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Dear Members of the Marian Movement of Priests,

May this our MMP Golden Jubilee Year bring you many blessings. In this special year let us ponder anew the beginning of Our Lady's Movement, given for our times. On May 8, 1972, Fr Gobbi, who was unsure of his vocation, was on pilgrimage, when at Fatima Our Lady gave him an interior locution. She chose him because he "was the least apt instrument. Thus no one will say that this is your work" (5c).

The apparitions at Fatima contained three secrets. First was, ultimately the reason I came back to the faith, from a hedonistic lifestyle, that being: *the reality of Hell*. The second is the reason I was able to, not fall back into that sinful lifestyle, that being, God's gift for our times: *The Immaculate Heart of Mary* (88q). The third secret was revealed in the Great Jubilee Year 2000, which we are living through, that being: *the great apostasy and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary* (420).

Our Lady directed the children at Fatima to pray and offer sacrifices for "poor sinners" and said, "you know many souls go to Hell because there is no one to pray for them. *To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.*"

St. John Paul II stated, "the appeal of the Lady of Fatima is so deeply rooted in the Gospel and the whole of Tradition that the Church feels committed to this message". In Fatima, Pope Francis also reminded us during Holy Mass, marking the Centenary of the apparitions, "Our Lady foretold, and warned us about, a way of life that is godless and indeed profanes God in his creatures. Such a life – frequently proposed and imposed – risks leading to Hell."

In this Golden Jubilee Year, knowing Her Movement is, "a continuation of Fatima" (594), we need to get back to basics and **multiply Her Cenacles**. Fr Gobbi especially understood how cleverly the opposition to Our Lady's request can distract us. He said, "because of naturalism, there is the practice today of giving great value to one's own personal actions, to efficiency and to the setting up of programmes in the apostolic sector, forgetting the primary value of divine grace and that the interior life of union with Christ, that is of prayer, must be the soul of every apostolate". This paragraph is in the front of the Blue Book on page xxi. The Vatican requested Fr Gobbi to explain the MMP. He wrote 33 pages. It is in the front of the Blue Book, which everyone should read to help understand the MMP. The Vatican accepted his explanation and allowed him, to continue travelling the world, promoting the Blue Book.

I also encourage you to read locution 34, "**Cenacles of Life with Me**". It only requires 2 or 3 for a **Cenacle**. The "work" of the MMP is **CENACLES**. We need to **keep the Cenacles pure**. Don't mix other devotions. Our Lady started this Movement, it wasn't founded by some good Catholic person (or persons). She has given us clear guidelines for the **Cenacles**. Petitions can be off putting for some members. Petitions are not part of the Cenacle. Fr Gobbi never said petitions in his **Cenacles**. Leave it to Our Lady. She said in Locution 204 para I, j "I am truly the Mediatrix of grace between you and my son Jesus. My task is that of distributing to my little children that grace which flows from the bosom of the Father, is merited for you by the Son and is given to you by the Holy Spirit. My task is that of distributing it to all my children, according to the particular needs of each one, which the Mother is very good at knowing." Some people left **Cenacles** because of petitions. Our Lady knows best. We should not be telling Her what to do in **Her Cenacles**. We must keep our **Cenacles**, pure, simple, with no added frills and no new variations.

For an excellent guide on how to conduct Cenacles: - Google "MMP Oceania" click on "MMP Retreat 2021" scroll down to "Session 11: 1600 – 1700 - How to form Cenacles".

We are living in "End Times". Locution 485, "The End of The Times", explains this with five signs and 11 scripture quotes. It even mentions "epidemics" (Covid?). Then in Her last locution 604 called "All Has Been Revealed to You" She ends with a "X" (my late mum says that's a kiss) and tells us we now have all we need to know! So, it is time to **multiply the Cenacles!**

Given this urgency, may I encourage you to pray **the Cenacle weekly**. Zoom Cenacles are good, but, if possible, we should be present to each other. Our Lady requests, "**above all, I want Family Cenacles**", this plea is in ten different locutions.

