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ALBERTO MARVELLI'S CENTENARY

Alberto Marvelli was born on 21st March 1918 in Ferrara.

100 years have passed since that day, and everybody knows about his life and his educational, charitable, social and political work.

He was able to lead a “full” life in just 28 years, dedicating himself completely to God and his neighbour.

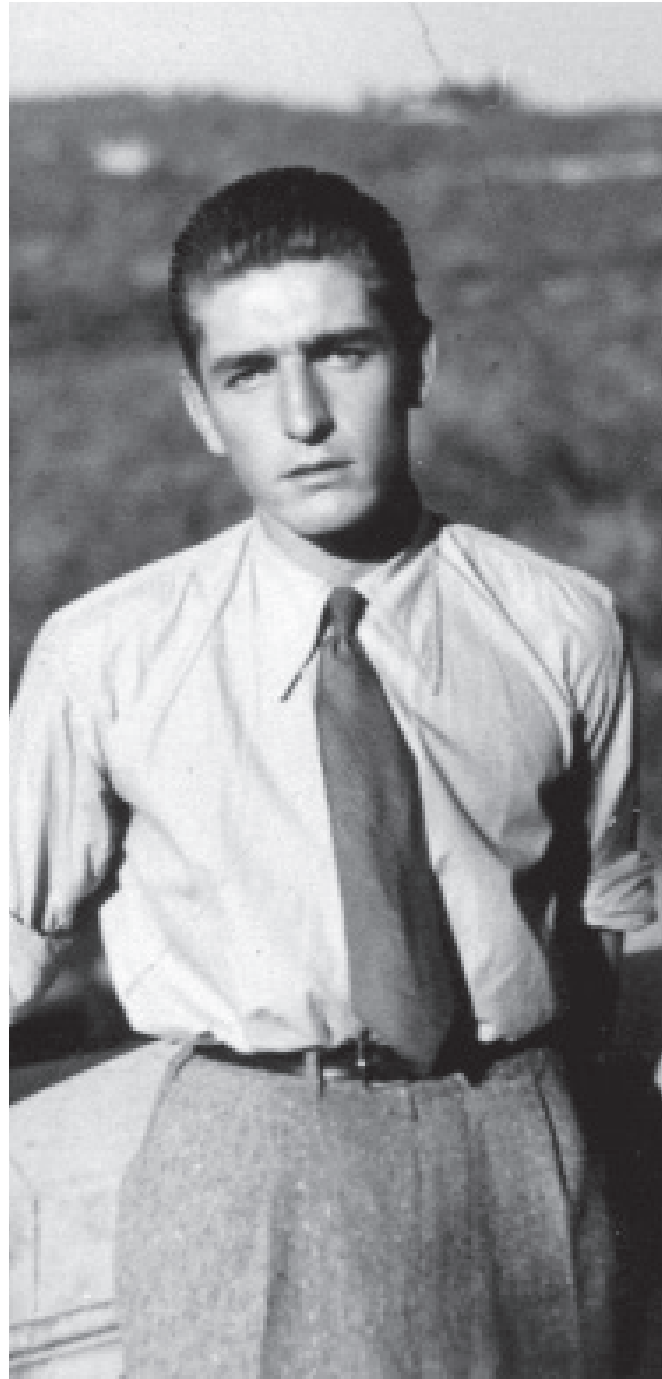
When his life tragically ended on 5th October 1946, we cried. We believed we had lost him forever, and that his work, support and example would be lost too. We did not know that saints have a “posthumous” life: they start to live when they leave this earth.

Today Alberto is more alive and active than ever: the good that he did on this earth has transcended space and time.

His exemplary holiness has become a point of reference for all laypeople who operate in this world while looking for a Christian identity and acting in accordance with faith.

He paved a new way for everyone to follow. The spread of his witness throughout the world and the many young people who have taken him as a role model, as proved by the myriad letters we receive, show without a shred of doubt that he still lives and works among us.

For us, celebrating his centenary does not mean remembering his presence, but rather acknowledging it.



