الجدب نفسك

ينشط لك عظامك فتصير كجثة جثة  
رياً

+اطلبوا الرب ما دام يوجد ادعوه يوماً  
فهو قريب

يعطي المعني المعني قدرة وعديم القوة  
يكثر شدة

## 74 Inshallah l2am7a lli nzar3et bi 2lubna

Inshallah l2am7a lli nzar3et bi 2lubna  
Tmut wu tenma w tzahher ma7abbi  
Inshallah nass lli mnishufon 3a drubna  
Byetla2u bwejjak fina ya rrabbi

la tnassina lkelmi l2elta 3anna  
Into mel7 lard wu into nura  
La tetrekna dallak saken 3enna  
khallina nkun 3annak ajmal sura

Wa7dak Inta b3atm ldarb srajna  
Inta lkanz l mamnetkhalloh 3annu  
Better2at lkhetra teb2a siyajna  
Wasselna la nab3ak wu s2ina minno

إني شا الله القمحة اللي انزعت

بقلوبنا

تُموّت وتُتمى وتُزهَرُ مَحَبَّة  
إِنْ شَا اللهُ النَّاسَ لِمَنْشَوْفُنْ ع  
دُرُوبِنَا

يَتَلَقُوا بِوَجْهِكَ فِينَا يَا رَبِّي  
+ حِكَايَةَ حُبِّكَ لِلْكَلِّ حَكِينَاهَا  
وَمَا فِي مَطْرَحٍ إِلَّا مَا كَتَبْنَاهَا

يَمَكِّنْ نَحْنًا كَبْرِنَا وَنَسِينَاهَا  
رَجَعْنَا زَغَارٍ مِنْفَهُمْ مَعْنَاهَا  
+ لَا تَنْسِينَا الْكَلِمَةَ لُ قَلْتَا عَنَّا

إِنْتَوِ مِلْحَ الْأَرْضِ وَإِنْتَوِ نُورَا  
لَا تَبْرِكْنَا ضَلْكَ سَاكِنُ عَنَّا  
خَلِينَا نَكُونُ عَنْكَ أَجْمَلُ صُورَة

+ وَحَدِّكَ أَنْتَ بَعْتَمِ الدَّرْبِ سَرَاجِنَا،  
أَنْتَ الْكَنْزُ الْمَا مَنْتَخَلِي عَنَّا  
وَبِالطَّرْقَاتِ الْخَطْرَةَ بَتَبْقَى سِيَاجِنَا،

