



# MARIANUM

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### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### UPCOMING MARIOLOGICAL EVENTS

We have come to the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Mariology events planned during the next few months cause us to look to the future with renewed commitment. Mariology scholars and workers in the Marian apostolate are focused on the Twenty-Second International Mariological-Marian Congress that is being organized by the *Pontificia Academia Mariana Internationalis* (PAMI). The congress will be held in Lourdes (September 4 - 8, 2008).

The subject (*Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary – History, Faith and Theology*) and location of the Congress were chosen and planned by PAMI, the *Société Française d'Études Mariales*, authorities of the Tarbes-Lourdes Diocese and the Lourdes Sanctuary. The Congress will mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparition to St. Bernadette Soubirous near the Massabielle cave of the one who called herself the Immaculate Conception.

The subject is not an easy one. It has been discussed in the biennial seminars held here at the Faculty and has been frequently considered as a topic for one of our International Mariological Symposia but has always been tabled for good reasons. The subject would require extensive and rigorous preparation. Professor S. Perrella's book *Le apparizioni mariane. Dono per la fede e sfida per la ragione* [Marian Apparitions: a Gift for Faith and a Challenge for Reason] San Paolo, Cinisello Balsamo (Milan) 2007, was a first and important contribution to this preparation. Another contribution to this effort is in the *Quaestio Disputata* column in the next issue of *Marianum* (70, 2008) where some of the more problematic aspects of the La Salette apparition is discussed.

In my preface to the volume on Marian apparitions cited above I speak about these phenomena as a "confused mass of facts, practices, events and conflicting interpre-

tations.” It calls for an enormous effort of clarification and the exercise of rigorous hermeneutics – a responsibility our Faculty cannot escape.

The Congress program includes plenary sessions, fifteen language sections and an ecumenical section as well. The results of all this work will surely provide a basic document that will serve well as a framework for and contribution to future research on Apparitions in general and in the area of ecumenism as well.

For this purpose we believe it helpful to cite paragraph 73 of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) document: *Mary, Grace and Hope in Christ*: “Authentic popular devotion to Mary, which by its nature displays a wide individual, regional and cultural diversity, is to be respected. The crowds gathering at some places where Mary is believed to have appeared suggest that such apparitions are an important part of this devotion and provide spiritual comfort. There is need for careful discernment in assessing the spiritual value of any alleged apparition. This has been emphasized in a recent Roman Catholic commentary.” The same paragraph cites the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith document: *Theological Commentary on the Message of Fatima* (June 26, 2000).

“Careful discernment” requires understanding. We must understand the matter on which we exercise discernment. Among other things the Marian Apparitions require a solid background in Mariology. Some devotees of these apparitions sedulously avoid rigorous and scholarly Mariological studies or any effort to situate the apparitions in the context of the mystery of Christ and the life of the Church. It is twenty years (March 25, 1988) since the Congregation for Catholic Education sent its letter *The Virgin Mary in Intellectual and Spiritual Formation* to seminary rectors and faculty presidents and we would still insist on the need for a background in Mariology in the area of Marian apparitions. This background should include a systematic, organic and exhaustive study appropriate to the institutions and students involved (no. 27).

Insistence on the organic study of Mariology is not simply to protect the interests of our own academic institution or those involved in the scholarly study of Mariology. From the advantage of our international perspective we can see the need of adequate Mariology training for the younger generations to avoid the nonsense often spoken about Our Lady. In the words of *Lumen Gentium*, we must “describe with diligence both the role of the Blessed Virgin in the mystery of the Incarnate Word and the Mystical Body, and the duties of redeemed mankind toward the Mother of God, who is mother of Christ and mother of men, particularly of the faithful” (no. 54). For this reason we have collaborated with PAMI in organizing a Study Seminar (November 28-29, 2008) at the Antonianum Pontifical University – the historical headquarters of PAMI. Along with the Congress in Lourdes this seminar should be included in everyone’s appointment book. We will examine the current status of Mariological instruction in theological faculties and institutes of religious studies. We will discuss aspects of *The Virgin Mary in Intellectual and Spiritual Formation* and solicit proposals and suggestions for further activity.

We believe that the adequate Mariological education emphasized in paragraph 34 of the above-mentioned letter will provide intellectual, spiritual and pastoral benefits.

*Silvano M. Maggiani OSM*, President

## MARY ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE

**O**n the afternoon of January 17<sup>th</sup> Professor Alberto Valentini SMM's new book was presented to the public. The Aula Magna of the Faculty was – as is usually the case for these events - filled with professors, students, friends of the author and a large number of Montfort Fathers.

