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CUBA

***Quien reza se salva* and *30Días* are magnificent for a mission land**

Havana, 1 March 2012

To the Piccola Via Charitable Association.

Dear Brothers,

Peace and health!

I write from my beloved Cuba, a mission country, to thank you for the catechism [*Quien reza se salva*];

30Días is also one of your splendid gifts. Both the catechism and the magazine *30Días* have a high level of Catholic teaching and information; they are wonderful for a mission land, particularly in rural communities like those in which we work.

We also have a project – to which we gave the name of the Cuban Blessed José Olallo Valdés through which we bring aid to families with disabled children, quadriplegics, or suffering from serious diseases. No one takes care of these families. They are twelve in all, for which I ask only your mercy, together with that of Jesus; we need above all cleaning materials and powdered milk.

Many times I have invited Mr Giulio Andreotti and his collaborators here to Cuba. I invite you too. In Cuba, the Italians are much loved and many priests also work here.

Thanks for everything,

Sergio León Mendiboure, missionary

MEXICO

PERPETUAL ADORATION SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OF OUR LADY OF LA ESPERANZA CONVENT

One hundred copies of *Quien reza se salva* for my ‘little sheep’

Cotija, Michoacán de Ocampo, 9 March 2012

Praised be the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Esteemed Piccola Via Charitable Association,

I greet you cordially wishing that the Peace of Christ may inundate your apostolate and each member of the Association.

First of all, congratulations for your fine magazine *30Giorni* that does so much good to souls. All its topics strengthen us in faith, and there are many contemplative souls to which it does great good. I will ask that your apostolate be blessed.

I thought a lot about what I’m going to say and have always been uncertain whether to do so. I request that you grant me the charity of sending me one hundred copies of *Quien reza se salva*, but I’m poor, I have no money. But, in the words of our Blessed Mother founder, “I have a very rich Spouse...”. Trusting in Him and in His divine providence, I ask them for free. “He Who is very rich, will reward you as only He can “. Tell Jesus that His spouse wants these books because she has many little sheep who do not know how to pray or make an examination of conscience for confession.

I can only offer you my poor prayers before the Blessed Sacrament day and night.

May Our Blessed Mother founder María Magdalena de la Encarnación intercede for the Association.

May God reward you! Count on my prayers.

Sister María Iolanda de Jesús,

perpetual adorer of the Most Holy Sacrament

PHILIPPINES

CAPUCHIN POOR CLARES OF THE SANTA CLARA CONVENT

Who prays is saved as a gift for the faithful

Laoag City, 13 March 2012

Dear Senator Andreotti,

Peace and good!

We would like once again to express our gratitude for the kindness and generosity shown to us by sending regular free copies of *30Days*. Your magazine, so rich in information, has long been a constant source of information for us on the Church and the outside world, and for this wonderful gift we are truly grateful to you. We are now coming to the climax of the celebrations for the eight hundred years of the founding of the Order of Saint Clare and we are pleased to inform you that, even as we write, the relics of our mother, Saint Clare, are here in the Philippines, brought by the Ambassador of the Philippines to the Holy See, and are making the rounds of various communities of Poor Clares of the archipelago. In this regard, we humbly ask you and your employees for some free copies of *Who prays is saved*. We thought it would be a wonderful gift to the faithful who on 11 August 2012 will join us for the celebrations on the feast of our Mother. We would like to ask you for least five hundred copies, but if you can not, we will be happy with what you can send us. Thank you so much and may the Lord continue to bless you and all your intentions, while we will continue to pray for the success of your mission.

With all respect, yours,

*Sister María Lilia Javier,
CCS, and Community*

Laoag City, 25 April 2012

Dear Mr Senator,

Peace and all good!

We would like once again to express our gratitude for your kindness and generosity towards us and for the prompt response to our request for free copies of *Who prays is saved*. Thanks so much for having so diligently fulfilled our wish. May the Lord, unsurpassable in generosity, reward you for your efforts. For our part we promise to remember all your intentions in our prayers, especially when we are kneeling before the Most Blessed Sacrament.

May God bless us all.

Respectfully yours,

*for Sister María Lilia Javier, CCS, and Community
Sister Ana María de San José*

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

PARISH OF NOTRE-DAME DE L'ASSOMPTION

Qui prie sauve son âme for children and families

Boma, 19 March 2012

Mr Director,

Thank you because I received the rosaries: they are really needed for children. But we still need some *Qui prie sauve son âme* booklets, in great demand by the children and Christian families in our parish and diocese.

Thanks for all you have done so far. May God
bless you!

Roger Phanzu-Kumbu

GUINEA-BISSAU

CATHOLIC MISSION OF CANCHUNGO

Quem reza se salva to distribute to the youth

Canchungo, 27 March 2012

Dear 30Giorni,

I have only now received some back issues because of my change of address.

For the same reason, I have not even received the CD of Gregorian chants. And to think that I still keep the Liber usualis bought in the 'fifties when I was in the minor seminary!

Also, I will make a proposal: to send me the Portuguese edition of *30Dias*, so that it can also serve my brothers. Here in Guinea-Bissau Portuguese is the official language in fact, even if they speak kriol. I would recommend this for all the copies sent to Guinea-Bissau, although, of course, this proposal is not my responsibility.

I would also like some copies of *Quem reza se salva* sent to me, also in Portuguese, which I will distribute to those who may be inclined to vocation or some good young people. For this I send you one hundred euros.

Please excuse the inconvenience.

Father Rino Furlato, OFM

PANAMA

ST PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH

The faithful continue to ask for *Quien reza se salva*

Santa Fe, 23 April 2012

Dear Brothers,

My name is Arcelio Castro and I have been working for nine months in the parish of St Peter the Apostle in Santa Fe, in the north of the Veraguas region, in Panama.

I would first of all like to thank sincerely all those who worked on the preparation of the booklet *Quien reza se salva*, in particular the director and editor Giulio Andreotti and Roberto Rotondo. I received, some months ago, five hundred copies through the Monastery de la Visitación in Panama City: they have already been distributed, one for each family, and were very well received, even by those who had moved away from religious practice. Many have asked to borrow them to be able to read them at home, calmly.

The faithful continue to ask for the booklet. I write for this reason, that is to make the request of another five hundred copies. If you can, you can send them to the same address, namely the Monastery de la Visitacion of Panama. If you need a contribution, I ask you to inform us. For our part we continue to ask those who have benefited from the booklets for prayers for donors, and I myself offer some masses.

God bless you abundantly for the support of our parish.

Fraternally,

Father Arcelio Castro

MEXICO

PERPETUAL ADORATION SISTERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OF SAINT JOHN
THE BAPTIST CONVENT

We receive with immense gratitude *Quien reza se salva* and the other publications

Coscomatepec, Veracruz, 25 April 2012

Dear Senator Giulio Andreotti,

Praised be the Most Blessed Sacrament!

Please receive a fraternal greeting in the Risen Jesus: we hope from the heart that He bless you abundantly and reward your generosity to our monastic community.

We are the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Convent of Saint John the Baptist in Coscomatepec. Our mission is to witness the presence of our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist, prostrate at His feet day and night, offering our continued prayer and worship for all of mankind. Because of this, we turn to you with great gratitude, receiving from your great generosity the magazine *30Días*, the booklet *Quien reza se salva*, "*El Hijo no puede hacer nada por su cuenta*" and the *Los cantos de la Tradición*. Not being in a condition to pay the good you do us, we

ask God in our prayers and we place in the hands of Our Lady of Guadalupe your needs and those of all the people who cooperate in the publication of this enriching material that informs us and forms us for our spiritual life. The last time we received the magazine was in December last year, the most recent numbers have not yet arrived; we hope to continue to receive the magazine monthly and other publications you direct.

Certain that Jesus Eucharist will be your reward, and that of your loved ones and associates, we greet you.

Most affectionately in Christ,
*Mother Esperanza del Corazón
de Jesús and Community*

COLOMBIA

APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF SAN VICENTE – PUERTO LEGUÍZAMO

I would like to give *Quien reza se salva* to the catechists

San Vicente, 1 May 2012

Dear Senator Giulio Andreotti,

I am a diocesan priest of the Apostolic Vicariate of San Vicente – Puerto Leguízamo, a vast region (ninety-six thousand square kilometers) of the Colombian Amazon; my job for over ten years, is as vicar of pastoral care and person responsible for the areas of Catechesis, Biblical Promotion and the Pontifical Missionary Works. We are few and have more than one job. I turn to you to ask you kindly to send us a good number of copies of the book *Quien reza se salva* because I would like to give the catechists and promoters of the word a good tool like this for them to continue in their ministry of catechesis.

This is a local church with many needs and many challenges, since clashes between soldiers of the national army, guerrillas of the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), drug traffickers and paramilitary groups often occur, which create continuous apprehension in our population and communities. The choice to operate for the poor and our missionary vocation ask us to be with our people always and to be a prophetic voice to denounce abuses and irregularities that from every side violate human rights and international humanitarian law. We are a credible Church and well accepted by our members. The challenges are many, but faith and hope in the Risen Lord comfort us and encourage us to continue in the mission entrusted to us. Thank you so much for the attention that you may give to this.

Father Ricardo Tovar Sánchez

LEBANON

ORDER OF THE CARMELITE FATHERS

***Qui prie sauve son âme*, simple and practical tool for prayer**

Hazmieh, 11 May 2012

Dear Director,

May the peace of the Lord be always with you!

Thank you for the magazine *30Jours* that always arrives to me. I read a lot about the booklet *Qui prie sauve son âme* which has done so much good to all the people who have benefited from it. Therefore, with this, I ask, if possible, to send us a hundred copies, since many of our young people (prayer groups) would like to use this tool as a simple and practical way to prayer.

May the good Lord continue to keep you in good health and to bless your mission in the Church.

Father Makhoul Farha, OCD,

Provincial Superior of the Carmelites in Lebanon

BENIN

CONVENT OF ETOILE NOTRE-DAME

***Qui prie sauve son âme* helps to pray well**

Parakou, 29 May 2012

Mr Director,

I am writing to thank you for sending *30Jours*, a very well documented magazine and with very fine graphics. But that is not all. Some years ago we asked for some copies of the booklet *Qui prie sauve son âme*. All copies were distributed in a very short time for the spiritual good of those who benefited from them. Now many are asking for these booklets that help them to pray well. This would also avoid them finding refuge in sects, very numerous in Benin.

If you could then renew your generous gesture, we would be deeply grateful to you. Thanks in advance from all persons who, thanks to you, come near to God.

Respectfully,

Mother Bibiane Igaro

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CUBA

We have received *Quien reza se salva* for the poor communities that we visit

Havana, 8 January 2012

Dear Mr Giulio Andreotti,

Peace and health!

I am writing this letter to thank you with all my heart for your concern for us and, especially, for the poor communities that we deal with and visit.

We received promptly and in good condition the two packages containing the booklets *Quien reza se salva*.

Yesterday, 7 January, we began the Marian Jubilee Year for the 400th anniversary of the recovery from the sea of the blessed statue of the Virgin of Caridad del Cobre and on 26 March we will have the visit of Pope Benedict XVI for two days.

We do not want to trouble you, but when you can send us some help, please know that it is very welcome and we need it. Without money to pay but with a grateful heart in Christ, we renew our thanks.