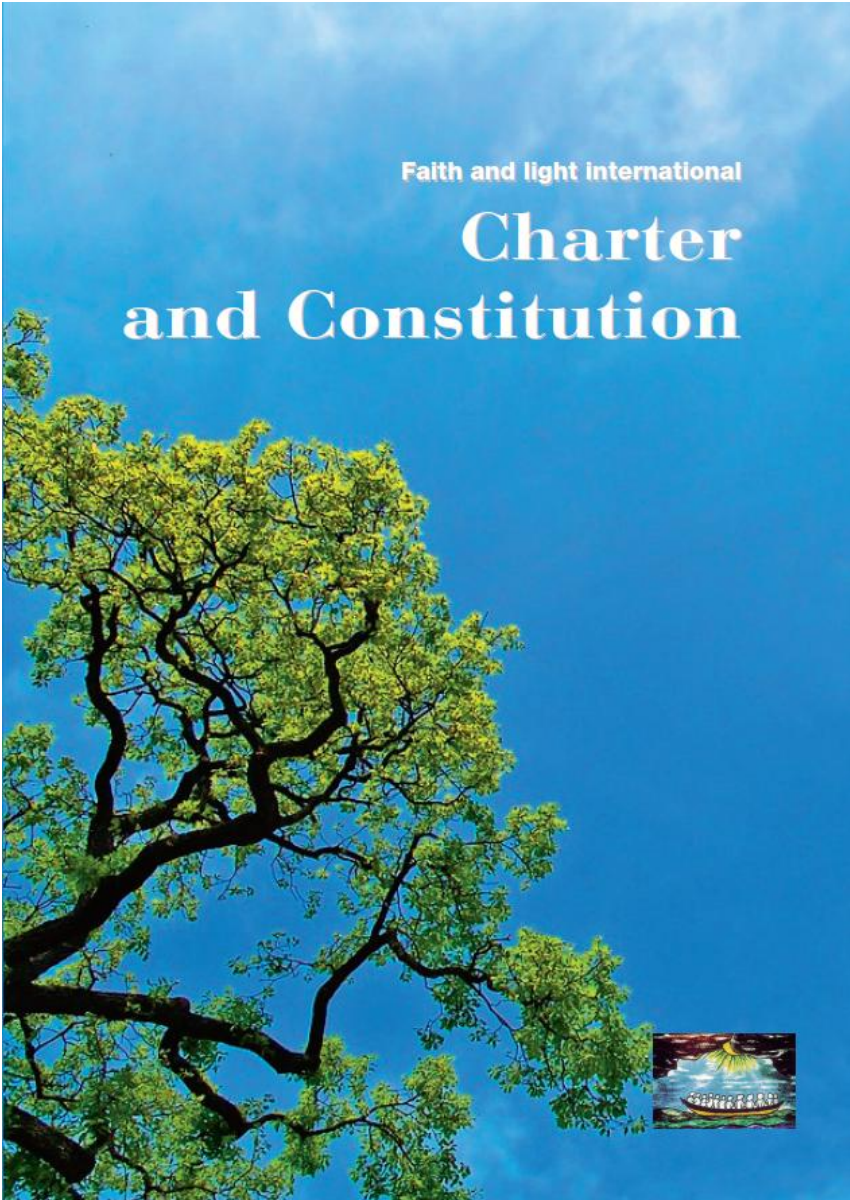
وَصَلْنَا لَتَبْعِكَ وَسَقِينَا مِنْو





Faith and light international

# Charter and Constitution



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## The Charter of Faith and Light

*Faith and Light was born of a desire to help people with an intellectual disability and their families find their place within the Church and society. This was the main purpose of the organized pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter of 1971. Twenty or thirty people from the Protestant tradition were among those who participated in this Catholic event.*

*In order that the gifts of this pilgrimage would not be lost, it was necessary for the participants to be members of a community that brought together people with an intellectual disability<sup>1</sup>, their parents and friends, especially young people. Following this event, which was a time of great blessings, a great number of communities maintained and deepened the links that had been created between their members. In the course of the years other communities were created throughout the world, developing in different Christian denominations.*

*Thus, since its inception, the movement founded by Jean Vanier and Marie-Hélène Mathieu, has been increasingly aware of its specific vocation within the Churches and in society, and of its ecumenical mission.*

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<sup>1</sup> Each time the expression person with a disability is mentioned, it always means the person with an intellectual disability. This term is used throughout this document. There may be changes in a language according to different periods and cultures. Each country should adopt a term that is generally acceptable as long as it means to show respect for the person with an intellectual disability.



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## I. The vocation of Faith and Light

Faith and Light is a community movement. At the heart of these communities are people with a more or less serious intellectual disability: children, adolescents or adults. They are surrounded by members of their family and friends, particularly young people. Each community is asked to be accompanied by a chaplain.

Faith and Light gives to persons with an intellectual disability the possibility of being recognized as unique persons, and using their gifts and discovering the joy of friendship.

To the parents, Faith and Light gives support in their trials and helps them to better appreciate the inner beauty of their children. A number of them, in turn, become a source of strength and an assistance to other parents who are crushed by their suffering and their daily difficulties.

The brothers and sisters of the people with an intellectual disability are called to appreciate that a person with a disability can be a source of life and unity; if this person disrupts their life, he/she can also transform and transfigure it.

Thanks to the person with an intellectual disability, the friends also come to understand that there is another world, a world other than that of competition, money and success; those who are weak and poor invite them into a world of tenderness and fidelity, of listening and of faith.

To the chaplains, Faith and Light offers the opportunity to rediscover in a new way the core of the Gospel message, the good news of Jesus Christ, announced to the poor and little ones, and to find there a source of renewal for their ministry.

The communities are not residential, but rather communities whose members meet at least once per month and create



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between themselves links which become deeper and deeper through the sharing of their difficulties and their hope: sharing times of festivity, prayer and the Eucharist and/or other worship celebrations. These communities are usually made up of about thirty people.

### **1. A community that meets**

Each meeting includes a time of getting together to talk and to listen to one another. The essential thing is to form personal relationships within which we discover the suffering and the gifts of one another, where we learn to know someone else by name. Sharing in small groups enables each person to express him/herself through words or other forms of communication, e.g. drawings, modelling, mimes or gestures. In this way we seek to “be with”, carrying one another’s burdens, to encourage and support each other and to respond to the needs of each one. Through friendship, made up of tenderness and fidelity, we become signs of the love of God for one another.

### **2. A community of fiesta and celebration**

From faithful friendship springs the joy characteristic of the Faith and Light community. It is God who calls us together and enables us to discover the covenant that unites us: we are no longer alone. Meetings are characterized by moments of joy when we sing or dance or share a meal. From time to time a day of celebration enables us to invite guests who are moved by the discovery of the capacity of someone with an intellectual disability to create this joyful atmosphere. When it comes to celebration the person with an intellectual disability is often less disabled than others, because he/she is not imprisoned by convention, worry about efficiency or fear of what others may think. People with disabilities live more simply in the present moment; their humility and transparency make them naturally disposed towards community festivity.



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But in the community we must not forget those who are not able to enter into the celebration and shut in with their sadness and their fears. They also have their place at the heart of Faith and Light. They need to receive special attention so that gradually they may know the joy and peace that Jesus came to bring us, even when the difficulties and pains remain.

### **3. A community of prayer**

Jesus came to announce the Good News to the poor. They are loved by the Father. Jesus gave His life for his flock. He feeds them with his Body. Jesus is present in our gathering and in our celebration. He helps us to live community life with love and fidelity. We meet him in a special way in prayer, in the celebration of the Eucharist and/or in other forms of worship.