THE SURPRISE OF JOY

*Homily on the occasion of the feast of blessed Alberto Marvelli
Rimini, church of Sant'Agostino, 5th October 2017*

Can you be happy without God? Can you be happy with God? Almost in response to the first question, a few years ago an association of English atheists promoted an advertising campaign using this slogan, which appeared on the underground, buses and t-shirts: "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life". An opposing campaign followed immediately, which read: "There definitely is a God. But it's not you. Don't worry and enjoy your life". I wonder: how would our Alberto Marvelli have answered the first two questions? Perhaps like this: "I am Alberto, and I know one thing. God loves me, and I am happy". Indeed, Alberto is doubly happy, or literally 'blessed': in just 28 years, he was able to lead a life characterised by "a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over" (Luke 6:38). He was also proclaimed blessed, namely happy, by John Paul II, as he is a perpetual inhabitant of the land with "no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying" (Revelation 21:4). He has been registered at the registry office of the Holy City, which is "surrounded only by light and love" (Dante).

1. But what ways of joy did Alberto Marvelli follow, and which can he therefore show us? Here are four.

The first is the way of faith. Believing does not mean swallowing a list of truths, a sterile collection of unforgiving precepts and unbearable prohibitions. To believe is to meet Jesus Christ. Some of us may iden-

tify with this sentence: "I looked for God, and I didn't find him. I looked for my own self, but I didn't find it. I looked for my brother, but I didn't find him. I met Christ, and I found all three". Alberto met Jesus when he was little, but his real conversion took place at the age of fifteen, when he personally and willingly adhered to Christian faith. He established a new, totalising relationship with the Lord, which grew exponentially and finally led him to say, "I want to belong to Jesus, and to him only". Indeed, Jesus is the human face of God. Here is the first sentence that appears in Alberto's diary, which he wrote at the age of 15: "God is great, he is infinitely great, and infinitely good". However, Jesus is also the divine face of man. In him, you can find any brother, any sister, and even yourself. Meeting him does not censor your sweetest dreams. It does not shrink the broadest of horizons, but rather expands them indefinitely. "Christ takes nothing away, and gives all" (Benedict XVI). In his diary, Alberto wrote: "I believe in Christ, as Christ is my life". This is pure joy and happiness: living with the beatifying certainty that you are not an orphan, but the child of the Father, who loves you tenderly and tenaciously. To live in praise of God without craving for the world to praise you.

2. The second way of joy is the way of peace. After the Second World War, Alberto wrote: "Man has lost his sense of dignity, he forgets the value of life. War leads to too much violence; witness German



concentration camps, or everyday life: murder, theft, violence, widespread and pervasive immorality. Disputes are not solved with swords or violence." However, he knew all too well that, in order to defeat the evil around you by use of good, you have to defeat the violence that resides within you. His diary read: "I must control my fits of impatience, and be loving, patient and benevolent with everybody. I must absolutely lose the habit of judging others." This is pure joy and happiness: the joy of fraternity, which enhances the talents of brothers and sisters. It is the kind of joy that those who deem others as better than themselves feel. They find more joy in giving rather than receiving, and in serving rather than being served.

3. The third way of joy, according to Alber-

to, is the way of the cross. Read what he wrote to a friend after the latter's mother had died: "Have faith, Vittorio, as the Lord puts to the test and sends pain to those he loves the most. Only through suffering can we access true life." However, Alberto did not consider the cross as a means for passively accepting and surrendering to unavoidable events. Rather, it meant acting like Simon of Cyrene, thereby bearing your brothers' cross. For him, joining Christ through the Eucharist necessarily meant entering into communion with the poor, whom he saw as other poor crucifixes. That is why not a single day could pass without him receiving Holy Communion and making at least a gesture of solidarity towards the poor. This was not a duty for him, but rather a need, or better, an urgent

necessity. For Alberto, living for the poor meant leading a poor life. This is pure joy and happiness: knowing that the purpose of life is not death, but vice versa. It is to believe that you don't live to suffer, but that you are bound to suffer if you live to please others.