I offer my house when you want to come.

Thanks and blessings,

Sergio León Mendiboure

PHILIPPINES

CARMELITE NUNS OF THE SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS CONVENT

Many thanks for the gift of *Who prays is saved*

Ozamiz City, 9 January 2012

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Dear Senator Andreotti,

Praised be Jesus Christ and Mary, our Blessed Mother!

A Happy grace-filled New Year to you, your family and your staff at *30Days!*

Thank you very much for the gift of *Who prays is saved* which we asked you for our give-aways on the coming Golden Jubilee of our Carmel's foundation on 3 October this year. We received the eighteen well-packed intact boxes just a few days before Christmas. Thank you so much for your loving and prompt response to our request. Truly we felt deeply moved that they arrived like a special gift of love for us this Christmas.

Now that time, especially we here, in Mindanao, are all grieving and scrambling to help with old clothes and all forms of solidarity with our people, victims of the terrible typhoon which hit part of our country. Some communities were completely swept away by the sudden arrival of the strong, swift flooding waters that in some areas reached the height of thirty feet and with such a speed that

people were caught unable to help themselves and were simply swept away and drowned. Until now we are not eating fish because of the so many corpses that are spread unrecovered in our sea. May the Lord return to you, your love, kindness, generosity and goodness, a thousand-fold in blessings. You and your work in and for the Church have become so much, in our love and prayers.

In our first letter I mentioned that we hope to have Who prays is saved translated into Cebuano (Bisayan) for some of our people who are more at home praying in our dialect. You will not mind if we have this translated, would you? But we are really not sure that the project can go through however, because until now we have no one to sponsor the publication. Anyway, we leave everything in God's loving hands.

May God bless you, your family and your staff at *30Days*, dear Senator Andreotti. Thank you once more for all you have done for us. Concerning our church bell, an engineer friend assures us that we can have a good-enough monastery-bell cast for our convent here in the Philippines. We will let you know further on this.

Blessings from the Lord and our Blessed Mother of Carmel.

For our Reverend Mother and Community,

Sister Mary Therese, OCD

CANADA

MISSIONARIES OF CHRIST THE KING

***30Giorni* for our sisters in Benin and the Ivory Coast**

Montréal, Québec, 10 January 2012

Mr Director,

With these few lines we want to thank you sincerely for your loyalty in sending us the beautiful magazine *30Giorni nella Chiesa e nel mondo* that brings us up to date with the extension, commitments and current doings of the Church throughout the world.

We are an exclusively missionary Congregation, operating in different countries alongside the poorest; so you can understand, then, how interested we are in your magazine. We want our sisters who are in Benin and the Ivory Coast to benefit from the news of your beautiful publication. Please, could

you kindly send it to them, as you do with us, every month? If the answer is positive, we can send you their postal address.

We take this opportunity to wish you a year of happiness and peace. May the Lord guide you always. Once again, thank you for your gesture of generosity.

In union of prayer,

The Superior General

Sister Claudette Morin, MCR

BRAZIL

JOÃO XXIII PIAMARTINA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

May the Lord bless your efforts 'in the Church and in the world'

Ponta Grossa, Paraná, 11 January 2012

Dear *30Giorni* editorial office,

For years our mission has been receiving *30Giorni*, in the Portuguese edition and, along with my religious community, I come to express the deepest gratitude.

I personally have been in Brazil for thirty-seven years, involved with the Piamartina religious community in the reception and human, Christian and professional formation, of children, adolescents and young people from the poorer classes, orphans and those with disastrous family situations, often indeed tragic.

While I thank you for the gift of the magazine, that we receive regularly, I would ask you to update our address.

Thanks for your kind attention.

With the best wishes for good continuance in the new year just begun, I cordially greet you asking the Lord to bless your efforts 'in the Church and in the world'.

With great esteem,

Father Livio Bosetti

UGANDA

COMBONIANS OF LACOR HOSPITAL

Who prays is saved is a true blessing for the sick

Gulu, 16 January 2012

Dear Senator Andreotti,

I wish to inform you with this letter that I have received fifty copies of the small booklets *Who prays is saved*, which I consider a great gift.

I can not describe the great joy for the opportunity to make very many patients admitted to our hospital happy, who often ask for magazines, newspapers, books on religious subjects to fill the time that never passes.

Many of them are educated people, committed Christians who know how to attract, convince, convey the true meaning of prayer. I also think *Who prays is saved* is a real blessing, brought through your charity. Please accept my sincere and necessary thanks, which is actually very little, but I promise you my prayers and those of the beneficiaries.

With sincere affection and great gratitude, I renew my sincere and dutiful thanks and good wishes for the year 2012.

Sister Romilde Spinato

P. S. I forgot to thank you for the wonderful magazines *30Giorni* in Italian and English that arrive punctually. May the Lord reward you greatly!

ANGOLA

DOMINICAN NUNS OF MÃE DE DEUS CONVENT

Thank you for Quem reza se salva that we distributed to the poor

Kuito, Bié, 16 January 2012

Esteemed in the Lord

Mr Giulio Andreotti, receive our cordial greetings in the Lord. We wish health and serenity to you, to all your collaborators and your family, hoping that the new year 2012, has brought the joy and blessing of God our Lord.

Our community, by the grace of God our provident Father, began the new year with renewed enthusiasm, entrusted to His mercy, for future days.

We spent the Christmas days with great communitarian joy, because of the presence of God with us.

We asked Him to give us the grace of fidelity and always to remain in His love.

We write only to thank you for accepting our request for the booklets *Quem reza se salva*, of which we have received 84 copies that we have already distributed to the poor of our neighborhood and the parish of São José.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment to spreading the doctrine of our faith in an accessible way to the simple people of the People of God;

we pray so that you may never lack the strength and love in your dedication to such a beautiful mission in the Vineyard of the Lord that is the Holy Church.

I assure you of our constant remembrance in prayer.

Always united in prayer,

Sister Maria Reis do Espírito Santo

BRAZIL

DIOCESE OF AMPARO

I wish that 30Giorni may always receive God's graces

Amparo, Sao Paulo, 20 January 2012

Dear Director Andreotti,

I wish you much peace. It was a great joy for me to receive the magazine *30Giorni nella Chiesa e nel mondo* punctually, because thus I had the opportunity to follow closely the path of our Church in the different parts of the world.

I hope that this means of communication may always receive God's graces to continue carrying out the will of the Lord in the field of evangelization, helping the brothers to follow the way shown by God Now, as emeritus, I was asked to accompany the pastoral health ministry in the Regional Sul 1, and it was a very positive thing for me to continue to help in what I can, despite my age.

I hope you spent a happy Christmas and that 2012 may be a year of prosperity.

Monsignor Francisco José Zugliani,

Bishop Emeritus of Amparo

FRANCE

ABBEY OF NOTRE-DAME ST-EUSTASE

The humanity of Christ is our happiness is a splendid gift

Eyres-Moncube, 20 January 2012

Dear Sir,

A big thanks for the two parcels each containing a number of copies of the meditation *The humanity of Christ is our happiness*.

It is a wonderful gift which we, in turn, can give to priests and lay people around us.

We assure you of our grateful prayers.

The Abbess Sister Françoise Marie

MEXICO

VISITACIÓN DE SANTA MARÍA CONVENT

Thanks for 30Días

Guadalajara, Jalisco, 22 January 2012

Dear Senator Giulio Andreotti and collaborators of *30Días*,

We cordially greet all of you wishing you peace and joy in Christ, our Highest Good.

With this, we want to thank you for the charity of sending us free the magazine and supplements that arrive on time. Through your wonderful professional and Christian work you spread the Gospel of Christ which surprisingly illuminates the world and modern man and makes us aware of our condition of being salt and light for the world.

In this novena for the celebration of St Francis de Sales, our founder and patron saint of journalists, we send you our congratulations and, in our con-

templative vocation, we pray for you in a special way, so that you may grow in zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. We ask you to pray for peace and justice in our country.

Very fraternally on behalf of the Superior.

Reverend Mother María Esther Vallejo

ITALY

DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS OF THE SAN SILVESTRO CONVENT

We assure our prayers for Don Giacomo Tantardini

Pescara, 22 January 2012

Dear Senator,

We are very grateful for the magazine *30Giorni* that you forward to us punctually every month. We find it very interesting and also stimulating in all respects.

Thank you also for the booklet that was lately included, *L'umanità di Cristo è la nostra felicità*, a meditation by Don Giacomo Tantardini for whom we assure our prayer that the Lord will grant him a complete recovery from his illness.

Finally we would like to ask you a gift of the CD of *I canti della Tradizione* because we did not receive it.

Remembering you in our prayers, we thank you heartily for all the good you wish us.

Sister Maria Geltrude of the Immaculate, OCD

Pescara, 3 February 2012

Dear Senator,

Thank you sincerely for letting us have, so quickly, the booklet along with the CD, *I canti della Tradizione*. All will serve to enable us to always improve our praise to God, according to the guidelines of the Church.

Be assured that you will always be present in our daily prayer, so that the Lord will grant you a long time to work in His vineyard, and for the good of many monasteries.

With gratitude we send our most respectful greetings.

Sister Maria Geltrude of the Immaculate, OCD

CHILE

METROPOLITAN SEMINARY

“You can not follow Christ, if He Himself does not attract you”

Concepción, 23 January 2012

Dear friends of *30Giorni*,

In greeting you I wish to thank you for sending a free copy of the magazine all this year that is ending. Thanks to the spiritual reading and the clear articles in the magazine, I was able to know the Christianity faithful to the Tradition of the Church. During these formative years in the seminary, I was able to experience the words of St Ambrose: “You can not follow Christ, if He Himself does not attract you/non potes sequi Christum, nisi ipse te attrahat”.

Thank you for your generosity and remembrance of the Lord in the world. I pray the Lord for you and Don Giacomo in whom Christ shines and allows us to recognize Him in those who let themselves be irradiated by His beauty.

In Christ and the Virgin Mary,

Jorge Inaldi Heredia Lagos, seminarian

P. S. Dear friends, I would like to ask a great favor: to send me, if possible, copies of *Quien reza se salva*, in order to donate them to a group of young people preparing for confirmation and with whom I'll make a retreat (if possible 70 copies). I await an answer.

COLOMBIA

DIOCESE OF SINCELEJO

I request the meditation by Don Giacomo Tantardini on Holy Easter

Sincelejo, 24 January 2012

Dear Mr. Andreotti,

A cordial greeting for the new year in the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of peace, hope and human salvation.

I had the opportunity to get to know you personally when I was a student at the Pio Latino College in Rome. Indeed, I was sometimes invited to the Christian Democrat Congress that took place there. It was an important opportunity to build relationships with this ‘charismatic’ viewpoint precisely in its own day, to be an effective presence in the political world for the common good.

I think the experience of Christian Democracy missed the opportunity of both learning and being inspired by new models of Christian participation in order to affect the world of ‘temporal’ realities.

I regularly receive the magazine *30Días* and I follow its thought, assimilate its points of view and immediately pass it on to others so that they can profit from it. I hope to receive it always.

Recently I got number 6 of 2011, from which I learned about a meditation by Don Giacomo Tantardini on Holy Easter. I wonder how I can get it, since I have seen very positive comments and, indeed, have known the author for some time.

