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*“Awaken and activate solidarity”*

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COVID-19 Emergency

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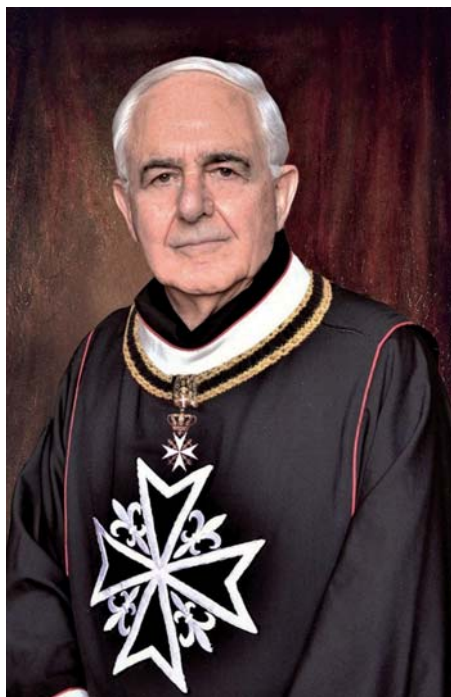
GRAND PRIORY OF ROME

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*Prayer and silent service:  
are our winning weapons*

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CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES  
COVID-19 Emergency



**T**his compendium of the charitable activities of the Grand Priory of Rome of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta comes out two years after the previous one. The pause is due to the onset and spread of Covid-19.

The pandemic has had serious consequences on the charitable activities of the Grand Priory, since the risks of contagion and the resulting severe restrictions on contacts and gatherings have made it difficult, and sometimes even impossible, to carry out our usual assistance to the poor and the sick.

But we have not given up, paying heed to the Holy Father Pope Francis who, in his homily at the Holy Mass for the Second World Day of the Poor, warned us not to stand with "arms folded" or "spread out" in resignation when facing a worsening situation.

Indeed, it would have been outrageous if the Order of Malta gave up, albeit temporarily, its mission of spiritual comfort and charity!

Therefore, we have made an effort to adjust quickly our assistance services to pandemic-related situations.

A few examples. The Delegations of the Grand Priory have replaced the soup kitchens usually set up in city centers, with the outdoor distribution of prepackaged meals. Collections of food and of hygiene and home care products were also increased and delivered to the needy in special containers.

In line with established precautionary measures, we provided home delivery of food and medications for seniors and for persons positive to the virus.

We also responded to the demands of the "new needy", that is those who were on the verge of poverty before the covid-19 onset and who ended up entangled in the social and economic fallout caused by the pandemic. Often, out of dignity and embarrassment, they do not solicit help despite being in urgent need. We therefore, set out to provide them concrete support with respect and discretion.

Several times the Grand Priory granted its Delegations ad hoc financial support for the new needy. Delegations have also been encouraged to collaborate with charity institutions, especially with those of the Church.

In the same period, during his visit to Iraq in March 2021, the Holy Father Pope Francis pleaded for solidarity to racial and religious minorities worldwide.

His prayers have been heeded to by our Grand Priory. We are trying, as much as possible, to employ our resources on two fronts: both in Italy and abroad. So the Grand Priory is present in Jordan and Lebanon.

*While our charitable commitment in Italy keeps increasing, we have established in Jordan, starting two years ago, an aid programme for a hospital run by Italian nuns in an area where nomads, exiles and evacuees from other countries have found refuge. The hospital staff includes both Christians and Muslims who work side by side while the Sisters accept the needy regardless of their roots and religion. With the Lebanese Association of the Order of Malta we maintain a relationship that we look forward to strengthening and expanding.*

*Let us turn to the Blessed Virgin of Mount Phileremos with filial devotion and ask Her to assist and protect us as we move forward with our mission.*

*Although still firmly anchored to the ancient "Tuitio Fidei et Obsequium Pauperum" principles, today the spiritual and charitable commitment of our beloved Order spreads into several complementary tasks. May Our Lady, who at Cana sensed the predicament of a married couple, grant us the capability to identify and face with total faith not only the tasks of today but also those of tomorrow, in Italy and elsewhere.*

AMEDEO DE FRANCHIS  
*Procurator of the Grand Priory of Rome*



September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Investitures of the Grand Priory of Rome  
in the presence of the Lieutenant of the Grand Master H.E. Fra' Marco Luzzago  
Basilica of Saints Boniface and Alexius

# EXTRAORDINARY MOMENT OF PRAYER

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*For weeks now it has been evening.  
Thick darkness has gathered over our squares,  
our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives,  
filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void,  
that stops everything as it passes by; we feel it in the air,  
we notice in people's gestures, their glances give them away.  
We find ourselves afraid and lost. Like the disciples in the Gospel we were  
caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm.  
We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and  
disoriented, but at the same time important and needed,  
all of us called to row together,  
each of us in need of comforting the other.*

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Parvis of St. Peter's Basilica - Friday, March 27, 2020

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY

At the beginning of 2020 the world was taken over by an unexpected pandemic, which rapidly spread to every corner of the globe.

While the media were showing images of deserted cities and overwhelmed hospitals, a profound economic and social crisis began, with huge impact on mental health, hitting mainly the most fragile of the population, not only during the acute phase of the emergency but also, and above all, afterwards.

In this serious context, the Delegations of the Grand Priory of Rome were immediately operative, in spite of movement restrictions and the initial shortage of adequate personal protective equipment. A wide range of activities was organized, in compliance with the imposed rules, to meet the growing calls for help from Institutes, Communities, Parishes, families and vulnerable or sick people.

The relentless Volunteers involved did all they could to support anyone in both material and psychological need.

To express gratitude for the global contribution made by Members, Volunteers and Supporters of the Sovereign Order of Malta, the Sovereign Council has established the 'Covid-19 Campaign Medal' to be awarded, following the requirements indicated by the Grand Magistry, to all those involved in giving relief support during the covid-19 pandemic.



In this publication, dedicated to the COVID-19 Emergency, each Delegation of the Grand Priory describes how the pandemic waves were handled and outlines the new initiatives undertaken and the changes made to regular activities in order to meet the growing needs and to adjust to infection containment procedures.

The following summary tables refer to the year 2020, to emphasize what hap-

pened in the most difficult period due to the pandemic.





- 📍 Florence Delegation
- 📍 Northern Marche Delegation
- 📍 Southern Marche Delegation
- 📍 Perugia-Terni Delegation

- 📍 Pisa Delegation
- 📍 Rome Delegation
- 📍 Veroli Delegation
- 📍 Viterbo-Rieti Delegation



# GRAND PRIORY OF ROME

The Grand Priory of Rome is one of the oldest territorial authorities of the Order of Malta, whose foundation dates back to the 13th century.

The charitable activities of the Grand Priory of Rome are exclusively of social care type and are carried out thanks to the tireless hard work of many members and about four hundred volunteers, who are committed to helping the poorest and most needy according to the secular Order's motto "Tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum".

The eight Delegations located in Lazio, Marche, Tuscany and Umbria perform extensive interventions aimed at meeting the specific needs of each area.

The Grand Priory of Rome, which relies on the collaboration of about 20 members, carries out initiatives directly and promotes projects to be implemented both in its own territory and abroad; it also coordinates and supports the Delegations in various activities.

During the Covid-19 Emergency, the Grand Priory of Rome donated the sum of € 263,000.00 to charitable activities. Specific donations were made to the Delegations to cope with the "new poverty" generated by the pandemic.