### **4. A community of friendship and faithfulness**

Friendship deepens through time and presence. Between the monthly gatherings the members of the community choose to spend time together in smaller groups or just meeting one-to-one. They share stories, fears, dreams, hope, prayer, fun, service with others, a meal, and other activities which nurture friendship: it is “the time of fidelity”, also called the “fourth time”.

### **5. A community for taking root and integrating**

Persons with an intellectual disability play an essential role in the human community, society and Churches. In order to exercise their gifts and to grow as persons, they need to fully belong to and to participate in these, giving and receiving. “The members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think are less honorable we clothe with great honor...” (1 Cor 12, 22-23).





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Faith and Light takes great care in integrating its communities and their members in the activities of the wider Faith and Light family, society, their respective Churches, Christian communities, parishes, etc.

This vocation for taking root, which lies with every person and every community, leads us to discover also our ecumenical vocation and mission.

Today, Faith and Light communities have their roots in different Christian traditions: Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant. Most often the members of a community belong to the same Church. Some communities are inter-denominational.

All Christians are called to find a deep expression of their faith and their love of Jesus within their own Church. At community meeting, they seek how they may worship together, united as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

All of them are called to discover and appreciate with joy the truly Christian values that have their source in their common patrimony.

Faith and Light believes that the person who is weak and disabled can become a source of unity in society and in each Church and also between Churches and nations.

In families where there is long-standing disagreement, which has never been resolved, reconciliation is often brought about through a serious crisis. Grievances are forgotten and hard feelings break down. Communion in the Cross prepares a resurrection in rediscovered brotherly love. Thus it may be between Christians of different denominations who meet around the weakest and most rejected person whose very life may be threatened.

Lack of humility and of simplicity of heart is a serious obstacle to communion between Christians. Persons with an intellectual disability, by the very radiance of their poverty,





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lead Christians of different denominations into the beatitude of poverty of heart and thus allow them to rediscover the spirit of God.

## **II. The inspiration of Faith and Light**

### **1. Each person is loved by God**

Faith and Light is founded on the belief that each person with an intellectual disability is fully a person with all the rights of a human being: above all the right to be loved, recognized and respected for himself or herself and in the choices he/she makes; the right also to receive whatever help is necessary in order to grow at every level, spiritual and human. Faith and Light also believes that every person, able-bodied or disabled, is equally loved by God and that Jesus lives in them, even if the person concerned can barely express this. Faith and Light believes that every person, even the most disabled, is called to deepen his or her life in Jesus, to receive all the spiritual richness from his/her Church, sacraments, liturgical tradition, etc. He/she is called to be a source of grace and peace for the whole community, and also for the Churches and for all humanity.

Faith and Light believes in the words of Saint Paul: "God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong" (1 Cor 1, 27).

### **2. The need for a community**

In order to live his/her faith, everyone, even the person with the most severe disability, needs to meet real friends in order to create together a warm environment in which each one may grow in faith and love. Those who come to Faith and Light to meet people with intellectual disabilities must come in a spirit of receiving from them their specific gifts while sharing their own gifts with them.



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In front of a severely disfigured person whose words and gestures are often difficult to understand or even non-existent, the spontaneous reaction is often to look the other way and flee. This reaction emerges often out of misunderstanding and fear but it can also reveal egoism and hardness of the heart. To create a real and liberating relationship with people with intellectual disabilities, "our hearts of stone must be changed into hearts of flesh". Jesus and his Holy Spirit can transform our hearts to enable us to welcome the poor and rejected person and to recognize them in all their human reality and spiritual depth. This transformation of love will lead us to recognize the face of Jesus in ourselves and in the other.

We are led along this path of conversion and of the faithfulness in love by the witness of Mary. Mary and the disciple whom Jesus loved, present with the suffering Jesus, show us a way of living this same loving and faithful presence with our friends in the community. Mary teaches us, like a caring mother, how to carry human suffering together and to live out of the resurrection.

In spite of and through suffering, the community becomes a place of peace and joy, mediator or revealer of the gifts that God has given to those with an intellectual disability: that is their capacity for welcome and for love, their simplicity and their rejection of conventions. In a society based on usefulness and power, people with disabilities may not be efficient but they are nonetheless prophetic in the area of the heart and of tenderness, and in what is essential in the human person. And so those who are poor evangelize the rest of us.

### **3. Accompaniment toward a deeper human maturity**

In order to help people with intellectual disabilities to find peace of heart, hope and the desire to grow, it is certainly necessary to see them in the light of the Gospel, but also to



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understand their human needs in their suffering, and to know how to respond. For this, we must gradually acquire human experience and the necessary knowledge. Those who are involved in Faith and Light must become competent in the way they accompany people who suffer or are in difficulties.

### **III. Faith and Light activities**

#### **1. A community movement**

Faith and Light is a community movement. The essential lies in the links of trust and in friendship created between its members, links having their source in Jesus and reaching fulfilment in Him.

#### **2. Meetings, holiday camps and pilgrimages**

The communities may have many activities other than the regular meetings. They arise according to the needs and creativity of individuals and the inspiration from God. Among these initiatives are holiday camps, retreats and pilgrimages, etc.

On the other hand, certain communities organize means of welcoming and animating activities for people with intellectual disabilities to enable their parents to have a rest.