The session began with greetings from the Faculty President, Father Silvano Maggiani who emphasized the happy coincidence that this presentation was taking place on January 17<sup>th</sup>, a day dedicated to dialogue with Judaism – something in which our Faculty has been an active and eager participant.

Father Maggiani was followed by the official speaker, Professor Giovanni Odasso, a Somascan biblical scholar. Professor Odasso gave an enthusiastic and detailed presentation of Alberto Valentini's lengthy study.

Citing many examples Odasso emphasized the reliability, organic nature and completeness of this work. It is not simply exegetical research but a testimonial to life and faith. The author himself tells us that “this work was no overnight creation but the result of slow and deliberate work lasting several years. It is a ‘layered’ work that covers subjects studied and discussed over and over and only achieving their definitive formulation in the present volume.

The author goes on to say: “the texts are not all discussed at equal length or with the same level of scholarship: some are more directly exegetical and others involve brief essays of biblical theology. All the texts though share a common distinctive characteristic: they present Our Lady as she appears in the Word of God, in a serious, documented – and even scholarly – fashion but in simple and accessible language that is relevant to the life and faith of the people of God.”

The research is not confined to the usual, well-known biblical texts nor does it involve a self-referential reading of these texts.

Rather this research places these texts in their proximate and remote context and considers them in the framework of the whole of revelation. It focuses on the unity and convergence of Scripture in spite of its diverse and various nature.

This study provides a serious but pleasing and convincing picture of the Virgin Mary at Christ's side and in the mystery of salvation.

The very title of this book reveals its focus on salvation history in its totality: *Maria secondo le Scritture. Figlia di Sion e Madre del Signore* [Mary According to Scripture. The Daughter of Zion and the Mother of the Lord]. The book's dedication is to: *Maria di Nazaret: Consummatio synagogae et ecclesiae sanctae nova inchoatio* [Mary of Nazareth: Culmination of the Synagogue and New Beginning of the Holy Church].”

The book closes with an “Act of Trust” in Mary. A text of this nature, Odasso remarked, would be out of place in a purely exegetical work but it is a fitting conclusion to a work that is not confined to research. Behind the attention to detail, scholarly expertise and abundant documentation one senses the experience and love of Our Lady that is the legacy of all the Lord's disciples. The book is an important testimonial to that love.

At this point in the proceedings the author himself spoke. Professor Valentini briefly highlighted the purpose, method and goals of his work. It was first of all an act of love towards the woman from whom we received Christ in the flesh. At the same time it is an act of love for Israel – our holy roots – and the Church which finds its fundamental point of convergence/encounter in Mary.

The author hoped to present a Mariology that could take its rightful place among the theological and humane disciplines – and of which it is the unavoidable meeting place. It is undoubtedly a Catholic Mariology – but it is also ecumenical. It is open to dialogue with Judaism and the other Christian communities.

## WOMEN AND CHRISTIANITY DEPARTMENT

On April 11 and 12 the “Women and Christianity” Department sponsored two meetings on “Women in the Old Testament”. These two afternoon sessions marked the high point of the department’s activities during the 2007-2008 school year. We would also note that the department sponsored other projects: a seminar on Blessed Maria Maddalena Starace; presentation of A. Valentini’s book, *Maria secondo le Scritture* (EDB, Bologna 2007); twenty-fifth anniversary of the Istituto Costanza Scelfo along with presentation of the Acts of the Tenth Colloquium (Cf. C. MILITELLO (editor) *Il Vaticano II e la sua ricezione al femminile*, EDB, Bologna 2007). The two April sessions were devoted to discussions based on Scripture. This year’s meetings were limited to the Old Testament. Women in the New Testament will be part of next year’s program.

How should we approach the Old Testament and its women? Given the success of last year’s inter-religion round-table discussions we decided to organize the meetings in two stages: we would first consider different approaches linked to Jewish, Muslim and Christian traditions; then we would discuss women in the light of the threefold perspective of royal, priestly and prophetic. This we thought would provide a clearer understanding of the desire for ministry so widespread in the world of women believers.

It was obviously impossible to study all the women in the Old Testament so we concentrated on certain ones. Giacomina Limentani, the well-known Jewish scholar, opened the discussion with an especially original perspective on the person of Eve. Her interpretation involved two possibilities - Eve, the sinner or Eve, the wise woman. Limentani had no trouble presenting an exciting picture of Eve very different from the one to which we are accustomed. The fact that Jewish tradition does not include the concept of “original sin” allowed her to focus on the symmetry and asymmetry between Adam and Eve. She expanded the Hebrew text and used hermeneutics to interpret Eve’s behavior not as disobedience but as curiosity about life and knowledge. Eve was acting not selfishly and by herself but she involved Adam as well.

