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Gratitude

The most beautiful
thanksgiving for God's
gifts consists in sharing
them with others.
[Michael von Faulhaber]





gratitudo

the memory
of the heart

Fr. Gregor Lenzen CP [Vuln]

Gratitude. The first of the three words of our Jubilee Logo takes us right to the heart of our Passionist charism, which we appropriately define as *Memoria Passionis – the Memory of the Passion of Christ*. Memory and passion are intimately related to each. The French bishop, Jean-Baptiste Massillon, a contemporary of our founder, stated that: *Gratitude is the heart's memory*.

Even Paul of the Cross spoke of our fourth vow as *the grateful memory of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, our Lord*. Gratitude comes from the crucified love of our Redeemer, through which we have been gifted with salvation. In a traditional Friday prayer we say: I thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for dying for me. *Do not let your blood and your wounds, suffered on my behalf, be for nought*. Grateful memory of the Passion of Christ is at the heart of our charism; through it we take our place in the Church.

May the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ be always in our hearts. This prayerful greeting of our congregation is attributable to Paul of the Cross. It also contains that attitude of gratitude. This is to say that gratitude should always be inscribed in our hearts as Passionists.

Heart and cross, connected through the holy name of Jesus. These are the basis of the Passionist symbol which we wear on the habit. In a sense, it is the exterior “trademark” by which a Passionist is recognized.

This badge worn on the chest is a continual reminder to internalize the Mystery of the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ; and through this memory of the heart to cultivate a profound gratitude in us.

The wholeheartedly grateful recognition of the saving love of Christ, expressed in his Passion, for the sake of the redemption of the world, absolutely compels us to proclaim the Gospel of the Passion as joyous news and as an invitation to be grateful.

After all that has been said, it should be clear that the Passionist vocation also carries with it an invitation to gratitude.

It is fundamentally human that every person understand his and her existence as “welcomed.” Nothing is taken for granted. We should never stop being amazed and grateful for the many great and small miracles from the hand of God in our daily existence.

As we prepare for the 300th anniversary of the foundation of our Congregation, it is important to thank our Lord for the Charism of Saint Paul of the Cross, for our own personal vocation as Passionist, and for all of the good which our brethren have accomplished in the world. We rejoice for this rich harvest for which we have the witness of many saints and blessed.

We also wish to look toward the future with gratitude. At the same time, we must be realistic and conscious of the problems of the Church and of the world. Thanks to our faith, however, we know that God wishes only good for us, and is preparing us for that good as we follow his will. Therefore, we look ahead with a confidence that is rich in gratitude.

Fr. Miguel Pozuelo
Spaniard in Mexico

What does gratitude mean to me? I ask myself this because people have asked me, but I think you can't give an answer only on a rational basis. I believe that, rather than on a rational basis, at its root, gratitude is a feeling, from which other diverse feelings, attitudes and actions come.

It is like asking yourself what do you feel when you see or breathe... They are personal experiences, so normal in everyday life and lived all the time, we never think of defining or explaining them. They are obvious and inherent to a person.

This is why, I would define gratitude as: "The satisfaction of being recognized as a person, when someone else gives me something meaningful; or: a feeling that produces the spontaneous response of the desire of being reciprocated".

Gratitude is many feelings connected: satisfaction for receiving something good, for being recognized as a person, appreciation for the person that made me feel this way, spontaneous desire to be grateful, mutual appreciation, wish for future exchanges that enrich us both...

what is gratitude

Fr. Gregorio Arreaga
Ecuadorian in Venezuela

✱ **Gratitude:** a magic word. It is the virtue of those who have God in their heart. It is the warm hug and the comforting smile of God.

✱ **To be grateful** is an act of humbleness, modesty, appreciation and kindness. Gratitude cannot be bought or sold, it arises from the purest and deepest interior of the heart of a person.