There are some activities that are not the province of Faith and Light: for example, the creation or management of institutions, residential homes, schools, workshops or “holiday homes”. These we leave to appropriately qualified associations, which could be inspired by Faith and Light.

#### **3. Cooperation with others**

While keeping the spirit and mission of Faith and Light, it is important that Faith and Light communities cooperate as much as possible with other associations and movements



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that are at the service of people with an intellectual disability and their families.

#### **4. One world-wide family**

Faith and Light communities across the world form the branches of one big international family. Within each province, each country, we carry one another's burdens, sufferings and joys. Solidarity is expressed by sharing financial support for the life of Faith and Light but also by sharing the benefits of their particular gifts, their friendship, the wisdom of their experience, and their faithfulness in prayer. As members of a single family, communities seek to live in love and unity.

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Any new amendment shall be proposed by the Board of Directors. A 90% majority vote of the General Assembly is required to amend the Charter.

Note: The St Paul quotations used above are drawn from the NRSV of the New Testament.

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# The Constitution of Faith and Light

## I. Context

1. The purpose of the Constitution is to define what is a Faith and Light community and how it is formed, to present how the movement is organized, and to define the means of coordination at different circles of responsibility.
2. This Constitution cannot be dissociated from the Charter of Faith and Light, which is its preamble and defines its spirit.<sup>2</sup>
3. The Constitution conforms to the Statutes of the International Association of Faith and Light<sup>3</sup>, which define the objectives of the Association and the statutory legal requirements.
4. The Constitution cannot prescribe all aspects of the life in Faith and Light. When interpretation issues are raised concerning the mandates of the entities, the roles or the authority of any of the leaders, priority should be given to collective over individual responsibility, democratic over authoritarian behaviours, equality in the relationship over hierarchy, and community over individual task accomplishment.

## II. Exercizing responsibility

### 5. Responsibilities of the members

All members of Faith and Light have the responsibility to renew and deepen their commitment to live the spirit of

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<sup>2</sup> All the rules governing the functioning of the movement cannot be written in the Constitution. For further details, it is necessary to refer to booklets and documents coming from the Board of Directors.

<sup>3</sup> The Legal Statutes are available from Faith and Light International Association, 3 rue du Laos, 75015 Paris, France.



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the Charter. It is also their responsibility to continuously enrich their life in the community, and to involve themselves in the organization of activities that nourish the life of the community and in the support of the provincial and international family.

## 6. Responsibilities of Faith and Light

It is the responsibility of Faith and Light to establish and maintain a structure that enables proper organization and decisions, and also to support the members and their communities in their continuous development and their fidelity to the most vulnerable members.

7. Any responsibility in Faith and Light is seen as a **service**. Service is the essential dimension required to safeguard and promote the essential values of Faith and Light and, at the same time, to foster the development of our mission in the world.
8. In our movement, three circles of responsibilities exist: the **Community**, the **Province**, and the **International**. At each circle, care is given to maintain a balance between three elements to function harmoniously: a good **representation**<sup>4</sup> of the members, an efficient **government**<sup>5</sup> respectful of its people, and the **support** of competent resources to give life. Thus, people who



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<sup>4</sup> The members are the owners of the movement. The **Community** with all its members represent the basic membership entity. Since it is impossible to regularly bring together hundreds or thousands of Faith and Light members at the provincial and international circles, it is necessary to institute representative bodies which we call, the **Provincial Assembly** and the **General Assembly**.

<sup>5</sup> This governing body (those who decide) receives a mandate and a **delegated authority** from the members in their assembly. For the community, we call it the "**Coordinating Team**", for the Province, the "**Provincial Team**", and for the international, the "**Board of Directors**".

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exercise a responsibility are serving the members in one of these three functions<sup>6</sup>.

### III. The Faith and Light community

9. A Faith and Light Community is made up of people with an intellectual disability<sup>7</sup>, surrounded by family members and friends (in more or less equal numbers) who meet regularly, at least once a month. A community may be created from a group of at least ten people who all share the common desire to create a community and adhere to the Charter and Constitution. Once there are more than fifty members, it becomes necessary to bring a new community into existence.
10. Once a year, all members of the community meet to reaffirm their commitment to the community for the coming year. Also, they evaluate the activities of the past year, establish priorities, and decide which activities will be organized in the coming year. The community delegates to a **Coordinating Team** the task of planning and organizing these activities.

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<sup>6</sup> The governing body cannot be competent in all matters. Thus, a third function in the structure brings life through actions and activities. There are two dimensions to this “life giving”: First, there is a need to ensure that leaders in the movement are identified and chosen in accordance with the spirit of the movement, that they receive appropriate formation to accomplish their role, and that they are well supported and accompanied in their mission. This is done through the **Coordinators’ Council**, the **International Coordinating Team**, the **Provincial Meetings**, and the **International Meeting**. A second dimension to this function of giving life is to build capacity and expertise to accomplish various projects: this is done through **Project Teams**.

<sup>7</sup> In this text, we have used the expression “a person with an intellectual disability”. Language constantly evolves according to cultures and time periods. Each country should read in the expression commonly used, so long as it shows respect for the person.