Excuse me for addressing this request to you but I wanted to take this opportunity to greet you personally.

May the Lord bless us all,

Nel Beltrán Santamaría,

Bishop of Sincelejo

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

COMBONI MISSIONARIES

Joy for the gift of *Qui prie sauve son âme*

Bangui, 27 January 2012

Dear Senator Andreotti,

I just received fifty copies of *Qui prie sauve son âme* and I wish I could express the joy I felt in receiving this beautiful gift, that reached me with even greater welcome, in as much as I was surprised by the promptness of the favorable response.

Thank you, Senator. May you feel in yourself as much joy as I myself have felt, and how much the catechists of the territory entrusted to me will feel

when, coming for the formation session, they will have this beautiful and useful book placed in their hands. And may this joy accompany you and your collaborators throughout all of this new year.

I take this opportunity also to thank you again for the magazine *30Jours* that we always read with interest, I and my brothers of the community, as well as the missionaries in passage. Just today a colleague showed me a number of *30Jours* of five years ago, certainly lost in some post office, and in it an article which he extolled.

Thanks again for all the good you do to us and to many like us.

The Lord blesses you certainly and I pray Him to give you many abundant graces.

Father Gianantonio Berti, MCCI

GREECE

I would like to receive *30Giorni* at my hermitage on Mount Athos

Mount Athos, 30 January 2012

Mr Giulio Andreotti, Director,

I became acquainted with *30Giorni* (in English) at the Orthodox archbishopric of Athens, where I was a hieromonk. I now am at Mount Athos, where I live alone in a hermitage near the monastery of Karakallou. Could you let me know the different possibilities of receiving *30Giorni*? I would like to subscribe to the edition in French, but I also read Italian.

Thank you for the information. Assuring you of my fraternal prayer before the icon of Christ our friend Savior.

With respect, may He be our joy!

Father Iakovos

NICARAGUA

SANTA CRUZ PARISH

***Quien reza se salva* will be a great help for poor people**

Casares, 6 February 2012

Dear friends,

We received the 500 copies of *Quien reza se salva* that you generously sent us. They arrived in a few days. Thank you immensely. They will be of great help to the people here, who have no

economic means, children and adults. We pray for you and your work. Remember us before the Lord.

Father Balbino Rodríguez Lorenzana

CROATIA

DIOCESE OF POREC AND PULA

Let us pray so that priests be holy according to the Heart of Jesus

Pula, 8 February 2012

Dear Senator Giulio Andreotti,

I am grateful for your renowned magazine *30Giorni* that you have sent me for years, most recently in Italian, which I understand better than German.

I too admire and read the magazine full of information, articles and studies in theology, church and pastoral history, from various parts of the world. I am grateful and I celebrated Mass for the miraculous healing of Don Giacomo Tantardini, if it is the will of the Lord to preserve him still in this world.

Since I was involved in pastoral work in Europe, Latin America and China as a fidei donum missionary, I request you to send me a copy of the booklet in Italian *Chi prega si salva*, and two copies in Chinese. I was in China for eight years as spiritual director in a Redemptoris Mater seminary for the Chinese people.

I also founded a similar seminary in Pula that has over fifteen years contributed fifty-two priests and three deacons. It is one of the fruits of the neocatechumenal way. I am glad that recently similar seminaries have been founded in Trieste and Sarajevo.

In Istria we started from scratch. In the minor seminary in Pazin, where I was spiritual director there were three hundred seminarians: at the end just one, whose only companion was the guard dog.

We pray for these and all the seminarians and priests around the world, so that they may be holy priests according to the Heart of Jesus.

May God bless you and your collaborators in the work of evangelization all over the world.

With compliments, my blessing.

Antonio Bogeti,

Bishop Emeritus of Porec and Pula

ITALY

THE PASSIONIST NUNS OF TINELLA CONVENT

The humanity of Christ is our happiness

Costigliole d'Asti, 11 February 2012

Dear Senator Andreotti,

Ad multos annos! With this wish-prayer that is actualized in the course of the day for you and your renowned staff, while we thank you for the magazine *30Giorni*, it still seems only right to express a range of emotions ranging from deep appreciation for the wise and perceptive skill with which you direct it, to the cordial and sincere admiration for the high measure of your moral and spiritual character that we catch a glimpse of and breathe in the editorial et in reliquis...

It's a real joy to have in one's hands so prestigious a magazine: distinct typographical presentation, beautiful photographic collection and articles of high content for formation, information, culture and comprehensive incentives to expand knowledge of the mystery of the Church and of our poor world that is still thirsting for God...

A real 'organ' now that it is embellished by the Gregorian notes which we use weekly for the liturgy of the Eucharist and that of the canonical hours on feasts and solemnities! Thanks for the gift, and thanks, if I may still dare insist, that this 'preciousness' may have primacy in the parishes.

But here, now, the reason for this letter: to notify the Reverend Don Giacomo of our spiritual closeness, in this pause of more intense participation in the Passion of the Lord, mindful of the

words of St Paul to the Philippians: "We have been given the grace not only to believe in Jesus but also to suffer for Jesus".

We entrust him to the Virgin Mother, so that she may enfold him in her virginal and motherly love and heal him, to continue his precious priestly mystery-ministry and disseminate, through the gift of the word, the knowledge of Jesus! I read with an inexpressible joy the supplement to number 11 of 2011, the meditation *L'umanità di Cristo è la nostra felicità*.

Dare I ask for copies, if possible, to donate them and raise the attractiveness of Jesus. Thanks! It's too beautiful, most beautiful, extraordinary in its exposition, it is a wonderful mysticism of inwardness.

One feels a fascination, a certain unction that does not tire us in reading and rereading it. It seems as if the author himself reads those expressions, so great are the sweetness and light that they infuse in the heart. Thank you!

May the Lord grant to Don Giacomo ever more light and spiritual anointing with the health which is much needed. May the Virgin Mary immerse us in the mystery and leave us in the mystery to be seduced by it.

Religious greetings and 'whirr of wings' of Gregorian notes...

Sister Maria Virginia Sivoletta

Costigliole d'Asti, 19 February 2012

Dear Senator Giulio

It is with great joy and emotion that I thank you for the 'plentiful and precious' gift that arrived in such a timely manner on a solemn date for our Congregation: 'Commemoration of the Passion' with Holy Mass and Office Proper and, moreover, the anniversary of my baptism!

The most beautiful gratitude will be marked by the celebration of a Holy Mass on the 29th of this month for your intentions and for the healing of the Reverend Don Giacomo.

Sincere greetings like fragrant flowers!

Most devoted,

Sister Maria Virginia Sivoletta

BRAZIL

COMISSÃO NACIONAL DOS PRESBÍTEROS, CNBB

A humanidade de Cristo é a nossa felicidade for our community

Betim, Minas Gerais, 1 March 2012

Dear Mr Giulio Andreotti,

Praised be Jesus and Most Holy Mary.

I am immensely grateful to you for the kindness with which you regularly send us the *30Dias* magazine which is highly valued by the community.

I work a lot with families and we will intensify the work over Christmas because Christmas time is propitious for the family apostolate; for this year 2012 we would like to use as a basic text for our meditations on Christmas the reflection by Don Giacomo Tantardini *A humanidade de Cristo é a nossa felicidade*, published by *30Dias*.

I appeal to you, Mr Andreotti, to ask if you can, to send us fifty copies of this booklet for our work this year, 2012, having the hope that you will satisfy our request.

Awaiting a positive response, I send my priestly blessing, to be extended to all collaborators of *30Dias*.

Count on my prayers always.

With my greetings,

Father Leutenberg Sousa Neto

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BRAZIL

ARCHDIOCESE OF CURITIBA

30Giorni is simply fantastic

Pinhais, Paraná, 21 November 2011

Dear friends, peace and prosperity to all.

With great joy I received from my friend, Father Ramiro Pastore, of the Camillians, a copy of the magazine *30Giorni*. Simply fantastic. I am a teacher of our Archdiocese of Curitiba and also sing in a choir of Italian music in our city, the Italian Choir of Paraná. I would like instructions on how to receive your magazine and some supplements to back issues: the CD of Gregorian chant, *Chi prega si salva*, the booklet of Don Giacomo Tantardini: *Il Figlio da se stesso non può fare nulla*.

Certainly for me and my students they will be a rich source of assistance for the growth of our knowledge and our faith.

If possible, I would like the Italian edition of *30Giorni*, because I'm originally from Trentino and speak our language well enough.

Fraternally,

Luiz Antonio Lenzi

Pinhais, Paraná, 12 December 2011

Health and peace to all!

This weekend I received the CDs and the magazines that I had requested. God only knows how happy I was to receive these treasures. Thank you so much!

I renew my desire to benefit from a subscription to your magazine *30Giorni*, in Italian, to enjoy a little of the Italian language and culture.

May God bless you! Always!

I wish for you a Nativity of the Lord filled with joys and successes. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Luiz Antonio Lenzi

BANGLADESH

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF KOREA

I work as a missionary among the disabled

Borogurgola, 24 November 2011

Peace!

Dear Director Giulio Andreotti,

I am Sr. Noel M.J. Kim MSK (Missionary Sisters of Korea) and live in Bangladesh.

I've been working here as a missionary for the disabled.

I'd like to request to have your wonderful magazine *30Days*.

I saw it written in Italian for the first time in the PIME Fathers' community, but today I read it in the English edition.

It's very useful not only for my poor English but also for the members of my community and the disabled center.

Hopefully, I'm awaiting the pleasure of your reply.

With the best regards and prayers,

Sister Noel Kim, MSK

CHINA

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART OF NANNING

From China

Nanning, 26 November 2011

Hello,

You sent us the magazine *30Giorni* which we have received. Thank you! I'm a priest of the Nanning Sacred.

Heart church.

God bless you,

Father Tan Jingtuan

CHAD

SAINT LUC OF BAKARA MAJOR SEMINARY

30Jours is a fundamental training tool

N'Djamena, 23 October 2011

Mr Senator,

My name is Benjamin Y. Bamani. I am a student of the third year of theology in the major seminary of Saint Luc of Bakara, near the capital of Chad, N'Djamena. I discovered your splendid magazine *30Jours* when I entered the Propaedeutic year in the major seminary of Saint Mbagu Tuzindé of Sarh (a town in southern Chad) thanks to the Archbishop Emeritus of N'Djamena, Monsignor Charles Vandame, who was my spiritual director in all the years of the study of philosophy. I very much appreciate the magazine which I always read with great pleasure. In fact, not only does it have an elegant format, which makes it pleasant reading, but it also has an important content of great richness and variety of topics treated. For me, it has become I would say a fundamental training tool, to the extent that it helps me to be open to the Church and the world, to understand the events of the Church outside Africa, especially in the Middle East and China, and to know from close up about personalities that make the life of this Church.

Since I discovered the magazine, I no longer wanted to do without it. So, having entered Theology, I continued to request each issue from Monsignor Vandame who, indeed, passed them on to me very willingly. But now more than seven hundred kilometers separate us (he, in fact, is a formational instructor in the major seminary of Sarh and I'm in the Theology School of N'Djamena) and communication difficulties are such that I only get the magazine after a few months. For this reason, also following the advice of

Monsignor Vandame, I have taken the liberty of writing to ask you to become part of the list of beneficiaries of the free subscription, not having the financial possibility to pay for it.