After the Great Jubilee Year 2000 some dropped off due to misunderstanding Our Lady's words. Please read and meditate on locution 284, especially about the gift of Her Book. Fr Gobbi explained the correct interpretation in his 2001 annual Newsletter. As we move toward the Great Jubilee Year 2033, let us re engage with her battle cry to pray **the Cenacle often**; She calls us her "White Army" (25q). Locution 344 "I am the Dawn which is Rising".... "Now the mission which has been entrusted to me by the Most Holy Trinity must be recognized by the whole Church".

I have had the privilege of being a MMP member for 30 years. It is a joy to be the Responsible in this Jubilee Year. In June, I will attend the special Jubilee MMP International Retreat at Fatima and look forward to seeing you at the Oceania Retreat in Galong, NSW, with Fr Donal McIlraith SSC (Responsible for Oceania) as our Retreat Master. Until then, I encourage you to live in the Immaculate Heart of Mary by regularly **praying the Cenacle**. This will keep you grounded in the true faith.

Happy 50th Birthday, dear MMP members and keep up the good work for Our Blessed Mother.

Yours in Jesus through His Holy Mother,

Fr Andrew Grace,
Responsible for Australia

INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER - MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

Ave Maria

1 January 2022 – Mary Most Holy Mother of God

Dear members of the Marian Movement of Priests,

We have entered a very special year: next May 8 will be the 50th anniversary of the birth of the Marian Movement of Priests, that is, since when in 1972, Fr Stefano Gobbi began to receive from Our Lady those messages that then, from 1973 to 1997, were collected in the *Blue Book* "To The Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons". It is a great opportunity to seriously discuss how we are responding to the love and the appeal of our Mother.

In 2021, despite travel difficulties due to health restrictions, I was able to visit the cenacles of some cities in Italy and Portugal, Peru, Colombia, Brazil (including the spiritual exercises for Brazilian priests), Bolivia, Mexico (for the spiritual exercises of the Spanish-speaking priests of Central and South America and the Caribbean), Honduras and Nicaragua, and the United States of America, also with the presence of some bishops and cardinals. Cenacles sometimes very numerous and sometimes small, sometimes celebrated in large churches and sometimes in the little house of some families: outwardly different, but always cenacles requested by our Mother and lived by her priest sons together with all the other sons and daughters in their state of life, from laity to cloistered nuns. Once again, I was able to see how much Our Lady is loved by those who seek her in each cenacle, who pray, who consecrate themselves to her, who entrust to her the Holy Father, their Bishops, their parish priests, their nations sometimes so troubled, their families; how valuable the prayers of the little ones! In some cases, my visit coincided with the resumption of public cenacles, suspended for almost two years due to current restrictions. Let us thank Our Lady who always helps us to start again and not to be discouraged, despite difficulties. For my part, I would like to reach many other cenacles and countries, many have insistently asked for the visit of the *Coordinator-General Responsible*, but being a parish priest, I am not permitted to leave the parishes except for one or two weeks at a time, and few times a year. If Our Lady wants it, this time will increase, otherwise I will be able to visit only a few countries and for a few days each, as I have done to date; the decision is Her's, ours the prayer to live only what she wants.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the MMP, the International Spiritual Exercises for Priests will be organised in Fatima from Sunday, June 26 to Saturday, July 2, 2022. In conjunction with the exercises for priests there will also be a retreat for the laity, from Thursday 30 June to Sunday 3 July. In this way we will be able to pray together and celebrate Holy Mass at the Capelinha. Already many priests have asked to be able to participate, from all continents. I ask the laity to invite their priests to participate and, if necessary, to help them as needed.