*Blessed Pietro Patarini of Imola  
Gran Prior of Rome in 1315*

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*To embrace the Cross...  
It means finding  
the courage to open spaces where everyone  
can feel called and allow new forms of  
hospitality, fraternity, solidarity*  
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*When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.*

*Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.*

*Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?*

*And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, **Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.***

*Gospel of Matthew, chapter 25*





# GRAN PRIORY OF ROME

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CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES  
COVID-19 EMERGENCY

# “COMUNITÀ MATTEO 25” SOUP KITCHEN

The soup kitchen, co-managed by the Comunità Matteo 25 (Matteo 25 Community) Association and the Grand Priory of Rome, is located in Rome at Istituto delle Suore Oblate della Sacra Famiglia (Institute of the Oblate Sisters of the Holy Family). The facility is open every Sunday and during religious holidays to offer comfort to about 200 needy and homeless people.

The day starts with the Holy Mass, after which breakfast is served, while a service of eight showers, including a change of underwear and clothes, is available. Afterwards, a hot meal is served in a large tensile structure equipped with efficient heating for the winter months. All



the staff running the soup kitchen, are volunteers including the cooks, and food supply comes largely from generous offers and the Food Bank.

At the beginning of the pandemic, in strict compliance with the rules imposed, meals were replaced with take-out bags distributed outdoors, containing foods that can be eaten without cooking, to meet the needs of the many homeless



people who usually go to the soup kitchen; later, given the persistence of the emergency, the service at the tables was not resumed but the delivery of full hot meals, packaged in special disposable containers, was organized, for a total of about 10,000 food rations distributed. Unfortunately, the

shower service was closed due to restrictions, while the distribution of clothing continued outdoors.

In 2021 the co-management of the soup kitchen, together with Comunità Matteo 25 Association, was entrusted to the Delegation of Rome, with the aim of complementing the services already provided with additional activities in favor of the needy. Currently, a project for the renovation of the showers is being evaluated, to make the premises suitable according to the current health regulations.

In April 2021 the soup kitchen was visited by His Eminence the Most Reverend Cardinal Silvano Maria Tomasi, Special Delegate of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Order of Malta, who celebrated the Holy Mass in the tensile structure in the presence of the Lieutenant of the Grand Master H.E. Fra' Marco Luzzago, as well as members of the Order, volunteers and numerous assisted people, to whom the meal was subsequently distributed. This visit was an honor and a great encouragement for all the participants and in particular for the volunteers who actively work in the soup kitchen.



# ACTIVITIES ABROAD

The Italian Hospital in Karak, run by the Comboni Missionary Sisters, represents the only Christian presence in the medical and social field in southern Jordan and is the only hospital in that area that also provides free care to the needy, offering assistance without distinction to the almost entirely Muslim population in the poorest area of the country which is, among other things, densely populated by Syrian refugees.

In 2019 a collaboration agreement between the Grand Priory of Rome and the Italian Hospital in Karak was signed for the renovation and assistance of the Maternity and Neonatal Care Unit, which needed modernization both for the patients well-being and for the adaptation to the national health standards. The work, quickly completed to guarantee service continuity, was carried out by the Grand Priory and ensured the healthiness of the environment also thanks to the new air conditioning and oxygen distribution systems in every room.

The ward currently has 10 single rooms with private bathroom and is provided with a birthing room, a labor room and a delivery room in addition to the neonatal ward with 10 cribs for hospitalization and the neonatal intensive care unit with 5 incubators. Every year, more than 900 children are born in the facility, over 60% of them by caesarean section. This figure is very high because poor women in the area hope to give birth at home but since they are not able to access free government care, they finally go to the hospital when conditions are critical.

The pandemic has seriously limited the country's economic activities,





causing growing poverty for many families who are no longer able to access basic necessities, including food, shelter and above all medical care; in addition, some charitable or humanitarian organizations have closed their offices and consequently there has been a lack of financial support for the poor and for the numerous refugees, both Syrians and from other countries.

In this dramatic situation, aggravated by the covid-19 emergency, the Grand Priory of Rome continued to support the Maternity and Neonatal Care Unit, to help the most vulnerable and needy categories, without distinction of race, culture or religion, as the Order of Malta principles promote: thanks to its contribution, 79 mothers and their newborns were assisted. The women were followed throughout the pregnancy receiving the necessary care until the birth, which took place in the facility, and even later they were able to access outpatient medical care for themselves and neonatal care for their babies.

In addition, part of the donation was used to purchase diapers and milk given to disadvantaged mothers complementing the support provided by the local health service.





# PILGRIMAGES

Pilgrimages are the activity that best represents the roots of the Order's mission. In fact, the Order of Malta was born over 900 years ago to assist pilgrims who reached Jerusalem tired and sick.

Each year the Grand Priory of Rome takes part in the Order's international pilgrimage to the The Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes and the national pilgrimage to the Holy House of Loreto, with about 500 recipients and volunteers. In addition, short local pilgrimages are organized by each Delegation.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all pilgrimages scheduled for 2020 and 2021 have been postponed.



On Sunday, 2nd May 2021, in full compliance with the anti Covid-19 regulations, a Holy Mass was celebrated at the Lourdes Grotto in the Vatican gardens. In the presence of the government leaders of the Order, the Lieutenant of the Grand Master led a representation of patients accompanied by Sisters and Stretcher-bearers and hailing from the three

Grand Priories of Italy.

In 2021 the activity was partially resumed with the pilgrimage to Loreto, which however took place without the participation of the patients and with a small number of attendees.



# SUMMER CAMPS

Campo Estivo Italia (Summer Camp Italy), at its 8th edition in 2019, is organized every year by the volunteers of the Grand Priories of the Language of Italy, in collaboration with the Association of Italian Knights of the Order of Malta (ACISMOM) and with the logistical support of the Italian Relief Corps of the Order of Malta (CISOM). Every year it takes place in a different location and hosts young people with disabilities for a week, entertaining them with games, excursions and moments of spirituality. All participants, about 150 volunteers and disabled youths, are aged between 18 and 35.

Due to the pandemic, both the Italian Summer Camp and the Maltacamp (International Summer Camp), which should have been held in August 2020 in the Grand Priory of Rome, have been canceled.

Since then, the organizing committee has been working tirelessly to carefully plan every detail of this complex program - from accommodation to transport, from trips to spiritual moments - while waiting for the improvement of the pandemic situation to reopen the Summer Camp.

Believing in this project has helped all the young people, including the patients, not to lose heart in these challenging times of pandemic, keeping friendships alive, trusting to meet again soon.

To date, as long as new restrictions are not introduced, which seems unlikely at the moment, Maltacamp 2022 has been confirmed and will be held, in Rome as planned.

The Maltacamp, organized every year in a different country by the volunteers of the Order of Malta, involves around 600 young people, disabled and non-disabled, from over 20 countries. For all participants it is always a unique and unforgettable experience, in which both cultural and physical barriers are overcome thanks to the desire to be together as part of one big family, sharing the founding values of the Order of Malta, which are the pillars of every activity that is held during the week.



# SERENAMENTE PROJECT

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The Grand Priory of Rome has always paid great attention to the elderly, too often left alone and in unstable financial conditions or living in hospices. Almost all the Delegations regularly carry out support and entertainment activities at nursing homes and day care centers all over the grand prior territory. About 140 volunteers dedicated to this service attend to nearly 800 people working in 29 facilities. Due to the covid-19 emergency, not only volunteers but also family members were prohibited from visiting, to protect the health of the elderly hospitalized. The elderly paid the highest price in the worst months of the pandemic, with the sad consequence of an unbearable social isolation. The volunteers, however, managed to keep in touch with the patients through phone calls and video meetings, while the help to the elderly living alone was never interrupted, with medicines and food home deliveries and companionship service.

In such a context, the Grand Priory of Rome has focused its attention on the elderly suffering from cognitive impairment syndromes such as senile dementia and Alzheimer's which are disabling diseases, not only for those affected but also for those who care for them, causing extreme distress in the whole family and generating a growing social isolation.



*Carnival Party before covid-19 - February 2020*

Therefore, the SerenaMente Project was born with the purpose of offering free psychomotor stimulation activities to patients and support in their management to families. As known, adequate treatment can slow down symptoms and progression of the disease, both on an intellectual and motor level.

