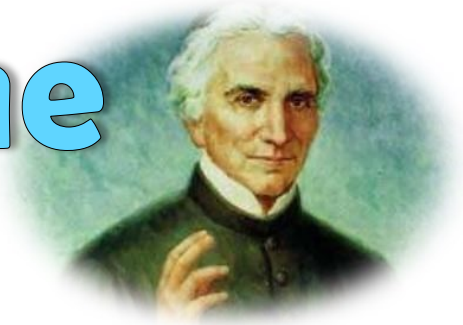


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Family of Providence



25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONISATION OF ST. LUIGI SCROSOPPI OCTOBER 5, 2025 - JUNE 10, 2026

The image of Father Luigi, whose 25th anniversary of canonisation we celebrate, is at the centre of the logo, blessing us.

His name is written in the golden arch of the saints of the Church.

The open book with the logo of the Religious Family represents everything that we have received as an inheritance from the Founder. It evokes the full richness of our tradition and history.

It is open because it continues to be written and lived by each of us, Sisters of Providence.

At its centre is the Congregation's logo, a symbol of our charism and mission of charity.

The open Rosary places us under the gaze of Mother Mary encouraging us to live the virtues of the Adorable Heart of Jesus.

The Cross of the Rosary, resting on the open book, reminds us of the salvific value of suffering in fulfilling our mission of charity.



Providence and Charity, a Path to Holiness

This is the theme of this Jubilee:
an invitation to all of us
sisters and laity to journey together,
in a renewed way,
along the path of holiness
traced for us by St. Luigi.

Jubilee of Consecrated Life

Rome, October 8-12, 2025



Extracts from the words Pope Leo addressed to the religious

“Ask, and it will be given to you, seek, and you will find, knock, and the door will be opened to you” (Lk 11:9).

Jesus invites us with these words to turn confidently to the Father in all our needs.

We hear them as we celebrate the Jubilee of Consecrated Life. This jubilee celebration has brought you here in great numbers from many parts of the world, to live together the Jubilee Pilgrimage here in Rome, to entrust your lives to that mercy of which, through religious profession, you have committed yourselves to be a prophetic sign, because living the vows is to abandon oneself like children into the arms of the Father.

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“Ask,” “seek,” “knock” - the verbs of prayer used by the evangelist, Luke, are familiar dispositions for you, accustomed by the practice of the evangelical counsels to ask without demanding, docile to God’s action. Not by chance does the Second Vatican Council speak of the vows as a useful means “to gather the fruits of baptismal grace in greater abundance” (Lumen gentium, 44).

“Asking,” in fact, is to recognise, in poverty, that eve-

rything is a gift from the Lord and to give thanks for all things.

“Seeking” is to open oneself, in obedience, to discover each day the means to follow in the path of holiness, according to God’s designs.

“Knocking” is to ask and offer to brothers and sisters the gifts received with a chaste heart, striving to love all with respect and gratitude.

I would like to invite you to look to the future with serenity and trust, and not to fear making courageous choices. In this regard, I recall what Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Letter to all consecrated persons on the occasion of the Year of Consecrated Life. Our hope, he wrote, “is not founded on numbers or works, but on Him in whom we have placed our trust (cf. 2 Tm 1:12) and for whom ‘nothing is impossible’ (Lk 1:37). This is the hope that does not disappoint and that will allow consecrated life to continue to write a great history in the future, toward which we must keep our gaze turned, aware that it is the Holy Spirit who pushes us toward it to continue to do great things with us.” And he added: “Scrutinise the horizons of your life and of the present moment in vigilant watchfulness.”

Dearest sisters and brothers, continue your journey with this trust! Thank you for your fidelity and the great work you accomplish in the Church and in the world.

I promise you a special remembrance in prayer, and I bless you from my heart! Thank you.



WE NAVIGATE with PROVIDENCE

100 YEARS of MISSION

in BRAZIL

When Pope Pius XI called Religious Congregations to open themselves to the Ad Gentes mission, the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence responded with generosity. On behalf of the Religious Family, the then Mother General, *M. Agnese Delugan*, accepted the invitation and sent 8 perpetually professed sisters and 4 postulants to Brazil. (*see photo*)

They boarded the ship Taormina in Genoa, trusting in Divine Providence and enkindled by the missionary zeal that already inflamed the heart of our Father St. Luigi. It was 1927. The voyage was marked by persistent prayer, evangelization, and even stormy seas, a perfect metaphor for the challenges they would face on land.