Leila Karami, an Iranian Muslim and doctoral candidate at the University of Rome (*La Sapienza*) and student of Professor Biancamaria Scarcia Amoretti was scheduled to discuss the encounter between Sara and Hagar in the Koran. Instead she gave an overview of the Sacred Muslim book and noted all the Old Testament women either explicitly or implicitly present in the text. Even though all these women are called by traditional Muslim names there is one woman whose name is unchanged: the Lady Mary, mother of the Prophet Jesus. She is found in the *Sura* that bears her name.

Rita Torti Mazzi who lectures on the Old Testament at the Marianum spoke about Tamar, Rachab and Ruth and their “outsider” status. These three - along with Bathsheba whose name is not specifically mentioned are the matriarchs included in Matthew’s genealogy. These three women interrupt the list of patriarchs named as ancestors of Jesus of Nazareth. These are very special women: their stories represent

choices that are courageous, pro-active and out of the ordinary. These choices justify their being commemorated and included in the history of salvation.

As noted above an entire afternoon was devoted to female ministry in the Old Testament. Rosanna Virgili spoke about the link between women and prophecy; Rita Torti Mazzi – women and worship; Cloe Taddei Ferretti – women and power. All three women are biblical scholars and two of them (Rita Torti Mazzi and Rosanna Virgili are specialists in the Old Testament). Cloe Taddei Ferretti is a specialist in cybernetics with a comprehensive understanding of biblical theology based on many years of study. All three shed light on little known areas; they demonstrated the natural way Old Testament women engaged in prophecy or were involved in the very important worship practices of family life. Cloe Taddei Ferretti focused on the women of power in the Old Testament. Their power was not expressed through aggression but through resistance to rape and bullying. They were victims who paid with their lives (note the unnamed concubine in Judges 19). Note too the fate of the woman who bore Saul sons and suffered the ignominy of not being buried – Rizpah in II Samuel 21, 10-14.

The insistence that we publish these talks clearly indicates how successful the project was. Another sign of its success was the immediate response of the diverse audience (friends and students) who attended the lectures.

*Cettina Militello, Director*

## THE FACULTY LIBRARY

### *Marian Bibliography*

The proofs for the twelfth volume of *Bibliografia Mariana* (2003-2005) have arrived.

This volume includes 4,630 bibliographical entries on monographs, references and periodical articles and will probably be published in September. Thanks to the efforts of Father Antonio Hueso OSM and the Marianum Library personnel *Bibliografia Mariana* continues to provide a valuable service to students of Mariology.

This issue includes a large number of publications linked to the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of the

Dogma of the Immaculate Conception; there are also many entries on the Rosary related to the recent Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*.

We are obliged to recognize the limitations of a publication like the *Bibliografia*: the field of Mariology is vast and it is almost impossible to register all the Marian documentation produced in these three years. The work and commitment that went into this publication were considerable.

We can only thank those who are responsible.

*Silvano M. Danieli, OSM, Librarian*

## THE "MARIANUM" PERIODICAL

The editorial committee of the *Marianum* periodical met at the Marianum Pontifical Theological Faculty on May 22, 2008. The committee's agenda included the following items: 1. Report of the Director; 2. The financial situation. The Financial Director Father Piergiorgio M. Mazzoleni's report ; 3. Volume 70 (2008), nos. 173-174; 4. Planning Volume 71 (2009). Articles and Collaborators; 5. General Index of the periodical since 1939; 6. Election of Director and Editorial Committee. "Responsibility for the *Marianum* is entrusted to a Director and an Editorial Committee to be elected by the Faculty Council (Statutes, 24g.6)" (*Norme interne*, p. 31, n.4). 7. Other miscellaneous items.

In his report (item no. 1) the Director, Father Silvano M. Maggiani noted that volume 69 (2007) was published in March 2007 far earlier than planned.

In his report (item no. 2) the Financial Director, Father Piergiorgio M. Mazzoleni informed us that income for 2007 exceeded what was foreseen in the budget; moreover publication of this volume on time had certainly helped the financial situation and reputation of the periodical. 650 copies of volume 69 (2007) were printed - of which 533 were sent out. Distribution could be broken down as follows: 344 copies were sent to subscribers; 166 were exchanged for other learned journals; 23 were sent as homage; the remaining copies are in our warehouse. The subscription fee basically pays for the cost of publishing the periodical; certainly the learned journals we receive in return for our publication constitute a valuable asset even if they are not mentioned in our accounting. If we had to subscribe to these journals it would cost thousands of Euros.