4. The fourth and last way is the way of duty. Marvelli intended duty as follows: "Putting your own life, youth and goods at the service of others: that is the most beautiful token of love... I believe that living for yourself only is meaningless." Enter his political work, which he started directly in September '44, when Italy and Rimini had to be rebuilt from both material and moral ruins. His craving for evangelical justice – which is craving for holiness – urged him to satisfy the hunger for bread, dignity

and freedom of his city and his homeland. He engaged in politics, but he was not a politician. Doing politics meant serving, not carving out a career. Indeed, those who live with their arms wide open don't usually make a career for themselves, but find many people to hug. This is pure joy and happiness: the joy of those who feel they have a mission in life, a task that fills them with purpose. It is the joy that stems from acknowledging the growth of others, achieved thanks to your sacrifice. It is the quiet, albeit unselfish joy of living for the sake of others.

+ Francesco Lambiasi



2018: TWO SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

We are grateful to the Diocesan President of Catholic Action for combining the centenary of Alberto's birth with the 150th anniversary of the foundation of Catholic Action.

He explains the reasons for and the opportunities of this combination in the following article

The 150th anniversary of the foundation of Catholic Action and the centenary of Alberto Marvelli's birth.

2018 blesses us with two important anniversaries, which are worth celebrating together by looking back on the testament and actions of those who wanted to live their faith while facing the great challenges of history.

Does the announcement of the Gospel always satisfy the highest expectations of man? Of course not. On one hand, the extraordinary Good News of the Resurrection transcends time and cultures, but on the other, the personal experiences of the recipients of said announcement are to be taken into account.

Catholic Action was born in a historical context where Catholicism was facing, other than the political matters linked to the Unification of Italy, a new risk: social indifference and irrelevance. In the year of Alberto Marvelli's death (1946), Mounier wrote:

«Christianity, albeit superficially at peace, is nowadays faced with the most terrible tragedy it has had to face as of yet. Chri-

stianity is not threatened by heresy: it is no longer engaging enough for that to happen. It is threatened by a sort of silent apostasy caused by the indifference it is surrounded by and its own distraction»

In 1868, Pope Pius IX, with the Apostolic letter *Dum filii Belial*, approved the creation of the secular association initially called *Società della Gioventù Cattolica Italiana* (Italian Catholic Youth Society). The insight underlying this association came from two young people, Mario Fani and Giovanni Acquaderni, who felt the urge to live a more authentic and incisive Christian witness. The ideals that characterise the members of this association can be summarised with the famous motto *Prayer, Action and Sacrifice*.

In its 150 years of history, Italian Catholic Action, which took this name in 1904 under the guidance of Pope Pius X, has seen many extraordinary examples of secular holiness in the daily lives of its members.

Fani and Acquaderni manifested, ever since the origins of the association, the need to act in order not to be complacent or apathetic. Educational activities were needed to shape informed, mature Christians ready to face the most important challen-

ges of the historical and social context.

Interestingly, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Catholic Action, we are also celebrating the centenary of blessed Alberto Marvelli's birth, who, during his young life, constantly and adamantly exemplified the motto Prayer, Action and Sacrifice.

Alberto's life recounts the meaning of Christian witness starting from its extremes: he was born in 1918 and died in 1946, and had to experience a part of the '900s that will forever be remembered as one of the most difficult and significant chapters of human history.

The end of the First World War, extreme poverty, the economic crisis of '29, the Fascist period and the Second World War characterised those years as well as many delicate phases of Alberto's life and that of his family.

The blessed centenary of Alberto's birth provides an opportunity to remember with great joy and gratitude the witness of this young blessed member of Catholic Action who, through his personal diary, showed us the meaning of his commitment of faith by describing the connection between his actions and the daily, lively, deep relationship he had established with God through the contemplation of Jesus Crucified.

Alberto was the council member entrusted with the reconstruction of Rimini during the delicate transition from war bombings, which had destroyed more than 80% of the social fabric, to the repopulation of the city. Celebrating an important anniversary is an opportunity for both remembering the past and questioning oneself, thereby redefining the prospects of one's Christian commitment.