I am very happy that in many countries there are further Spiritual Exercises of the MMP: may those who simply cannot participate in Fatima participate at least in the local Exercises, do not let this grace of the continuous Cenacle pass. To register for the Spiritual

Exercises in Fatima you must contact exclusively the agency in charge, Rusconi Viaggi (Lecco – Italy), which will help prepare the necessary documents to arrive in Portugal. On the official website of the MMP you can find links for registration for the Spiritual Exercises of priests and for the retreat of the Laity (see the end of page 4 below).

The regional and national cenacles will be scheduled as soon as circumstances allow, meanwhile **let us continue and increase our small local and family cenacles**. Where necessary, **let the public cenacles be resumed**. I have seen many fruits in cenacles of children led by children, and of young people led by young people, as Our Lady has asked. For example, on December 31, 1996, she tells us: *"I ask of you an incessant prayer, humble, persevering, trustful. And so, I renew again my request to spread everywhere the cenacles of prayer and fraternity. Let these cenacles be spread among the priests, who are my beloved sons, and among the faithful. I await a generous response from the little children, so that they may be defended and protected by me from the great perversion which has contaminated all the world. I ask the young people to gather together in these cenacles, that they may attain the new times which I have prepared for them. Above all, in these cenacles, Christian families must gather together, so that they may be helped by me to live in perfect communion of love, always open to the gift of life which must be desired, protected and defended."*

Let us not drop the request that Our Lady personally made to us fifty years ago. It is thanks to the cenacles that she has conquered our heart and guards it in her Immaculate Heart and carries out her plan.

The Cause of Beatification of Fr. Nazareno Lanciotti is advancing, now all the documentation is deposited at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints: I ask you to pray that it can be successful in a short time.

With regard to the Cause of Beatification of Fr Stefano Gobbi, I thank those who have sent me beautiful testimonies and I renew to all the others the request to send their own testimonies as soon as possible.

1 It is now fifty years that Our Lady heartily invites us to consecrate ourselves to Her Immaculate Heart and to live our consecration. Through Fr. Stefano Gobbi she has repeated the request already made at Fatima: to live the Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart is the best way to be protected at this time, better because chosen by the Lord Himself (As said in the apparitions at Fatima and then to Sister Lucia at Pontevedra).

Faith allows us to have a spiritual reading of history, that is, the life of humanity not only as the succession of facts and people, but as the Church's journey towards the fulfillment of time, towards the return of Jesus in glory, through the events that characterize the "End Times".

The spirituality of the Church has had light on the "End Times" through many saints, e.g. in 2004 Fr Stefano Gobbi quoted St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort on the characteristics of the *Apostles of The Last Times* (Treatise on True Devotion to Mary, 54-59); Our Lady explained to us that these "Last Times" are precisely the time in which we live, she has spoken of it in 76 messages, focusing in particular on priests

(e.g., June 8, 1991 and December 8, 1994) calling them precisely "Apostles of the Last Times". What signs indicate that we have arrived there?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 675) says that *"Before Christ's Second Coming, the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers (Lk 18:8; Mt 24:12). The persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth (Lk 21:12; Jn 15:19-20) will unveil the "mystery of iniquity" in the form of a religious deception that offering men an apparent solution to their problems, at the price of apostasy from the truth. The supreme religious deception is that of the Antichrist, a pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in the place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh (2 Thess 2:4-12; 1 Thess 5:2-3; 2 Jn 7; 1 Jn 2:18, 22)."*

Between the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the Church had to face several waves of weird and misleading interpretations of doctrine, which Pope Pius X in 1907 would call heretical (encyclical letter *Pascendi Dominici Gregis*). Our Lady had begun to warn us as early as 1830 with the apparitions of Paris and the gift of the Miraculous Medal and of the prayer "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you", continuing to La Salette, Lourdes, culminating at Fatima (*"I urge you today to look to the great light, which has spread out from Fatima over the events of this, your century, and which is becoming particularly strong in these last times"*, 13 May 1994), calling for prayer, fidelity strengthened by penance, and the sacraments. Finally, since 1972, fifty years ago, she has explicitly taught us to identify the signs of the "End Times".