The Director informed the Committee (item no. 3) that volume 70 (2008) is well on its way to completion: some texts are already finished and others are in their third draft. There is something new in this latest issue - *Quaestio Disputata*. This represents the return of an old tradition: a controversial subject is discussed from two opposing points of view. All of the material should be ready by the end of July and the issue will come out in October.

The Director further informed us (item no. 4) that material has already arrived or been promised for volume 71 (2009). He gave a brief description of each of the articles. Father Maggiani noted that there were many contributions in Spanish and expressed the hope that we could have more articles in English and French.

The Director told the Editorial Committee (item no. 5) that a general index beginning in 1939 (the year the *Marianum* began publication) is absolutely essential for study and consultation. At the Financial Director's suggestion this index will not be on paper but rather on a DVD and on the Faculty's website.

(Item 6) The Director noted that both the director and the editorial committee have three-year terms. Appointing people to these offices is the prerogative of the Faculty Council - which will meet and do this on June 26 next. Before the end of the year the new Committee will have to make work plans for the next three years.

Everyone present joined the discussion and voiced their positive evaluation of how the periodical is managed. Experts are unanimous in citing the *Marianum* as the best publication of its kind in the field of Mariology. Father Perrella (Vice-Director) brought up the subject of book reviews: they should be increased and an effort should be made to involve young people. The committee agreed with the Director when he said that reviewers should demonstrate not just the ability to understand the texts they were reviewing but should also be familiar with and capable of using proper writing techniques.

*Antonio Mazzella, Secretary*

## FORMER STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE MARIANUM

**O**n April 25, 2008 we held the general assembly of the Association of Former Students and Friends of the Marianum at the Marianum Pontifical Theological Faculty. The new president, Abbé Jean-Pierre Sieme Lasoul, a former Marianum student was present at the assembly. Both he and the Faculty President, Father Silvano M. Maggiani, thanked the outgoing Association President, Mr. Sergio Bargiacchi, for his commitment to the growth of the Association and the creation of a family spirit among former students.

Father Silvano M. Maggiani spoke about aspects of the current status of the Association and expressed his hope that in spite of ongoing difficulties the next three years would witness a renewal of

the Association's strength and vitality.

Reflecting on the recent election the President expressed the hope that the choice of a former student would attract other students and alumni to the Association. He emphasized the need for improved communication among members and suggested the usefulness of a website – something that's not really all that easy. It would require continual oversight. The assembly then approved the December 31, 2007 financial statement.

Everyone present enjoyed Father Salvatore M. Perrella's conference on Marian Apparitions and appreciated its depth and clarity. The meeting came to a close with the celebration of the Eucharist followed by a community meal.

*Antonio Mazzella, Secretary*

## MARIAN SYMPOSIUM IN GOZO, MALTA (June 4-8, 2008)

**F**ather Gerard Buagiar, the newly elected Rector of the National Sanctuary of "Ta' Pinu" on the island of Gozo, Malta, and a former Marianum student (Doctorate 1997-1998), organized a symposium on the subject of "Vieni ... da Maria per incontrare Gesù [Come ... to Mary to Meet Jesus]" at the Sanctuary. The Marianum Faculty collaborated in this effort.

Among the speakers at the Symposium were Professors Silvano M. Maggiani and Salvatore M. Perrella.

## SECOND SERVITE HISTORICAL CONFERENCE

The Servite Historical Institute will hold its Second Conference on the History of the Order October 7 - 9, 2008. The subject will be: *I Servi di Santa Maria tra intuizione carismatica e istituzionalizzazione (1245-1431)* [The Servants of St. Mary from Charismatic Insight to Institutionalization (1245-1431)].

This project will provide continuity to the ongoing project (updating Servite History) with publication of the Institute's members and collaborators' latest research. The first of these conferences was held in 2006 and focused on "*Gli ordini religiosi tra soppressioni e ripresa (1848-1950)*" [Religious Orders: Suppres-

sion and Rebirth (1848-1950)]. The Acts of this meeting were published in *Studi Storici* (vols. 56-57) and provide excellent information on this period. The next conference will be held in 2010 and will focus on the period from 1431 to 1623.

This second conference will consider the medieval context in which the Servites began - a time when mendicant orders were flourishing. It will include the following subjects: the friars' relationship with ecclesiastical authorities, liturgy, Marian devotion and the expansion of the Order. It will describe a journey of passion and faith that unfolded in the Church and Europe of that time.