The double celebration of the 150th anniversary of Catholic Action and the centenary of Alberto Marvelli's birth can be an opportunity to reflect upon Pope Francis' constant exhortation to make the Church as open as possible. This means, first and foremost, living your faith while paying attention to the reality of life and the dynamics of history. The motto Prayer, Action and Sacrifice has not been forgotten, but was rather enhanced by Pope Francis when he invited us to live by the verbs stay, go and rejoice.

The contemplation of Christ must remain a staple, but the more urgent educational challenges need facing, and the goodness and presence of God throughout history finally needs recognising. Therefore, at the end of the reflection, when thinking of the 150th anniversary of Catholic Action and the centenary of Alberto Marvelli's birth, we are asked to rejoice, as memory is not burdened by one's labours, but rather enlightened by the memory of the gifts one has received.

A competent and brave Christian witness can never become irrelevant, but always leads to renewed hope!

Manuel Mussoni

CARLA RONCI'S THEOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Theologian Prof. Vittorio Metalli analysed in depth Carla's spirituality in 2000, on the occasion of the presentation of the new edition of her biography. Here are his words, for our readers to go through

Carla Ronci wrote no theological treatise: she herself is a theological treatise. A very ancient spiritual writing reads: "You can love God, but you cannot think about him. Love is the only thing that can lead you to God in this life, not knowledge". Therefore, what can better embody the mystery of God, which in fact coincides with one's belonging to Christ, better than the life of saints? This is the starting point of our journey to understand Carla's theological experience.

"Lord, I want every breath, every step, every movement, every heartbeat, every thought of mine to belong to you. Lord, I want to be yours in time, because I want to be yours forever".

Here are some important points that can help us attach theological meaning to Carla's life:

The totality of her identity is enlightened by and explained through Christ: her heart, thoughts and movements find meaning in the mystery of Christ, or better in her belonging to Him (to belong to someone may seem the opposite of freedom, but it is not!)

Time is Kairos (a favourable time to meet God; a unique opportunity for man to be with God) for Carla, and not only Kronos (a mere sequence of meaningless instants, minutes and moments). She finds meaning thanks to the former; moreover, time can be conceived as a fertile ground for eternity. The present cannot be ignored to cherish in the illusion of the past: eternity is achieved over time. "All sins are attempts to escape time. Only when the virtue you have allowed into your heart breaks it into pieces have you reached eternity" (Simone Weil).

Carla's spiritual and theological maturity can be said to have reached its peak when she decided to give up whole self to Christ. When she decided to be Christ's bride, she expressed her virginal consecration through the radical nature of an absolutely paramount choice. Nothing is worth her life apart from Jesus.

He gives meaning to her life and all the rest. Her virginal choice enabled her to understand Christ as the only meaning of existence. But what does "virginal consecration" mean in more theological terms, and what is "the radical nature of an abso-



lutely paramount choice”?

Virginitv represents one’s surrendering completely to God: perfect chastity is embodied by virginitv! It is the peak of Christian asceticism: it is a mystical attitude. It is the external and internal physical manifestation of one’s completely and eternally belonging to God.

This is the attitude that Carla had during her experience, which was also theological:

“When you love the groom, you think like him, you love like him, you act like him, and you crave only what he likes”. Read St. Paul’s words: “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is a gain”. Now I am Jesus’ bride. I know I am the bride of crucified Jesus, and nothing scares me, or surprises me. He is on the cross, and where should I, his bride, ever want to be? With Him, of course. So what? I should suffer and rejoice with Him, and for Him”. This sense of belonging made her wish for:

- silence
- meditation
- and solitude, which led her to contemplate God’s nature and mystical presence (without diminishing her concrete work and commitment). For Carla, being intimate with Jesus never meant shutting herself away, escaping responsibilities or avoiding everyday problems. Where did she find the strength to keep walking the path and belonging to Jesus? In the Eucharist, namely Holy Communion and prayer of adoration!