The SerenaMente Center in Fabriano (Ancona), active since 2018 within the ASP\* "Vittorio Emanuele II", offers twice-weekly sessions of cognitive and motor stimulation to about 12 people, many of whom, before the covid-19 pandemic, were in outpatient basis and were provided transportation by the volunteers of the Northern Marche Delegation. The sessions are always full and there is a waiting list of patients hoping to be accepted into the project, proving the success and the necessity of this initiative. The results obtained were highly satisfying, for some patients were able to recognize family members, while for many others there was a clear improvement in motor function.

Since 2020, the Grand Priory of Rome has supported the Piccole Sorelle dei Poveri di Roma (Little Sisters of the Poor of Rome), who give shelter for free to about 50 elderly people alone and in need, sustaining psychomotor activity for those who live inside the institution, waiting for the public health conditions to improve in order to allow access to visitors. The sessions take place twice a week and involve about 30 patients with motor, sensory and auditory stimulation, also generating moments of collective cheerfulness, which contribute to the psychological well-being of the elderly.



*\*ASP: Azienda pubblica di Servizi alla Persona  
(Personal Service Company in the public sector)*

# DOMENICHE DEL CUORE (SUNDAYS OF THE HEART)

Cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death in the Western world and affect both the elderly and the young. However, many of these are treatable and in some cases curable if diagnosed early and before symptoms onset. Hence, the importance of preventive health care and the need to undergo appropriate tests even if disorders are not evident.

The "Sundays of the Heart" social health care project offers complete and free cardiovascular screenings to the needy assisted by the Delegations, thanks to the agreement signed by the Grand Priory of Rome with the "Dona la Vita con il Cuore" (Give Life with your Heart) Association, founded and managed by doctors of the Department of Cardiovascular Sciences of the Agostino Gemelli University Hospital in Rome.

Through a mobile medical unit called "Camion del Cuore" (Truck of the Heart), specialized medical volunteers, in particular vascular medicine cardiologists and cardiac surgeons, perform free cardiovascular examinations, ECGs, echocardiograms, doppler ultrasounds, psychological and psychiatric consultations.

To date, thanks to more than 300 medical exams carried out in many Delegations, undiagnosed pathologies have been detected and patients have been provided with prompt and adequate treatment. In those cases in which severe heart disease is present, patients are registered to undergo subsequent follow up and, in very serious situations, are immediately put on the admission waiting list at Gemelli Hospital for further workup.

The project was temporarily halted due to the epidemiological situation but "Camion del Cuore" was updated and is now ready to start again to protect the health of the most needy.



# MEDICAL CHECK-UPS AND HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

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Free medical treatments continue at the Order of Malta's Diagnostic and Treatment outpatient clinic in Rome, thanks to the Grand Magistracy and the Grand Priory of Rome.

When the National Health Service fails to provide the service in a reasonable amount of time or when bureaucratic obstacles arise preventing access to health care, the needy assisted by the Delegations are able to undergo specialist evaluations, check-ups and medical care completely free of charge. In eligible cases, the Grand Priory helps with financial support for expenses relating to prosthetic and medical devices, and medications.

Among the several health services available, dental and eye examinations are the most requested.

## TRAINING COURSES

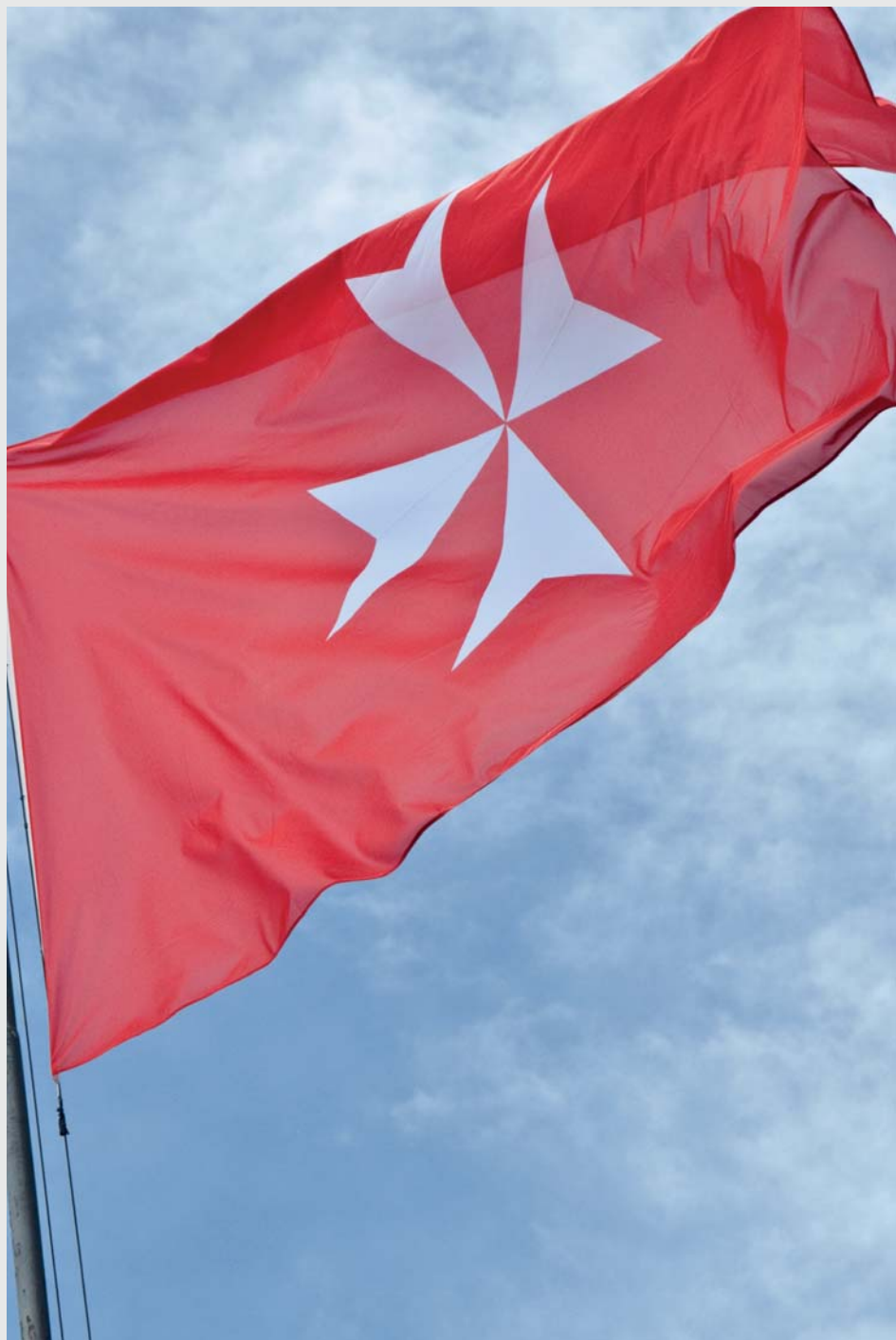
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Twice a year, the Grand Priory of Rome holds, momentarily online only, training courses about the Order's principles made of six single-theme sessions, aimed at Members, Volunteers and in particular aspiring members. One of the sessions is always dedicated to the charitable activities provided by the Grand Priory of Rome and its Delegations, within the bigger picture of the Order of Malta's many activities carried out around the world.

The Grand Priory of Rome has also organized a HACCP\* training course for personnel who handle and distribute food, especially useful for all volunteers who work in soup kitchen and in food distribution. After passing the final exam, participants obtained a Certificate, valid within the national territory and in all EU Countries, required by law for those who handle and distribute food, even in a charity work context.