*Dilermando Ramos Vieira OSM, President*

## ISTITUTO SUPERIORE DI SCIENZE RELIGIOSE [HIGHER INSTITUTE OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES] SANTA MARIA DI MONTE BERICO Vicenza Associated to the Faculty

### Study Encounters

"O Mary, I see you lovingly reflected in a thousand images - but none of them can portray you as my soul sees you." These words of Novalis do not just speak about Mary's physical appearance - they were our inspiration for three encounters organized at the *Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose Santa Maria di Monte Berico*: Beauty and Faith. We focused on the Marian apparitions. The first encounter (Friday May 9, 2008) was led by Professor Salvatore M. Perrella, who explained the theological import of the apparitions and the Church's attitude towards these phenomena. The two subsequent encounters spoke about Lourdes and Fatima. Professor Manuela Terribile (May 16) spoke about the events at Lourdes and what they mean for the Church today. According to Professor Michele Giulio Masciarelli (May 23) an invitation to open one's heart to God is central to the message of the apparitions.

### Two-year Specialization Course in "Marian Apostolate and Popular Devotion"

Following the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Public Education the Con-



gregation for Catholic Education in 2005 has begun a reorganization of Higher Institutes for Religious Studies. This phase of the reorganization involves the reform of study programs. The reformed program will go from the famous **3 + 1 program** [if all the norms are observed a diploma is awarded at the end of three years; after four years a Master's diploma in religious studies is granted] to the reformed **3 + 2 program** [after three years the diploma in religious studies is awarded; after an additional two years the diploma of Master in Religious Studies – equivalent to specialization – is granted.]

In the 2008-2009 school year the *Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose Santa Maria di Monte Berico* will initiate a two-year course of specialization in "Marian Apostolate and Popular Devotion." At the end of these two years a student will be given a diploma of *Master in Religious Studies*.

### **A joyful return to the Holy Land...**

The Higher Institute of Religious Studies of the Sanctuary of Monte Berico (Vicenza) organized a second retreat in the Holy Land (November 16-24, 2007). Thirty-five individuals, brothers and sisters with close links to our Sanctuary, took part in the retreat. The organization of the whole experience was incomparable!

This year we visited the following biblical sites: Beersheba, the Negev Desert – we stayed in Avdat. We then visited Eilat, Petra, Amman, Mount Nebo, Gadara, Gerasa, Pella, Bethany in Transjordan, Jericho and Jerusalem. The theme of our pilgrimage was: *With Mary following the footsteps of our Fathers in the Faith*. At each place we visited Father Aristide M. Serra – professor of Sacred Scripture at the Marianum in Rome – led us in a meditation on its Marian links. From this close contact with the land of Jesus we came to appreciate the "Jewishness" of the Incarnation. Jesus' flesh was Mary's flesh and Mary's flesh was the flesh of Israel. Mary was the Daughter of Zion, the morning star that shines at the end of night.

In his encyclical *Spe Salvi* (November 30, 2007) Benedict XVI writes: "Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. .. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? ...[her] life was thoroughly imbued with the sacred scriptures of Israel which spoke of hope, of the promise made to Abraham and his descendants" (nos. 49, 50)

Of Him, who with the strength of His arm humbles the proud and exalts the lowly we ask – as a fruit of this journey – to be counted among those stars He showed Abraham. To be with Mary, morning stars, lights of hope, ready to be absorbed by the rising sun – by the blinding light of the Risen One.

*Silva Maria Stefanutti, one of the group.*

### **Pilgrims in Faith with Mary**

The *Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose Santa Maria di Monte Berico* is planning its third retreat in the Holy Land (October 24 – 31, 2008). The retreat will involve a journey through northern Galilee where Jesus spent his youth and began his ministry. The journey will conclude in Jerusalem – the place where Jesus lived His "Hour" and where His Mother demonstrated her generous faith.

## ASSOCIATED MARIOLOGY INSTITUTES

### Instituto Mariologico “Nuestra Señora de Covadonga” (Oviedo, Spain)

After an appropriate trial period the Faculty issued a decree (February 29, 2008) which established the *Instituto Mariologico “Nuestra Señora de Covadonga”* as an Institute Associated to the Faculty.

On May 24, 2008, Doña *Lourdes Gonzalez Aristigueta* was confirmed as Director of the Institute.

### “Aikiya Annay” Mariological Institute (India)

The activity of this institute is still “*ad experimentum.*” From April 14 to 24, 2008, some thirty male and female religious have taken courses given by Servite professors: Fra Savariappan, Fra Ratchanyadoss, Fra J. Roncalli, Fra Uvari Anthony and Fra Susaimani. The following courses were taught: *Introduction to Mariology; Mary in Chapter VIII of Lumen Gentium; Mary in Sacred Scripture; Mary in the Dogmas and Teaching of the Church; the Apparitions and Marian Devotion.*

The Institute has planned a Symposium on Mary in the Tamil Religious and Cultural Tradition. It will be open to the local church of Tamil Nadu from September 2 to 4, 2008.