“When receiving Holy Communion, I welcome Jesus inside me, for him to live in me and for me. Jesus, I want to thrive on you: you must reveal yourself to others through my poor life”. Carla explains to us very well what a sacrament is: an ideal place and time to meet Christ. The manifestation of Christ and God’s concrete presence, a both powerful and fragile sign. Daily Communion was the most important part of her

day; in the afternoon, she would pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in order to speak with God by praying, in what looked like a “wonderful vision”. Mass and daily Communion were always a priority in her life plans. This sense of belonging was characterised by joy. It was not the mere happiness that derives from being in harmony with nature or in communion with others, but it stemmed from her soul’s belonging to God, whom she understood and loved as supreme and immutable good. “I crave for infinity... I need everything, and I know than nothing can satisfy me. Only God and his love can quench my heart’s thirst for love. I feel it”. The outcome was experiencing God through the divine-human nature of Jesus! Her diary makes constant

reference to complete freedom (which is reminiscent of St. Paul). Speaking to her friend Jolanda about the course on spiritual exercises, she said “I have felt like another ever since the first day: I am no longer worried about earthly matters and creatures, I am no longer physically and morally tired. I am free, as are my heart and mind”. This kind of freedom is achieved only by giving oneself completely to the Lord, and it is experienced only by those souls which are completely pervaded by the Spirit of the Lord, as “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”. (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Vittorio Metalli



CARLA RONCI WALKS THE STREETS OF THE WORLD

Nowadays, Carla is not only the saint of the Rimini Church, but she is also well-known all over Italy and in some other countries of the world.

As we have already done with Alberto Marvelli, we are publishing the geographical maps that show how widespread the devotion to Carla is. Such widespread devotion is first of all due to

her image: a beautiful girl from Romagna with a modern haircut riding a "Vespa".

It is not the usual, stereotyped image of a saint. It stirs liking and curiosity, especially among young people, who are always looking for an identity and someone to look up to and imitate, no matter where they come from.

Every day, we receive requests for relics, holy cards and booklets not only by private citizens who want to pray to her individually, but also by parishes, oratories and sanctuaries who want her worshipped by the large public.

Booklets and prayers written in the local language have been published in Germany, Japan and Poland. In fact, a website was opened in Germany: www.circolocarliano.de, entirely dedicated to Carla.

Of course, the abovementioned devotion



is also due to both new and traditional means of social communication, which we use constantly. Moreover, the Mater Misericordiae Institute, to which Carla belonged, is present and active in many parts of the world, especially in some nations of Latin America.

We can learn more about Carla on the website: www.chiesa.rimini.it/carlaronci, which contains many pictures, a biography written in four languages (English,

Spanish, German, Portuguese) and her diary. A quote taken from Carla's diary is published every day on Twitter. On Facebook, there are many texts on the topic (4,800 contacts); many videos, accounts and pieces of news can be found on YouTube.

Books on Carla are sold even on Amazon. The paper version of the biannual magazine "Amici di Alberto e Carla" is sent by post to about 9,000 friends.