✱ **The one who is grateful** to God has many reasons to continue receiving from HIM abundant blessings because gratitude is the key that opens the doors of the heart of God. We always have to be grateful to God for everything we receive for good as well the bad times as Job teaches us in the Holy Scriptures. He knows how to be grateful to God all the time and thus we can see how God embraces humanity in those who do his will, which is the best way to being grateful to him.





everything is grace

Fr. Leone Masnata

[MAPRAES]

Thanksgiving is the greatest form of prayer of a Christian. Through thanksgiving we naturally remember the central event of the Christian faith-- the gift of the Son, Jesus Christ, that God the Father in his immense love offered to mankind (cf. Jn.3:16). Mature faith recognizes that "everything is grace". "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord." (Preface of the Roman missal). The simplest expression of the Passionist charism is "Passio in cordibus", that is, the continuous memory in our heart of what God's love has done for us. "Mindful of the Passion of the Lord." Like the leper who was healed "returned" to thank Jesus (Luke 17:1) so our Congregation "returns" to its 300 years of life, to give thanks. Thanksgiving is not merely a simple form of prayer; it is the fundamental attitude of an entire person when considering the Passion of the Lord. It expresses amazement when contemplating the tenacious love of God for us. How can we not cry with emotion? How can we not shout about this love to the whole world? How can we not care for those who suffer, and offer hope to those who are desolate? Although we cannot ignore our sins (errors, failures, hypocrisy, hardness, etc.) that we committed during these three centuries of life (the Jubilee also serves for requesting and obtaining divine forgiveness), we thank God for the particular gifts which He has given us and for the responses that our religious of yesterday and today gave Him, keeping the Congregation alive in the Church.

✱ **For St. Paul of the Cross** who conveyed to the Congregation a very clear charism, that of the memory of the Lord's Passion, convinced that it contains everything: "Lord I thank you for dying on the Cross for my sins";

✱ **For the Passionist vocation**, extended to the contemplatives and the female Passionist religious, and to the secular Institute the Passion and, recently, to the laity, considered now not only as an objective of missionary activity, but part of the Passionist family;

✱ **For the wisdom that the Cross and Resurrection of the Lord** contains, that is, the highest knowledge of the face of God (theology), the truest value of one's life (psychology), the most generous form of service to others, especially the weakest (social relations).

✱ **For holiness and martyrdom:** Our spirituality has given the Congregation and the Church a host of Saints and Beati, known and unknown, and martyrs;

✱ **For our missionary presence** in many parts of the world to communicate the strength of the Resurrection to sinners, to the lost, to those crucified because of poverty, injustice, disease...;

✱ **For charity**, the mountains of love and forgiveness between fellow religious who for 300 years have built and rebuilt our local communities;

✱ **For the certainty of eternal life:** It is the promise which the Church has assured us by receiving our religious profession, "a hundred-fold in this life and eternal life in the age to come." (Mk 10:29).

Gratitude is the right way to view the past as the grace of God and as a narrative of fidelity to the Lord and to the Church of those great religious who have preceded us. Thus, our memory directs us to the future and to hope and enables us to live the present moment of life with passion.

Fr. Fernando Beltrán

Colombian in Bolivia

Gratitude has a price. Gratitude is to give thanks without expecting anything in return; gratitude means learning how to give ourselves and serving others, without expecting recognition. Gratitude is to rely always on people willing to collaborate and to know that there will not be any demands. Jesus, as a man, gave himself freely to all of us, to save us and let us know the great love that the Father has for us; "Freely you have received; freely you are to give" (Matthew 10, 7-15). Saint Paul of the Cross incarnated into his own life this reality, making himself this way, hope, consolation, sacrifice for his brothers of the community and to the people of his time. Truly, the key to the fullness of joy is what Jesus tells us: "There is more happiness in giving than there is in receiving" (Mark 12, 38 -44); and that is to live in gratitude. The true value of gratitude is given by each one of us; that value arises with the experience of life. Practicing gratitude, every day, is not a matter of only reason, but an act of conviction. JESU XPI PASSIO is to Live in gratitude.

