

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalm 91

Two Important Jubilees

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In Brazil, 60 years ago, Mother Assunta Marchetti ascended to heaven. In Italy, 50 years ago, Mother Lucia Gorlin left us.

Two diverse and matching figures with the same goal: pursue God's will for a simple, modest life, yet courageous, marked by an unlimited confidence in the Providence which guides, throughout mysterious but accurate ways, the souls that are passionate for Him.

God, embodied in his Son, Jesus Christ, made himself visible to save all that, poor in their souls and bodies, wait for concrete signs of a love that only comes from God and that guides to Him.

Why should I now put these two figures together in a reflection that can only be a gift of the Holy Spirit, which brings to my mind these two testimonies as two converging points, our mothers, both called by God, even in different ways?

They were two angular columns of a mission which Scalabrini had predicted to Mother Assunta and to the former fellows: "don't fear...you will return" and Mother Lucia also felt part of that project which Scalabrini had deposited in the heart of his former daughters in 1895, she felt responsible and was thoughtfully vigilant with the inevitability that the initiated work could follow its missionary's itinerary for the migrants.

The chart written by mother Assunta Marchetti was absolutely wonderful, again General Superior, in October 15th 1927, to the Provincial Superior of *Rio Grande do Sul*, Sister Lucia Golin: "at present, thanks to God, when things are not in a proper order, everything is on the right track...it is up to Sister Lucia Golin, who may be the most valid help and certain support to the Mother (who wouldn't do any of it by alone), the way of finding in her love to her work and in her enthusiasm for the great glory of God, the way of vanishing this false and damaging ideas".

There were two prerogatives in evidence within Mother Assunta and Mother Lucia: Love and zeal; it reminds me of something like a common feeling of unity between them, the same love for God and for people, a gift of the Holy Spirit. So many things have been done by these two angular columns with so much simplicity in and for our congregation and mission!

Just like a rainbow, they were able to cross the seas: one of them with the mission of fortifying the identity, the other one with the mission of developing the missionary expansion, primarily in Brazil and then returning to her own roots. They assure that "Those who go shedding tears as they scatter their seeds, shall come back again with a jubilation attitude with their sheaves" (Psalm 125).

It's well known that the rainbow goes always after a rainstorm, nevertheless, when spaces are opened among the clouds and some sunbeams come out, with the range of its colors, serene days, when each one guards and waits...days full of peace and peaceful joy, which always come from a divine wait, that never let us down.

Fraternal salutations.

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