

9 agosto 2022: Festa di Santa Teresa Benedetta della Croce, Compatrona d'Europa

Fist of all all, beside the intentions of the General Chapter and the whole institute's intentions, allow me to express a simple word: Thank you

Today, actually, after more than one year, it's the first time that I have the ocacsiopn to express it personally, to whole those people who in different manners ahve been God's isntrument for my second chance in life. Yes , second chance, according to the words uttered by the Doc. Gagliardo, a luminariou mind of the Darwin Royal Hospital. Yers in fact last february 9, 2021, a day after St. Bakhita Feast and my major operation, doc. Gagliardo uttered me over the phone: " Thank God that you are still alive".

So, beside my confrer fr. Nivio who moved mountains for my tranferring to Darwin Royal Hospital, thanks to Sr. Dulce, at that time incoming provincial leader of Timor Leste, Mo. Ester, outgoing provincial leader, sr. Guilhermina. A major thank you, " grosso come una casa", to Sr. Melissa delegate leader of the Australian Delegation, sr. Anna Molinari and the special community of which i have been part and felt really more than at home: Sr. Anna Molinari, Sr. Hilde, Sr. Odette and sr. Lucy.

Grazie di cuore. And thank you to all, without the Lord and of course you, i wouldn't be here to celebrate with you.

The reading of the liturgy of today remind us that the Lord wants to speak to us, to our heart.

The Lord talked to us, when we were all young and called us. He formed us, but he is still talking to us today.

In different manner he showed and showing contnually, to us his love and care.

I remember, last year, when i was confined in the hopsital in Dili, telling Nivio, " with all the people around, poor people who can't afford simple medication, who am i that i received alll this graces And attentions?". Let us ask this to ourselves. The intitute has been and it is blessed till know by the Lord. Chi sono queste 4 povere donnicciole to deserve all of the graces. Let us never forget that if we are here, it's not because of our merits but because the Lord made of us his special choice.

What kind of bride are we?

How much oil did i carry with me and how am i taking care of it.

The oil of charity, the charism that God entrusted to our care. How much personaly and as an institute are we taking care of it.

The wind may blow out the flame, a flame that it is called to embrace everything.

I am the one who is responsible for it. I canno ask others to do that for me.

Now during this chapter you have to find ways and means to keep this flame alive, you and nobody else.

This the call of the chapter.

This is the call for all you of Institute leaders.

To make sure that the Flame of Charity doesn't go off but it is kept alive and burning everyone.

Christ relies on us, relies on you

The people invited to the wedding feast are waiting for the bride that we are called to accompany.

Make Jesus known and loved is this, to accompany him with our burning flame, to make light so others may see Him and not us, we are just keeping the torch that shows the way and accompany the groom to the feast.