*Fra Susaimani OSM, Vicar Provincial*

## PAMI CONVENTION IN LOURDES

To mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions at Lourdes (1858-2008) the *Pontificia Academia Mariana Internationalis* will hold the Twenty-Second International Mariological-Marian Congress at the Sanctuary of Notre Dame de Lourdes (September 4 - 8, 2008). The Congress will be devoted to: *Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin - History, Faith and Theology.* Teachers and students of the Marianum will participate both in the general sections and in the sections devoted to National Mariological Associations. In the gen-

eral assembly Professor Salvatore M. Perrella will give a paper on “*Le mariofanie, presenza e segno della mediazione materna della Madre del Signore-Redentore* [Marian Apparitions, the Presence and Sign of Maternal Mediation by the Mother of the Lord and Redeemer]”. The President of the Faculty, Father Silvano M. Maggiani, will deliver a paper on “*Le memorie liturgiche delle mariofanie: motivi, contenuti, finalità* [Liturgical Commemorations of the Marian Apparitions: Themes, Content, Purpose]”.

*Salvatore M. Perrella, Vice-President*

## PUBLICATIONS

**E. TONIOLO (edit.), *Maria nel dialogo ecumenico in Occidente, Acts of the XVI International Mariological Symposium held in Rome (October 2-5, 2007)*. Ed. Marianum, Roma 2008, pp. 512.**

They include contributions from these speakers: 1) GIOVANNI CERETI, *Maria nei documenti del dialogo ecumenico in Occidente. Tipologia e valutazioni* (pp.9-38); 2) ARISTIDE M. SERRA, *L'uso della Scrittura nei documenti ecumenici mariologici* (pp. 39-76); 3) ERMANNIO GENRE, *Gruppo di Dombes: «Maria nel disegno di Dio e nella comunione dei Santi»*. *Ermeneutica e metodologia* (pp.77-100); 4) ANTONIO ESCUDERO CABELLO, *Gruppo di Dombes: Maria nel disegno di Dio e nella comunione dei Santi»*. *Quale ricezione nella Chiesa cattolica?* (pp. 101-150); 5) SERENA NOCETI, *Dialogo cattolico-luterano USA: «Un solo Mediatore, i Santi e Maria»*. *Ermeneutica e metodologia* (pp.151-174); 6) GIANCARLO M. BRUNI, *Dialogo cattolico-luterano USA: «Un solo Mediatore, i Santi e Maria»*. *Quale ricezione nella Chiesa cattolica?* (pp. 175-186); 7) R. JOHN FLACK, *Roman Catholic/Anglican Dialogue: «Mary: grace and hope in Christ»*. *Hermeneutics and methodology* (pp. 187-192); 8) SALVATORE M. PERRELLA, *Dialogo cattolico-anglicano: «Maria: grazia e speranza in Cristo»*. *Quale ricezione nella Chiesa cattolica?* (pp. 193-397); 9) CARMELO DOTOLO, *Contenuto, forma e tipologia del consenso in relazione ai dogmi mariani* (pp. 399-420); 10) BERNARD SESBOÜÉ, *Hiérarchie des vérités et doctrine mariale dans le dialogue oecuménique* (pp. 421-446); 11) CETTINA MILITELLO, *La verità mariologica: alla ricerca di nuovi linguaggi* (pp. 447-480); 12) GOTTFRIED HAMMANN, *De la théologie à la liturgie: un aspect de la réception dans le milieu de la Réforme* (pp. 481-498).

This volume is the sixteen in the series of Symposium Acts. It opens with a *preface* by Msgr. A.V. ZANI, Undersecretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education.

**G. GHARIB - E. TONIOLO (edit.), *Testi mariani del secondo millennio*.**

**1. *Autori orientali (secc. XI-XX)*, Città Nuova Editrice, Roma 2008, pp. 1004.**

This is the first of several volumes devoted to Second Millennium Marian texts and includes: an Introduction to the first Byzantine period of the second millennium (XI-XV centuries) and the Orthodox period (XV-XX centuries). It is divided into two parts: 1) Byzantine period authors from the eleventh to the fifteenth century with an Italian translation of the Greek texts; 2) Orthodox period authors from the fifteenth to the twentieth century with an Italian translation of the Greek and other language texts.

It is an indispensable tool for an understanding of the rich Byzantine Mariological, theological and cultic production.

## FROM THE SECRETARIAT

### APPOINTMENTS AND NEW OFFICE-HOLDERS

● In a Decree dated May 8, 2008, Prot. 785/2002, the Congregation for Catholic Education confirmed Professor Silvano M. Maggiani as *President* of the Faculty for a third term (2008-2011).