Upon arriving in Tietê/SP, they were warmly welcomed, but soon confronted harsh realities: an unknown language, a tropical climate, and food foreign to Italian tastes. They endured hardships, fell ill, and faced uncertainties about which mission to pursue. They travelled long distances to catechise, often unsure if they would be understood. But Providence never failed.

With the visit of Mother General Adeodata Rizzi in 1935, came a decision: transform the boarding into an orphanage, welcome poor and orphaned girls, and make charity the heart of the mission.

During World War II, communications with Italy were almost completely cut off. Yet the bond with life-and above all, with the charism-remained intact. The sisters continued to serve with courage and faith, sustained by the certainty that the mission was God's work.

Over these hundred years, we have expanded our presence to hospitals, schools, social work, and pastoral communities. We have continued navigating the deep waters of Brazilian reality- In the peripheries of the cities, in the interior places of the country, in the poorest regions of the Northeast - where suffering cried out for care and hope. There we have been-and continue to be-arms of Providence, bringing the Gospel with simplicity, tenderness, and commitment.

We live in times of scarcity, uncertainty, social transformations, and legal requirements. But in every phase, we seek to reshape ourselves without losing our essence. The mission that began with caring for the sick and educating girls has evolved into socio-educational action, fostering





Irmãs da Providência

Um legado de fé na Providência, promovendo a vida.

And as he himself said, *“Providence is the only source of the existence of this Work.”* It is Providence who guides us, yesterday, today, and always.

Sisters of Province 'N. Signora Aparecida' - Brazil

Journey of Providence - São Gabriel Rio Grande do Sul

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The story of this new presence in Brazil began simply, almost silently, just as Providence typically works.

In May 2023, while Sister Ivonete Nogueira was in the Rivera community (Uruguay), she was invited to collaborate on the vocational week preceding the ordination of an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales in Santana do Livramento (Brazil). Unable to leave the Mandubi Social Work, she sought support from the provincial superior of Brazil, Sister Simone Cremer. That week rekindled in us the desire for a new missionary outreach in gaúcha land.

At the beginning of 2024, we began accompanying the reality of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Father Joel, the parish priest, welcomed us warmly, but soon we sensed the Spirit leading us toward other horizons. Participating in some diocesan meetings, we met Dom Frei Cleonir Dalbosco, Bishop of

family apostolate, human and spiritual formation. We walk side by side with the people, with the Church, with the poorest, always sustained by trust in Providence that never fails.

Today, one hundred years later, we continue navigating Brazil's complex realities, facing new challenges with the same spirit of the pioneers. We are witnesses that active and joyful charity, humble faith, and trust in Providence are forces that transform the world.

Celebrating this centenary is more than remembering: it is renewing the missionary impetus, launching toward new seas with courage and joy, and continuing to be a presence that heals, educates, and saves. This was our founder's dream for us: that we be Mothers, Teachers, and Shepherds, especially for the poorest.

Bagé, who, with great simplicity, opened the doors of his diocese to us.

In June, during the pastoral visit to Rosario, Sisters Simone and Cicília were able to dialogue with the bishop about our missionary desire. Dom Cleonir welcomed it promptly and presented us with the 'Archangel St. Gabriel' parish in the city of the same name - a reality greatly in need of consecrated religious life.

Providence, ever faithful, continued to guide our path. In October, Sisters Marinalda and Maria Alaíde came to know São Gabriel and Santana do Livramento, and I, Sister Nely, accompanied them on this visit. Fathers Domingos, Airton, and Emílio gave us a great and fraternal welcome. They were intense days that confirmed God's call to insert ourselves into this reality. In the end, it was decided that two sisters would come at the beginning of 2025 for a longer period of integration and discernment.

Thus, on March 4, 2025, Sister Ivonete accompanied me to São Gabriel to begin this new experience. Upon arrival, we stopped for the funerals of two faithful, as no one else was prepared to celebrate them in place of the parish priest, Fr. Roberto Carlos. In that moment, we perceived the greatness and urgency of the mission.

The house destined for us was still under preparation, with only one room nearly ready - a wardrobe and a bed without a mattress - but the welcome from Fr. Roberto and some women who awaited us gave meaning to our first steps. Since the opening of the pastoral year was on March 9, our presence was greatly anticipated. On April 1, with the arrival of Sister Irene Chelski, the community began to take shape.