If not possible, I will be grateful for your participation in my priestly formation through the magazine.

With my best wishes for the New Year, I offer you, Mr Senator, the expression of my cordial greetings.

Benjamin Y. Bamani

IVORY COAST

ARCHDIOCESE OF GAGNOA

My prayers so that 30Jours may continue

Gagnoa, 27 October 2011

Mr Director,

I just received the material requested in my letter of 24 August 2011. I express my deep gratitude and that of all the clergy of the Archdiocese of Gagnoa.

Thanking you for your generosity, I assure you, Mr Director, of my prayers so that *30Jours* may continue. May the Lord continue to inspire you for the good of the Church.

Monsignor Joseph Aké,

Archbishop of Gagnoa

CUBA

SANCTUARY OF THE VIRGEN DE LA CARIDAD DEL COBRE

The visit to Cuba of our beloved Pope Benedict XVI

Santa Clara, 17 November 2011

Dear Mr Andreotti,

I address you with deep humility and respect. I am a Cuban who trusts wholeheartedly in our Lord Jesus Christ and it is on the basis of faith and charity that I implore you on my knees, and I am not ashamed of it, to send me, if possible, the booklet *Quien reza se salva* and if it is not asking too much, the CD of Gregorian chants that I had the opportunity to hear only some pieces of, and once only, through *Radio católica mundial*. I think it's a music that unites us and prepares us with greater inner willingness to pray.

I tell you all this because I am part of a small group of people of Buen Viaje church, a diocesan sanctuary dedicated to the Virgin Mary with the title of the Virgen de la Caridad del Cobre. Next year there will be a jubilee for the rediscovery of her image that took place four hundred years ago, and also the announced visit of our beloved Pope Benedict XVI. God allows all this because the people of Cuba have a great need of it and even more our Holy Mother Church.

Since the sanctuary is united to the bishopric, I had by chance the opportunity to see in issue number 6 of 2011 references to the booklet and CD of Gregorian music in the many letters of thanks you received from different parts of the world.

If you could fulfill my humble request, I would use the same method that I followed already on previous occasions, for instance when I received a precious rosary from the convent of St Rita of Cascia, I sent them a dollar as thanks. Later, they replied to me thanking me for what I had given.

I don't want to trouble you anymore. I offer you my prayers. If you can send me what I ask, I will send a small sum. If you can not it doesn't matter. We remain united in Christ Jesus. May God help and accompany you always in this work that is so beautiful, and always accompany your staff.

In the peace of Jesus and Mary,

Gerardo Paz Vergara

CROATIA

POOR CLARES OF THE SVETE KLARE CONVENT

We entrust your intentions to God's heart, especially for Don Giacomo Tantardini

Požega, 30 November 2011

Dear Mr Giulio Andreotti,

We are a small community of Poor Clares of Požega, Croatia, and write to you once again to express our gratitude for what you do for the Church and the cloistered nuns through the magazine *30Days*.

Thank you very much for never having ceased to send us your wonderful magazine!

Thanks to your goodness we are made aware of the most important events in the Church and so we can feel really united to the whole world and pray with greater fervor.

We entrust your intentions to God's heart, especially for Don Giacomo Tantardini.

In this Jubilee Year of St Clare, we ask with our prayers abundant blessings for you and your collaborators.

We wish you a holy Christmas!

Gratefully,

Your Poor Clares

UNITED STATES

CARMELITE NUNS OF CRISTO REY CONVENT

Everything is useful to us because we bring it in prayer to Jesus in the Sacrament

San Francisco, California, 30 November 2011

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Dear Mr Director,

Only a few lines to say hello and thank you deeply for sending to our convent the magazine *30Giorni* in English and, recently, also in Spanish. May God reward you!

In this way, we all benefit because some know English better, others Spanish. At the same time I wish to congratulate you and all your collaborators for the publication of this so Catholic magazine that informs us of important events in the world. Everything is useful to us because we take it in prayer to Jesus in the Sacrament, so that He “to whom all power was given in heaven and on earth”, will come in his mercy to help with many needs of the Church and humanity.

I enclose our Christmas card for you, your family and collaborators. And because you are a prayerful soul, I ask you to help me give thanks to God for my fifty years of religious profession as a Discalced Carmelite in this Convent of Christ the King, an anniversary that I celebrated on 15 October this year, the Solemnity of Our Blessed Mother Theresa of Jesus. I enclose a memorial holy picture of this day.

Assuring you of our remembrance before the tabernacle, I greet you, entrusting you to the Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The Prioress,

Mother Rosa María del Carmelo, OCD

MOZAMBIQUE

MISSIONARIES OF THE CONSOLED

30Dias: love for the Church and for the Pope

Cuamba, 1 December 2011

Mr Senator Andreotti,

I allow myself to say that it would be a joy to be able to benefit from the complimentary magazine *30Dias* in Portuguese, which is the official language here, so that I could also give it to other people to read.

We are a community of four Consoled missionaries in this mission of Cuamba-Mitucué, in the vast diocese of Lichinga (one hundred and thirty thousand square kilometers).

We are two thousand kilometers from the capital Maputo and seven hundred kilometers from the sea. We assist one hundred and sixty-five communities, aided by youth leaders.

In other countries where I worked, sent by superiors, I became familiar with the Italian edition of *30Giorni*, one of the best magazines I have read.

Mr Senator Andreotti, for many years I have followed your brilliant political career and now I do not want to offend your modesty, but let me tell you that there are so many people happy to see you and read you and that you ‘are with us’ in the magazine, alive, enthusiastic, full of experience, communicative, with a youthfulness ‘that never sets’.

30Dias is an up-to-date magazine, bright, of high aesthetic quality, with a focus on the essential, with well chosen articles, clear ideas, smooth and pleasant reading, love for the Church, for the Pope, precious memories. A magazine of values...

Please accept my esteem with best wishes for a Holy Christmas!

With great appreciation, yours,

Father José Salgueiro da Costa

SRI LANKA

CONVENT OF THE COLETTINE POOR CLARES

30Days is a spiritual treasure

Ragama, 3 December 2011

Dear Mr Andreotti and collaborators,

May the peace and grace of the Infant God be with you!

We send our warm sincere thanks for sending us your magazine *30Days*. It is a spiritual treasure.

We are grateful for the inspiration and insights that we draw from it.

The Mother Abbess and the community join together in wishing you a happy and holy Christmas. You will be especially remembered on Christmas Night, when we will keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament.

Be assured of our prayers for a still greater success of your service in spreading the Good News of the Gospel to all corners of the world.

As we celebrate the birthday of our Lord, the King of Peace, may God bless you abundantly with joys that will increase. And through the months to follow, may you find He's always near to guard you with His tender love and to guide you throughout the year.

Happy Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

With assurance of our prayers,

Sister Jeanne Marie and Community

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

COMBONI MISSIONARIES

We always await and read 30Giorni with interest

Bangui, 3 December 2011

Dear Senator Andreotti,

I receive 30Giorni as Holy Christmas approaches while I'm sending good wishes to friends and benefactors. Among them there are also you and your

staff of 30Giorni. It really is with sincere gratitude that I and my fellow brothers, who await and always read your magazine with interest, send our best wishes of gratitude.

Thank you, Mr Senator: may Jesus in the New Year bring many gifts of life and peace.

I want to ask a big favor. Could you make us the gift of fifty booklets of *Qui prie sauve son âme*? Thus far I have been an 'office' missionary in Bangui, but next year, aged 75, I will return to be a missionary in the villages of Boganagone and I would like to engage intensely in the training of catechists, have been for several months without a priest. It would be a really nice gift and also helpful if I could give them this booklet.

There are twenty-four villages, but we also have a catechist helper come.

Thanks and all best wishes.

Father Gianantonio Berti,

MCCJ

ROMANIA

BENEDICTINE NUNS OF MATER UNITATIS CONVENT

We want to thank you sincerely for the magazine that arrives punctually and that is so appreciated by us

Piatra Neamt, 3 December 2011

Dear editorial staff of 30Giorni.

We are the Benedictine nuns of the Mater Unitatis Convent of Piatra Neamt. We want to thank you for the magazine that arrives punctually and that is so appreciated by us. It keeps us in touch with the ecclesial world and with the other realities of our time.

It is a real and concrete help in our cloistered life because it gives us many reasons to renew our commitment to prayer for all the brothers who are struggling or suffering in the world for various reasons and causes. This is our apostolate and our way of being in the world even if we are not of the world, as Jesus says.

With our best wishes for a continuing good Advent and a Happy Christmas, we entrust you to God in our prayers and we ask Him to bless your work.

The Benedictine nuns of Piatra Neamt

GABON

SISTERS OF JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

30Jours nourishes our faith

Libreville, 4 December 2011

Mr Director of *30Jours*,

I am Sister Sonia, of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus the Good Shepherd, present in Libreville for the pastoral mission. I am Brazilian and I work in the Catholic school of Sainte-Marie.

For this reason I humbly ask you to send us this valuable magazine. How can we not thank you? It would be a grave sin. Last Wednesday I received issue number 7/8 of 2011. It is a time of enrichment for me, and also for those of the school: in fact, I make copies and give them to teachers and some pupils.

The magazine nourishes our faith as many seeds in a garden do. Thank you for this gift. Thanks to it we are united to the universal Church and know how to feed our faith with truly profound articles, some of which make us rediscover the life of the pastors of the Church, like that on St Charles Borromeo. What richness! Thank you so very much!

We wish you as of now happy Christmas holidays,

Sister Sonia, SIBP

Libreville, 5 December 2011

Thank you for your endless patience in sending us the prayer booklets: here I distribute them to the students of the Sainte-Marie school, a Catholic school in Libreville, as I did with the catechists of Lastourville. All the material for evangelization is in the hands of the people of God to pray and be more committed before the Lord.

Thank you very much,

Sister Sonia, SIBP

IVORY COAST

ARCHDIOCESE OF GAGNOA

Appreciation for the comfort that the meditation “*Le Fils ne peut rien faire de lui-même*” gave me

Gagnoa, 7 December 2011

I greet you, Mr Director of *30Jours dans l'Église et dans le monde*. I have received from our Archbishop Monsignor Joseph Aké, the Easter meditation of Don Giacomo Tantardini, entitled “*Le Fils ne peut rien faire de lui-même*”. After reading it, I think it is important to send this note of appreciation for the comfort that this meditation gave me.

I drew a really great lesson in humility from it. Although He was God, the Son does not attribute to Himself the works he accomplished, but attributes

them to the Father. Thus, we can say in our turn: we do not do anything by ourselves, except what the Son does in us and through us, for our salvation, at least for the good works that we are enabled to do.

Another interesting point is that we are happy because we are loved. The more we are loved, the more we are happy. I understood that it is God's love for us that enables us to accomplish great works for Him. It is a meditation to be read and reread.

Father Alain K. Kouadio

CUBA

Thanks

San Cristobal, 7 December 2011

Dear Director,

I hereby express to you and the entire editorial staff of your prestigious magazine my wishes for Christmas and New Year.

I would also like to thank you for the magazine that I receive each month and that constitutes the only relationship with the world in which we live. Thank you.