\*Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points







# THE DELEGATIONS

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CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES  
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# FLORENCE DELEGATION



The Florence Delegation of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta is present and active in the Tuscany territory with local branches in Florence, Siena, Arezzo, Pistoia and Pescia, which carry out various charitable activities coordinated by the Delegation itself.

The commitment of many Knights, Dames and Volunteers, who collaborate in different ways with the Delegation, has never failed, not even during the ongoing health emergency caused by covid-19.

Charitable activities necessarily had to adapt to social distancing national rules and limitations, with particular attention to the elderly and the sick. As a result, the activities usually carried out in-person at the institutes have been reduced or suspended, according to the strict access rules implemented by the facilities themselves. Therefore, charitable activities were carried out remotely by offering relief, mostly of financial nature, also to other individuals, considering the new levels of poverty that emerged due to the economic crisis resulting from the health emergency.

For this reason, the Delegation has increased its direct economic aid policy, with donations distributed through its chaplains subjected to the five local offices of the Delegation, along with their respective Churches that are a gathering point for the most needy, whilst continuing and intensifying the food collection and distribution service, mainly intended for local charity soup kitchens and institutions' refectories.





Many activities were carried out in collaboration with members of the Order of Malta's Italian Relief Corps, under the Civil Protection Department, and the Army, which were able to guarantee greater operational opportunities especially in times of stricter lockdown.

Although, annual data has not changed from the point of view of in-person participation, it has grown a lot as a result of the charitable interventions provided remotely and has confirmed an unwavering attention towards the needy, even in the most critical moments of the pandemic. A sign of optimism that gives hope, especially in a

context that raises the general needs, in this difficult time of emergency that sees needs growing and affecting an even wider group of people.

Charitable activities carried out by the Delegation, fueled both by donations collected from its members and by the remarkable contribution of the Grand Priory of Rome, have allowed a direct response on the same level with other more established catholic volunteer organizations supported by public funds, to demonstrate a comforting christian message.







Improvement of the pandemic situation is expected in order to resume regular activities, defined by a distinctive commitment to hospitalized individuals, carried out following the Order's principles, trusting that the accompanying service to those assisted to the annual pilgrimages to the Marian sanctuaries of Lourdes and Loreto will soon be resumed.

Many charitable deeds are conducted in full collaboration with the local clusters of the Order of Malta's Italian Relief Corps, present in the five dioceses forming the Florence Delegation; Recently, members of the Military Corps, under the newly established Tuscan Territorial Unit, have also been added.

The monthly Holy Masses and the members' spiritual communion have never been interrupted.


# FLORENCE DELEGATION

 operative Volunteers	nr	<b>85</b>
 of which are active Members of the Order	nr	<b>43</b>
 hours of volunteer service	nr	<b>6.200</b>
 assisted families	nr	<b>900</b>
 assisted homeless	nr	<b>6</b>
 distributed meals (soup kitchen/street)	nr	<b>14.000</b>
 distributed food	kg	<b>6.500</b>
 hygienic products distributed	nr	<b>1.500</b>
 distributed second hand clothing	nr	<b>120</b>
 dispensed monetary donations	€	<b>4.500</b>
 distributed equipment*	nr	<b>99</b>


## ACTIVITY CENTERS


 Church of S. Andrea, Siena

 Senior Group, Parish of Pescia

 Campansi Institute RSA\*\*, Siena

 House of the Elderly Institute, Pistoia

 Casa Elena Institute, Florence

 Casa Thevenin Institute, Arezzo

 Sisters of the Poor Institute, Florence

 Operative groups in Arezzo, Florence, Pescia, Pistoia, Siena

 Collaboration with the Dioceses of Arezzo, Florence, Pescia, Pistoia, Siena

*\*8 wheelchairs for the disabled, blankets, personal protection equipment supplies*

*\*\*RSA: Health Care Residence*





# NORTHERN MARCHE DELEGATION

Despite the difficulties caused by the health emergency, the activities of the Northern Marches Delegation continued, adapting to the changing needs and demands. In addition to the typical services usually performed, mostly the soup kitchen service at the diocesan Caritas in Ancona, the past year saw a significant strengthening of the Order's presence within its vast area of jurisdiction. All of this in spite of the inevitable challenges imposed by the travel restrictions introduced over the months.



Many initiatives were held in the provinces of Macerata, Ancona and Pesaro-Urbino with the intent of including as many municipalities, institutions and individuals as possible. In particular, several food collections were organized in the Fall of 2020 in Fabriano and Osimo (over 1000 Kilograms of donated goods), while in December a collection of medicines and medical devices involved the pharmacies in Pesaro, Osimo, Fabriano, Sassoferrato, Tolentino, Macerata and Recanati.

Moreover, during the Easter holidays, several foster homes in Macerata, Fabriano, Arcevia, Ancona, Pesaro, Mondolfo and Senigallia, received hundreds of Easter eggs donated by the Delegation thanks to the interest and hard work carried out by brothers and volunteers. The same operation was also directed to young guests hospitalized at the Salesi Children's Hospital in Ancona and at the Civil Hospital Department of Pediatrics in Macerata.

For Christmas, over two hundred meals were donated to the people of the Marche inland, deeply affected by the 2016 earthquake, which left deep scars, still visible today, on the territory and the communities.

In addition, medications home delivery has been active since the spring of





2021, launched on an experimental basis in Fabriano thanks to the agreement signed between the Delegation and Federfarma Marche. This service will allow the elderly, the needy and, above all, those who are in quarantine to receive medicines directly to their door, in an easy, efficient and safe way.













Worth mentioning, the renewed commitment of the delegation to strengthen the synergy with local religious and civil bodies and institutions: a fruitful collaborative relationship has in fact been undertaken with dioceses, municipal administrations, local bodies and institutions to carry out interventions more effectively and better distributed in support of the needy.


Furthermore, the habitual moments of spiritual contemplation led by the Delegation chaplain continued, also thanks to the use of new technologies, as well as the traditional Holy Masses celebrated in different cathedrals in the Marche region and above all Loreto; ultimately, the traditional Holy Mass was also restored in the Villa Ciccolini Chapel and is celebrated on the last Friday of each month, in memory of the Commander of Justice Fra' Teodoro Ciccolini and of our Delegation brothers.





# NORTHERN MARCHE DELEGATION


 operative Volunteers	nr	8
 of which are active Members of the Order	nr	5
 hours of volunteer service	nr	115
 assisted families	nr	40
 distributed meals (soup kitchen/street)	nr	120
 distributed food	kg	1.100
 hygienic products distributed	nr	800
 distributed new clothing	nr	50
 dispensed monetary donations	€	2.000
 distributed equipment*	nr	2.410


## ACTIVITY CENTERS


 Associations: I Nuovi Amici Macerata - Progetto Vita, Pesaro

 San Giacomo della Marca Shelter House Convent, Cingoli


 Nursing Homes: Zaffiro, Ancona (3 seats) - Vittorio Emanuele II, Fabriano - Villa Cozza, Macerata - Murri, Montecassiano- Anziani Recanatesi, Osimo - Lazzarelli, San Severino Marche - L'Immacolata, S. Angelo in P. - Comunale, Serravalle di C. - Porcelli, Tolentino


 Foster Homes: Cinque Pani e Due Pesci, for all Tingolo, Pesaro – La Goccia, Macerata – Nostra Signora della Pace, Tolentino


 Reception Centers: Papa Giovanni XXIII, Ancona - Buona Novella, Casa tra le nuvole, - Fabriano


 Elderly and earthquake victims' communities: Eremo Beato Rizzerio, Muccia


 Family communities: Santa Chiara, Arcevia - Carezza di Dio, Sant'Anna, Pesaro


 Monasteries: Corpus Domini, Macerata - Santa Caterina da Siena, Santa Chiara, San Severino M.


 Parishes: SS. Cosma e Damiano, San Paolo, Ancona - Collegiata of San Martino, Caldarola - Santa Croce, Macerata - Santa Lucia, Serravalle di C.