And here is a very beautiful thing: Our Lady calls the Last Times "my Times", because it is the hour when, in the apparent and provisional victory of apostasy, She becomes even more present to guide her children and protect them in Her Immaculate Heart, to make possible the miracle of Grace and mercy: *"The decisive moments are very near. A little while longer and then, together with them, with the littlest of my babies, I will crush the head of Satan and his many followers and I will obtain the victory which has already been announced (August 3, 1974)"* ... those consecrated to her Immaculate Heart, priests with religious and laity, all sinners but refugees in the Immaculate Heart and made "little" on the path of holiness indicated by her, they will be the instrument of the Immaculate for the victory and for the hour of the Triumph of her Immaculate Heart.

So, from these words we understand that the only thing that Our Lady asks of us is to live the consecration to Her Immaculate Heart: **to live the three commitments of the MMP** and to have the greatest and absolute trust in Her: *"Respond always and only with heroic trust in me. That is all I need from you, my little children, to crush the head of my Adversary, while he will attempt to bite my heel, by laying snares for you, my beloved sons (July 8, 1977)"*.

"Heroic trust" in which situations, in which of the difficulties that characterise the "End Times", in particular today? In addition to personal and family difficulties, there are social and ecclesial difficulties. For example, the difficulty that many of us still have in freely participating in the celebrations of our faith, first of all in the Eucharist: still in many countries only a few people are allowed to enter the church at a time, unlike crowded places

such as theaters and cinemas or shopping centers or places of entertainment, or the difficulty in the Church of defending the right of believers to these same celebrations.

2 Our Lady also refers to a difficulty that is ever more manifest: **remain loyal to the Gospel and to the Doctrine Catholic**. A part of the Church has the tendency (or temptation) to "change", like those, for example, who oppose the recent statements of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith on the family (15 March 2021) or who dispute the primacy of the Eucharist, its sacrificial reality, and the need to be in God's grace to receive it.

Indeed, it seems that in the Church, that alternative thought to the Gospel, therefore opposed to it on some points, which tends to empty the proclamation of faith, the proclamation of salvation, wants to manifest itself in an ever more explicit and proud way. The points affected by this thought are essential: the Eucharist, the family, anthropology, the Church as way, truth and life. We saw a clear example of this in Europe last May, with some rebellions that are only the tip of an iceberg that is still submerged and cannot wait to emerge to change the Church in accordance with anti-evangelical thought. We must be careful: anti-evangelical is not only what is against charity, against poverty, it is primarily what is against doctrine, from which Christian charity and any other virtue takes its meaning and its value. Charity firstly consists in helping one's neighbour to know God's love, to live in God's grace. Our Lady wants to help us put things right, while instead the "great tribulation" tries to subvert them: in fact, precisely because it is anti-evangelical, this alternative thought wants us to believe that through it one finally arrives at the true evangelical life, finally in freedom, and that the path of salvation finally comes through these changes! It is the same path as Judas: he also rebelled because he wanted to push Jesus to take another path.

Our Lady had announced very well these things to us:

"Marxist atheism will contaminate everything; like a poisonous fog it will penetrate everywhere and will bring many of my children to death in faith. It will subvert the truths contained in the Gospel." (November 9, 1975)

"Truth is being corrupted with error. Error is being spread in a most dangerous way, namely, as a new and modern way of understanding the truth, and it ends by subverting the very truths which are the foundation of the Catholic faith. They are not openly denied, but they are accepted in such an equivocal way that doctrine is most seriously compromised by error in an unprecedented manner. As a result, talk and discussion go on and on; but there is no longer any belief and the darkness of error spreads. The confusion which tends to prevail within the Church and to subvert its truths is the first sign which indicates to you with certainty that the time of her purification has come. (January 28, 1979)

On June 13, 1989, in particular, we are told how those who, even if they call themselves believers and even if they have received Holy Orders, try to "update" the faith of the Church or change it as they please:

"... justifying sin, ... presenting it no longer as an evil, but as something good and of value. Thus, one is advised to do this as a way of satisfying the exigencies of one's

own nature, destroying the root from which repentance could be born, and is told that it is no longer necessary to confess it. The pernicious fruit of this cursed cancer, which has spread throughout the whole Church, is the disappearance everywhere of individual confession. Souls are led to live in sin, rejecting the gift of life which Jesus has offered us."