Respectfully, yours,

Gustavo del Rosario Fernández Carrillo

ITALY

SACRAMENTINE SISTERS

I received from the Little Way the sum of 1,500 euros for the orphan girls of Monkey Bay, Malawi

Bergamo, 7 December 2011

Dear friends of the Little Way,

This to tell you that on 5 December 2011 I received the sum of 1,500 euros for the orphan girls of Monkey Bay, Malawi. This gesture has the flavor of your great love for those in need. Thank you so much and I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year.

With appreciation,

Sister Margherita Ravelli

ITALY

BENEDICTINE NUNS OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ABBEY

We pray for Don Giacomo Tantardini, for whom we also celebrated the Eucharist

Rome, 15 December 2011

Dearest,

I'm here to ask again the little booklet of prayers *Chi prega si salva* in English.

The books you sent us were 'snapped up', meaning they were most appreciated, so much so that other copies have been requested. We do not ask for a specific number of copies, but those that you could send will be gratefully accepted.

I must bring these copies with me on January 9, when I leave for Kenya, where our foundation goes on even if slowly; however this is a work in the hands of God and the Queen of the Angels to whom we dedicated the new house: with them in charge, everything will be just fine. We believe it!

We pray for Don Giacomo Tantardini, for whom we also celebrated the Eucharist. Jesus grant him what is good for everyone.

Thank you in advance and we take this opportunity to send you our good wishes for serene Christmas holidays in the company of the angels whom we meet daily on our walks.

Mother Ildefonsa, OSB, and Sisters

VIETNAM

CARMELITE NUNS OF CHÂU SÔN CONVENT

We bear in silence the joys and the sufferings of the Church and the whole world

Buôn Ma Thuôt, 15 December 2011

Mr Director, dear brother in Jesus Christ,

First, we greet you and your staff. We wish you a merry Christmas, holy and peaceful, and a happy new year 2012.

We are the small community of the Châu Sôn Carmel of Buôn Ma Thuôt. We could not subscribe to a magazine of such high quality... but you send it to us free. We are very struck by your generosity. Thank you infinitely, because you think of us contemplatives who want to bear in silence the love, joys and sufferings of the Church and the whole world.

May the Child Jesus fill you with wisdom and love.

I sincerely thank you on behalf of the small community,

Sister Marie-Fatima, OC

BRAZIL

BYZANTINE MONASTERY OF THE FILHOS MISERICORDIOSOS DA CRUZ

Preserving and sharing with simplicity the Byzantine spirituality

Votorantim, São Paulo, 15 December 2011

Dear Director,

30Dias is a gift from God for all of us and contributes to the formation of our religious brothers and sisters. Our institution of the Merciful Children of the Cross was founded canonically as an eparchial monastery with the blessing of our Greek-Melkite Catholic Archbishop for all of Brazil, His Excellency Farès D. Maakaroun (Member of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops), and in communion with our Greek-Melkite Catholic Patriarchate in Damascus (Syria).

The two monastic communities (male and female) bloom with vocations, preserving and sharing with simplicity the broad-based Byzantine spirituality (East-West), but with a missionary spirit, being inserted in the various mission areas. Our charism is not a proselytizing imposition but a gift of the Holy Trinity in the heart of the One, Holy and Apostolic Church.

This foundation, subject to various needs, is still walking in 'birth pangs' but with the help of God's people we resist and persist in the living rock and leader who is Jesus. To him the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Pray for us and all our vocations. To your editorial staff and to the dear readers our brotherly embrace and prayers.

United in the Most Holy Trinity,

The founder, Reverend Archimandrite Theodore, FMC

PHILIPPINES

BENEDICTINE NUNS OF THE EUCHARISTIC KING OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE CONVENT

We pray for Don Giacomo, for his miraculous healing

Calapan City, 15 December 2011

Dear Senator Andreotti,

Greetings in the Lord!

Your beautiful magazine *30Days* is very attractive to read because, in addition to the excellent articles, the pictures illustrate the happenings clearly and very reflectively. Personally I've used it for one of my lectio divina.

On behalf of the community, I express gratitude for your faithfulness in sending it to us. I would like to ask you a favor, if possible, to send us the CD with the liturgical chants.

Our young people are also interested. For me and also for others, who learn from the chant of the liturgy, it is another reason of enthusiasm to participate in our monastic life, not only for ourselves but also for those who often come to pray with us.

Thanks so much in advance.

With best wishes for a Holy Christmas and a Happy

New Year and a happy Valentine's Day.

With grateful heart,

Sister Perpetua, OSB

P. S. We pray for Don Giacomo, for his miraculous healing.

We offer Holy Mass in our chapel.

SYRIA

ARMENIAN CATHOLIC PATRIARCHAL EXARCHATE

You know the serious crisis that Syria in particular is going through

Damascus, 15 December 2011

Mr Andreotti,

Coming near to Christmas I wish you and all your *30Giorni* staff a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2012.

I take the liberty to send you the article attached to this on the theology of the apostolate of the laity, and please, if you deem it appropriate I ask you to include it in your magazine of renowned international reputation and so interesting. You know the serious crisis that the Middle East and especially Syria is going through. There is urgency to provoke thought, action and the prayers of the Christians of East and West and the international community.

A big thank you in advance,
Monsignor Joseph Arnaoutian,
Armenian Catholic Bishop of Damascus

Damascus, 14 January 2012

Mr Senator Giulio Andreotti,

On the occasion of your happy ninety-third birthday, I express my sincere congratulations and my heartfelt wishes for long life, happiness and fruitful apostolate in the publication of your magazine *30Giorni* which is so beneficial. Congratulations and thanks.

Monsignor Joseph Arnaoutian,
Armenian Catholic Bishop of Damascus

SPAIN

DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS OF SAN JOSÉ CONVENT

The meditation “*El Hijo no puede hacer nada por su cuenta*” is splendid!

Getxo, 15 December 2011

Dear Mr Andreotti,

Thank you. We receive your magazine and we feel part of a large family in sharing so many items of interesting news with so many brothers and sisters around the world.

The meditation “*El Hijo no puede hacer nada por su cuenta*” is splendid!

In the latest issue of *30Días* there was talk of a booklet and a CD of Gregorian chants: could you send them to us?

Thank you for your generosity and count on our prayers for everything. In a special way for Don Giacomo Tantardini.

May the Child who was born in Bethlehem smile on you this Nativity.

The Carmelite nuns of Getxo

ARGENTINA

DIOCESE OF OBERÁ

Thanks from a bishop

Oberá, 18 December 2011

Dear Director,

With my cordial Christmas greeting, I thank you again for sending *30Días* that arrives monthly in the curia of this new diocese of Oberá, in the province of Misiones, Argentina.

With my pastoral blessing,

Monsignor Damián Santiago Bitar,
Bishop of Oberá

SIERRA LEONE

DIOCESE OF MAKENI

The seminarians learn the *chants of Tradition*

Makeni, 18 December 2011

Dear Editor,

May the peace and joy of the baby Jesus Christ to be born to us be with you.

I wish to continually thank you for the very inspiring and invaluable *30Days* magazine that you regularly send me. A few weeks ago, I visited our seminary (the seminary I attended) in Regent,

Freetown Sierra Leone and shared with the seminarians the *30Days* magazine which also had enclosed “*The Chants of Tradition*” booklet and CD. The choir especially was thankful and have begun learning the hymns.

I am enclosing photographs of three of them learning the hymns.

On their behalf, I am also emailing you a letter of gratitude also requesting that they too would like in the future to receive the *30Days* magazine.

May God bless all your services to humanity.

In Christ,

Rev. Father Henry Magbity

CHINA

DIOCESE OF DATONG

My thanks for sending *30Days*

Datong, 20 December 2011

Dear Director Giulio Andreotti,

Christmas is coming and first of all I express my congratulation to you and your friends in the office of *30 Days*: may the Infant Jesus grant you and your friends rich graces, and bring his peace and happiness to you all.

I give you and you all my thanks for sending *30Days* to Datong diocese. *30Days* is an important magazine to us, because it has a lot of news about the Catholic Church in this world, and historical knowledge about the Church. I must say again ‘thank you very much’!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Paul Liu

BRAZIL

DIOCESE OF RUY BARBOSA

Thanks for the regular sending of the magazine

Ruy Barbosa, Bahia, 28 December 2011

Dear brothers and sisters of the magazine *30Dias na Igreja e no mundo*, many thanks for the regular sending of the magazine.

I express my heartfelt wishes. Jesus, the Savior, was born in Bethlehem.

The celebration of the Birth of the Lord renews our hope and commits us in regard to the poor and needy, in the defense and promotion of life.

We welcome Him with joy, the giver of grace and encouragement of new life, for whom all hearts long! We want to be a sign in our families and communities.

A Holy Christmas and a New Year full of blessings, also for all those entrusted to you.

A fraternal embrace, in Christ always,

Monsignor André De Witte,

Bishop of Ruy Barbosa

FRANCE

BENEDICTINE NUNS OF CRAON CONVENT

***30Jours* widens our prayer to the whole Church**

Craon, 6 January 2012

Mr Director,

The period of good wishes is a favorable moment to thank you for the regular sending of your magazine *30Jours* with the various supplements. We receive it always with joy because it widens our prayer to the whole Church.

For all this, may the Lord bless you with your collaborators in the eyes of his sweet Mother.

For the Mother Prioress,

Sister Marie-Hélène, OSB

With our prayers for Don Giacomo Tantardini.

ITALY

THE HANDMAID ADORERS OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Particularly welcome was the meditation on Christmas: *The humanity of Christ is our happiness*

Bologna, 6 January 2012

Reverend Don Giacomo Tantardini,

We are a small cloistered community, dedicated to solemn perpetual Eucharistic adoration for the Church, and especially for priests.

We read with great pleasure your meditations that, from time to time, *30Giorni* offers us. Particularly welcome was that on Christmas, which you gave in Fidenza on 20 December 2006 and which has now been published.

Indeed *The humanity of Christ is our happiness*: Truly “Christmas is Paradise”.

We take the liberty of adding: truly the Eucharist is Paradise.

We who spend many hours of day and night before that Host: Christmas that continues, Easter which is continually realized, we really have to say that there is Paradise, even if now we can meet Jesus in faith alone, which however gives us the absolute certainty of His Presence.

Thank you, O priests, that you give us the Eucharist!

Together with all the brothers and sisters of *30Giorni* we are praying that you get better quickly and well, certain that for the good Lord ‘nothing is impossible’.

We include the intercession of our founding mother Maria Costanza Zauli, and would like to send you two of her books as a gift hoping that they will be welcome to you.

Always in communion in Christ,

*Most devout Handmaid Adorers
of the Most Blessed Sacrament*

FRANCE

BENEDICTINE NUNS ABBEY OF OLIVETANA NOTRE-DAME SAINT-EUSTASE

Thanks for Don Giacomo Tantardini’s beautiful meditation on Christmas

Eyres-Moncube, 7 January 2012

Mr Director,

Thanks for sending your magazine *30Jours*, a lovely reflection of the life of the Church that comes to join us in our convent.

Thanks especially for Don Giacomo Tantardini’s beautiful meditation on the Nativity. I’d like to have others know this marvelous text and offer it to people who come to the Abbey. May I ask you to send me, if possible, other copies?