 Santissimo Crocifisso Shrine, Treia

 Suore Maestre Pie Venerini Nursery School and College, Tolentino

 Operative groups in Ancona, Fabriano, Macerata

 Youth Group

 Collaboration with the Dioceses of Ancona-Osimo, Camerino-S. Severino-Fabriano, Macerata-Tolentino-Recanati-Cingoli-Treia

\*15 personal computers, 2,262 nutritional integrators, blankets, personal protection supplies



# SOUTHERN MARCHE DELEGATION

Both in 2020 and in 2021 the main activities of the Southern Marche Delegation were obviously affected by the regulations issued to deal with the covid-19 pandemic, which made it impossible to implement immediate and constant interventions, given the ban to access healthcare facilities by visitors.

The collaboration with the local health facilities during the first wave of the pandemic emergency saw the Delegation at the forefront, also thanks to the financial support of some companies in the area, providing large quantities



of face masks to local public service authorities such as Carabinieri, Municipal Police, public assistance associations, and ready-to-use medical supplies in agreement with the Doctors Association.

Help and logistics support was provided to the Italian Relief Corps of the Order of Malta during the construction of the Covid-19 Emergency Hospital in Civitanova Marche, the only facility of its kind in the Marche region. The Delegation's

help was particularly essential in the food search for the daily meal of the workers involved on the construction site and the volunteers of the Order's many entities, present in numerous ways and involved in support activities.

The economic crisis resulting from many businesses closures, created by the pandemic, has caused unpredictable "new poverties", which have involved a growing number of families, who have received an important charitable aid to meet their food needs. 500 electronic food vouchers were provided and distributed,



thanks to an operating agreement with the Conad group in the Southern Marche Region, which allowed the purchase of foods at the nearest point of sale in complete anonymity, to ensure the privacy of the recipients of the aid. The activity was carried out in collaboration with local social assistance institutions such as Caritas, many parishes, San Vincenzo de' Paoli Association, Confraternities,

voluntary associations, and with the chaplains fundamental help. This operation also included some small convents, which were in serious economic hardship and had a hard time in finding essential goods supplies.












In this situation of emerging new poverty, it was also important to distribute hundreds of clothing items for children, women and men, again in collaboration with the aforementioned voluntary organizations.


To confirm the constant relationship with territorial authorities, the Delegation was asked by the Prefecture and the Municipalities to step in to guarantee, thanks to the immediate commitment of the volunteers from the Order of Malta's Italian Relief Corps and the Army, an operational facility for Covid testing nasal swab, in collaboration with Vasta Area 5 (Ascoli Piceno) in San Benedetto del Tronto, and an additional vaccination point in the Fermo Municipality.



# SOUTHERN MARCHE DELEGATION


 operative Volunteers	nr	50
 of which are active Members of the Order	nr	20
 hours of volunteer service	nr	1.500
 assisted families	nr	160
 distributed new clothing	nr	1.000
 dispensed monetary donations	€	10.000
 distributed equipment*	nr	30


## ACTIVITY CENTERS


 Il Samaritano Association, Porto Sant'Elpidio


 Diocesan Caritas: Ascoli Piceno, Civitanova Marche, Fermo, San Benedetto del Tronto, Sant'Elpidio a Mare

 Nursing Home of the Municipality, Sant'Elpidio a Mare


 Vincentian Volunteer Group, Porto Sant'Elpidio


 Lega del Filo d'Oro Institute, Osimo

 Monasteries: Amandola, Campofilone, Potenza Picena

 Parishes: Ascoli Piceno, Campofilone, Casette d'Ete, Civitanova Marche, Fermo, Masignano, San Benedetto del Tronto, Sant'Elpidio a Mare

 Peter Pan Village playroom, Civil Hospital, Civitanova Marche

 Youth Group

 Collaboration with the Dioceses of Ascoli Piceno, Fermo, San Benedetto del Tronto-Ripatranzone-Montalto Marche

*\*Supplies of individual protection devices, medical aids*





## PERUGIA-TERNI DELEGATION



During the first strict lockdown imposed by the government to contain the spread of Covid-19, the delegation set up a new initiative to assist in medications home delivery, thanks to a specific agreement signed with AFAS and Federfarma. This service has enabled vulnerable or quarantined people to remain in required isolation and has significantly relieved the pharmacists' work, to the point that AFAS and Federfarma later renewed the collaboration agreement and the activity continued even during the following pandemic waves.

The economic crisis, generated by the pandemic, has led to a considerable increase of poverty conditions to which the delegation promptly responded, providing support to almost 500 people who regularly receive essential goods packages. Donated foods is the result of many special food collections, organized by the delegation at local supermarkets, to meet the increased demand. In addition there are food products received through another different project, called "Spesa Sospesa" (suspended food shopping). Large transparent containers with the emblem of the Order are placed next to cash registers in supermarkets participating in the initiative, where customers can freely leave the food they intend to donate. The containers are found in supermarkets in many municipalities of the area including Acquasparta, Assisi, Castiglion del Lago, Deruta, Magione, Orvieto and Terni, and what is collected is given out to families in need of different areas.



The "Buon Fine" (good purpose) service, which has been recovering unsold fresh food for a long time, was implemented currently taking place three times a week. The collected food is distributed to the three major monasteries in Perugia. What is received by the facilities provides 50% of the food demand for two of them and 80% for the third one.

Despite not being able to visit the elderly in nursing homes, the delegation continued to support a number of institutions through donations











of medications and foods. The elderly have always been, and still are, assisted through periodic calls, to give psychological assistance and support. Furthermore, on Christmas and Easter holidays, small gifts are left in the hall of the facilities so that the elderly can pick them up. In some cases, when conditions allow it, it is possible to deliver the presents in person, meeting for a little chat in areas especially prepared in accordance to the social distancing measures.

A collaboration with the Management of the Penitentiary Institute of Perugia to support inmates, who have greatly been affected by the consequences of the pandemic, has been initiated. However, the voluntary service at the swimming pool of the Collevallenza Sanctuary (Perugia) was momentarily suspended due to Covid-19 restrictions.


During the pandemic, spiritual teachings have never been halted, regularly carried out online. As soon as the restrictions were eased, the Eucharistic celebration was resumed and held every first Friday of the month, always in full compliance with public health regulations.




# PERUGIA-TERNI DELEGATION


 operative Volunteers	nr	<b>57</b>
 of which are active Members of the Order	nr	<b>13</b>
 hours of volunteer service	nr	<b>3.227</b>
 assisted families	nr	<b>482</b>
 distributed food	kg	<b>25.747</b>
 distributed new clothing	nr	<b>4.668</b>
 distributed second hand clothing	nr	<b>18</b>
 dispensed monetary donations	€	<b>2.203</b>
 distributed equipment*	nr	<b>163</b>


## ACTIVITY CENTERS

 Caritas, Foligno


 Fontenuovo Nursing Home, Perugia

 Casa Serena, Magione


 Monasteries: Cenobites of Montecorona, Umbertide - Clarisse of Sant'Agnese, Clarisse of Sant'Erminio, Benedictines of S. Caterina, Saint Chiara, Dominicans of the Blessed Colomba, Perugia - Clarisse Saint Lucia, Foligno - Benedictine, Bastia - Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate, Città di Castello - Santa Chiara, Montecastrilli - Saint Lucy, Città della Pieve Vallegloria, Spello

 Hospice House San Giuseppe, Perugia

 Parish of Saint Cecilia, Acquasparta

 "Guardian Angels" Group , Acquasparta

 Operative Group in Spoleto

 Collaboration with the Diocese of Orvieto-Todi, Perugia, Spoleto, Terni-Narni-Amelia

*\*medicines*





# PISA DELEGATION

Despite the difficulties brought by Covid-19 pandemic, between 2020 and 2021 the Pisa Delegation activity in support of families and people most in need has never stopped, but instead, in some respects, it has widened its range of action in order to help address the 'new poverties', always working in synergy and collaboration with local communities, religious institutions in the area and other Delegations of the Grand Priory of Rome.

