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**ASSOCIATION OF CANOSSIAN LAITY
INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION TEAM
To the Coordinations of the Canossian Laity
Mothers Provincial/Fathers Delegate
Animating Sisters and Animator Fathers**

Dear Family,

It is with joy that we remember St. Josephine Bakhita in the month of February. The fascination that our Universal Sister exerts and continues to exert on so many people is truly exceptional. His secret is his deep relationship with the Paron; Bakhita was in constant dialogue with her Lord, to whom she joyfully felt she belonged. She became a teacher of humble and warm welcome, of joy, of goodness, of sincere forgiveness, of trust in the God who made her a daughter, and therefore free to welcome and give love always and everywhere. Let us thank the Lord for the precious gift of his life and for his witness of love.

With the help of St. Bakhita and St. Magdalene, we present some novelties.

Congress of the Association of Canossian Laity:

As we all know, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the date and place of the Congress have been moved twice. In a phase of reorganization and discernment, taking into account the beginning of the Jubilee Year, on December 24, 2024 which will last until January 6, 2026, we have decided to establish the City of Rome as the venue for our Congress, so that lay participants arriving from the 5 continents can experience this event of great spiritual, ecclesial and social importance in the life of the Church.

From the above, we announce that the next International Congress of the Canossian Laity Association will be held at the House of the Canossian Daughters of Charity, in Via della Stazione di Ottavia 70 – 00135 Rome, from 12 to 20 July 2025.

For the purpose of preparing for the Congress, an ad hoc Commission will be formed. In future communications, we will deepen the organization.

Zoom meeting:

With the aim of living the joy of communion to "Ignite Life in this Jubilee Year", to meet, to get to know each other and to start a process of listening in preparation for the International Congress of the Canossian Laity Association, we propose the realization of virtual meetings by languages through the ZOOM platform. We would do it in 3 groups, one in Italian and two in English.

The program is detailed in the attachment.

Plenary Indulgence

Good news!

"On the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the birth of St. Magdalene of Canossa, the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted the Plenary Indulgence (under the usual conditions) for the faithful who will visit parish churches or places of prayer where Canossians are present in every part of the world, from March 1 to October 2, 2024. The sick and all those who are unable to participate physically will also be able to benefit from the gift of the Indulgence, offering their sufferings to the Lord or carrying out practices of piety."

XIV General Chapter of the Canossian Sons of Charity

It will be held at the Generalate of Verona – Poiano from 07 to 26 April 2024 under the motto:

"He who does not burn does not burn!"

Sons of Charity:

Brothers, Pilgrims and Servants of Joy

Rekindle the charism of God that is in you (cf. 2 Tim 1:6)

We have received the invitation of Father General Carlo Bittante to participate in the XIV General Chapter, during the "Day of the Canossian Family", which will be held on April 20, 2024. The event will be attended by the International Coordinator of the ALC, Rosanna Imamura. As members of the same family, we commit ourselves to accompanying them with our personal and/or group prayer.

Wednesday Prayer:

Let us recall the appointment of Canossian Wednesday and the Jubilee prayer that have already been disseminated, in the hope that you will be able to spiritually accompany this journey shared in the family.

Register of the Laity:

In order to keep an up-to-date register of who and how many of us are, we remind each Provincial Coordination to send the updated names of the Canossian Laity as soon as possible, until September 2023 (attached form).

Please also update the name of the Coordinators if they have changed.

We ask you to send it to this e-mail address:

laycanossianassociation@gmail.com

To Mary, Mother of Charity, teacher of life and light for our journey, let us entrust this new stage that in the footsteps of Saint Magdalene we want to follow and celebrate in order to kindle, awaken and accompany life, so that others may have Life.

International Coordination Team

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