## **Coordinating Team (Government)**

11. The Coordinating Team is responsible for the life of the community. It meets between the monthly community gatherings in order to set priorities, to prepare and evaluate the community meetings, and other community activities decided by the members. It maintains the spirit and divides up the responsibilities. Its strength lies in its unity.
12. **Composition**  
The team is made up of four to eight people, including at least one parent, one friend, a chaplain<sup>8</sup> and, as much as possible, a person with an intellectual disability. The members of this team are chosen because of their wisdom and discretion. The coordinating team is to be renewed regularly.
13. The **Community Coordinator**<sup>9</sup> is elected by the community members. He/she leads the coordinating team. His/her role is to foster unity, to guide, encourage and nourish the coordinating team and the community. The Community Coordinator leads the delegation to the Provincial Assembly.
14. **Mandate**  
3 years, twice renewable.
15. The Community Chaplain is chosen by the coordination team or the community itself for a three-year term, renewable.

## **Probationary period and recognition of a community**

16. A group wishing to become a Faith and Light community contacts the Provincial Coordinator of the closest existing

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<sup>8</sup> Other expressions may be used, according to the tradition of each denomination.

<sup>9</sup> At each circle of responsibility, the coordinator or interim coordinator is always a lay-person. The coordinator may be elected as a single person, or as husband and wife.



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Province. A Vice-International Coordinator is associated with the new group when the distances from an existing Province are too great.

17. When the necessary conditions are met<sup>10</sup>, the community begins a probationary period and an Interim Community Coordinator<sup>11</sup> is **appointed** for a one-year mandate, renewable. The role of the Interim Community Coordinator is the same as that of the Community Coordinator<sup>12</sup>. During the probationary period, the community sends a delegation to the Provincial Assembly without voting rights.
18. When recognition is granted, the accompanying Vice-Provincial Coordinator or Vice-International Coordinator prepares and conducts the process of discerning and electing the Community Coordinator.
19. From the time a community is recognized, each of its members becomes an associate member of the international movement, Faith and Light.

### **Leaving Faith and Light or being asked to leave**

20. A recognized community, which feels that it is no longer its vocation to adhere to the Charter and Constitution of Faith and Light, will leave Faith and Light after having reflected with the Provincial Team<sup>13</sup> on the reasons of its decision and the means of its departure.
21. The Provincial Coordinating Team will close a community when a community explicitly or implicitly refuses to keep

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<sup>10</sup> The details and conditions for probationary period and official recognition of a community are listed in an accompanying document.

<sup>11</sup> An Interim Coordinator is **appointed**, a Coordinator is **elected**: this is the difference between the two.

<sup>12</sup> See paragraph 13.

<sup>13</sup> If the community operates in a Province, or with the Vice-International Coordinator designated if the community is too far from an existing Province.



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to the Charter and Constitution, or is unwilling to participate in the wider family of Faith and Light or to financially support the operation of the international movement.

22. Its departure or removal cannot be carried out without the Provincial Team being informed and giving its opinion. The Provincial Coordinating Team will help the community if the latter wishes to discover and define its new orientation. The community will no longer be called Faith and Light.

#### **IV. The Provincial organization**

23. The Provinces are defined as community groupings. They are the branches of the international family and bring together between 15 and 40 recognized communities. The number of communities by Province is flexible and depends on cultural, linguistic and geographic circumstances. There may be several Provinces in a country where there are more than 40 communities, and, conversely, communities from various countries can constitute a Province made up of countries where there are only a few communities. The size and composition of Provinces are periodically revised by the Board of Directors.
24. A Province with a large number of countries or communities might want to create or maintain national or regional entities to facilitate the accompaniment and the implementation of activities. These structures do not constitute an additional circle of responsibility in Faith and Light.
25. Provinces are set up as legal associations. It might also be helpful or required, in countries divided into Provinces or in different countries that belong to the same Province, to set up legal associations to represent Faith and Light



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before civil, legal or ecclesial authorities (fund raising, grants...). These associations do not constitute an additional circle of structure. The Vice-International Coordinator who accompanies the Province helps in the organisation of these associations.

### **Provincial Assembly (Representation)**

26. The participants in the Provincial Assembly represent the members of the Faith and Light communities in the Province. First and last authority of the Province, it reflects the experience of the communities and its members and their concerns, and establishes large strategic orientations<sup>14</sup>. It elects the Provincial Coordinator and the Province's representatives to the General Assembly. It also approves the members list of the Provincial Nomination Committee.

### **27. Composition**

Each community sends to the Provincial Assembly a delegation that reflects as much as possible the membership of the community. Care is given to allow for the participation of members with an intellectual disability. Each delegation from a recognized community has one vote at this Assembly. The Provincial Coordinator, the Vice-Coordinators and the Provincial Chaplain are also members of the Assembly with voting rights. The Vice-International Coordinator accompanying the Province is also invited without the right to vote.

### **28. Frequency**

Every 4 years to be scheduled between the General Assemblies.

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<sup>14</sup> For example, the Assembly determines which provincial activities could be organized in the Province.