With all my gratitude,

The Prioress, Sister Françoise Marie

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CHILE

MISSIONARY COMMUNITY SAN MARTÍN DE PORRES

Quien reza se salva is very useful for evangelization

Ovalle, 19 October 2011

Mr Director,

esteemed in the Lord Jesus,

I hope this finds you well, along with all those who work with such a noble mission of publishing such an important Catholic magazine.

I want to thank you for the kindness of sending us *30Días* monthly, which informs us about the life of the Church and many other topics.

In November we will have the first communions in various villages and we would ask your generosity to send us thirty copies of *Quien reza se salva* to give as a gift, since it is a complete booklet and very useful for evangelization.

May the Lord make you feel His tenderness and the immense joy of belonging more to Him each day.

A fraternal greeting and my eternal gratitude.

Brother Pedro Galvez Rojo

Ovalle, 23 November 2011

Dear brother in the Lord,

We received the *Quien reza se salva* books and we distributed them during the first Communion on the feastday of Christ the King, and then we'll distribute them on the Feastday of the Immaculate Conception.

May the Lord who can not be overcome in generosity reward yours.

I wish you a holy Advent waiting for the great feast of Christmas.

A fraternal greeting and my eternal gratitude,

Brother Pedro Galvez Rojo

Ovalle, 24 November 2011

Mr Director,

esteemed in Jesus the Good Shepherd.

With a copy of the magazine *30Días* a booklet with a CD of Gregorian chants was attached, a marvel. Iubilate Deo. Abusing your generosity I would ask you to give us five copies as gifts for other missions that were very interested in them.

We can only assure you that we keep your intentions and those of your collaborators in our prayers.

A fraternal greeting,

Brother Pedro Galvez Rojo

PANAMA

VISITATIONIST SISTERS OF LA VISITACIÓN CONVENT OF SANTA MARÍA

Five hundred copies of *Quien reza se salva*

Las Cumbres, 26 October 2011

Long live Jesus!

Dear Mr Giulio Andreotti and collaborators of *30Giorni*, we are extremely grateful to you for the apostolate of the 'good press' that you carry out distributing this 'food' of formation and information, thanks to which we are made aware of beautiful things and the great heroism by our fellow Catholics from around the world. A thousand thanks.

We pray to our holy founder Francis de Sales to help you.

Last week a priest friend who works in the same parish where the martyr Father Héctor Gallego worked came to visit us. He told us of his work and we also talked about our activities. We too told him about the Day of vocations and the fact that we distributed *Quien reza se salva*. He showed great interest and asked us how he could receive five hundred copies of the booklet. So we offered to write and make this request on behalf of Father Arselio Castro, of the parish of San Pedro Apóstol, Santa Fé de Veraguas. You can send them to our address.

We are very grateful to you for this great charity towards the missions of Panama.

Blessed be God.

Sister Margarita María García, VSM

Las Cumbres, 30 November 2011

Long live Jesus!

Dear Mr Andreotti and collaborators of *30Giorni*,

Thank you for the booklets *Quien reza se salva* that arrived yesterday. We have already called the Reverend Father Arselio to come and get them. Many thanks, we continue to pray for your apostolate.

Blessed be God.

Sister Margarita María García, VSM

ANGOLA

DOMINICAN SISTERS OF MÃE DE DEUS CONVENT

We also greatly appreciated *Quem reza se salva*

Kuito, 26 October 2011

Mr Giulio Andreotti,

Dear Brother in Christ our Lord,

please receive our cordial and fraternal greetings, with wishes for health and peace in the Lord. May the Lord, with the gifts of His Spirit, always guide your work for His glory and the edification of the Church.

We thank you very much for the richness and depth of information on our Mother the Church that come to us through the magazine *30Dias*. We also greatly appreciated the booklet of Christian doctrine *Quem reza se salva* that you sent us.

We have given it to many brothers who visit our home, especially young catechists. Therefore, with this, we ask that you send us, if possible, two hundred copies. We would like to offer it at all, during the Christmas holidays, because many have been asking for it for a long time. In addition, each month we hold a meeting with girls who have expressed a desire to become nuns. They are teenagers, and even if they already are quite familiar with the truths of our faith, we are following the order of the booklet, in particular the way in which it explains the sixth commandment and sacramental confession. Unfortunately, the booklets are finished.

Thank you for your valuable collaboration in the work of the Church, which spreads the Christian doctrine for the expansion of the Kingdom of God.

Thanks.

May Our Lord God always bless all your works and give you joy in your giving of yourselves.

Always united in prayer with Jesus and Mary our Mother,

Sister Maria Reis do Espírito Santo, OP

UNITED STATES

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH

Thanks from New York

New York, 3 November 2011

Dear Sir,

Presently my parish receives your wonderful magazine. My problem is that the edition I receive is in Italian. The former order of priests who had charge of the parish were Italian, Don Orione Fathers. I recently took over as Pastor and am a diocesan priest. Having received your magazine at my former parish I am well aware of the quality of your magazine. I respectfully request that you continue to send the magazine but in English. My name is Rev. Philip Kelly and my parish is St. Francis de Sales in New York. Thank you for your consideration and all the good work you do in Catholic media.

Fraternally,

Rev. Philip J. Kelly

KENYA

MONASTERY OF CAPUCHIN FRIARS

A Capuchin student hostel that houses students from five African countries

Nairobi, 10 November 2011

Dear Senator Giulio Andreotti,

I had already written for a copy of *30Giorni* in the English edition, this being a Capuchin student hostel that houses fifty students from five countries (Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, Malawi and Tanzania).

I ask this favor: in the monastery there is not a single magazine. Would it be possible to also have a copy in Italian? Thank you, I am certain of being heard. We will pray for you and your collaborators.

Father Giorgio Picchi

TANZANIA

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE CONSOLED

Who prays is saved: so beautiful, so useful, so precious

Iringa, 10 November 2011

Dear Director,

I come to you with so much joy to thank you for the little booklets *Who prays is saved*. So beautiful, so useful, so precious! I hope to also receive the monthly magazine *30Giorni*. May the Lord bless you and reward you for this great gift.

I say "thank you" with prayer for you and your collaborators.

Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Sister Magda Boscolo

PERU

DIOCESE OF HUÁNUCO

Reading *30Giorni* I feel in communion with the Holy Mother Church

Huánuco, 11 November 2011

Dear Director,

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to thank you for number 7/8 of 2011 of the magazine *30Giorni*, which has just arrived to me.

Reading its content, my faith increases and I feel in communion with the Holy Mother Church whose starting point is the living presence of Christ who builds it personally.

May the Lord Jesus continue to give you good health and bless the work you do with *30Giorni*.

Greetings,

Monsignor Jaime Rodríguez Salazar, MCCI,

Bishop of Huánuco

BRAZIL

CRISTO REDENTOR CARMEL

Many people have benefited and continue to benefit from the little booklet *Quem reza se salva*

São José, Santa Catarina, 13 November 2011

Praised be our Lord Jesus Christ!

Dear Mr Giulio Andreotti,

We receive monthly the beautiful magazine *30Giorni*, for which we thank you very much because its content so rich, a faithful voice of the Church, stands out in this world so greatly lacking in Truth.

We also received other excellent publications, such as the little booklet *Quem reza se salva*, which has benefited and continues to benefit so many people.

They are people of all ages, including young people who do not abandon Jesus. So we ask, if possible, to send us more copies, because so many other people would like to benefit from this tool so practical and profound, which helps so much in the relationship with the good God.

We pray for all those who make up this team of authentic evangelizers in our beloved Church and in particular we pray for your intentions.

May God in his infinite goodness and generosity pour out his gifts and graces on you.

Gratefully,

The Carmelite nuns

São José, Santa Catarina, 9 December 2011

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Dear Mr Director and staff of this publication, who make us a gift of such rich material for the growth of the Church and the spreading of the Kingdom of Christ in souls, we thank you sincerely for your attention and the speed with which you responded to our request for copies of the precious booklet

Quem reza se salva.

We ask God, in His infinite goodness, to continue to bless and sanctify you.

We assure to each and all our prayers.

A happy and holy Christmas to all.

In the Lord,

The Carmelite nuns

BENIN

PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART

The little booklet *Qui prie sauve son âme* is so important

Porto-Novo, 14 November 2011

Mr Director,

First we would like to reiterate our gratitude and that of all the parishioners (catechumens, catechists and participants in the various masses) for the service, so important, that the little booklet *Qui prie sauve son âme* renders and continues to render to the knowledge of the prayers and to the community celebrations.

With this, we ask you to help us strengthen these results, giving us, especially for new catechumens and new parishioners, about two thousand copies of this booklet in French.

Hoping that our request may be favorably received, we thank you in advance.

The parish priest, Father Paul Akplogan

ISRAEL

CARMELITE NUNS OF THE MOUNT CARMEL CONVENT

Our prayer especially for Don Giacomo

Haifa, 15 November 2011

Dear friends,

After your generous offer we had the desire to send a small token of gratitude, as well as our prayers, especially for Don Giacomo. In recent months we have often thought about him, entrusting him to the Lord. We wondered: how is he? We recently read your urgent prayer request, so... let us continue!

The Lord is always inscrutable in His ways and for us the humble trust in His love remains.

Thanks for all the good you do. Your magazine is really lovely and makes the joy of our dean (93 years old) who lived for a long time in Rome. There is a whole past that she is happy to 're-read', always looking towards the future, the earthly and that of eternal life.

Very fraternally in the Lord, we pray for you.

Sister Mary Josephine of Saint Teresa, OCD

(On behalf of the Mother Prioress)

INDIA

NAVJEEVAN COMMUNITY

We founded a home for HIV/AIDS positive children

Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, 20 November 2011

Dear Director Giulio Andreotti,
Merry Christmas!

How are you? I hope well. I am Sister Rose Thomas Koolipurackal, a Carmelite nun.

I want to thank you wholeheartedly for *30Giorni*. With this magazine I get a lot of religious news and articles. It is truly a gift. My address has changed, I was transferred from Bhopal to Ujjain. If possible, please send the magazine to the new address.

I served as a nurse for twenty-two years at the Casilino Hospital of Rome and at San Giovanni Hospital for three years. In 2006 I returned to India permanently. Here in the diocese of Ujjain we have founded a home for HIV/AIDS positive children. I am in charge and work with two other nuns. The children are all orphans, their parents have died of AIDS; now there are thirteen of them: eight boys and five girls, housed in another institute. Space is tight, so a new house that will accommodate forty children (twenty boys and twenty girls) is being built. The construction, however, is still at the half-way stage because we ran out of money. The Indian government does not help, and actually increases the prices. To finish the work costs the equivalent of thirty-five thousand euros. In addition, the children we host are aged from three to fourteen years and to go to school they have to walk

three kilometers, and so a small van worth about eight thousand euros would also be needed.

When I returned from Rome, my desire was to work with the poor and abandoned. The Lord has entrusted me with this apostolate. Our mission here in India is to do something for poor people, and for these children abandoned by society. If you help us with whatever sum of money, the reward will come from the Lord Jesus: we can pray for you, your family and all your intentions.

I humbly ask you to accept our requests.

Let me know what we should do and if you need the Bishop's letter.