September 21 marked the official opening of the 'Mary of Nazareth' Community. Despite the heavy rain the night before, the Eucharistic celebration took place with a profound sense of faith and gratitude. It was during the novena of Archangel Gabriel, patron of the parish, that the festive welcome and signing of the contract occurred, sealing the union between the Sisters of Providence and the Diocese of Bagé to, together, expand the Kingdom and sow God's Love among the brothers and sisters.

São Gabriel is a true missionary land. The parish gathers many urban and rural communities, some over 100 km away on dirt roads.

The monthly presence of priests and sisters - when the rain allows - shows how challenging it is to animate the leadership and strengthen the community life. In this first period, our service has been one of presence and care, like a mother tenderly accompanying the growth of the children of the Kingdom. In catechesis, liturgy, Caritas, social pastoral care, family visits, funerals, and leadership support, we gather small signs of hope that Providence awakens in the hearts of the people.

Our presence is simple, like leaven in the dough, but already proving fruitful. The challenges are many, but trust in Providence is even greater. We believe the Lord, Provident Father, wants us here beside these humble, tested people, yet deeply thirsting for God.

*Sisters of the Mary of Nazareth Community
São Gabriel (Rio Grande do Sul)*



In the heart of the mountain

being a visible sign of the Invisible

Even though the summer season has already passed a few months ago, it seems beautiful and meaningful to us to transcribe a few thoughts taken from the report that the sisters wrote after the summer camp experience in Montagnaga di Piné (Trento), between last July and August. Five sisters, from five different nationalities: Italian, Indian, Uruguayan, Romanian, and Burmese, who lived a rich experience of life and gave a beautiful testimony.



6 In a world where individualism grows and bonds become increasingly fragile, rediscovering the art of hospitality—the true, profound kind that touches the heart—is a prophecy. In this experience in a silent and luminous corner of the mountains of *Montagnaga di Piné*, we intensely lived the mystery of being hosted and knowing how to host, in a reciprocity that nourishes consecrated life and the mission among families, young people, and children. We lived two weeks that did not merely fill time, but transfigured it—two weeks of shared life, of faces, gazes, outstretched hands, and open hearts.

We were invited by the Shemà association (a social promotion association born in an ecclesial context) to be a visible sign of the Invisible, bringing among them our silent consecration, discreet charity, and the living testimony of hope. Not lofty words, but simple gestures brimming with God's presence.

The first week, amid the smiles of children, the energy of adolescents, and the dedication of the animators, we experienced the beauty of hidden service, of the everyday life lived with love, of a presence that consoles without noise. The second week, in the residential living experience with middle school boys and girls, was a deeper invitation to real communion, sincere listening, walking together even in silence and questions.

Among the most significant days, one was entirely dedicated to the person of our Founder. Through the story "See You Again in Paradise,"

with profound sharing and symbolic games, we made the boys and girls know the heart of our charism: a life given in charity, a rhythm made of action, prayer, and simplicity, an existence spent totally for others. It was a moment of living transmission of our identity, in an atmosphere of listening, wonder, and gratitude.

This experience asked of us great inner availability: to adapt, set aside our own needs, and welcome rhythms that did not belong to us. There were aspects that did not reflect our criteria (order, precision, cleanliness), but all this was restructured before the profound message of life we received from the people—but all this faded beside the profound life message we received from those people.

We experienced that taking care of people, living a family spirit, committing together for the good of all, and being present with a sincere heart in everyday moments count more than any outward perfection. In every simple gesture—a kind word, a dish prepared together, a shared laugh—we recognised a living Gospel: a Gospel that does not need great speeches, but is seen and touched in everyday life.

The experience was a true epiphany of Grace, where the encounter between generations, stories, and different vocations transformed into a liturgy of life, in which God allowed Himself to be found in gestures, faces, and in the beauty of walking together.

The World of Sports Has St. Luigi Scrosoppi as Its Protector

On December 5, in the Church of San Valentino in Rome, near the Olympic Stadium, a special international event took place: the blessing of a realistic wooden statue of St. Luigi Scrosoppi as patron of foot ball players, fans, and stadium visitors. The statue, placed in a place of honour, was presented by the "Luigi 1884" Foundation to His Excellency Monsignor Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelisation and person in charge of the 2025 Jubilee, who presided over the blessing ceremony.

