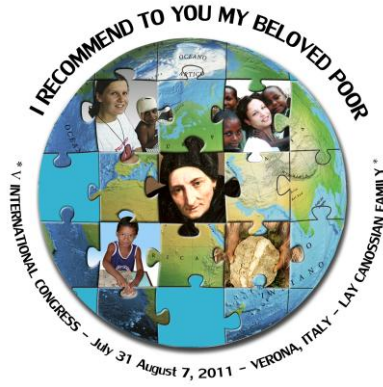




CONGRESS PROGRAMME

“I RECOMMEND TO YOU MY BELOVED POOR”

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2011

CONGRESS OF THE LAY CANOSSIAN ASSOCIATION
from Sunday 31st July to Sunday 7th August 2011

- **CRITERIA of PARTICIPATION:**

- ✓ Every Province or Territory or Delegation: **two lay people** (the **Provincial Coordinator and another lay Canossian**) and the **Sister/Father Provincial Animator**.

Every Province/Territory/Region will find ways of meeting the expenses of the Delegates where necessary.

- **LECTURES ON POVERTY**

There will be **four lectures on the theme of poverty**, which contain analysis of a sociological, theological, Biblical and charismatic nature, given by lay and religious speakers.

There will be **seven work groups** which, with the guide of a group leader and a secretary, will reflect on the topic assigned to them.

• WORK GROUPS

REFLECTION AND STUDY ON THE TOPIC ASSIGNED.

OBJECTIVE: that Lay Canossians may become more sensitive to the poor and commit themselves to live this sensibility according to the spirit of St. Magdalene of Canossa.

N° 7 GROUPS IN FIVE LANGUAGES:

- ✓ **ITALIAN: GROUP 1**
GROUP 2
- ✓ **ENGLISH: GROUP 1:** U.S.A. – AUSTRALIA – JAPAN -
SINGAPORE – HONG KONG
GROUP 2: PHILIPPINES – INDIA – MALAYSIA –
INDONESIA – NORTH EAST AFRICA
- ✓ **FRENCH:** D. R. CONGO – TOGO
- ✓ **SPANISH:** MEXICO – ARGENTINA
- ✓ **PORTUGUESE:** BRAZIL – PORTUGAL – ANGOLA –
SAO TOME' - TIMOR

Every group has a **group leader and a secretary**. It has two afternoons with a total of four hours to carry out its work.

The composition of the group is determined by language.

It will present to the Congress, in 15 minutes, the work elaborated on the last day.

Each designated group leader and secretary will arrive at the Congress with **an outline of the work already prepared** by the Coordinating Teams on the theme assigned.

The Provincial and Territorial Coordinating Teams mentioned above **will decide together who will be the Group Leader and Secretary to prepare the working material** which should have the following characteristics.

For example, Group ENGLISH 1, formed by the Coordinating Teams of U.S.A., Australia, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong, will communicate among themselves so as to choose the Group Leader and Secretary and to prepare the work material to be presented to the Congress.

TOPICS OF GROUP WORK

(we chose to deepen the Branches of Charity of Magdalene of Canossa)

- **FAMILY:** fragility and poverty in the family, acceptance of new born babies and children, care of the sick, help for the poor, hospitality for those abandoned, assistance of terminally sick people, care of the elderly ...
ITALIAN GROUP 2
- **EDUCATION:** children and young people ... **SPANISH GROUP**
- **VISITING THE SICK IN HOSPITAL AND AT HOME; VOLUNTARY SERVICE:** the sick, the elderly, care givers in their solitude...
ENGLISH GROUP 1
- **EVANGELIZATION AND OUR PRESENCE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH** **PORTUGUESE GROUP**
- **IMMIGRATION AND INTEGRATION:** **ITALIAN GROUP 1**
- **WAR AND VIOLENCE:** grave problems: orphans, street children, child soldiers ... **FRENCH GROUP**
- **HUNGER:** **ENGLISH GROUP 2**

OUTLINE OF WORK FOR THE SEVEN GROUPS:

- **Sociological approach** (on a world and local level) **and Biblical/Ecclesial/Charismatic approach**
- **Attention given to the family** when dealing with the assigned theme
- The Lay Canossians have the mandate to live the **Greatest Love** with Magdalene's heart
- The mission of the Lay Canossians in the Church: **which aspect of Christ** does it reveal?
- Deepening of **values and motivations** which helps develop the passion for the poor in a concrete way

- Magdalene of Canossa said: “I recommend to you my beloved poor. Act in such a way that all of them may go to Heaven.” What does this mean for me today?

• ANIMATION OF THE DAY

Every day the representatives of a Continent will be invited to animate the Eucharistic Celebration, Morning Prayer and the evening gathering “Under the stars.”

Morning Prayer, Lectio Divina, has already been prepared by a commission member in five languages (Italian – English – French – Spanish –Portuguese)

31st July 2011: Europe

1st August 2011: Africa

2nd August 2011: Australia – Timor – Indonesia

3rd August 2011: Asia

4th August 2011: America

• A GLANCE AT THE WORLD

Every Province will prepare a DVD or CD accompanied by a written commentary of about 10 minutes on the forms of poverty which characterize the Country, so as to illustrate the reality which Lay Canossians deal with.

These DVDs or CDs will be presented at various moments during the day: at the end of the Congress every Delegate will have acquired extensive knowledge of the commitment of the Lay Canossians in the world.

The collection of all the DVDs or CDs will be part of the Acts of the Congress so as to permit the diffusion of this precious material throughout the Canossian world.

The DVDs or CDs and their commentaries should be sent for translation by 28th February 2011 to:

laicican@fdcc.org

Sunday 31/7	Monday 1/8	Tuesday 2/8	Wednesday 3/8	Thursday 4/8
Animation: EUROPE	Animation: AFRICA	Animation: AUSTRALIA/ TIMOR/ INDONESIA	Animation: ASIA	Animation: AMERICA
Arrival (9-12) and welcoming Lunch Distribution of rooms At 3.30 p.m. Official Opening of the Congress Opening words Message: M. General, P. General and 3 groups FLC At 6.00 p.m. Eucharistic Celebration 9.00 p.m. Meeting of Group Leaders	Sociological Lecture Theological Lecture Work Group 1°	Biblical Lecture Work Group 2° 9 p.m. Testimonies	In the footsteps of Magdalene Lunch in Casa Madre Charismatic Lecture Work Group 3° 9 p.m. Evening with Our Lady Meeting for final resolutions	Reports of Work Groups Final Resolutions 3 p.m. Conclusion of the Congress Eucharistic Celebration

Friday 5/8	Saturday 6/8	Sunday 7/8
Roles and functions of the Coordinating Teams at various levels. Presentation of the new modality of election. Delegates' presentation of the life of their groups: strong and weak aspects. In the evening: Way of the Cross on the theme of poverty.	Nomination of the new International Coordinating Team. Presentation of the Statutes and Plan of Formation. Group Work. In the evening: General Assembly.	Communication of nomination. Conclusion of Convention. Eucharistic Celebration Departure