



THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR FOUNDER'S BEATIFICATION

*«At a time when he is counted among the Blessed,
Joseph Allamano reminds us that to remain faithful to our vocation
it is necessary to know how to share the gifts received from God
with the brothers of every race and every culture;
it is necessary to announce Christ with courage and coherence
to every person we meet,
especially to those who still do not know him.»*

(St. John Paul II, October 7, 1990)



Very dear missionaries,



The date is approaching when thirty years ago, we repeated to each other with unspeakable joy: «*This is the day that the Lord has made for us!*»: it was **October 7th, 1990**, a day of light and celebration, when our beloved Father Founder was proclaimed “Blessed” by Pope John Paul II.

Let us revisit the event recalling the beautiful words of Father Joseph Inverardi on that day:

*A day when our CONSOLATA was pleased
for the honor bestowed on her son and faithful servant.*

*A Day when the CHURCH has exalted another witness of the Faith.
proposing him as a model of holiness and intercessor.*

*A day when spiritual and apostolic fruitfulness
were recognized to JOSEPH ALLAMANO.*

*A day when the MISSION was proposed again
with the new vigor and responsibility of every faithful.*

*A day when the INSTITUTE sang its joy,
proclaimed its praise, expressed its thanks.*

*A day when all Consolata MISSIONARIES
looked pleased at the “rock from which they were hewed”.*

*A day when PEOPLES, many peoples, have acknowledged
to have been loved and benefited by a meek and strong man.*

*A day in which ALL OF US have re-consecrated ourselves to the Lord, to our brothers
and to our vocation, to be “first saints and then missionaries”.*

For this reason, wherever we are in this year, marked by the gray cloud of a pandemic that has infiltrated every corner of the planet, we cannot but pause in meditation, *remembering and thanking* for this “event of grace” ... within which we have felt proud to follow in the footsteps of this humble Turin priest who launched us into the world, asking us to be simply and authentically “holy for the Mission”.

We are all aware that the “beatification” that we are remembering and whose anniversary we will celebrate in a few days, has been made possible, because our Founder, in the precise and solemn language of the Church, lived “at a heroical degree” the virtues that dot the life of every believer and disciple of the Lord.

Yes, the Founder lived “heroically”, but in his very particular style, borrowed from the example of his holy uncle, Joseph Cafasso: «Doing good well», that is, with enthusiasm, zeal, passion, concern, humility, meekness, freedom and wisdom ... reminding us that the Lord “looks at the heart” and “sees in secret”; that not even a glass of fresh water will be forgotten; and that, in the evening of life, we will be judged on the love given especially to the needy and the least.

What emotion do we feel, then, thinking that two of our sisters have already traveled, like Allamano, this path of *ordinary holiness*: Sister Irene, “mother all mercy” and Sister Leonella, “woman of self-giving and forgiveness” ... achieving the same “beatitude” of our Father Founder, being extraordinary in the ordinary.

But alongside them, we cannot forget many of our brothers and sisters who, without particular titles or widespread fame, have served the Gospel and the Mission in simplicity of heart, industriousness of life, concrete love for the poor, thus becoming bearers of consolation and of peace. Perhaps with some of them we have shared the efforts and joys of the missionary apostolate; remembering them now, we become aware that they were «our next-door saints - as Pope Francis likes to repeat - who live close to us and are a reflection of the presence of God». Among them, there is also our “co-founder”, James Camisassa, whom we will remember particularly in the year 2022, on the centenary of his death and who reached (as “the Mina brothers” wrote, with appropriate precision,) the “*beatitude of being second*”. Let us then associate them too with our “Blessed three”, keeping a grateful memory of them in our hearts, treasuring their example and their fraternal intercession, happy to have had them as companions on the road, brothers / sisters in the same “*missionary-consoling vocation*”!

Remembering and celebrating the first stage of the journey towards the holiness of our Founder, we cannot hide the “thorn” that the missionaries of the Consolata carry in their hearts: the questions and the anxiety for these long thirty years which, while making the memory of his “beatification” is increasingly distant, yet they have not allowed us to glimpse the dawn of the day of the “canonization” of our Founder. This is certainly not the time to explain or answer these questions, future historians will do it. Instead, we would like to share with our whole missionary family the joy of a journey towards canonization that has now come a long way.

More clearly: the “Postulation Commission” composed of Father Giacomo Mazzotti, postulator, Sister Renata Conti and Fr. Michelangelo Piovano, recently appointed, completing and carefully ordering all the required documentation, has finally obtained that the Bishop of Roraima (Brazil) has constituted the Ecclesiastical Tribunal for the Trial, for **the diocesan investigation** of the “alleged miracle” of the inexplicable healing of Sorino Yanomami, a native of Catrimani, through the intercession of Blessed J. Allamano. Unfortunately the Coronavirus epidemic, extremely widespread in Brazil, has slowed down the work but, God willing, the protagonists of the Process, members of the Tribunal, witnesses and “the postulatory team”, may be in Boa Vista *next November* and complete their work. All the material of the investigation will then be brought to Rome to be evaluated by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The Positio on the miracle will have to be drawn up, which will be examined by the Medical Commission for the medical aspect and by the Theological Censors for what concerns the invocation to obtain the healing. If the outcome of the evaluation of the two Commissions will be positive, then “the miracle”, now no longer presumed, but certain, will be presented to Pope Francis so that, with his apostolic authority, he may recognize “the finger of God” and establish, thus, the date of the “canonization”: the day on which we too, Consolata missionaries, will be able to sing the Alleluia of thanksgiving to the Lord.

Let us therefore prepare ourselves, brothers and sisters, to celebrate this date of October 7th in joy and praise, and let us intensify our prayer even more so that, with the help and

intercession of the Consolata, our Mother and Foundress, and of our “two blessed sisters”, the expectation and desire of all of us may be fulfilled.

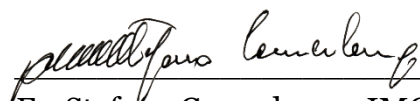
Invoking the blessing of the almighty Lord and the paternal blessing of our dear Founder, we can pray as follows:


**Lord Jesus, you have made to the Church the gift
of your faithful servant, Joseph Allamano,
so that the joy of the Gospel, thanks to his missionaries,
may reach the ends of the earth,
listen to our prayer.**

**Grant that, remembering the happy day of his “beatification”
we always have a vivid memory of such a bright guide,
to be able to imitate, with generous commitment,
his example of ordinary holiness;
and hasten for us the day when we will see his holiness proclaimed,
for the glory of your name
and the consolation of the peoples of the world.**

Amen

In communion,


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