The journey that led to this event began 15 years ago, when Mr. Manfred Pesek, an Austrian and avid foot ball fans, while flying over the Naples stadium, wondered: Is there a protector for foot ball players? If yes, who is it? If not, who could it be?

His initial research yielded negative results: no, there is no saint yet recognised as the protector of foot ball players. Yet, he thought, one could be found among all the saints with the necessary characteristics to be declared as such. He therefore commissioned a professor-theologian from the University of Jena (Germany) to search, along with his students, for which saint could become the patron of foot ball. And the working group, after an in-depth study of numerous saints, identified our Father Luigi as the top choice. Why? Precisely because of the uniqueness of his love for youth: a concrete, dynamic, generous love; an active charity that sought the good of each "abandoned"; a love aimed at the integral development of young people, guiding them toward the autonomy of a righteous and dignified life.

Thus, they began contacts with the Congregation to continue and deepen the knowledge not only of the Saint but also of the mission he founded, which today is carried out in various parts of the world. But these initiatives proceeded slowly, as it was entirely new for us, outside our mental frameworks, and because fine-tuning various aspects of the "Luigi 1884" Foundation required time and effort.

At the same time, contact with the Bishop of Carinthia was natural, while a relationship began with the Bishop of Udine and also with the Vatican.

A significant fact indicating the commitment that reference to St. Luigi should always be a spur toward the path to the Lord: 10 years ago, the cardinal of the Diocese of Gurk-Klagenfurt blessed a small statue of Father Luigi and placed it in the Vienna stadium, where a space for prayer and recollection had been created for everyone. Reaching the world of sports, with its variety of religious faiths, indeed allows young people to be reached on both human and spiritual levels.

Mr. Pesek, however, did not stop at superficial devotion, almost for show, but sought an effective tool to reunite the duo of sport-faith, success-charity, and found a convinced supporter in Dr. Erhard Laussegger, a tax consultant, with whom he established a non-profit foundation called Luigi1884 that is to raise funds for the mission of Father Luigi's daughters around the world. The peculiarity of this Foundation is its ability to license its brand to other companies that request it, as they feel aligned with the values promoted by the Foundation, which has only charitable purposes and aims to support international educational projects, sports promotion, and social inclusion.

We want to believe in the "fantasy of the Spirit" that can arouse good everywhere and in any way, and we accept this recognition of our Father as a sign that the power of his holiness can truly reach everyone, throughout the world.

The statue, a donation from the Board of Directors of the Austrian Foundation Luigi 1884, was crafted in Ortisei at the South Tyrolean atelier Ferdinand Stuflessner 1875,



Grotto

dedicated to Our Lady of Providence

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For over two years, we Sisters of Providence in Chiang Saen (Thailand), together with generous benefactors and the young girls whom we welcome in our house, poured our hearts, hands, and hopes into building a grotto dedicated to Our Lady of Providence. Located on a hill donated for our use in Mae Ai, Chiang Mai Province, this sacred space was not born without fatigue.

The land was steep, the rains relentless, and the path marked by unexpected trials. Yet, in every difficulty, Providence guided our steps.

The grotto was designed by our dear friend, Mr. Felix Fan; his dream and generosity inspired others to join this mission, supporting it even financially. Thus, we began the work: gathering stones from the river, transporting cement and materials up the hill, often with our own hands.

The journey, however, was not without obstacles. The first group of builders, lacking the necessary skills, abandoned the project. Then came the 2024 monsoon season: heavy rains nearly destroyed what had already been built. We were truly tested, but certainly not defeated!

After much prayer and discernment, we turned to Giovanni, a humble catechist from a distant village.

We knew of his devotion to Our Lady and his experience in building grottoes.

Despite the distance and logistical challenges, Giovanni accepted our proposal with joy and faith.



And so, on November 15, 2025, we finally celebrated the blessing of the Grotto of Our Lady of Providence, along with an open chapel dedicated to our Saints: St. Luigi, our Founder; St. Joseph, our Spiritual Father; St. Gaetano, our Patron; and St. Philip Neri. It was a day of immense joy and gratitude. After so many trials, we stood before a completed sanctuary: simple, beautiful, and full of grace.

We recalled the long days of labour, the fatigue, the discouragement when the path seemed too arduous. But we also remembered the girls' laughter as they carried stones, the silent prayers whispered during work, and the unwavering support of those who believed in this dream.