The action of the Pisa Delegation is focused on the territory of the four Tuscan dioceses under its jurisdiction: Pisa, Lucca, Livorno and Massa.

In Pisa, the Delegation manages the "Oasi melitense", which has the task of helping children aged 1 to 3 with basic needs, who have come into the world thanks to their mothers who chose against abortion. During the pandemic, the work of the volunteers never stopped, continuing to do weekly distributions: during Christmas period alone, the families of the "Oasi Melitense" received 142 kg. of food, 816 diapers and plenty of clothing.

The Delegate has personally started important collaborations, meant to continue over time, with other associations and organizations including: the Safari Club International Italian Chapter, which donated 120 kg of meat redistributed to the 'Cittadella della Carità' (Citadel of Charity) of the Archdiocese of Pisa; the Guardia di Finanza of Pisa (The Financial Crime Investigation Unit), which provided the Delegation with over 150 confiscated clothing items to be allocated to the assisted people; the Rome Delegation, which delivered fifteen tons of clothing for men, women and children, dispensed to the Caritas of Pisa which took care of the distribution to the needy.

Additional clothing donations came from the Perugia-Terni Delegation, while generous foods donations enabled the supply of, among other things, 960 baby food jars to the "Oasi Melitense", three tons of flour to the parish priest of Licciana Nardi and to nine Communities of the Taverone Valley, and two tons of flour at the Monastery of the Poor Clares of the Archdiocese of Lucca.

Throughout the pandemic phase, the ini-







tiative to carry out free swabs and serological tests was promoted in collaboration with the Order of Malta's Italian Relief Corps of Pisa.

There are numerous activities in the Lucca area: on the second Saturday of the month, full take-away meals are distributed to about 70 people on the premises close to the Church of San Leonardo; breakfast is distributed three times a week in the spaces next to the Church of San Paolino; every Saturday afternoon, at the Church of San Frediano, the security service, set up due to the pandemic, is carried out through registration of all participants in the Holy Mass followed by sanitation of the Basilica. In

December, Christmas parcels are distributed to needy families. In addition, upon recommendation of Caritas and priests of the Archdiocese of Lucca, monetary contributions were made to families or individuals in serious financial distress, to help them pay bills, rents, taxes, etc.

In the diocese of Livorno donations of sweets and clothing were made to the Sisters of Montenero; in May a large food purchase was made for the Sisters of Santa Maria Maddalena, who manage a historic institution in Livorno, and a donation of gift vouchers for a value of 500 euros was made over the Christmas holidays to the Parish Church of Sant'Andrea.

Within the diocese of Massa-Carrara-Pontremoli, the Delegation is involved in serving meals at the soup kitchen managed by Caritas on the first and second Saturday of each month. Moreover it helps in preparing charity parcels to be distributed and regularly provides clothing for the 'Giovanni XXIII' Association in Marina di Massa.

During the Easter season, groups from Pisa, Lucca, Massa and Livorno sold Easter eggs to fundraise charitable projects; the group from Lucca also donated part of the eggs to the pediatric ward of the "San Luca" hospital, while the group from Pisa gifted the eggs to the night shelter for the homeless and to the "Sguardo di Vicinato" (neighborhood glance) association, through the













Counselor for social policies of the town.

Boxes containing food and clothing for assisted families were also packaged.


The Youth Group continues its fruitful collaboration with the





CAV (Help for Life Centers) in Pisa and Pontedera, making regular donations of powdered milk, clothes and equipment for mothers and their babies aged 0 to 3.


 operative Volunteers	nr	<b>65</b>
 of which are active Members of the Order	nr	<b>27</b>
 hours of volunteer service	nr	<b>800</b>
 assisted families	nr	<b>28</b>
 assisted homeless	nr	<b>10</b>
 distributed meals (soup kitchen/street)	nr	<b>840</b>
 distributed food	kg	<b>3.500</b>
 hygienic products distributed	nr	<b>7.020</b>
 distributed new clothing	nr	<b>1.200</b>
 distributed second hand clothing	nr	<b>450</b>
 dispensed monetary donations	€	<b>6.500</b>
 distributed equipment*	nr	<b>80</b>

## ACTIVITY CENTERS


 Emilio Cagidiaco Family House, Livorno


 Center for the Help to Life, Pisa and Pontedera


 Church of San Frediano, - Church of San Leonardo - Church of San Paolino, Lucca


 Sisters of Montenero of the Congregation of the Sacred Heart - Institute Daughters of Sant'Anna, Pisa


 Parish of Sant'Andrea, Livorno


 Caritas Soup Kitchen, Lucca and Massa


 Melitense Oasis for newborn, Pisa

 Ketuko onlus for charitable activities of the SMOM Embassy in Namibia

 Groups: in Livorno, Lucca, Massa, Pisa

 Youth group

 Collaboration with the Dioceses of Livorno, Lucca, Massa, Pisa

 Collaboration with the Honorary Consulate of Senegal, Livorno

\* Newborn nappies



# ROME DELEGATION

Since March 2020, the 11 CAS (Social Assistance Centers) of the Delegation, which have been taking care of 634 needy families on a regular basis, including the delivery of food packages, have had to suspend their normal assistance activities, due to the pandemic and the resulting restrictions. However, the managers of the centers, in collaboration with the parish priests and Caritas, continued to distribute food to people in need, having kept in contact with them by telephone. Some CAS, although not in the traditional way, have continued to distribute food by delivering it directly to the assisted people's homes, both through the Italian Relief Corps of the Order of Malta and regularly authorized volunteers.

The Delegation's Food Bank has also distributed food supplies to other Parishes and Religious Institutes, and answered the call for food aid from the Embassies of Honduras and El Salvador, for some of their fellow citizens in need living in the Capital.



The Youth Group of the Delegation has given a significant support by providing a large number of deliveries and has worked to entertain with calls and video calls, the 23 young people assisted by the Group during the year.

Following the suspension of all street soup kitchens due to government measures, the homeless normally assisted at the Termini and Tiburtina railway stations were moved elsewhere in collaboration with the Circolo S. Pietro. The homeless could receive take-away food packages prepared with the help of the Delegation and the Italian Relief Corps, always ensuring compliance with social distancing rules. In addition, the Volunteers, equipped with adequate protection, carried out patrols in the capital, distributing food to the homeless who had remained on the streets despite the authorities' instructions to move to reception centres.

In September 2020: the CAS were re-opened and the intervention groups



resumed some of their evening charitable activities, distributing both food bags and pre-packaged meals. In order to meet the growing needs, three new operational groups have been created, carrying out patrols in the Capital, assisting 26 needy families in Ostia and 35 families living in caravans in the northern area of Rome. Each





week, five groups of the Rome Delegation have operated a total of eight assistance interventions on the street bringing comfort and material support to those in need.

The Delegation's ABC Ostia Group has also been involved in listening activities, along with the Department of Social Policies of the X Rome Municipality, facilitating access to the network of territorial services. The Group also helps a community of Filipino families that have lost their jobs during the pandemic.

During the winter, when temperatures dropped considerably, special evening interventions have been organized to distribute blankets and sleeping bags to the homeless sleeping on the perimeter of Termini Station, while the Youth Group has

continued its weekly evening service of distributing hot drinks, fruit juices, snacks, blankets and sleeping bags at the Colonnade of St. Peter's Basilica.

To meet the growing demand, food collections have been organized at a number of supermarkets in Rome, in order to supply the Delegation's Food Warehouse in addition to the supplies from the Food Bank.













A large donation of clothing has been received, and distributed at the CAS, at other Delegations of the Grand Priory of Rome and at St. Peter's Circle, while a significant quantity has been donated to the Order of Malta's Embassy to

Albania, for collection, shipment and distribution.