"The Church instituted by Christ is one alone: it is the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, founded on Peter. As is Jesus, so too is the Church founded by Him, which forms his Mystical Body, Truth, life and way.

The Church is truth, because Jesus has entrusted to it alone the task of guarding, in its integrity, all the deposit of faith."

These "false believers" seek also to *"destroy this reality through false ecumenism, which leads to the acceptance of all Christian Churches, asserting that each one of them has some part of the truth. It develops the plan of founding a universal ecumenical Church, formed by the fusion of all the Christian confessions, among which, the Catholic Church." [...] "... to attack the ecclesial devotion towards the sacrament of the Eucharist. It gives value only to the meal aspect, tends to minimize its sacrificial value, seeks to deny the real and personal presence of Jesus in the consecrated Host. In this way there are gradually suppressed all the external signs which are indicative of faith in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, such as genuflections, hours of public adoration, and the holy custom of surrounding the tabernacle with lights and flowers."*

3 Another great difficulty that seems to be growing more and more concerns discernment. It seems that many, lay or religious or priests, are disoriented by this great confusion and find more security and comfort in the impetuosity of the currents of thought of the moment, sometimes political currents, instead of in the word of the Gospel and in the teaching of the Church. Thus, in the current problems, more than being "light of the world" (Mt 5,14) it becomes the reflection of a purely human logic which, when it does not let itself be enlightened by the Gospel, it leaves us groping in the dark, and instead of apostles of fidelity it risks being apostles of confusion, if not of rebellion. Whoever wants to be faithful and strives with every effort to live the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary also suffers these tensions, which are increasingly heavy, acute and insidious. Sometimes we can be discouraged, but Our Lady does not want us to be fooled by discouragement:

"Do not let the hour of a new Gethsemane, through which humanity is now living, make you sad. Do not be discouraged if evil has the upper hand in the world today. Do not be alarmed if Satan has reached the summit of his diabolical reign. (April 11, 1993)"

"Have confidence in your heavenly Mother who is ever close to you, to be of assistance and comfort to you in your priesthood. I see your innumerable difficulties. I welcome all your entreaties. I am close to you to comfort you in your solitude. I give you joy and consolation amidst so much bitterness. Do not feel yourselves alone. Even if the field of the apostolate is sometimes dry and difficult, even if the society which surrounds you places obstacles in the way of your priestly action, even if the weight of human weakness seems often to overwhelm you, never become discouraged! I am always

close to you, as a good and understanding mother, and I am supporting, leading, consoling and encouraging you. I am gathering up your tears like precious jewels and I am treasuring your every fatigue in the secret of my Immaculate Heart" (October 21, 1993).

"I obtain for you the gift of the Holy Spirit, who descends upon you to confirm you in your priestly ministry and make you apostles of the second evangelization. Let your preaching be founded on the rock of the apostolic faith, that you may become courageous witnesses of faith in these times of the great apostasy. Do not become troubled when you see that today errors are becoming openly taught, spread and followed. Never become discouraged. Be faithful ministers of the Gospel of Christ, by proclaiming all the truths of the Catholic faith, and thus you will become lights lit upon a lamp stand, burning torches set upon the mountain tops, to throw light upon these times of great darkness." (February 22, 1994)

"Mine is the task of washing you from every stain [...] I assist you to be in the world, without being of the world; because I desire that all of you belong solely and always to my Son Jesus." (December 31, 1995)