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## Provincial Team (Government)

29. **The Provincial Team**, led by the Provincial Coordinator, coordinates the implementation of the orientations decided by the Provincial Assembly and governs the movement in the Province. With the support of the accompanying Vice-International Coordinator, they ensure that Community Coordinators are **chosen** in accordance with the spirit of the movement, that they receive appropriate **formation** to accomplish their role, and that they are well **supported and accompanied** in their mission. This team also appoints the Vice-Provincial Coordinators from a list submitted by the Provincial Nomination Committee or by the communities, after discernment. The Provincial Team decides the program of the Provincial Assembly meeting, the number of delegates from each community, and the number of guests to invite.

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### 30. **Composition**

The Provincial Coordinator, the Vice-Provincial Coordinators, the Provincial Chaplain, and the Provincial Treasurer and may include two other members to reflect, as much as possible the make-up of the Province. When appropriate, the provincial Project Team managers take part in certain meetings without the right to vote.

### 31. **Frequency**

If possible, twice a year.

32. In order to accomplish its tasks, the Provincial Team appoints Project Teams to organize and carry out activities for the benefit of communities.

33. The **Provincial Coordinator** leads the Provincial Team and establishes links with other Provincial Coordinators. He/she leads the provincial delegation to the General Assembly and also participates in the Coordinators'

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Council. He/she can be invited to accompany the communities in order to foster the Faith and Light provincial and international family.

**34. Method of election**

The Provincial Nomination Committee, with the assistance of the Vice-International Coordinator accompanying the Province, consults the communities and submits names to the Provincial Assembly which elects the coordinator<sup>15</sup>. The Vice-International Coordinators or his/her delegate leads the election. In the exceptional situation where a coordinator has to be replaced during his/her mandate, the Vice-International Coordinator, after consultation with the communities, appoints an Interim Provincial Coordinator.

**35. Mandate**

4 years, renewable twice.

- 36. The Vice-Provincial Coordinators** (one for every 6 to 8 communities) accompany, encourage and assist Community Coordinators and Interim Community Coordinators in their responsibilities. They visit each community that they accompany at least once during their mandate. They also create links between communities by proposing and supporting inter-community gatherings and activities (like formation).

**37. Method of appointment**

- 1) The Provincial Nomination Committee or the Vice-International Coordinator accompanying the Province consults the communities and prepares a list of names of candidates.
- 2) After discernment and with the help of the Vice-International Coordinator, the Provincial Team

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<sup>15</sup> See Nomination Committee # 78.



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appoints the Vice-Provincial Coordinators, or the Provincial Assembly elects them.

**38. Mandate**

4 years, renewable twice.

39. A **Provincial Chaplain** is chosen by the Provincial Team for a period of four years, renewable twice. When the provincial team considers it necessary, this choice may be approved by the competent church authority.

40. Local conditions may make it difficult to appoint a Provincial Chaplain. The Provincial Team is then to seek an appropriate solution with the help of the Vice-International Coordinator accompanying the Province.

41. A **Provincial Treasurer** is appointed by the Provincial Team. He/she has the responsibility, under the authority of the Provincial Team, to administer the finances and to help find the funds necessary to operate the different levels of the Faith and Light organization. He/she participates in the Provincial Team meetings for matters related to finances, without voting rights.

**Provincial Meeting (Giving life)**

42. A Provincial Meeting takes place every other year, or every year if possible. The Provincial Team prepares and runs the meeting. This is where and when community leaders have an opportunity for sharing, reflection and formation, in order to better understand the objectives of Faith and Light and how the movement operates. This time of renewal is also an occasion of formation where a provincial community is created. If possible, members of the communities are also invited to the Provincial meeting.



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43. The Vice-International Coordinator accompanying the Province is invited to attend the Provincial Meeting. If unable to do so, he/she may send a delegate.

### **Creation of new Provinces**

44. When the number of communities in a Province grows to fifty or more, when the distances are too great, or for other important reasons, the Provincial Team can request that the Province be divided into two Provinces and make a proposal. The request is forwarded by the International Coordinator to the Board of Directors which makes the decision. One or both new Provinces may receive the status of recognized Provinces if they meet the criteria<sup>16</sup>.

### **Admission of a Province to a probationary period and Recognition**

45. In a remote area where the movement is beginning, and there are at least 7 to 10 recognized communities, the accompanying Vice-International Coordinator may request admission of a new Province to a probationary period.

46. The request is forwarded by the International Coordinator to the Board of Directors which makes the decision. If accepted<sup>16</sup> the Board of Directors appoints an Interim Provincial Coordinator<sup>17</sup> for a one-year mandate, renewable. This Interim Provincial Coordinator sets up and coordinates an Interim Provincial Team composed of the Community Coordinators. The Interim Provincial Coordinator has the same role as the Provincial

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<sup>16</sup> The conditions for probation and recognition of a Province are described in an accompanying document.

<sup>17</sup> See note # 11.



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Coordinator. The Provinces in probation have no voting rights at the General Assembly.

- 47.A Province is recognized when it meets specific conditions prescribed by the Board of Directors. When a Province is recognized, the accompanying Vice-Coordinator prepares and conducts the process of discerning and electing the Provincial Coordinator.