The Lord bless you. In union of prayer,

Sister Rose Thomas Koolipurackal

UGANDA

COMBONI SISTERS LACOR HOSPITAL

Let me ask you again for the little booklet *Chi prega si salva* in English, greatly requested and desired especially by the sick

Gulu, 21 November 2011

Dear Senator Giulio Andreotti,

The upcoming Christmas time that is rapidly approaching inspires me to anticipate my very best wishes to you and your editorial staff. We hope that

the peace of Christ, the Prince of peace, will extend everywhere, in our hearts, in families and in all nations of the world. I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and due thanks for the wonderful magazine *30Giorni*, which I regularly receive in Italian and English, thanks to your great generosity, also most welcome by the sisters of the community.

I humbly allow myself to ask again for the booklet *Chi prega si salva* in English, greatly requested and desired especially by the sick in our hospital, convinced that with this booklet, both in hospital and on their return to the family, they can learn more about Christ present in order to address Him as the Church teaches.

Thanks in advance and count on our, and my, poor prayer! I renew my sincere and due thanks to you and your collaborators, and the wish that Jesus

Savior bless you and accompany you throughout the new year 2012 and always.

In Christ,
Sister Romilde Spinato and sisters

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ARGENTINA

I pray for you: I can not commit myself in any other way

Florencio Varela, 30 August 2011

With all my appreciation,
to the Little Way Charity Association.

I am the father of a nun who lives in a convent of Poor Clares. I am 76 years old and my daughter almost 45, twenty-five of which spent in the cloister. I am interested in the monuments and works of art of the Church in the world and always appreciate the work of the magazine *30Giorni*. But I do not have

the means to subscribe to it. I ask the charity to send it to me free. I pray for the mission you carry out, I can not commit myself in any other way. If it is not asking too much, I would also like to receive twenty free copies of *Quien reza se salva* to give to people who need them.

I am immensely grateful.

Maximo Lezcano

PHILIPPINES

THE HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY CARMEL

Three hundred copies of *Who prays is saved*

Malaybalay City, 28 September 2011

Dear Director Giulio Andreotti,

Praised be to Our Jesus Christ!

We thank you ever so much for your generosity and kindness for sending us a free copy of your magazine *30Days* with every issue. May God reward you abundantly for your good work with all the graces and blessings you need to carry out your mission.

Please, may I respectfully request a favor from you. May I humbly ask for a gift of at least three hundred free copies of the booklet *Who prays is saved*, in the English edition. These will be given to the people on the occasion of my Silver Jubilee of Religious profession, 6 December 2011.

Our constant prayers for you and your family, for your editorial staff and the members of the other offices. May the grace of God always accompany you.

Most hopeful for your favorable response. Respectfully yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Sister Mary Catherine, OCD

NIGERIA

BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA

Immense gratitude for the CD of Gregorian chants

Umuoji (Anambra), 5 October 2011

Dear Director Giulio Andreotti,

We wish to express our immense gratitude to you for the disc on Gregorian chants that you sent us as well as the copies of the magazine *30Days* in the Church and in the world which we receive from you from time to time. May the Almighty God reward you for your generosity and for this esteemed work of evangelization that you accomplish through this magazine.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Abbess,

Mother Margaret Mary Ngobidi, OSB

NICARAGUA

SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF REFUGE IN MOUNT CALVARY OF SAINT VIRGINIA
CONVENT

Thanks from Nicaragua

San Jorge, 8 October 2011

May the peace and joy of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Thank you sincerely for the generous gesture of sending the magazines for us sisters and for our pastor Sergio.

We wish for you and ask God that this magazine may arrive everywhere and continue to do good.

For us who are far away, it brings us close to the Church

of Rome, and makes us feel united with all the brothers in faith and prayer.

Keep on doing such good!

Thank you!

Sisters of Our Lady of Refuge in Mount Calvary

PHILIPPINES

SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS CARMEL

In 2012 we will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of our Carmel

Ozamiz City, 10 October 2011

Dear Senator,

Praised be Jesus and Mary, and blessings to you and yours!

Thank you very much once again for the English *30Days* you have so generously been sending us for some years now.

This time may we ask you for your prayer booklet: *Who Prays Is Saved*.

Come October 3, 2012, we will be celebrating, thanking the Lord for the golden jubilee of our Carmel's foundation.

We thought your booklet on prayers would just be the ideal 'give away' for the people who will be here for this celebration. You see, Ozamiz, Misamis

Occidental, where our Carmel is, was for a long time a mission; the religion for many was 'Aglipayan', the religion created by a bishop during the Philippine revolution against the Spaniards. Ozamiz for many years was evangelized by missionaries. Our Carmel was founded in 1962 from Bacolod Carmel, in the province of Negros Occidental, through Bishop Patrick Cronin, a Columban.

As we are planning to invite the Bishops who are grouped in Dopim – the dioceses of Dipolog, Ozamiz, Pagadian, Iligan, Marawi, we hope that on 3 October 2012 we will have quite a gathering. Will it be too much for us to ask you for 2000 copies in English of *Who Prays Is Saved*? We are also thinking if it is possible to translate the prayer booklet into Cebuano as many of our people here do not grasp English enough.

For many years we have built our Chapel and monastery little by little according to our means. We have built it mostly with what was supposed to

be the most durable, yet cheapest, materials available: asbestos. Unfortunately after about 45 years many of us were getting sick, and the doctors thought it was because of the asbestos of our building; but we had no means to rebuild our house. We stormed heaven asking our Lord to help us rebuild His Mother's House, Our Mother of Carmel. Two years ago, a member of a family of a Builders & Construction Company seeing our house, rebuilt for us our dormitory (1 phase) and then: refectory, kitchen, community room/library, and the Infirmary. We were 26 Sisters, but last August 10 one of our Sisters died (of cancer) (our Mother Foundress died last 2004). Also at this time our Mother Prioress is battling with cancer and having chemotherapy in Manila. There are still some parts of the monastery and chapel that need to be built or repaired but the main parts are now standing, built

of good materials that can resist the white ants that are the scourge of the wooden parts of our building.

May we hope for a further favor from you, dear Senator; we need a fitting bell to call us to prayer, and ring the Angelus, call the people, too, for Mass. May we ask you to help us have a proper bell for our monastery from any of the companies/foundries who advertize in *30Days*? In our poverty, we are so bold to ask you all these favors, dear Senator, as we see your great love for the Lord and His Mother and all you do for monasteries, convents and all people who are consecrated to the Lord. And we praise and thank the Lord for all you do for the Church.

We thank you very deeply for whatever you can do to help us, looking to the Lord to be Himself our best 'thank you', to you.

Assuring you of our loving prayer, for you, your loved ones, your staff at *30Days*. You are very much in our love and prayer.

In Jesus and Mary,

your Sisters of the Carmel of Ozamiz.

On behalf of the Reverend Mother and the community,

Sister Mary Therese, OCD

ARGENTINA

SAN JOSÉ DIOCESAN SEMINARY OF THE DIOCESE OF SANTO TOMÉ

Los Cantos de la Tradición for the seminarians

Santo Tomé, 13 October 2011

Mr Director,

I am the rector of the San José diocesan seminary of the Diocese of Santo Tomé, in Argentina.

I have received, along with the magazine, the *Los Cantos de la Tradición* supplement. I thought it was a publication of great richness because of its content that helps to keep alive our Tradition. I thank you because listening to the CD brought me back the memory of my years in the seminary.

I am writing for information about the availability and cost of the supplement. And to know if there is some way of buying it directly here, in Argentina. I would like to give a copy to each of the ten seminarians of our diocese. As soon as you can, please let me know the price of the supplement, so that I can decide whether to buy it for our students.

Yours sincerely,

Father Juan Carlos Fernández-Benítez

MEXICO

MINIM FRIARS OF NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA SOLEDAD MONASTERY

Five hundred copies of *Quien reza se salva* for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Saltillo (Coahuila), 16 October 2011

Dear Senator Giulio Andreotti,

I want to thank you personally with immense gratitude for the magazine *30Giorni* that for some months now you have sent monthly to our Mexican mission where, as the friars of the Order of Minims, we witness the charism of charity, of conversion and reconciliation of our founder, St Francis Paola, in the service of the neediest and poorest people of the place.

Thanks to the generosity of you and your entire editorial staff, we are receiving free this valuable source of information that for us religious is of vital importance, because it keeps us in communion with the whole Church and the world today, and is a safe source of update.

Now I would like to present to your religious sensibilities my desire to have five hundred booklets of *Quien reza se salva* to offer them to families during my next visit in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which falls on 12 December.

It seems to me a particularly useful publication for my people, most of whom are humble and simple, because it contains everything you really need to know and use to live an authentic and profound Christian life.

Thanking you in advance for the great gift that I am certain of receiving, I assure the prayers of my religious community and all my people.

With gratitude and esteem, in Christ,
Father Omar Javier Solís Rosales, OM,
Superior of the community of Minim friars

SWITZERLAND

CONVENT OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST

30Tage keeps us united to the heart of our Catholic reality

Jakobsbad, 18 October 2011

Dear Senator Giulio Andreotti,

Here in the convent of the Capuchin nuns of the Passion of Christ we have received for some time now your magazine *30Tage*, which is so well done and interesting.

It keeps us united to the heart of our Catholic reality and offers us a broad vision on the thinking of our Church.

We wish to thank you for this kindness of yours: it always brings to us also a little joy for the whole Church.

Reassuring you of the fact that our community remembers in prayer your work and that of your collaborators and journalists, I extend with gratitude most heartfelt greetings,

Mother Superior Sister Mirjam Huber
and community

CUBA

Quien reza se salva for the children and the Cuban farm workers

Havana, 19 October 2011

Mr. Giulio Andreotti,

Dear brother in Christ, peace and health!

Issue 4/5 of your magazine *30Días* came into our hands and we shared fully its criteria and concerns: your magazine is a deep and wonderful catechesis.

We are Catholic missionary farm workers, we belong to a branch of the Congregation of the Mission of St Vincent de Paul and St Louise de Marillac and work in isolated and country communities, in our beloved Cuba. We also take care of some tetraplegic children and their families, proclaiming the Word of God and sharing with them whatever we can. We have seen in your magazine the prayer booklet *Quien reza se salva* and I am writing to ask for a few copies, as our farm workers are very fond of praying.

Some simple catechisms and some rosaries would also be useful to us.

Who knows whether there is a generous person who would wish to help these children. We firmly believe in the communion of saints. Along with our requests and our gratitude, we assure you of our simple and humble prayers.

May Jesus, Mary and Joseph protect and bless you.

Yours,

Sergio León Mendiboure

ARGENTINA

NEUQUÉN BISHOPRIC

I appreciate *30Giorni* and thank you most sincerely

Neuquén, 21 October 2011

Dear Director,

I am Monsignor Virginio Domingo Bressanelli, SCI, bishop in Neuquén, Patagonia, Argentina. Every month I receive the magazine *30Giorni*, which I appreciate and most sincerely thank you for

because it allows me to have at hand current issues and thorough Christian analysis, in addition to the wide theological, spiritual, historical and cultural horizon that many articles propose.

I get this magazine in Italian. I would like to receive it in Spanish, as when I was bishop of the Diocese of Comodoro Rivadavia. Receiving it in Spanish will be of benefit to other people who will thus be able to approach reading it with greater ease and better understanding.