"How difficult are the days in which you are living! This is the conclusive period of purification and the great tribulation. In fact, all humanity is possessed by the spirits of evil and my Church is shaken by the impetuous wind of errors, of divisions, of unbelief and of apostasy. You must bear the painful weight of this situation. You are being called to carry the cross of all the Church. For this reason, you are destined to experience, as never before, the gentle comfort of my motherly tenderness: in my arms you will be caressed and consoled by me. Thus, I ask you to enter, once and for all, into the refuge of my Immaculate Heart." (June 27, 1996)

The Church relives the Passion of Jesus, but, living in the Mother's Immaculate Heart can be fruitful with motherly life for all humanity, which will look to her when she returns to shine with light not only in her doctrine but also in the lives of her children. This is why Our Lady always asks us to pray in Cenacles, to multiply them: because only in this way will we learn to live our consecration to Her Immaculate Heart. *"I recommend to you to gather together often in your cenacles, in order to give me a great force of prayer, with which I may be able to intervene before my Son Jesus, that He may quickly obtain for you from the Father the gift of a new and second Pentecost for the Church and for all humanity. (May 26, 1985), and also "If you live your consecration, your life will be truly transformed: I will accustom you to my way of seeing, of thinking, of praying, of loving. I will communicate my spirit to you and will make you ever littler, more simple, and more humble. I will bring you to trust always and only in God. And the more that doubt and denial increase, the more you will find your certainty in Him, and you will bear witnesses to this. (November 9, 1975)"*

Sometimes we should ask ourselves: but do we make cenacles out of devotion, just because we like what Our Lady said to Fr. Stefano Gobbi, or because we understand that we are called by her at this Time? The cenacles that Our Lady asks of us and the consecration to Her Immaculate Heart are not a simple devotion but are a call, a

vocation to live in the Church this Time with her and like her, because she wants to intervene through us.

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Therefore, how we can live the 50th anniversary of the birth of the Marian Movement of Priests? Let us ask first of all for the grace to **rediscover the gift of consecration to the Immaculate Heart.**

"Many years ago, I imprinted my Image on the cloak of my little Juan Diego, to whom I appeared; Today I want to imprint my image in the heart and the life of each one of you. You are thus signed with the seal of my love, which distinguishes you from those who have allowed themselves to be seduced by the Beast and bear his imprinted blasphemous number. The Dragon and the Beast can do nothing against those who have been signed with my seal. (November 12, 1981)".

How often the dragon strikes us with sufferings of a thousand kinds, but earthly sufferings are not the biggest problem: his main goal is that the faithful learn to live without God believing themselves to be equally good faithful. This is his greatest snare, which those who are marked with the seal of Our Lady, the consecration to the Immaculate Heart, must face with love and overcome, even at the cost of a difficult and painful witness.

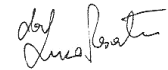
An example of a snare: in this time of health emergency, it seems that every activity must be filtered through considerations of earthly health and there is a tendency to overshadow spiritual health and regular sacramental life. Indeed, sometimes it seems that in some areas of the Church there is tolerance towards those who teach anti-evangelical ideas, and instead harshness towards those lay people and faithful priests who would like to follow the care considered as "unofficial" by the world health directives, even if valid and appreciated in many nations. These latter people, though faithful, are considered harmful and anti-evangelical, as opposed to those who teach against the Gospel and cause spiritual harm that can lead to eternal perdition. Some new human rules have been seen as of moral value, while the moral value of some evangelical teachings is being relativized to the point of nullifying it. There is a risk of living what Jesus said: "They worship me in vain, teaching human commandments as precepts. You put aside the commandment of God, to observe human tradition" (Mark 7:7-8). There is a lot of confusion. Re-reading the Catechism (n. 675) this antichristic dimension seems to emerge in what is happening in these "End Times".

