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1. IN THE HEART OF THE CHURCH AND THE INSTITUTE

1.1 Opening of Project Mornese

(Chapel of Casa Sacro Cuore)

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Entrustment *(in preparation for World Gratitude Day)*

Guide: We entrust Mother Chiara and each one of us to Mary, our Mother and guide so that she can help us to joyfully sing of God's love for us, to live our vocation with commitment, renewed in faith, in love with Jesus, eager to communicate with passion and coherence the beauty of the Gospel to the new generations:

O Mary Help of Christians, You inspired in the hearts of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello a strong missionary impulse, giving life to an Institute all your own for the salvation of young people.

Rekindle in us the missionary boldness of our origins.

We thank you for the gift of Sister Maria Troncatti's holiness.

May we, like her, an ardent missionary, hear the voice of Jesus inviting us, «Go and do likewise».

We entrust to you Mother Chiara,

a sign of communion and unity in the Institute.

Support her with your maternal intercession, so that she may continue to be a presence of joy, an artisan of peace and reconciliation.

Bless our educating and missionary communities.

Make us believers joyful and free,

to serve the young people you entrust to us. Amen.

Guide: Mary, Queen of Peace

All: pray for us.



MASS

(A place is prepared near the altar where three empty jars and a pitcher of water will be placed.)

Introduction

Guide: In this Eucharist, we thank God for *Progetto Mornese*, which we are starting as an itinerant community on the paths of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello. In this gift that the Institute and our provinces offer, we want to revive the beauty of one's vocation to be joyful every day. We entrust ourselves to Mary so that, as in Cana, she makes us docile to the word of Jesus and teaches us to "Do what He tells us." We present to Him the water of our listening and availability so that in this time of grace, it becomes a wine of joy and hope.

(While instrumental music plays, three empty jars and a pitcher filled water will be brought to the altar. Each participant will pour a little water into a jar that is empty.)

Instrumental Music (1)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PktY6UVsro>



Prayer of the Faithful

Celebrant: With the trust and freedom of children, we present our prayers to God the Father so that he may welcome them and answer them through the intercession of Mary Most Holy, who has kept every word of her son Jesus Christ in her heart.

Let us pray together and say: *Hear us, oh Lord.*

1. Protect, Lord, the Church and support Pope Leo XIV: may your Spirit always be upon him and make him a tireless announcer and witness of your merciful goodness. *Let us pray.*
2. Bestow on lands wounded by hatred, selfishness, violence and war, the gift of peace and the will to care for creation, our common home. *Let us pray.*

3. May Mother Chiara and the Sisters of the General Council, enlightened by the wisdom of the Spirit, supported by his grace, and guided by Mary, Mother, and Educator continue to accompany the entire Institute and the educating communities in the experience of effective presence among young people. *Let us pray.*
4. Fill with your grace many young people who have undertaken a journey of vocational discernment so that they joyfully adhere to your project of love. *Let us pray.*
5. For all young people who have distanced themselves from the faith and are in difficulty, that they may be consoled, experience the presence and love of God, and be renewed in their faith in Him. *Let us pray.*
6. For all of us here present, called to participate in the Project Mornese, that, inspired by the charism of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello, we may allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, living our educational and evangelizing mission with enthusiasm. *Let us pray.*

Offertory

(Bread and wine are brought to the altar)

Guide: We offer the bread and wine that will become your body and your blood. It will be the food that helps us live the prophecy of presence as our founders lived, so that we continue to be a significant presence among young people.



OPENING PRAYER

(A place is prepared in the room with jars and images of Mary Help of Christians, Don Bosco, Mother Mazzarello along with a candle.)

Guide 1: We begin our pilgrimage by singing to God in an atmosphere of praise and thanksgiving for the wonders He has done in the lives of our founders and continues to do in us and our educational communities today.

Song: My Hearts Thanksgiving (2)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QB09HyGmCdg>

Refrain

As I sing my heart's thanksgiving
and my eyes look heaven ward,
How the stars you flung like jewels bid
your welcome shine your light
I as I marvel at your moonrise
I'm in awe yet I ask
"What am I that you should love me
and hold me as your dearest love of all

You crown me with honor and glory
and you set all things under my feet
You have made me little less than angels even if I fly often away (Refrain)

In my anxious and browbeaten moments, you comfort me
fill me with peace when my foes threaten dare and surround me
you're my strength you're my light and my shield (Refrain)

How exalted your name is
O Yahweh and how lofty the work of your hands
Yet how closely how dearly you draw me to your love your divine majesty
(Refrain)

Guide 2: “My Hearts Thanksgiving” – it is the call to recover that joyful and grateful heart, which is the substance of a genuine experience of faith and, for us, is a typical aspect of our charismatic identity. We were born to be "thankful," to let praise and thanks emerge despite the hardships, the pain, and the limits. This draws us closer to Mary, the Virgin of the Magnificat. With her, we sing the joy, gratitude, and triumph of God's love.