● The Faculty Council met on June 26<sup>th</sup> this year to reorganize the *Faculty body* for the next three years. The following people were elected:

Vice-President: Professor Salvatore M. Perrella; Presidential Board Councilors, Professors Giancarlo M. Bruni, Fabrizio M. Bosin, Luca M. Di Girolamo; Officers: Sister Ornella Di Angelo, Secretary; Father Enrico M. Casini, Undersecretary; Father Giuseppe M. Piccolo, Assistant to the Registrar; Father Silvano M. Danieli, Librarian; Course Coordinators: First Cycle, Professor Fabrizio M. Bosin; Second-Third Cycle: Professor Salvatore M. Perrella; Two-year Mariology Diploma Course: Professor Luca M. Di Girolamo; Two-year Religious Studies Course: Professor Denis M. Sahayaraj; Servite History and Spirituality: Professor Dilermando M. Ramos Vieira.

● *Director and Editorial Committee for the Marianum*: confirmed: *Director*, Professor Silvano M. Maggiani; *Assistant Director*, Professor Salvatore M. Perrella; *Members of the Editorial Committee*: Professors Dante M. Andreoli, Fabrizio M. Bosin, Tiziano M. Civiero, Luca M. Di Girolamo, Luigi Gambero, Denis M. Kurlandaisamy, Aristide M. Serra, Paolo M. Zannini.

● *Director of the Faculty's Learned Collections*: Professor Ermanno M. Toniolo

### 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR MATRICULATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Institutional Theology Three-year Course	31 + 17 from <i>Augustinianum</i>
Licentiate Specialization Two-year Course	31
Third Cycle: Doctoral Thesis Writing	15
Mariology Course	35
Religious Studies Course	34
Servite History and Spirituality Course	18

#### *Countries of origin*

Argentina 5; Belarus 1; Brazil 9; Cameroon 2; Colombia 11; Congo 2; Congo Re-

public 1; Ecuador 1; Germany 5; Hungary 2; India 23; Indonesia 10; Ireland 1; Italy 50; Ivory Coast 1; Lebanon 1; Madagascar 3; Mexico 12; Mozambique 1; Peru 1; Philippines 1; Poland 1; Romania 3; Slovak Republic 2; South Korea 3; Spain 3; Swaziland 3; Ukraine 1; Uganda 3; Venezuela 1; Vietnam 1.

### **Continents**

Africa 16; Asia 39; Europe 69; North America 12; South America 28.

### **Status**

127 religious (46 religious families); 16 priests (16 dioceses); 21 lay people.

### **Students registered with Associated Institutes**

- Istituto Superiore di Scienze religiose "Santa Maria di Monte Berico" (Vicenza): 97
- Instituto Mariológico "Santa María de los Siervos" (Mexico): 44

## **DIPLOMAS AWARDED DURING THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

- **Doctorate in Theology with a specialization in Mariology** [students who published their thesis or an extract]

### **URSULLA OKOLIE**

*Mary, Model of Motherhood for African Christian Mothers (Specific Case of Igboland-Nigeria)* Moderator: Professor Jean-Pierre Sieme Lasoul.

### **FORTUNAT-MARIE TSHIBANGU**

*Marie mère de Dieu. Mère de l'Église famille de Dieu et la culture luba-kasai. Essai d'une mariologie inculturée.* Moderator: Professor Luigi Gambero, SM.

### **JEAN-LOUIS BARRE**

*La mission de la Vierge Marie d'après les écrits d'Emile Neubert, SM (1878-1967).* Moderator: Professor Luigi Gambero, SM.

### **ALTAMIR FRANCISCO DA SILVA**

*A fundamentação da devoção a Sancta Maria gaudiorum (Nossa Senhora dos prazeres). Historia tradição, liturgia e teologia.* Moderator: Professor Aristide M. Serra, OSM.

### **BIENVENU AKODOH**

*L'annonce à Marie (Lc 1, 26-38) et sa portée théologique. De la Résurrection à l'Incarnation.* Moderator: Professor Aristide M. Serra.

- **Doctorate in Theology with a specialization in Mariology** [students who defended their doctoral dissertation]

RAMON OLMOS MIRÓ

*La Virgen María en la vida y los escritos de la Madre María Ángeles Sorazu, Concepcionista Franciscana (1873-1921).* Moderator: Professor Luigi Gambero, SM.