The Delegation of Rome, with its Volunteers and assisted persons, joined the World Day of the Poor participating in the Holy Mass officiated by the Holy Father.


Spiritual activity for Assisted Persons with disabilities continued with monthly Catechesis meetings.

# ROME DELEGATION

 operative Volunteers	nr	<b>207</b>
 of which are active Members of the Order	nr	<b>126</b>
 hours of volunteer service	nr	<b>24.100</b>
 assisted families	nr	<b>695</b>
 assisted homeless	nr	<b>663</b>
 distributed meals (soup kitchen/street)	nr	<b>24.772</b>
 distributed food	kg	<b>78.770</b>
 hygienic products distributed	nr	<b>2.800</b>
 distributed new clothing	nr	<b>2.900</b>
 distributed second hand clothing	nr	<b>8.500</b>
 dispensed monetary donations	€	<b>8.727</b>
 distributed equipment*	nr	<b>1.200</b>

## ACTIVITY CENTERS


 CAS\*\* Baron Gabriele Ussani d'Escobar at the Parrocchia Great Mother of God Parish in Ponte Milvio


 CAS Donna Maria Theodoli in Trastevere


 CAS Fra' Raimondo del Balzo at the Parish of San Barnaba alla Maranella

 CAS Fra' Uguccione Scroffa at the Parish of Santa Maria del Redentore in Tor Bella Monaca


 CAS Garbatella at the Parish of San Francesco Saverio alla Garbatella


 CAS Lady Jean Bertie at the Parish of Saint Paul of the Cross in Corviale


 CAS Marcello Pellegrini at the Parish of S. Anthony of Padua in Settebagni

 CAS Marquis Alfredo Solaro del Borgo at the Parish of Saint Joan Antida Thouret at Fonte Meravigliosa


 CAS Monsignor Giuseppe Azelio Manzetti de Fort at the Parish of S.Cleto Papa in Rebibbia


 CAS Nando Peretti at the Parish of San Mauro Abate in Laurentino 38


 CAS Principessa Maria Luisa Windisch-Graetz at the Parish of San Salvatore in Lauro in the Ponte (Bridge) district

 Center supporting the Matteo Community 25

 Aventine Food Bank

 Patrols in Rome and Ostia: food parcels

 Termini and Tiburtina stations: take-away lunch-boxes

 Operative groups: ABC (Assistance, Charity), ABC Ostia X Municipio, Fra' Giacomo Dalla Torre, Youth Group, Roberto Lombardi, Squires of Malta

\* wheelchairs, walkers, sleeping bags, blankets, shopping trolleys, books, toys, baby strollers, car seats, personal protective equipment

\*\* CAS: Social Assistance Center





# VEROLI DELEGATION



The Veroli Delegation, as part of its charitable activities, mainly focused on supporting families affected by economic hardships, carried out the activities that could be done during 2020-2021, in compliance with the anti-covid regulations issued by the Government imposing strict restrictions on movements and gatherings as a result of the critical epidemic situation.

However, always in line with health requirements, the Volunteers were still able to undertake numerous community service initiatives towards many families in distress because of the pandemic.

In the initial lockdown phase, in coordination with Social Services and local parishes, an assistance plan was activated to support the Civil Protection Department and the Police Forces, in charge of food aid home delivery.

To implement the Delegation's food storage on hand, which is usually distributed to 50 families twice a month, the Volunteers worked to put together additional basic needs supply, which was mostly donated or purchased thanks to charity grants offered by patrons, complemented by financial aid from the Delegation. Much welcomed in-kind offerings were also received from Shopping Centers, Agrifood companies in the area and Members of the

Delegation. In addition, thousands of confiscated clothing items and pajamas were donated to foster homes, nursing homes, welcoming communities, Caritas and parishes.



During the Christmas period, thanks to the contribution offered by the Grand



Priory of Rome to help relieve the "new poverities", the Delegation donated 543 food provision boxes to needy families and parishes. At the same time, the distribution of prepaid gift cards was also carried out, to be used for food purchases at one of the many supermarkets of an important large-scale distribution chain in the Castelli Romani area. Not only this has helped to take action more quickly, but it has



also allowed families to get fresh foods such as dairy products, meats, fruit and vegetables, which can hardly be distributed in food boxes.

During the second year of the emergency due to the lingering pandemic, although less severe thanks to vaccinations, contagion peaks and the subsequent business closures have caused new economic disruptions to many families, already heavily affected by the first lockdown. Therefore, because of increased needs, the Veroli Delegation has been constantly active and the Volunteers, with a strong sense of civic duty and abnegation, have continued to distribute additional support throughout the territory. More generous donations have allowed the distribution of a large amount of food, including 900 dove-shaped Easter sponge

cake and 120 biscuits cartons, and about 4,000 clothing items for children.

The Veroli Delegation has extended its interventions also beyond its authority



borders carrying them out along with the constant commitment on its own jurisdiction, bringing aid to the needy in Africa, especially to the children living in the St. Teresa's Orphanage, managed by the Missionary Sisters of the Resurrection in Obili-laounde, Cameroon, where over 1,150 items of children's clothing were sent over through the embassy of Cameroon to the Holy See.















Again at international level, the Delegation sent humanitarian aid to the Mission "A Goal for Life" in Bogotá and Cucuta in Colombia, destined to the poor area of the Mission, where Venezuelan refugees and

communities of disadvantaged Colombian youths live.


Furthermore, for years, the Delegation has supported the "John XXIII" Community in Athens, Greece, with food and basic needs supplies, delivered by the Volunteers even before the pandemic, and with fundraising to purchase a new kitchen. The Community welcomes refugees and homeless people and provides assistance to families in difficult survival conditions.


Moreover, the Delegation, always ready to take action where necessary, immediately responded to help Afghan refugees by delivering clothing and basic needs supplies to 52 refugees who fled persecution in Afghanistan and were welcomed at the Villa Monte Mario youth hostel in Rome.

Despite the restrictive measures, the "Easter surprise" project has never been suspended and, thanks to the proceeds from the sale of Easter eggs purposely produced for the Delegation, significantly contributed in supporting several humanitarian objectives that represent the Delegation primary purpose.


 operative Volunteers	nr	115
 of which are active Members of the Order	nr	49
 hours of volunteer service	nr	4.050
 assisted families	nr	350
 assisted homeless	nr	200
 distributed meals (soup kitchen/street)	nr	170
 distributed food	kg	18.800
 hygienic products distributed	nr	1.300
 distributed new clothing	nr	8.950
 distributed second hand clothing	nr	4.500
 dispensed monetary donations	€	3.800
 distributed equipment*	nr	21


## ACTIVITY CENTERS


 Abbeys: Fossanova, Priverno - San Domenico Abate, Sora


 Home health care for the sick, Gaeta and Serapo


 Family House of the Opera Mater Dei, Castel Gandolfo


 Nursing Home, Ceprano


 Reception Centers: Effata, Arpino - San Benedetto, Montecassino

 ASL (Local Health Authority) Immigration Center - Multiethnic Service, Frosinone

 Convent of the Passionist Fathers, Sora


 Food Bank, Clothing Warehouse, Ceprano


 Caritas Soup Kitchen, Gaeta


 Parishes: S. Bartolomeo, S. Pietro, Cassino - S. Benedetto Abate, S. Andrea in G. - S. Carlo, Isola del Liri - SS. Cosma e Damiano, Gaeta - S. Eugenio, Castel Gandolfo - S. Famiglia di Nazareth, S. Filippo Neri, Albano - S. Giuseppe, Grottaferrata - S. Bonifacio, S. Giuseppe Artigiano, S. Isidoro Agricoltore, Pomezia - S. Giuseppe Sposo, Marino - S. Maria Assunta, Sora - S. Maria degli Angeli, S. Apollinare - S. Maria della Rosa, S. Vittore del L. - S. Maria La Nova, S. Elia F. - S. Maria Maggiore, S. Rocco, Ceprano - S. Maria Maggiore, Lanuvio - S. Michele Arcangelo, Fornelli - Passionist Fathers, Rocca di Papa - Mercedari Fathers, Nemi