## V. The International organization

### General Assembly (Representation)

48. The participants in the General Assembly represent the members of the Faith and Light Movement from all over the world. First and last authority of the movement, it reflects the experience of the movement and its concerns, and establishes large strategic orientations. It discerns and **elects** the following members of the Board of Directors: the President, Vice-President, International Treasurer, International Coordinator, and two other members. It also approves the members of the International Nomination Committee.

### 49. **Composition and voting right**

Each Province sends to the General Assembly a delegation which reflects as much as possible the membership of the Province and which allows for the participation of members with an intellectual disability. Each delegation from a recognized Province has one vote at this Assembly. Also participate in the assembly, with the right to vote, the members of the Board of Directors and the Vice-international Coordinators. The General Secretary also participates without the right to vote.





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50. The Board of Directors decides the program of the General Assembly meeting, the number of delegates from each Province, and the number of guests to invite.

**51. Frequency**

Every 5 years. The General Assembly usually takes place during the International Meeting.

**International Meeting** (Giving life)

52. An **International Meeting** is organized by the Board of Directors at least every five years. It is a time of reflection and sharing where the participants have the opportunity to deepen their commitment to the spirit of the Charter. This time of deepening and renewal is also an occasion of formation and celebration where a true international community is created.

**Board of Directors** (Government)

53. The Board of Directors acts in accordance with the strategic orientations given by the General Assembly; it governs the movement in all areas and is entrusted with the mission and vision of Faith and Light. It delegates to the Coordinating Team the coordination of the movement. The Board of Directors appoints Project Teams to carry out projects in the international context. It approves the list of characteristics and skills for the identification of Coordinators and Vice-Coordinators.

54. On the recommendation of the International Coordinator, it periodically revises the size and the composition of Provinces; it approves the creation of new Provinces according to needs and according to the development of Faith and Light in the world, and appoints the Interim Provincial Coordinator of a new Province.



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55. It approves and publishes all documents and booklets deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the international movement.

56. It corresponds to the Board of Directors as required by the French Law for associations.

**57. Composition**

President, Vice-President, International Chaplain, International Coordinator, the International Treasurer, and two other members. The General Secretary participates without the right to vote. The composition of the Board of Directors reflects the internationality and the diversity of the movement. When appropriate, International Project Team Managers and Vice-International Coordinators take part in some meetings without the right to vote.

**58. Method of election**

The International Nomination Committee consults the Provinces and submits names to the General Assembly which elects the President, the Vice President, the International Treasurer and two other members.

**59. Frequency**

At least twice a year.

60. **The President** leads the Board of Directors and has legal responsibility for the Association. In the event of an unresolved conflict or the impossibility to reach a consensus, he/she has an authority of appeal. The Vice-President replaces the President when he/she is not available.

**61. Mandate**

5 years, renewable once.

62. The **International Chaplain** is chosen by the Board of Directors for a term of five years, renewable once.



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63. An International **Treasurer** has the responsibility, under the authority of the President, to administer the finances and help to find necessary funds for the life of the International Association.
64. A **General Secretary** is appointed by the Board of Directors. The mission of the General Secretary is determined by the Board of Directors.

### **Coordinators' Council and Coordinating Team**

(Giving life)

65. The **Coordinators' Council** gives life to the movement under the leadership of the International Coordinator. The role of the Coordinators' Council is to be a place of sharing between the different coordinators in order to seek together the will of God for the movement and to be of service to people with intellectual disabilities and Faith and Light communities within the spirit of the Charter. The Coordinators' Council provides an opportunity for mutual support and formation for the provincial coordinators. It is a time of reflection when coordinators have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the aims of Faith and Light and the ways in which the movement operates. It is also a time where a true international community is created.
66. **Composition**  
International Coordinator, Provincial Coordinators, Vice-International Coordinators, International Chaplain.
67. **Frequency**  
At least once between each General Assembly.
68. The International Coordinator, the International Chaplain, and Vice-International Coordinators form the **Coordinating Team**. This team is attentive to the needs of the different Provinces and responds to the best of its ability. It ensures that leaders in the movement are



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identified and chosen in accordance with the spirit of the movement, that they receive appropriate **formation** to accomplish their role, and that they are well **supported and accompanied** to accomplish their mission. It remains linked to the official channels of the different Churches in order to keep them informed of the activities of Faith and Light and to receive guidance from them.

**69. Frequency**

At least once a year.

**70. Accountability**

Between the General Assemblies, the Coordinating Team is accountable to the Board of Directors.

**71. The International Coordinator** leads the Coordinators' Council and the Coordinating Team. He/she must be concerned that Faith and Light grows and deepens according to the will of God and for the good of all its members, especially people with intellectual disabilities who are at the heart of the movement. He/she can be invited to Provincial Meetings or Assemblies, in order to foster the Faith and Light international family.

**72. Method of election**

The International Nomination Committee consults the Provinces and submits names to the General Assembly which elects the coordinator<sup>18</sup>. The President or his/her delegate or a member of the nomination committee leads the election.

**73. Mandate**

5 years, renewable once.