Father Pietro, the priest who celebrated the first Mass and blessed the grotto, spoke with deep emotion. He emphasised how Providence had truly been at work and how, in a time when landslides and storms bring fear and destruction to this area, this grotto could become a sign of hope.

He praised the courage and unity of us Sisters, who, coming from different countries and cultures, live and serve together as one family. In a region marked by ethnic divisions, our community has become a living witness that peace and unity are truly possible.

This grotto is not merely a stone structure: it is far more! It is a place of encounter, where believers and non-believers alike can find comfort, speak with a Mother who listens, and be gently led to her Son, Jesus.

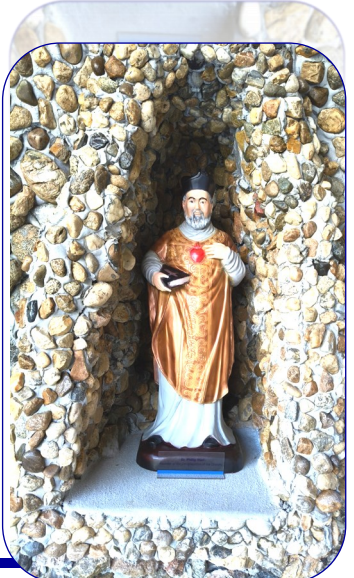
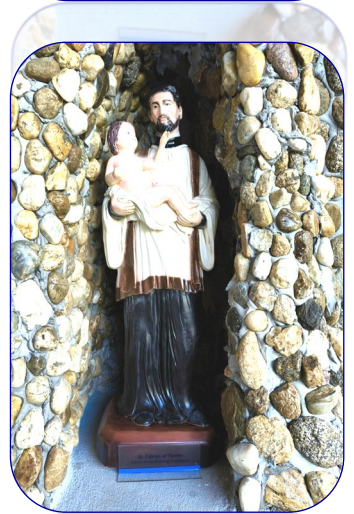
We pray it becomes a refuge for weary hearts, a beacon of peace, and assurance that, with faith, perseverance, and love, even the steepest paths can lead to blessings.

The celebration was also attended by people from nearby villages, including village leaders and non-Catholic brothers and sisters—a sign that this place speaks, and will continue to speak, to all hearts.

To all who accompanied us on this journey: heartfelt thanks.

May Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Providence, intercede for us all and bless us abundantly.

*With profound gratitude,
The Sisters
of Providence
Chiang Saen
Community*



20 years in service of Providence: the Kandi community gives thanks



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On October 5, 2025, the solemnity of St. Luigi, our beloved Founder, the Kandi Community in northern Benin joyfully celebrated its 20 years of presence and mission. By opening this community on October 12, 2005, with great trust in Providence, the Congregation extended its tents to a land of primary evangelisation, predominantly Muslim.

Kandi is a city serving about fifty villages. Where schools exist, they are only elementary, so continuing studies requires travelling to the city. Girls often find themselves living alone, exposed to many dangers.

To offer them a serene and educational environment, the community welcomes and accompanies them in their studies, providing human and spiritual formation.

A Thanksgiving Mass and a Call to Consecration

The 20th anniversary commemoration holds special significance, coinciding with the initiation of the Jubilee Year marking the 25th anniversary of the Holy Founder's canonisation.

The Eucharistic celebration took place in St. Joseph Parish in Gansoso, attended by numerous faithful, community friends, and the girls from the 'Santa Maria, Madre della Provvidenza' boarding house.

From the first notes of the entrance hymn, an atmosphere of joy and gratitude enveloped the assembly. In his homily, Fr. Guillaume Afoudji highlighted this moment of grace and spiritual renewal. He exhorted the sisters to keep the Institute's charism alive by living and manifesting charity, recalling Fr. Luigi's words: "The poor and the sick are our masters and represent the person of Jesus Christ himself."

Celebrating 20 years of the charism's presence in this land means first giving thanks to God for all He has accomplished through each sister who, over the years, has lived in this community.

The celebrant also encouraged the girls to interiorize the values transmitted by the sisters. He appealed to the faithful and families, inviting them to allow their daughters to freely respond to the call to consecration. He particularly urged young women not to fear giving themselves entirely to God.

He made a concrete observation: after 20 years of the Sisters of Providence in the diocese, no Bariba girl has yet joined the Congregation.