Guide 3: Mary *accompanies us* on this journey, rejoicing in the wonders of grace that the Almighty has accomplished in her. It is the model of a beautiful harmony of all the harp strings.

Guide 1: What chords do we as an Institute let vibrate in our hearts in our Salesian mission? We highlight some of them:

Voice 1: Mary's maternal concern makes us intuitive, open, courageous, and strong in pain and love;

Voice 2: the educational-preventive passion, especially towards poor girls, young people, and mothers;

Voice 3: the sense of community to express the family spirit in daily gestures of care and concern;

Voice 4: the gift of contemplation in action, living Martha and Mary as Don Bosco dreamed of us and Mother Mazzarello lived. Mary Immaculate Help of Christians is our guide to vocational unity;

Voice 5: live animation and government in the spirit of simplicity, humility, and involvement of all;

Voice 6: inclusion in parish life, love for catechesis, and educational attention to families, especially mothers.

Guide 2: With these strings, the psalmist invites us to bless the Lord in his greatness and not forget his benefits.

Song: Bless the Lord O, My Soul Psalm 102/103 (3)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zIMRQUtLiiA>

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:
Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,
Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
The Lord executes righteousness
And justice for all who are oppressed.



Guide 3: We are called to "Do whatever He tells us" (*Jn 2:5*), allowing ourselves to be enlightened by Jesus's presence at the Cana wedding.

Gospel John 2:1-11



Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. In the meantime, when the wine ran out, Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." And Jesus answered, "What have I to do with you, woman? My time has not yet come."

The mother says to the servants: "Do whatever he tells you." There were six stone jars to purify the Jews, each containing two or three barrels. And Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. He said to them again, "Now draw some and bring it to the master of the table." And they brought it to him. And as soon as he had tasted the water that had become wine, the master of the table, who did not know where it came from (*but the servants who had drawn the water knew*), called the groom and said to him: "Everyone serves the good wine and, when they are a little tipsy, the less good one; but you have kept the good wine until now." So Jesus began his miracles in Cana of Galilee, manifested his glory and his disciples believed in him.

(pause)

Guide 1: In the spirituality of Maria Domenica Mazzarello, the centrality of Christ constitutes the focal nucleus from which everything starts. Her entire existence has the Person of Christ as its underlying element. He is the reason for her contemplation, educational mission, and total oblation.

Guide 2: The Eucharistic mystery is at the center of her spirituality, as the root of consecration, contemplation, the life of communion, and service to young people. The icon of the Valponasca window and the daily pilgrimage to the parish are witnesses of this Eucharistic centrality.

Guide 3: The celebration of life is complete when Jesus is at the center. To be communities that generative life and are fruitful in mission, we must root our life in Christ. Without Him, we can do nothing.

Guide 1: Thankful for the certainty of God's presence among us, let us pray together. Our Father....

Guide 2: Mary becomes a teacher through her words because she teaches how to listen and follow. The servants listened to her words and acted: from servants, they became disciples in faith.

Song: Do Whatever He Tells You (4)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7qbp35nwa0>

Refrain

Do whatever He tells you.
Do whatever He says.
Everything will work out fine.
Jesus will turn water into wine.
Do whatever He tells you.



Mary knew that Jesus was God's son,
and she sensed His time had finally come.
So to keep the wedding feast from coming to an end,
she called the servants out and said to them: (Refrain)

“Let it be, according to Your will.”

Mary’s words of faith inspire us still.

Lowly one, she bore the Son and to the cross she stayed.

She always modelled how we should obey. (Refrain)

Listen harder when you pray and

do whatever He tells you.

It may seem foolish to obey, but

do whatever He says.

When the wine of life runs out,

do whatever He tells you.

You’ll see what grace is all about.

Do whatever He says. (Refrain)

Together: Mary revives in us the beauty of our vocation, strengthens the sense of belonging to the Church and the Institute, and renews the desire to be a creative and courageous presence among young people like Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello.

Guide 3: Mary, help of Christians, pray for us.

(Source: Cavaglià, Piera - I will play for you on the ten-string harp.)

GETTING TO KNOW US

(The animators will create a dynamic that is to be used to allow the participants the opportunity to learn something about each other.)