Our Lady has spoken to us for many years to teach us to reason: firstly, the current crisis is not a health but moral one. If the health crisis is serious, the moral one is far worse; Our Lady has never intervened specifically in this type of problem, if anything she has continually called for consecrating ourselves to Her Immaculate Heart in order to return to God with strength and love. The great tribulation is not a series of health epidemics, but a devastating crisis of faith that allows the great dragon to drag to earth a third of the stars of Heaven, the priests, who in turn leave the faithful, the Church and the world in the dark. One cannot get out of social crises without returning to God. Let us be careful not to be confused. What we sorely need is a spiritual reading of life and the problems that we must address. Our Lady speaks to us in these terms. This is why she gave birth to the

MMP and asks us to take refuge in Her Heart, to be her maternal help for the Church in these "End Times", Her presence of fidelity and consolation in trial.

Let us, then, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the birth of the MMP, pay daily attention to **living with love our consecration to the Immaculate Heart**, in union of life with her, asking for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be faithful to the Gospel and to the doctrine of the Church, to offer the often great weight of current difficulties, in reparation and intercession for those who do not know the love of God, to counter the gestures of rebellion and apostasy that have already come to light and those that are still hidden, to be in the Church what Our Lady expects of us, and learn to thank her because we are unworthily called to be her collaborators:

"I have great designs on you: respond each and all with generosity. (November 12, 1981)"



Don Luca Pescatori

info for FATIMA: <https://rusconiviaggi.com/it/destinations/movimento-sacerdotale-mariano-a-fatima-2022/>

MMP OCEANIA WEBSITE

We want to remind each of you that we have our own website for the MMP in Oceania (www.mmp-oceania.net). It contains a lot of very useful information (e.g. a series of outstanding talks by Fr Michael Gaughran and Fr Francis Geremia were recently added to the 'Resources' page of the website) and videos of all sessions of the 2020 and 2021 retreats (available on the 'Events' page of the website), and videos of most of the zoom cenacles held in the last six months (available on the 'Zoom Cenacles' page on the website). These are extremely valuable and well worth viewing. You can also order MMP Publications through the 'Publications' page on the website. The website is regularly updated and we encourage all of you to USE it, and to CHECK it regularly for updates as it is the main tool available to us to communicate with you apart from our annual newsletter.

ZOOM CENACLES

The MMP now runs several weekly zoom cenacles, one led by Fr Donal McIlraith (on Saturdays) and one led by Fr Andrew Grace (on Wednesdays). These cenacles are a great opportunity for those who have not been able to attend face-to-face cenacles regularly because of Covid-19 restrictions. Details on the website. Please join us.

CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS?

Don't forget to tell us if you change your postal address, so we can keep sending you our annual newsletters. If you prefer to receive the newsletter electronically rather than by post, you just have to let us know (by email to "info@mmp-oceania.net" or "mmpriests@gmail.com").

ANNUAL (2022) MMP RETREAT (OCEANIA) WITH FATHER DONAL McILRAITH

OCEANIA MMP RETREAT

We are planning as usual for the annual Oceania retreat to be held on 22-26 August (inclusive) at the Redemptorist Retreat Centre at GALONG NSW. Unfortunately the face to face retreat had to be replaced in 2020 and 2021 by zoom retreats (due to Covid19 impacts), but we are hopeful of having a face to face retreat this year. We already have 60 people registered for the retreat and, as we can have a maximum of 85-90, we encourage you to register asap by completing the attached registration form and submitting it by mail or email along with a deposit. Full details of the retreat are available on the registration form or on the website (on the 'Events' page). Our Annual Retreat for Oceania in 2021 will be held at the St Clement's (Redemptorist) Retreat Centre at GALONG NSW (near Yass) from **22-26 August 2022** (inclusive).

