



JUNE 3, 2025

1. IN THE HEART OF THE CHURCH AND THE INSTITUTE

1.2 Encounter with the Worldwide FMA Community



(Casa Generalizia)

VISIT CASA GENERALIZIA

VISIT THE SECTORS

(In the community room of Casa Generalizia, the Superior will welcome the participants and briefly share about this unique community. In groups the participants along with an animator will visit the participating sectors.)

VISIT THE EXHIBIT OF OUR FMA CHARISM

(One of the animators will give a general layout of the exhibit. The participants will then have some time visit the exhibit.)

PRAYER

(Ahead of time at the end of the exhibit where the blue area is found, create a prayer space with chairs, vases and material.)

Guide: We are here at the source of our charism to reawaken the freshness of our vocation. In this evening's prayer, after the visit to our Generalate, where we had an enriching experience of being in contact with our charism, journeying through the Exhibit of our FMA Charism we thank God for this moment of grace. This exhibit shows how our Institute has lived with hope rooted in God's love, bringing us to where we are now. We ask Him to help us so that every experience lived here may give us the vision needed to be a quality presence that enkindles hope among the young people in our educating communities and be 'an outreaching Mornese,' *Mornese in uscita*, to those who need our help locally and globally. May we learn more and more about how to reach them and take care of the beauty of our common home, basing ourselves on Gospel values.

Song: Be Thou My Vision

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTKoZZL8XRQ>

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Guide: Being grateful is essential to appreciate and enjoy the beauty of life. To be grateful for who we are, for our family, our vocation, our community, for the people around us, for the free gifts. The reign of gratuitous and generous love that God has given us also manifests the significance and richness of our charism from the origins until today. With grateful hearts we sing.

Song: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=047xtru0ZR0>



Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Give thanks with a grateful heart *(to the grateful heart)*
Give thanks to the Holy One *(to the Holy One)*
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich *(I am rich)*"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Give thanks
We give thanks, hmmm

Sharing

(A moment is provided for participants who would like to briefly share something of what has been experienced during the day.)

Magnificat: Holy is His Name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i85XG4OwQ8s>

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness
And my name will be forever exalted

For the mighty God has done great things for me
And His mercy will reach from age to age

And holy, holy, holy is His name

He has mercy in every generation
He has revealed His power and His glory
He has cast down the mighty in their arrogance
And has lifted up the meek and the lowly

He has come to help His servant Israel
He remembered His promise to our fathers

And holy, holy, holy is His name
And holy, holy, holy is His name

The Lord's Prayer

Guide: We thank you, Good Father, for all the graces received on this day, because here in the center of our Institute, in joyful docility to what this experience will suggest to us and in deep communion among us, we are certain that Mother Mazzarello accompanies us. We ask you to make us feel her strong and foresighted motherhood and make us capable of her own donation to you, to the Sisters and to the children and young people, especially those most in need. Amen. Mary Help of Christians. Pray for us.



(after the fraternal moment)

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

(Invite the group to pause and reflect.)

Guide: In the name of the Father... Let us pause for a moment to reflect on how we have responded to God's call to love and serve throughout this day.

(pause)

Guide: God, our loving Father, we ask for forgiveness because we do not always allow ourselves to be challenged by your Word of truth and life that demands a personal and communal concrete response: **Lord have mercy.**

All: *Lord have mercy.*

Guide: God, our loving Father, because at times our commitment to making the Eucharist, the source and summit of our prayer, is weak, **Christ have mercy.**

All: *Christ have mercy.*

Guide: God, our loving Father, our daily journey is not always filled with hope and expressed in generous, trusting and joyful experiences: **Lord have mercy.**

All: *Lord have mercy.*

Guide: Let us ask Mary, our Mother and Help of Christians, to help us walk in the footsteps of her Son Jesus, as we sing:

Song: As I kneel before you (acapella)

As I kneel before you; As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love

***Ave Maria, Gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu***

All I have I give you; Every dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ; Mother of mine, present them to my Lord

As I kneel before you; And I see your smiling face
Ev'ry thought, every word; Is lost in your embrace

All: O Father, visit our home, keep away the snares of the enemy, may the Holy Angels keep us in peace and may Your blessing always remain with us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Guide: May the Almighty God grant us a quiet night and a peaceful repose. Amen
Mary Help of Christians. Pray for us.