Far from a reproach, this is a challenge and invitation, made with true conviction: "It is not just about sending your daughters to boarding school for their education, however important, but also encouraging them to freely and generously respond to God's call through consecrated life."

Gaze Turned to the Future

This celebration marks a key milestone for the community. Throughout the Jubilee Year of the 25th anniversary of Fr. Luigi's canonisation, numerous spiritual, social, and cultural initiatives will be organised to come to know more deeply the Founder's holy virtues, rekindle faith, strengthen fraternity, and advance with renewed impetus the mission begun 20 years ago.

Thus opens a new beginning, eyes turned to the future, with trust in God's fidelity and renewed enthusiasm. Following

St. Luigi's example, who in his final moments exclaimed, "Charity! Charity! Save souls and save them with charity", the sisters continue their mission in the same spirit of service, also counting on the intercession of sisters who shared this mission before reaching the Heavenly Homeland. A future where local vocations will further enrich and root the charism of Providence in this Beninese land.

Sister Eleonora Agassa



DANILO PIGAT

My Adventure Began Almost by Chance in 1998...

At the invitation of Sister Alfonsina Trevisanut, whom I had met and worked with at the hospital in S. Vito al Tagliamento, and who now watches over us from Paradise, I visited the missions of the Sisters of Providence in Côte d'Ivoire for the first time in 1998. The purpose was to see personally how the donations I collected throughout the year from various benefactors were being used.

Until 2005, I travelled to Côte d'Ivoire every year for four weeks, performing maintenance work at the missions in Abidjan, Yamoussoukro, and Bouaké.

In February 2006, at the invitation of the then Mother General, Sr. Irmarosa Villotti, I came to Benin, to Kandi, where the Sisters of Providence community had just started a new mission. The building

And now...

*the Word to the FRIENDS of UDINE
with their new Logo
clearly expressing their mission in Benin*

needed minor renovation work.

In 2007, I returned for another three weeks to carry out small renovation tasks. Before returning to Italy, I told myself I would not come back to Kandi, as I saw no future in such a poor and dusty place. But something unexpected happened...

One day, accompanied by the parish priest, Fr. Giulio, I left Kandi to visit a village in the savanna. Along the way, I encountered some women drawing water by digging with their bare hands in the dry riverbed. I was not alone; some friends were with me, and we were all deeply struck by the scene. We decided then and there, unanimously, to build one well per year in those places. This idea unintentionally gave birth to the name of our emerging group: Friends of Udine.

A single unexpected, intense event sparked within me, within us, an inner commitment that has given us-and still gives us the strength, year after year, to carry forward a missionary campaign that

transforms into providence for these people, offering them a different and certainly a transformed future.

Even today, in November/December 2025, I am in Kandi with three other AdU members, working on two major projects: bringing potable water to improve the health conditions of villagers, and equipping schools with canteens to ensure a large number of children receive basic education and the nutrition necessary for their growth.

Everything accomplished so far has been possible only thanks to the generosity of many benefactors from Udine and surrounding areas (especially schools, parishes, and volunteer groups) and, naturally, the collaboration with the Sisters of Providence and the full availability of the Kandi parish priests.



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EXTENDING A HAND LIKE FATHER LUIGI...

*We cannot
change the world alone,
but together we
can make a difference..*

*Help us bring
education and water
where they are lacking.*

*Every euro donated
is a brick for a school,
a drop for a well,
a smile for a child.*

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FROM THE LITTLE ONES... FOR THE LITTLE ONES...