The Retreat will be led by Father Donal McIlraith, the Priest who is responsible for the MMP in Oceania. The retreat is open to all Priests, Religious, Lay Associates and friends. The retreat commences with lunch at 1 pm on Monday 22nd August 2022 and concludes after lunch on Friday 26th August 2022. All necessary information will be provided to participants prior to the Retreat; the full daily program will be provided to participants on arrival.

A range of room-types are available. Some rooms have single beds; others have twin single beds, or double or queen sized beds. All rooms have desks, and some form of heating. Somerooms access shared bathroom facilities, while others have their own ensuites. There are also a small number of flats available (flats include double/queen beds, a desk and a sofa for relaxation). Note that flats, rooms with twin beds or double/queen beds will normally be allocated to two people choosing to share in order to maximise the number of people who can attend. The cost of the retreat (including accommodation, linen, and all meals) varies with room-type (see overleaf); rooms with ensuites generally cost \$100pp more.

Transport to the Retreat Centre can be undertaken either:

- by **CAR** (1.5 hr from Canberra; 2.5 hr from Albury, Orange or Griffith; 3.5 hr from Sydney; 6 hr from Melbourne); or
- by **TRAIN** (the nearest railway station is Harden, 23 km from the Retreat Centre – train travelers will be met at the station); or
- by **BUS** (the MMP will arrange a coach from Sydney if sufficient people are interested).

Inquiries can be made by email (info@mmp-oceania.net) or post (PO 636 Castle Hill NSW 1765).

Registration must be made on the form overleaf. Completed registration forms can be scanned & emailed (info@mmp-oceania.net) OR posted (PO Box 636 Castle Hill NSW 1765).

A \$250 per person deposit is payable at the time of registration, and can be paid either:

- (i) **by bank transfer** to our St George Bank account (Account name: MMP; BSB: 112879; A/C: 041489990). If paying by bank transfer, please identify yourself in the reference section of the bank transfer notice, OR forward a copy of the bank transfer receipt to info@mmp-oceania.net, so we know who has paid; OR
- (ii) **by cheque** made payable to the MMP & posted to PO Box 636 Castle Hill NSW 1765;

As the number of rooms with ensuites is strictly limited, you are encouraged to register for the retreat **as soon as you can**.

Note that anyone cancelling their registration after 1 August 2022 may lose 50% of their deposit, and anyone cancelling after 15th August 2022 may lose 100% of their deposit.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR MMP RETREAT (22-26 August 2022 inclusive)

Surname: First Name: Male / Female (please circle)

Address:

Telephone (mobile preferred): Email:

Room type*	Bathroom type	Cost	Available	Room choice
Single	Shared	\$650 pp	33	
Twin singles (2 people)	Shared	\$600 pp	6	
Double or Queen (2 people)	Shared	\$600 pp	7	
Twin singles (2 people)	Ensuite	\$700 pp	12	
Double/Queen (2 people)	Ensuite	\$700 pp	7	
Flat (double+sofa) (2 people)	Ensuite	\$800 pp	4	

If all rooms with ensuites are not booked by 1 August, then a few single rooms with ensuite **may** be made available (for an additional \$100 pp). Would you like to be on a waiting list for such a room? YES/NO (please circle)

If you have chosen a 'twin singles' room, whom do you want to share with?

Want to stay Sunday BEFORE Retreat (for extra cost)? If so, arriving when?

Want to stay Friday AFTER Retreat (for extra cost)?..... If so, arriving when?

Transport - how do you intend to travel - **by CAR / by TRAIN / by BUS** (please circle)?

Would you like us to reserve a place for you on a **dedicated MMP BUS** departing from Strathfield Railway Station (return cost \$85 pp)? YES / NO (please circle)

Do you have any **special dietary** requirements?

Do you have any **mobility** issues (e.g. problems with stairs)?

Emergency contact (Name): (Phone):

PAYMENT of Deposit (\$250 pp) by:- Cheque / cash / bank transfer / Money Order (please circle)

Amount paid

_____ END _____

Office use:

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