on that day in Rome

The story of St. Paul of the Cross at Saint Mary Major

Fr. Gabriele Cingolani C.P.
(MAPRAES)

In Castellazzo the seed fell on soil. In Rome it begins to die: a sign that it takes roots and bears fruit. When he approaches the Pope's residence, eager to get the approval of the Rule, Paul Danei is brusquely dismissed because his clothing is not appropriate for a pontifical audience. Even though the incident seems to end his project, he decides firmly to accomplish it. With the vow of the Passion, he presents in the Church a new spiritual dynamism that makes the seed grow. In fact, each charism of consecrated life is a creative gift of the Holy Spirit in the commissioning of the saving plan, through a person called to a specific mission for humankind and always encouraged by the merciful love of God. Facing refusal, Paul responds affirmatively to failure with a new momentum. He has entered into the dynamic of the paschal mystery of death and resurrection which will model the rest of his life and enrich the Church through the Passionist family.



His bishop and spiritual father, Bishop Arborio Gattinara, has been very impressed by the journal and the Rule's outline that Paul has presented. He grants him some freedom to live as a hermit and carry an apostolic life in the area of Castellazzo, but he does not support him fully. When, after a few months, Paul wants to hasten the process and obtain the confirmation of his inspiration from the pope, he lets him go without the smallest presentation or minimum explanation about how to move in those types of environments.

At the end of August 1721, Paul sails alone from Genoa, in an adventure that fails according to the horizontal time line of human history, but which is a triumph in the vertical time line of God. He arrives in Civitavecchia on September 9, and after a few days of quarantine, he heads to Rome along the via Aurelia. He travels 70 kilometers alone in a deserted and malaria infested area, the streets of Rome, and staying at pilgrim lodges. He arrives in the capital through Porta Cavalleggeri. The next day, after his devotions and confession in Saint Peter's, he arrives at the Quirinal palace, where he hopes to meet Pope Innocent III and get the approval of the text that of the Rule he has rewritten.

The palace guards and employees from the papal residence look him up and down and look at each other. He does not have a bad appearance, but with that robe that he has worn all day and night, barefoot, with beard and disheveled hair, he is not presentable. Who sends you? What do you have in mind? With so many criminals nowadays, it is better not to trust anyone. And in Roman dialect one

shouts: "smammare!" "Get lost!" It's futile to beg. For someone as naïve as he is, it was unthinkable that meeting the Pope was about audiences and luxurious dress.

For a moment he experiences bitterness from the exhaustion of vain attempts, but not even that reaction extinguishes the flame that the Holy Spirit has ignited in his innermost self. The creativity of love does not leave any space for tiredness.

He refreshes himself at a fountain, that disappeared after the construction of the Palazzo della Consulta. He asks for the shorter way to get to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major and runs to take refuge there to put in the hands of the Lady the gift he holds deep in his heart: his consecration to the Passion of Jesus, the essential core of the family outlined in the Rule that the Pope was not able to see. In front of the image of our Lady loved by Romans, in the Borghese Chapel, Paul made a private vow to join his life to the Passion of Jesus and to keep alive its memory in the Church, along with the brothers that God would send to him. She who has intervened on other occasions to light the path, now confirmed that road and offers, together with intimate communion and consolation, the certainty that would rule his life. In the history of the Passionists this is the founding moment like the Lent of Castellazzo. Everything else is the frame, this is the painting. Instead of making him give up, the Roman defeat became the point of no turning back on the road.

Probably it was between September 23rd and 25th of 1721. In patrician and papal Rome another day dawns in the beginning of Fall, perhaps the best period of the year. Watching from the Esquiline hill towards the Tiber and the dome of St. Peter's, the city looks stunning with its churches, monuments and villas all over the hills. Paul passes through the city while he walks to the house of the Trinità dei Pellegrini, next to Ponte Sisto, where he stays before going back, very early in the morning, he goes to Civitavecchia, this time navigating on the Tiber. He walked anonymously among the people, unknown, rejected, but he is someone. One day the Popes, the Curia and Rome itself will look for him. He has accomplished more than what he expected. The certainty that this will never end. In fact, he writes immediately to his brother John Baptist to let him know that he will go to the end of the world, if necessary, to carry out his project.