**74. The Vice-International Coordinators**

The main role of the Vice-International Coordinators is to accompany, encourage and assist the Provincial

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<sup>18</sup> See Nomination Committee # 78.



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Coordinators in their responsibilities. They visit each Province under their responsibility at least once during their mandate. They also encourage solidarity and create links between Provinces by proposing and supporting inter-Province gatherings and activities (like formation).

**75. Method of appointment**

The International Nomination Committee consults the Provinces and presents a list of names to the International Coordinator who submits a choice of Vice-International Coordinators to the Board of Directors for appointment.

**76. Mandate**

5 years, renewable once.

## **VI. Removal from office or resignation**

77. The **removal from office** (or resignation) of a Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator can be requested because they have ceased regular communication or participation in the life of the movement for a prolonged period, because of a lack of availability, competence or any other serious problem. After consultation with the community/Province Coordinating Team members, the Vice-Coordinator accompanying the community/Province makes a request to the Provincial Team (in the case of a Community) or to the Board of Directors (in the case of a Province). The Provincial Team or the Board of Directors consults coordinators and leaders from the involved entities prior to making the final decision.

## **VII. Provincial and International entities**

### **Nomination Committees**

78. The International and Provincial Nomination Committees have the mission to consult communities/Provinces and



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to lead a discernment process of identifying suitable people to be chosen to a role of responsibility. The profile for the International and Provincial Nomination Committee is established by the Board of Directors.

79. The International Nomination Committee establishes a profile listing the characteristics and the required skills of Coordinators and Vice-Coordinators at Provincial and International level, to be approved by the Board of Directors.
80. The **role** of International and Provincial Nomination Committees is not to elect or to appoint a candidate, but to search for the most suitable candidates, to receive the nominations from communities or Provinces, to document these nominations according to the list of characteristics and skills established by the Board of Directors, and to submit the list of candidates for decision to the Assembly, in the case of an election of a coordinator, or to the coordinator in the case of the choice of a vice-coordinator.
81. The Board of Directors and the Provincial Team propose to their respective Assembly the members of the Nomination Committee. At the international circle, the Assembly approves their nomination for a mandate of 5 years, renewable, and, at the provincial circle, for a mandate of 4 years renewable.

### **Project Teams** (Giving life)

82. The purpose of Project Teams is to expertly lead all sorts of projects: 'Guidelines' project, 'Pilgrimage' project, 'Financial Management' project, 'General Assembly' project, 'Communications and External Relations' project, 'Financing Campaign' project, etc.
83. They are approved by the Board of Directors at the international level and by the Provincial Team at the



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provincial level. They are under their authority, are guided by them and are accountable to them.

84. A Project Team has a limited duration (the time to bring their project to fruition). The mandate entrusted to them at the beginning of the mission specifies the objectives, the agreed means and the deadlines within which the mission must be completed.
85. Provincial Project Teams have a link with the corresponding International Teams.

### **VIII. Adopting the Constitution**

86. The General Assembly adopts the Constitution by a majority of 75%. Amendments are proposed by the Board of Directors and agreed to by the same percentage.



A Constitution was proposed at the General Assembly on October 1980 ( Lourdes). It was provisionally adopted for a one year period of study and modification by National Coordinators. The Constitution was unanimously adopted by the General Assembly in 1982 (Wetherby, England). Further modifications were adopted by the General Assemblies in 1984 (Rome), 1986 (Santo Domingo), 1990 (Edinburgh), 1994 (Warsaw), 1998 (Quebec), 2002 (Rome), 2008 (Lourdes), 2013 (Leeds).



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## **Thanks to Casa Don Orione for the welcome!**

Casa Don Orione is dedicated to the apostle of charity St. Luigi Orione, a tireless priest who dedicated his life to those who suffered because of misfortune, misery, human wickedness. He loved to call himself “the porter of God”. He founded the Little Work of Divine Providence, the Sons of Divine Providence, the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity, the Blessed Sacraments and the Hermits of St. Albert. He was proclaimed a saint on May 16, 2004. Many institutions and places are named after him, the religious house of hospitality in Fano has a sports center and the Masetti Auditorium. In the complex of via IV Novembre 47 a high school and a house are dedicated to mothers who raise their children alone.



## Faith and Light prayer

Jesus, you came into our world  
to reveal the Father to us, your Father and our Father.  
You came to teach us to love one another.  
Give us the Holy Spirit, according to your promise,  
so that he will make us instruments of peace and unity,  
in this world of war and division.

Jesus you have called us to follow you in a community  
of Faith and Light,  
We want to say “yes” to you.  
We want to live in a covenant of love in this big family  
you have given us,  
where we can share our sufferings and difficulties,  
our joys and our hope.

Teach us to accept our wounds, our weakness  
so that your power may be revealed.  
Teach us to find you in all our brothers and sisters  
especially in those who are the weakest.  
Teach us to follow you in the ways of the Gospel.

Jesus come and live in us and in our communities  
as you first lived in Mary.  
She was the first to welcome you.  
Help us to be faithfully present, with her, at the foot of the cross,  
near the crucified of the world.  
Help us to live your Resurrection.

Amen.



Migliò accendere una luce che maledire l'oscurità