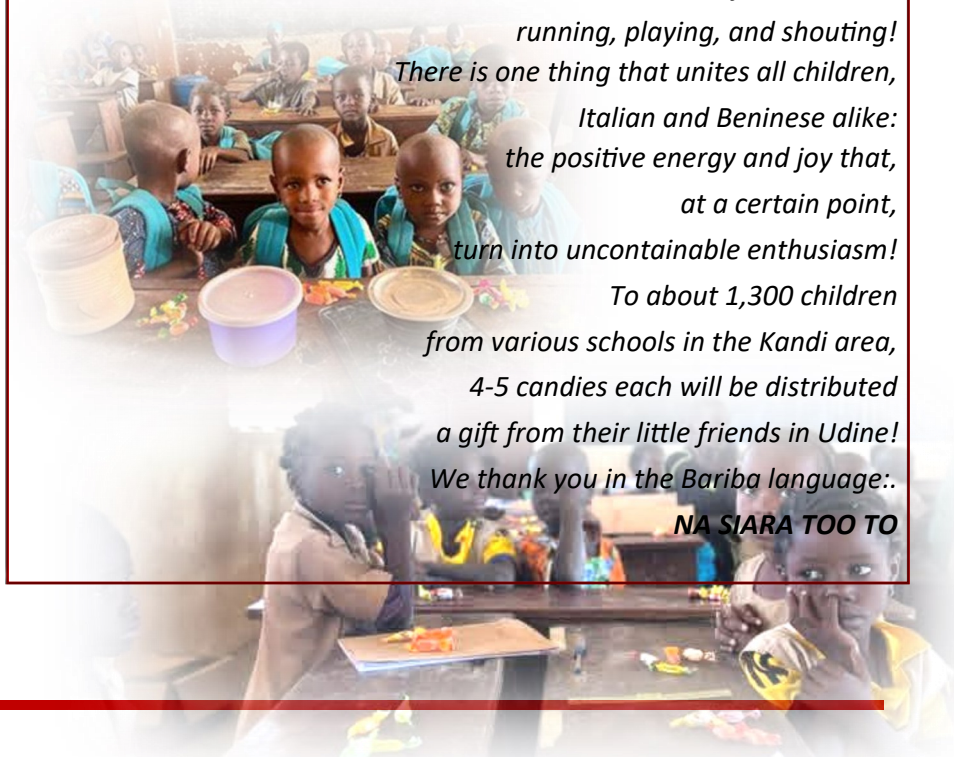
*Telling the children in kindergarten about a different reality
from their own, like life in Benin, is not easy.
Yet every time, it is a very beautiful experience.
Showing them the photos, which are light, fun-filled
and sometimes quirky, that spark a child's curiosity
allows us to talk about their friends in Kandi,*

*who live in poverty,
but who are children just like them
running, playing, and shouting!*

*There is one thing that unites all children,
Italian and Beninese alike:
the positive energy and joy that,
at a certain point,
turn into uncontrollable enthusiasm!*

*To about 1,300 children
from various schools in the Kandi area,
4-5 candies each will be distributed
a gift from their little friends in Udine!
We thank you in the Bariba language:.*

NA SIARA TOO TO



I was hungry...

I was thirsty...

*"...and you gave me food,
...and you gave me drink.
Truly, I say to you,
whatever you did for one of the least
of these my brothers, you did for me"*
Mt 25:35-40



The same word of God that inspired Father Luigi to give himself to the destitute of Friuli in 1800 still challenges all of us, his daughters, today.

Therefore, in faithful response to the ever-evolving charism in today's context, the Sisters of Providence has taken a step forward to concretely respond to this invitation.

And so two Sisters from the Province of St. Joseph India are involved in Street Ministry at the **Anbu Illam Center** (meaning **HOUSE of LOVE** in Tamil) run by the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS) in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, a state in south India bordering Kerala.

They meet the people who are wandering in the street, assist them as much as in their necessities and emergencies.

They distribute around 400 food packets daily for those live in the streets. Those wandered away from their home land are reinstated to their loved ones, if possible. Those ready and willing are taken to the rehabilitation homes, where they experience warmth of love, discover themselves as a child of God, find meaning in life and there they live with human dignity.

It is a joint venture of people of good will, like the kind givers such as Vegetable & market vendors who provide food provisions. Volunteers who cook and distribute meals; those engage in Street contact and counseling.

The objective of this firsthand experience is to collaborate with the MCBS congregation in the street ministry at Rajapalayam, Tamil Nadu, India, where they will shortly open a new branch of Anbuillam Rehabilitation Centre.

It is our sincere effort to meet Jesus in the poor and to become the Eucharist to the least and the lost.

It is our joy to continue the legacy of our beloved Father Luigi.

We entrust the entire religious family to him as we joyfully celebrate the 25th anniversary of his canonization.

Sisters of INDIA



LAUDATO SI' Projects

Our communities are active in many initiatives to live out and share the spirit of Laudato Si'. We highlight two:

➡ **Hydroponic cultivation in Cochabamba - Bolivia**

➡ **Green Week at the school in Iași - Romania**

Cochabamba - Bolivia

This year, we sought to raise awareness among a group of mothers about the importance of protecting Mother Earth, our common home. We realised that it is not enough to simply teach the theory; it is essential to put into practice what is learned.