Presentation of the Jubilee to the Chapter

Fr. J. Ignacio Villar (SCOR)

THE 47TH CHAPTER PREPARATORY COMMISSION SCHEDULED A MEETING, IN THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 20TH, TO PRESENT THE WORK THAT THE JUBILEE COMMISSION FOR THE TERCENTENARY OF THE FOUNDING OF CONGREGATION HAD PREPARED DURING RECENT MONTHS.



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Thus, once that the members of the Chapter had occupied their seats, the members of the Jubilee Commission (Fr. Ciro, Fr. Gary, Fr. Anton, Fr. Vital, Fr. Juan Ignacio, Fr. Francisco, could not come) put on black shirts and scarves with the logo JUBILAEUM.cp to encourage and motivate the brothers in this new challenge that entails the celebration of a centenary.

Fr. Ciro, president of the Jubilee Commission took the floor to begin the Powerpoint presentation. He started talking about the task that Fr. General had entrusted to the Commission and about the meetings that were held to prepare what was going to be presented.

The efforts and talents of those who prepared and sent the Logo, Hymns and Prayers to the Commission were appreciated. As for the Logo, the 6 finalists and the one chosen were announced. The Hymns also were disclosed explaining that it had been difficult to choose only one and therefore five were selected with the following nomenclature: Pop hymn, liturgical hymn, song, march and video. As for the prayers received, both for vocations and for the jubilee, all have been edited for everyone's use.

The presentation of the Icon and the relic of St Paul of the Cross, caused an Oooohhh! in the assembly

when Anton and Gary took it out of its case and showed it to the Capitulars. A draft of the itinerary of the Icon throughout the entire Congregation and a prayer in three languages to pray with the Icon were presented. Each Capitular received a small replica of the Icon.

A folder regarding the Jubilee was given to the Capitulars. It contained all the items of the presentation as well as the first JUBILAEUM.cp Bulletin. The intention and plan of the Commission is to publish three Bulletins per year. For this purpose, the Capitulars were asked to encourage all religious and Passionist Laity to generate and select news items and to send them to the designated address.

Fr. Vital announced the international events: meeting of the Passionist youth, of Passionist formators, these two without specific dates yet, and the THEOLOGICAL CONGRESS, organized by the Cathedra Gloria Crucis of the Lateran University, on the following theme: "The wisdom of the Cross in a pluralistic world", from September 21 to 24, 2021. In addition, a meeting of the Passionist bishops will be scheduled.

Other members of the Commission presented the docu-fiction about our Founder, the institutional videos of the Passion prepared for the occasion, etc. The first part of the presentation was concluded with an overall study of the Jubilee budget.

After the break, the capitulars met in groups and they prepared a text to bring to the hall. The text contained responses to two questions-- What are you willing to do in your community to prepare for the Passionist Jubilee? And: Do you have any suggestions for the Commission?

Once the round of shared responses was over, there was a question and answer period. The assembly concluded with a champagne toast and the music of the Jubilee song "300 years" by Francisco Chagas. Congratulations!



Passio news

DOCU-FICTION "ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS"

Rome, October 18, 2018, Basilica of Saints John and Paul, at 6:00 P.M. There is a big screen in front of the altar; it is the "premiere" of the docu-fiction "St. Paul of the Cross", a film about the Founder of the Passionists. The basilica was chosen as the site because it was the largest space available and able to accommodate 200 seats. In fact, all the capitulars were present, as well as many guests, including the actors who interpreted some parts of the film. The film is basically a documentary, it visits the places of St. Paul of the Cross, interviews experts, and only some parts (slightly less than half) are interpreted by actors. The film was originally in English, however for the Passionists who attended and did not know this language, it was not an insurmountable barrier-- it was easy to follow the storyline and content because they are familiar with the plot. There were some points when the emotion of the spectators was visible. The Superior General, Fr. Joachim Rego, was also moved and before inviting those attending for refreshments, he summoned everyone to the chapel of St. Paul for a tribute to the Founder. By Easter 2019 the Italian version will be available.