MARIA TERESA LUCCHETTA

*La spiritualità mariana nella famiglia religiosa delle Serve di Maria di Galeazza. Evoluzione storica dal Fondatore, il beato Ferdinando Maria Baccilieri (1821-1893) agli inizi del terzo Millennio.* Moderator: Professor Aristide M. Serra

ZOLTÁN KOVÁCS

*Magna Domina Hungarorum. Dimensioni storiche, teologiche, ecumeniche e culturali.* Moderator: Professor Stefano de Fiores, SMM.

CARLOS ALBERTO OLIVERA

*María nuestra Madre en el plan redentor de Dios Trinidad según las obras de San Luís María de Montfort.* Moderator: Professor Stefano de Fiores, SMM.

- **Licentiate in Theology with a specialization in Mariology**

MARÍA DE LOURDES DOS SANTOS

*La donna icona di Maria per la trasformazione della società. Esperienza e insegnamenti di Francesco Antonio Marcucci.* Moderator: Professor Stefano de Fiores, SMM.

DAVID MARTÍNEZ SAUCEDO

*María, Mujer sabia de la Anunciación al Calvario. Itinerario sapiencial de María, Madre de la Sabiduría Encarnada.* Moderator: Professor Elio M. Peretto, OSM.

BOEVI AKPO LAWSON-AYEKU

*Marie dans l'art chrétien en Afrique noire au vingtième siècle.* Moderator: Professor Umberto Utró.

FLORINDA RAMIREZ SOTELO

*María hija de Sion, modelo de la alegría cristiana. A partir de la lectura de Lc 1, 28.* Moderator: Professor Aristide M. Serra

ALFREDO SABATÉ BOTET

*María en los primeros escritos de Ramon Llull (1232/5-1315). La "Dorcrina pueril" una aproximación a "los Siete Gozos de María".* Professor Luigi Gambero, SM.

## ● **Baccalaureate in Theology**

SILVESTER BACHORIK

*Jesu Gleichnis von der Selbst Wachsenden Saat (Markus 4, 26-29).* Moderator: Professor Dante M Andreoli, OSM.

ROBERTO BERGAMIN

*Responsabilità per il creato, alla luce del Magistero post-conciliare.* Moderator: Professor Martin M. Lintner, OSM.

HORÁCIO SAMUEL ZITA

*A dimensão esponsal de Deus come “conditione sine qua non” para a vida cristã.* Moderator: Professor Maria Pina Scanu.

ENRICO ROSSI

*Il catechismo dei fanciulli: linee di fondo e risvolti mariani.* Moderator: Professor Luca M. Di Girolamo, OSM.

LIBARDO RINCÓN CHICA

*Il messianismo nel pensiero teologico di Jürgen Moltmann.* Moderator: Professor Fabrizio M. Bosin, OSM.

## ● **Diploma in Mariology**

ANTONELLA CARRER

*Maria madre del Redentore e madre della Chiesa nel magistero del Concilio Vaticano II alla luce del pensiero di S. Agostino.* Moderator: Professor Paolo M. Zannini, OSM.

TERESITA PAMPLONA

*La marianità di S. Maria Maddalena di Canossa (1774-1835).* Moderator: Professor Salvatore M. Perrella, OSM.

ADRIAN DOBOS

*Maria Auxilium christianorum. Storia di un titolo e la mediazione mariana.* Moderator: Professor Tiziano M. Civiero, OSM.

MICHELINA IOVIERO

*La bellezza nella Vergine Maria. Donna che ha saputo incarnare la Parola di Dio.* Moderator: Professor Luca M. Di Girolamo, OSM.

VICTOR RONALD LA BARRERA VILLARREAL

*Contemplar a Cristo con Maria a la luz de la “Rosarium Virginis Mariae.”* Modera-

tor: Professor Maria Pedico, SMR.

ENRICO ROSSI

*La Basilica di Santa Maria della Salute in Venezia.* Moderator: Professor Maria Pedico, SMR.

STEFANO BORDIGNON

*Maria di Nazaret come simbolo nell'interpretazione di Mario Masini nel volume "Maria di Nazaret: storia, mito, simbolo, interpretazioni".* Moderator: Professor Mario M. Masini, OSM.

AKOBE NOËL DOMINIQUE KOUAO

*La relation de Marie à Dieu et à l'Église vue selon la catégorie de la prière.* Moderator: Professor Aristide M. Serra, OSM.

### ● **Diploma in Religious Studies**

AMOHI SOPIE PELAGIE

VARGHESE ANEY

MANTOVANI AMALIA

GIAMPIETRO CLAUDIA

PUTHUPPARAMPIL MATHEW MARIAKUTTY

CABEZAS EDITH

MEDINA CONTRERAS MARIA DE LOURDES

AFANADOR ORTIZ MARIA TERESA

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