

RECONCILIATION

“Lay Saletenses - Called and sent - The joy of Reconciliation”

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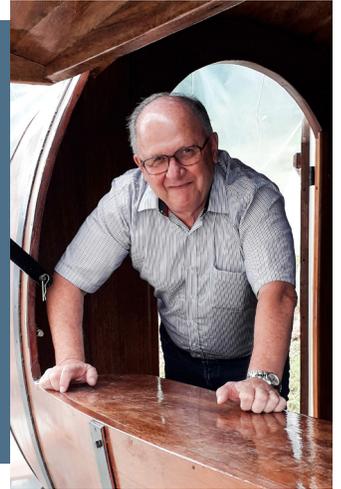
INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION OF LA SALETTE LAITY

ACCOMPANYING WORDS

Fraternal greetings,

Every beginning of the year brings an expectation of new times, new yearnings and renewed hope. How nice to see you at the beginning of the year. May we overcome our obstacles and review our mission as La Salette Laity.

Mario Apone
International Coordinator of La Salette Laity.



Around the world our La Salette Family will be growing with the priestly ordination of several of our brothers. The lay groups will also be growing, enabling greater collaboration with our consecrated brothers. Furthermore, recalling that we are agents of reconciliation.

The world needs reconciliation. The local and international news is full of bad news: the pandemic is still around, wars, interracial conflicts, bad governments, inflation, lack of food and support for the neediest. **“Lord, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are**

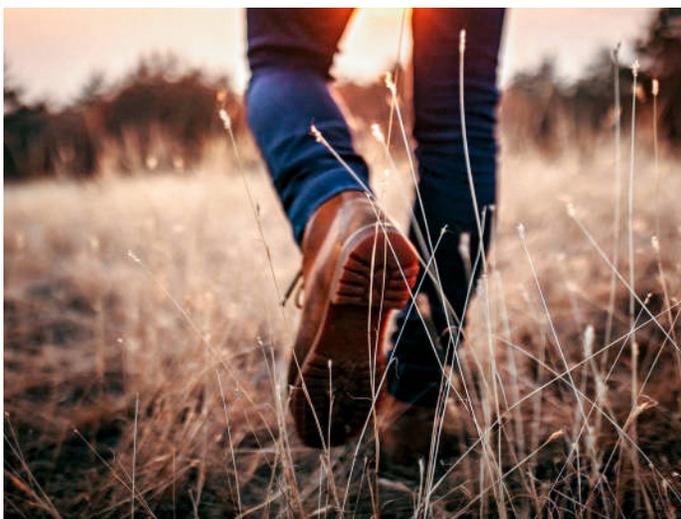
few!” It seems that the biblical text was written today.

How influential are we to change all that?

I think that the first attitude is to become aware of the problems, to characterize the needs and our participation in this process.

As a citizen, what can I do?

As a Christian and a la Salette lay person, what can I do?



We are often silent in the face of reality, many times we close our eyes to conflicts, personal and others, believing that time will correct everything. Time is a good broker, as long as we don't stand still and oblivious to what happens. No matter how small our participation is, it will influence the results.

Jesus, during his life among us, was never silent and still. He has always been active, an agent of transformation. never indifferent; he was tough



without being cruel and he was sweet when needed. He showed us how to participate in God's Project. He loved us as man and as God. On the cross, suffering, humiliated and hurt, he showed us, as a human being, that it is possible to forgive: **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing”! (Lk 23, 34)**

It is not easy to follow Jesus, but it is possible. As agents of reconciliation, we have a duty to fulfill: to pray, always, in response to Our Lady's request at La Salette.

At the end of this month – last Saturday, January 28th – we will have our Monthly Rosary, according to the program to be released.

So let's stay in a permanent state of prayer.

SATURDAY	MONTH	HOST COUNTRY
28	January	Brazil – Angola
25	February	Italy - Spain
25	March	E.E.U.U.
29	April	Madagascar- Reunion Island
27	May	Argentina - Bolivia
24	June	India
29	July	Philippine
26	August	Poland - Eslovaquia
16	September	France

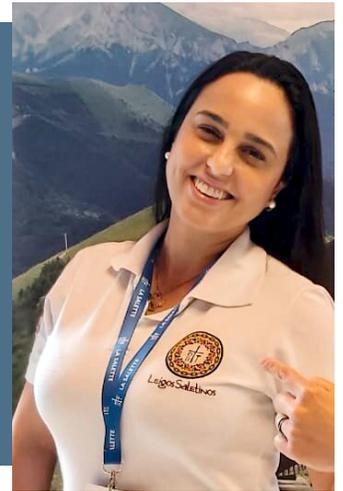
LIVING PRESENCE - BRAZIL

La Salette Laity presence in the world

La Salette Laity are an arm of La Salette Missionaries around the world and in Brazil they are inserted in 14 communities where the missionaries work.

We are very happy to be part of this great family, which takes La Salette spirituality everywhere.

Ana Beatriz Diniz dos Santos Bersanetti
National Coordinator



Each group meet montly to live 7 moments of spirituality: a time of sharing, formation, study, testimony, action and prayer. Experiencing these moments strengthens us in faith, in union, in reconciliation and in the mission of evangelization.

From January 25 to 28, the members of the National Coordination of La Salette family were in Curitiba, at the headquarters of the Province of the Immaculate Conception participating in the Provincial Assembly. We shared all our activities carried out in

2022 and our planning and projects for the coming years.

The fellowship with our brothers and sisters was very intense during these days, this also strengthens us in unity and family. In the synodal spirit, the Assembly dedicated some time to the listening and in an atmosphere of fraternity and sharing, La Salette laity shared their work of evangelization developed under the inspiration of Our Lady of La Salette



TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Commitment Prayer

Lord, help me to be committed. I cry to You: within me there is darkness, but in you I find the light. Inside me there is fear, but in You I find courage. I'm lonely, but you won't leave me. I'm discouraged, but in You I find help. I am restless, but in You I find peace.

Sir, help me be compromised. Take fear, anguish and laziness from my heart. Give me the courage to assume my commitments with faith, love and strength. Within me there is bitterness, but in You I find patience. I don't understand your plans, but you know my way. I feel insecure.

Lord enlighten me. I need your help. I need your love. Come, Lord to my help. Take my soul out of the abyss of death. Heal and free my heart from all the chains. Forgive me Lord for the unfulfilled commitments. Forgive me Lord for everything I could have done but I did not do.

I need you, Lord. Help me in my anguish, anxieties and worries. Change everything I can't change, Lord. Transform my life and my heart. May every day I see the fruits of my commitments. May I rejoice, Lord. Help me live the commitment I have without being discouraged, without giving up. I trust you, Lord. **Amen.**