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BEFORE VENTURING INTO THE FIVE CONTINENTS, THE ICON HAS "LINGERED" IN TWO SYMBOLIC PLACES OF THE CONGREGATION:

JUBILAEUM ON LINE

The Website that the Passionists offer for the celebration of the Third Centenary of the founding of the Congregation is underway: www.jubilaeumcp.org

We want it to become a space for learning, sharing, inspiration, informing and communicating about our Passionist Family. Its goal is that the charism, that is lived and experienced everywhere, be available in the space "Passiocloud". In this way, the works of the religious will serve as a motivation and a way of spreading the Passionist identity in order to increase zeal, enthusiasm and commitment to renew our mission.

OCTOBER 18, 2018

Rome, Basilica of Saints John and Paul, Superior General, Fr. Joachim Rego, enthroned and blessed the Icon during the First Vespers of the solemnity of St Paul of the Cross in the presence of all the participants in the 47th General Chapter.

NOVEMBER, 21 2018

Monte Argentario, first retreat of the Congregation dedicated to the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Temple, solemnity of the Presentation, coinciding with the Vestition of 5 Passionist novices.



JANUARY-JUNE 2019**C. ST. CHARLES HOUBEN
(CCH) NORTH EUROPE****28 DECEMBER, 2018**

The Icon leaves Rome and, via courier, reaches, on December 31, Munstergeleen, The Netherlands, welcomed in the SPE Province by the Provincial, Fr. Mark-Robin Hoogland, and by the Rector of the Shrine of St. Charles Houben. From there the journey continues through the CCH Configuration.

1-7 JANUARY, 2019

Chapel of Saint Charles Houben in the monastery of Munstergeleen, Limburg, The Netherlands.

7-13 JANUARY, 2019

Monastery of Marienberg, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany.

January 14th - February 3rd: Haastrecht, Zuid-Holland, The Netherlands.

3-10 FEBRUARY

Kortrijk: Chapel of Blessed Isidore de Loor, Belgium.

11-17 FEBRUARY

Saint Joseph's English-language parish, Paris, France.

18 FEBRUARY-2 APRIL

Dublin and the Province of Saint Patrick (PATR), Ireland and Scotland (UK).

3-30 APRIL

London, Monastery of Highgate and the Province of Saint Joseph (IOS), England and Wales.

30 APRIL-3 MAY

Retreat House in Minsteracres (England), on the occasion of the CCH Configuration meeting.

3 MAY

VULN Vice-Province, Germany and Austria.

JUNE

ASSUM Province, Poland.

JULY 2^a/3^a WEEK

Sweden.

JULY- DECEMBER, 2019**PROVINCE OF THE SACRED
HEART (SCOR)****JULY-20 AUGUST**

Bishop ROMERO Zone (Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Cuba).

20 AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

MOTHER OF HOLY HOPE Zone (Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador).

OCTOBER - 5 NOVEMBER

ANDES Zone (Peru, Bolivia, Chile).

5 NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

SPAIN

JANUARY-JUNE, 2020**CHRIST CRUCIFIED CONF**

United States, Jamaica, Haiti, Canada, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

JULY-DECEMBER, 2020**MARY PRESENTED IN THE
TEMPLE CONF/PROVINCE**

Italy, Portugal, France and Bulgaria

JANUARY-JUNE, 2021**PASSIONISTS OF AFRICA CONF.**

Congo, Tanzania, Botswana, Zambia, South Africa, Kenya, and Angola, Nigeria and Mozambique.

JULY-DECEMBER, 2021**ASIA-PACIFIC CONF.**

Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Korea, China, Indonesia, Japan, India, Vietnam.

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