14 Thus, with a small project, we installed a **hydroponic greenhouse** for growing vegetables: lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, capsicum, etc... all healthy and nutritious foods. Hydroponics is an agricultural technique that allows plants to be grown without soil, using only water enriched with nutrients and an inert substrate to support the roots.

This method offers numerous advantages, including less water and soil consumption, higher productivity per square meter, and the ability to cultivate in controlled environments or areas with scarce fertile land.

The engineer provided a short course, explaining what **hydroponic production** is and how it is implemented.

All the mothers showed great interest in listening and participated actively, transplanting seedlings into the water tubes and learning to sow for future production.

In our area, south of Cochabamba, water scarcity is a major issue. For this reason, it is vital to sensitise families that, with limited water and space, they can still produce what they need for self-consumption and even sell excess, generating a small income.

Everyone enjoyed this new experience and was delighted with the opportunity to learn a sustainable technique that can enhance the quality of life for the families involved.

Subsequently, we will share the harvest with the participating families.

Community of Cochabamba





GREEN WEEK EDUCATING TO LOVE CREATION *Educational Project at Iași, Primary School, Romania October 20-24, 2025*

Introduction

Green Week is a national educational initiative promoted by Romania's Ministry of Education, aimed at fostering deep respect for nature and God's Creation among students.

For our "**Sisters of Providence**" Primary School in Iași, this week was a time of grace and commitment—an opportunity to live out the teachings of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si'*: "*Caring for our common home is everyone's duty.*"

Objectives

- ◆ Educate children on **ecological responsibility** and stewardship of Creation.
- ◆ Promote **cooperation among the school, families, and the religious community.**
- ◆ Encourage **creativity and reflection** through hands-on activities.
- ◆ Foster a lifestyle **based on healthy eating, respect, and love** for all living beings .

Activities Conducted

Students participated enthusiastically in numerous educational activities *during Green Week*:

Plant a Green Future: We planted trees and plants in the school garden as symbols of hope and continuity. Children learned that every tree is a gift to the Earth.

Our "Green Book": Second-graders created a beautiful illustrated Green Book with drawings and messages on positive behaviours toward nature: "Don't waste water," "Respect animals," "Love the Earth like a family home."

Creative and Artistic Workshops: Through painting, collage, and natural materials, children expressed gratitude, commitment to caring for Creation, and appreciation for its beauty.

Recycling and Reuse: Practical recycling activities taught how to give new life to objects, sparking creativity and responsibility.

Healthy Lunch: A food education workshop helped children understand the link between food, health, and respect for Creation.

Light and Faith: Making soy candles symbolised the light born from children's hands and hearts that love the Earth.

Results and Impact

The project strengthened our educational community's awareness that **caring for Creation is an act of love and faith.**

Children discovered that small actions—like planting a seed or picking up jumble can change the world.

The school mounted a **thematic exhibit** with all artworks, projects, and activity photos to share the message: "*Together for a Cleaner Earth and Greener Hearts.*"





Conclusion

Green Week is more than a project. It's a path of ecological and spiritual conversion.

Through collaboration among teachers, students, families, and sisters, we continue to heed the call of St. Francis Assisi:

"Praise be to you, my Lord, for our sister Mother Earth." With joy, hope, and faith, we commit to safeguarding Creation's beauty in every daily gesture.

THE TREE OF PROMISES HEARTS THAT TAKE ROOT

The **Tree of Promises**, a symbol of care, love, and hope for creation, was crafted by third-graders. This poster speaks of care, love, and hope.

16 At its centre stands a **smiling Earth**, brimming with life, surrounded by red hearts, the promises made by third-grade children for a cleaner, better world.

Each heart holds a **sincere wish**: to protect nature, recycle, plant trees, and care for all that surrounds us.

From the heart of the children sprout **green buds**, signs of hope and life.

These buds grow into trees, **symbols of growth** and the bond between humanity and nature.

The tree also **represents our school**, inspired by St. Luigi Scrosoppi's charism: the formation of the heart.

Like a seed sprouting in good soil, **love grows in the hearts of the children**, nourished by education, kindness, and faith.

The Tree of Promises depicts **a world that blooms** when hearts open wide.

It proves that every **small gesture can become something great**, and that from a heart full of love, a forest of hope can grow.



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