I thank you and greet you cordially, and I assure you a living memory in prayer.

In Christ and Mary,

Monsignor Virginio D. Bressanelli,

Bishop of Neuquén

IRELAND

SAINT JOSEPH CARMEL

Thank you for the wonderful reportage from Turkey

Dublin, 24 October 2011

Christ's peace!

Dear Signor Andreotti,

We gratefully receive *30Days* every month and we really enjoy your articles and the beautiful pictures. We want to thank you very specially for issue No. 6 of 2011. The interview with Cardinal Wuerlon the manner of evangelizing in his diocese of Washington, U.S.A., and articles on the history of the African-American Catholics and the development of the Latin American Church were outstanding, and the profile of Father Jules Lebreton most timely. But it was the splendid reportage from Turkey that moved our prioress to encourage me to write to you. I was delighted to see a photo of the Church of St Anthony of Padua, where I was baptized on 7 March 1926 by Father René Alexandre, CM, having been born in the then Constantinople, in January of that year.

Later, I entered Carmel in England, spent forty years in a Welsh Carmel, and finally twenty in Carmel near Johannesburg, South Africa, and am now in Dublin.

I would be grateful if you could spare for us a copy of that photo of St Anthony's Church published in *30Days* and any other photos you may have of the same church.

With sincere thanks for your kindness in supplying *30Days* to so many, and wishing you God's blessings.

Yours in Christ,

Sister Anne

PERU

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE QUILCA SEMINARY

30Giorni helps seminarians to love the Church

Camaná, 26 October 2011

Mr Director,

Please receive a cordial greeting from the father educators and seminarians of Nuestra Señora de Quilca Camaná Seminary, with the hope that God will protect you in the fulfillment of your daily activities.

I am writing to express my deepest thanks for sending us the monthly magazine *30Giorni*, which is of great help and is a source of information for the young people who are trained in our seminary, and also for us priests who live here with them.

Each issue of the magazine *30Giorni* is an impetus to the unity and universality of the Church, that promotes in our seminarians an attachment to it and a deeper knowledge of it, making them love it with an ever greater love.

Thanking you for your great support and consideration, I greet you, assuring you that we hold you in high regard and remember you in our prayers and daily Mass that we celebrate here in our seminary.

May God continue to bless and bestow abundant blessings upon all those who work with you.
The vice-rector, Father Percy Saavedra Ramírez

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MEXICO

PERPETUAL ADORERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico

We are enthusiastic to return to Gregorian chant, especially in the solemnities

La Paz, 4 August 2011

Dear Mr Director,

Praised be the Blessed Sacrament!

Please receive a warm greeting from these distant lands of Baja California Sur, where we constantly receive your beautiful magazine *30Giorni*, through which we come to know the most diverse news of the Church and of the world. For this we thank you and all those who work in the editorial staff.

We want to thank you for the book ‘*El Hijo no puede hacer nada por su cuenta*’, and the one with the CD of Gregorian chants, which gave us the enthusiasm to return to Gregorian chant especially in the solemnities.

We are a community of twenty-one nuns; last year the founder of the community, the Reverend Mother María Angélica, and Sister María de San José returned to the House of the Father, so that, 46 years after its foundation, only one of the founders remains in the community.

We greet you, assuring you of our prayers and offer our congratulations on the magazine,

The Mother Superior Luisa Beltrán C

MALAWI

SACRAMENTINE SISTERS OF NTCHEU

Ntcheu, Malawi

We ask for a contribution towards building a hostel for poor or orphaned girls

Ntcheu, 22 August 2011

Dear Mr Andreotti,

While I was in Italy for a short time, I was lucky enough to find and read your wonderful magazine *30Giorni* and to appreciate the contents.

How great is our need also, who reside in mission lands, where the news never arrives in true perspective, to learn the keys to understanding what’s happening in the world and to know what is beautiful in the world of the Church! That’s why I take the liberty of addressing you to ask whether my community can also get a copy of your magazine, which I consider an important means not only of information but also of training!

I also allow myself to make another request of you: our mission is dedicated to education, convinced that offering instruction and education is the best way to help a country to grow in the direction of a slow but respectful progress of human dignity. We would like to be able to accommodate close to the school of the large suburb of Nsumbi (in the diocese of Mangochi) a hundred orphan or extremely poor girls, to enable them to attend school regularly and devote time to study, which is still rarely possible in their villages.

We are working on building a hostel to accommodate them all year round, and therefore dormitories and a kitchen with a dining hall also, so that they may find an environment essential for a dignified and peaceful life.

Everything is becoming so difficult in Africa, even more so in these times when it seems that the injustices on the weaker multiply to the point that our project meets ever new obstacles all the time! Only the certainty of the need for this work on behalf of the women of Africa gives us the courage not to give up, even if the costs are multiplied beyond the predicted budgets.

We ask, if possible, for a contribution to further at least in its essentials this great work that still remains to be done.

For any information, we can keep in touch by taking advantage of this e-mail address: sisters-ntcheu@africa-online.net.

Thank you as of now for all you may succeed in doing for us and we remember you before the Blessed Sacrament in our daily adoration.

With much appreciation and gratitude,

Sister Ornella Sala

and the Sacramentine Sisters of Ntcheu

PORTUGAL

FRATERNITY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Beja, Portugal

We are a Franciscan fraternity living in the south of Portugal

Beja, 7 September 2011

Peace and good!

Through a friend I received the magazine *30Dias*, which I read and reread several times. I liked it immensely because it gives a very complete vision of the Church and the world. Congratulations on your magazine. God be praised for your work of evangelization.

We are a Franciscan fraternity living in the south of Portugal, in one of the poorest dioceses in the country, the diocese of Beja.

We would really love to receive your magazine, which would be very useful for our mission and for the training of the young monks of our community, but we have no possibility of paying for it.

Our community is mainly dedicated to evangelization in the Alentejo region.

We'd love to receive a copy of the booklet *Quem reza se salva* for each brother, but it is a little expensive for our community which is made up of eight consecrated young men who, in poverty and joy, proclaim the Gospel of peace and good.

I greet you, giving you the assurance of our prayers for all of the editorial staff of this magazine which is a valuable tool for the Church.

A fraternal embrace,

Father Ricardo Borges

Beja, 19 September 2011

Peace and good!

We want to thank you for sending the booklets *Quem reza se salva*.

It is a very well written prayer book and will be very useful for our apostolate of evangelization. We look forward to a few copies of your magazine, to which you have been generous enough to offer us a subscription. Only God can reward you for your very great generosity.

We greet you assuring you of our prayers for you.

Father Ricardo Borges

CHILE

SALESIAN MISSIONARIES

Catemu, Chile

Thanks from Tierra del Fuego

Catemu, 8 September 2011

Dear esteemed editorial staff of the magazine *30Giorni*,

A reader of your magazine writes to you. I receive it regularly, and I find that it is well done, useful and keeps us united to the Church.

May the Lord bless you for this work you do for the benefit of readers, especially those who are far away. I am a Salesian and I'm in Chile, in Tierra del Fuego.

Congratulations on the CD with the songs for the traditional Latin Mass, accompanied by a booklet with the texts: wonderful! I remember with a certain nostalgia the years of my youth when Latin was used a great deal in the liturgy.

Now, to maximize to the fullest advantage the contents of the magazine, I ask you the favor of sending it to me in Spanish, so it can circulate among the people, since only I can read the Italian edition.

Here one copy comes for Joseph De Marchi (who has moved permanently to Italy).

Let me give you my best wishes for the continuation of this work, and for you my remembrance in prayer, and my greetings.

Ardiccio Fusi

COLOMBIA

THE POOR CLARE SISTERS OF BELLO CONVENT

Bello, Colombia

Thank you for *Quien reza se salva*

Bello, 24 September 2011

Dear Mr Giulio Andreotti,

Please receive our fraternal greetings of peace and good, with abundant blessings of the Lord for the wonderful work of evangelization you carry forward through the magazine *30Días*.

In recent days we have received ten copies of the booklet *Quien reza se salva*. You can not imagine our joy at seeing the principal prayers of Christians collected in a booklet, that we will share with the new religious and faithful who accompany us during the liturgical celebrations in our convent.

With our sincere remembrance in prayer we follow you closely, sharing with you and with your collaborators the spiritual treasures that we have received from the Lord.

We hope to receive soon the magazine *30Días* since we consider it a valuable spiritual tool that helps us grow in faith and in the vocational response we give to God from the contemplative life that unites us.

May God bless you and may the Blessed Virgin Mary always encourage and comfort you with the strength of the Holy Spirit of God.

With renewed affection and gratitude,

*The Abbess Sister Margarita María
of the Sagrado Corazón, OSC, and Community*

SOUTH KOREA

CAPUCHINS OF THE SOUTH KOREA CUSTODY

Seoul, South Korea

From the Capuchin friars of Korea

Seoul, 27 September 2011

Pax et Bonum.

First, thanks for the two free copies of the monthly magazine *30Days*. Our brothers are very happy to be able to read it.

I am Brother Anthony Choi, a Capuchin friar of the Custody of Korea. I am a seminarian studying for the priesthood. Here in the monastery, which houses those who go to the seminary, there are altogether three Korean brother seminarians and an Irish priest.

Our Custody was founded by the Irish province in 1986 and this year the Silver Jubilee occurs. In our Custody there are sixteen brothers and two postulants.

If it were possible for you to send us *30Days* free, our brothers would be very happy.

But if you can not, that's okay. We understand your situation.

I will remember your families and your friends in my prayers.

Please remember the Capuchin friars in Korea.
God bless you,
Anthony Choi

ITALY

We live just twenty meters from the small church where the remains of Blessed Don Serafino Morazzone repose

Chiuso di Lecco, 7 October 2011

I have been subscribed for many years to your beautiful and important magazine from which I 'drink' of ecclesiastical culture, politics and not only!

Today, on the arrival of No 7/8, on page 70, I read the article by Giovanni Ricciardi entitled 'The greatness of smallness', the figure of Blessed Don Serafino Morazzone, cited by Manzoni in the *Promess Sposi (Fermo and Lucia)*. What a surprise! We live just twenty meters from the church dedicated to St John the Baptist in the district of Lecco, where the remains of the blessed repose!

Also, just to give the possibility to those who come on pilgrimage to find a place of refreshment and an overnight stay, we opened a bed and breakfast whose internet address I allow myself to send to the editorial office: www.bebtralagoemonti.it.

Renewing my wish that *30Giorni* can be ever more a magazine of success, I cordially greet you.

Mara Assunta Anghileri

Aurelio Brusadelli

FRANCE

DOMINICAN NUNS OF NOTRE-DAME DE CHALAIS CONVENT

Chalais, France

I assure you of my prayers and those of my Community

Chalais, 8 October 2011

Dear Sir,

Thank you for *30Jours*! It is magnificent and it is a joy to receive news about the Holy Father and what happens in Italy. I am a Dominican nun. My family is originally from Rome and the Abruzzo region. I do not speak Italian, even though my name is Domenica Benzi, Dominique in French. Thank you for what you do, in sending us the magazine. I assure you of my prayers and those of my Community, on whose behalf I am writing. I pray for you and for those who work for the magazine that we love.

Renewed thanks,

Sister Dominique, OP