 Garrison hospital, Frosinone

 Benedictine Sisters, Scifelli

 Groups: operative in Ariccia, Cassino, Ceprano, Frosinone, Gaeta, Latina, Sora, Veroli

 Collaboration with the dioceses of Frosinone, Gaeta, Latina and Sora

 Humanitarian assistance abroad: Albania, Cameroon, Colombia, Greece

\* wheelchairs for the disabled, baby- chairs, bicycles, furniture, linen





# VITERBO-RIETI DELEGATION

The Covid-19 emergency has brought a new challenge for humanitarian and charity aid organisations: as a matter of fact, it has not weakened the attitude that defines all ABC Volunteers groups (Assistance Beneficence Charity) of the Viterbo - Rieti Delegation, but indeed it has been a motivation for extending aid to as many families and people as possible.



Food collections at some local shops and collections of clothing and toys from sponsors and schools, are a small example of the efforts made. A synergy that has allowed to reach the unexpected goal of tons of food and thousands of garments distributed.



All collected materials were used for helping the needy who, every week, knock on the Delegation's door and to support families, religious communities and institutes assisted constantly by the ABC Groups of Orte, Civitavecchia, Tarquinia and Rieti. In addition, 130 gift baskets were prepared for the Christmas holidays, eventually distributed to parish Caritas and to many families facing hardship in Viterbo, Grotte Santo Stefano, Soriano and Civitavecchia.



The collection activities, regularly carried on to meet the numerous requests for help made during the emergency by parishes and religious institutions and civil organizations, together with the aid received from the Grand Priory of Rome, sponsors and supporters of the Order, have allowed the Delegation to continue its charitable and social initiatives.

In addition to the distribution of basic needs supplies and clothing, Volunteers also provide in several locations a listening service for the most lonely and disadvantaged individuals to help them overcome their problems.

The Delegation's Groups, in order to facilitate the smooth and safe religious services attendance, have acted to provide assistance during the holidays celebrations in the Diocese parishes for which they are responsible, to ensure compliance with hygiene and health requirements.





In addition to the control over the number of devotees entering the premises, to whom they provided all the information necessary to comply with safety regulations, the Volunteers ensured that the participants, once inside the church, followed the marked routes to reach the predefined seats and that the same was done during the outflow at the end of the celebration. Particular attention was paid to the elderly and disabled people, to enable even the most frail individuals to attend the Liturgy untroubled, without having to worry about being infected.

To meet the urgent demand for medicines, the Volunteers of the Orte ABC Group have set themselves the goal of finding medications and collecting donations, thus supporting drug assistance programs that involve more and more patients every day. Indeed, many sick people in strained economic conditions due to the pandemic and, ashamed to ask for help, remain out of assistance programs reach, thereby worsening their health condition. For this reason, the Orte Group, in collaboration with the Viterbo-Rieti Delegation, is committed to raising awareness about this initiative to as many people as possible. As agreed beforehand, the Group has regularly handed over the retrieved medical supplies to the Order of Malta's Military Corps, so that qualified personnel could manage it in the most appropriate way.

The Viterbo A.B.C. has provided some parishes and "Don Alceste Grandori" Caritas with over 600 packs of peeled tomatoes and for the Easter holidays, thanks to the collaboration with the Todis supermarket in Viterbo, has packed 30 food bags, to be given to needy families that are regularly assisted. The Group














has also activated a food and medications home delivery service for the elderly and the sick, who cannot leave their homes for health reasons.

The Viterbo-Rieti Delegation has also started a true charity network in collaboration with national and international humanitarian and non-profit organizations, to which it has donated over 70,000 garments for the needy living in remote and forgotten areas.



During the whole emergency period, the religious solace provided by the delegate chaplain was extremely meaningful. He was an intense and profound spiritual guide for everyone, also with the daily "carezza della sera" (evening caress) publication.

# VITERBO-RIETI DELEGATION

 operative Volunteers	nr	<b>46</b>
 of which are active Members of the Order	nr	<b>18</b>
 hours of volunteer service	nr	<b>5.720</b>
 assisted families	nr	<b>477</b>
 assisted homeless	nr	<b>4</b>
 distributed food	kg	<b>31.525</b>
 hygienic products distributed	nr	<b>1.700</b>
 distributed new clothing	nr	<b>152.400</b>
 distributed second hand clothing	nr	<b>800</b>
 dispensed monetary donations	€	<b>4.500</b>
 distributed equipment*	nr	<b>173</b>

## ACTIVITY CENTERS













 Basilica of our Lady of the Oak Tree, Viterbo
 Diocesan Caritas, Orte Scalo, Rieti, Viterbo
 Cathedral of St. Francis, Civitavecchia
 Kaleidoscope Foster Home, Orte
 Listening Center, Tarquinia
 Listening Center at the Delegation, Viterbo
 Assistance Center and Food Bank, Orte
 Domus Nursing Home, RSA**, Viterbo
 Villa Rosa Nursing Home Suore Ospedaliere, Viterbo
 Convent of St. Francis, Tarquinia
 Monasteries: Benedictine Sisters, Orte - Benedictine Sisters, Città Ducale - Monastery of the Passion, Tarquinia - Franciscan Oasis, Colle San Mauro
 Parishes: S. Michele Arcangelo, Santa Rufina, Rieti - SS. Giovanni Battista and Leonardo, Tarquinia - Parish of Ladispoli (RM)
 ABC (Assistenza, Beneficienza, Carità) Groups – (Assistance, Donation, Charity) of Civitavecchia, Orte, Rieti, Tarquinia
 Youth Group
 Collaboration with the Diocese of Civitavecchia-Tarquinia
 Collaboration with the Italian Red Cross (CRI)
 Humanitarian assistance abroad: Albania, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone

\* 2 wheelchairs, defibrillator, mattresses, hospital beds linen, nappies

\*\* RSA: (Residenza Sanitaria Assistenziale) Nursing Home



## GENERAL SUMMARY

 operative Volunteers	nr	<b>633</b>
 of which are active Members of the Order	nr	<b>321</b>
 hours of volunteer service	nr	<b>52.712</b>
 assisted families	nr	<b>3.232</b>
 assisted homeless	nr	<b>1.083</b>
 distributed meals (soup kitchen/street)	nr	<b>49.902</b>
 distributed food	kg	<b>165.942</b>
 hygienic products distributed	nr	<b>15.120</b>
 distributed new clothing	nr	<b>171.168</b>
 distributed second hand clothing	nr	<b>14.588</b>
 dispensed monetary donations	€	<b>191.473</b>
 distributed equipment	nr	<b>4.178</b>



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## THE DAILY PRAYER OF THE ORDER OF MALTA

*Lord Jesus,*

*Thou has seen fit to enlist me for Thy service amongst the  
Knights and Dames of St John of Jerusalem.*

*I humbly entreat Thee through the intercession of the most  
Holy Virgin of Philerme, of St John the Baptist,  
Blessed Gerard and all the Saints, to keep me  
faithful to the traditions of our Order.*

*Be it mine to practise and defend the Catholic, the Apostolic,  
the Roman faith against the enemies of religion;  
be it mine to practice charity towards my neighbours,  
especially the poor and sick.*

*Give me the strength I need to carry out this my resolve,  
forgetful of myself, learning ever from Thy holy Gospel  
a spirit of deep and generous Christian devotion,  
striving ever to promote God's glory, the world's peace,  
and all that may benefit the Order of St John of Jerusalem.*

*Amen*







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