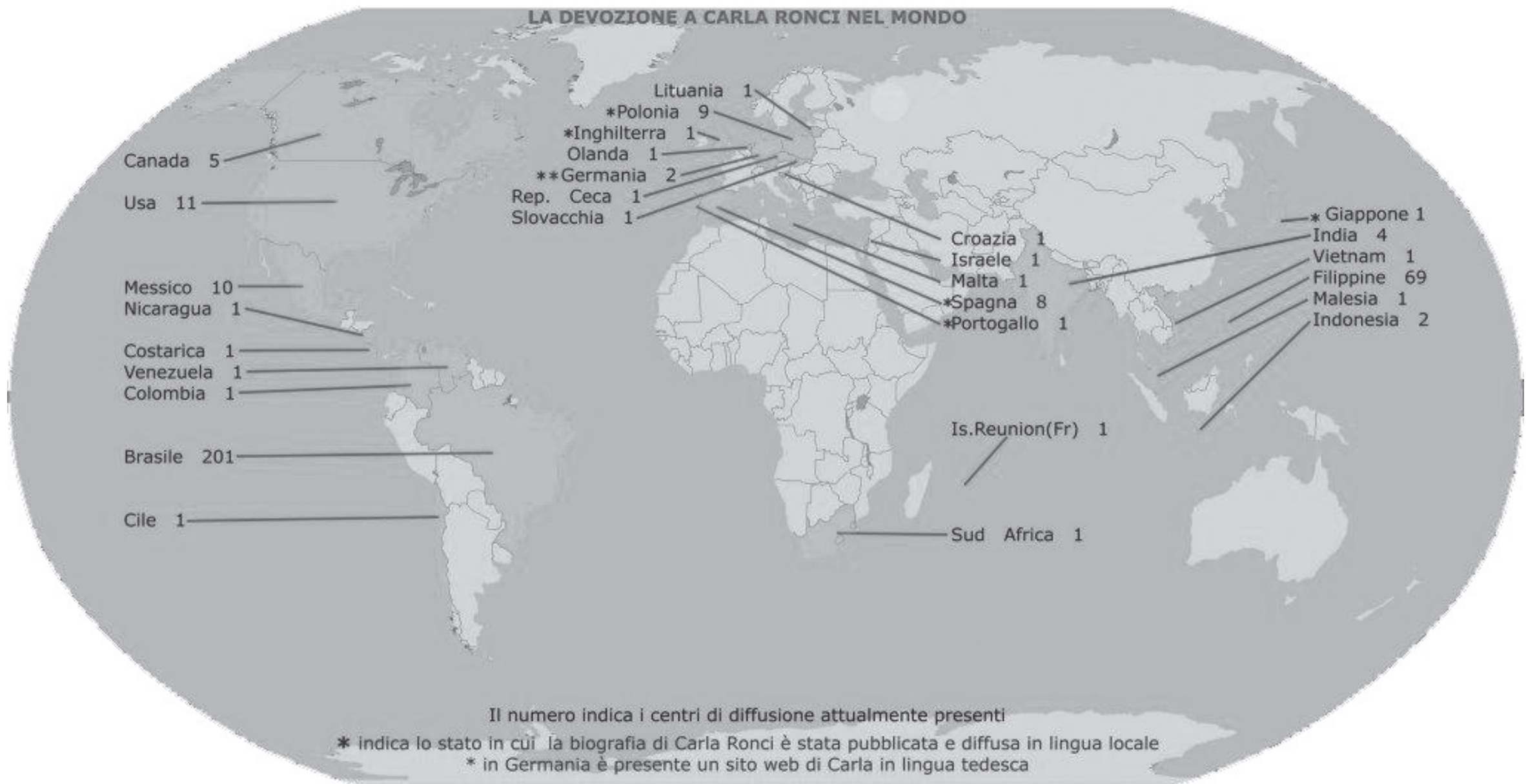
The English version of the same magazine, albeit abridged, is sent to 1,400 friends by email.

Carla is increasingly known. However, as shown by the following geographical maps, there are many countries where she hasn't been heard of yet. We believe we will reach them soon.

THE DEVOTION TO CARLA RONCI IN ITALY



DEVOTION TO CARLA RONCI IN THE WORD



The number shows the diffusion centers actually existing

ALBERTO'S LETTERS AND NEWS

Viterbo



Palazzo dei Papi

I am writing to ask you to pray to blessed Alberto. My request is due to the diagnosis of my illness, which will be hard to recover from.

I would like to ask whether it would be possible to receive

a biography of blessed Alberto and a relic for the patients of the hospital where I work to worship.

Nicola Napolitano
Viterbo

Paranaque

I would like to offer my prayers on the occasion of the feast of blessed Alberto. When I got to know him, eight years ago, I was a student. Today we preserve his relics in our chapel, and we worship him.



Baclaran Church

Michael Jess Bernardo

Paranaque - Philippines

Verolanuova, Parish of San Lorenzo Martire

My name is don Michele Bodei, and I am the Parish Vicar of Verolanuova, near Brescia. Today, namely All Saints' Day, I was looking for "charming" modern saints, and I



read some pages on blessed Alberto. I like him. I would like to receive some pictures, a bibliography and a relic to worship. Thank you for your attention,

don Michele

Borgo del Ponte

My name is don Lorenzo Corradini, and I am the Parish of San Martino in Borgo del Ponte, Massa Carrara-Pontremoli diocese.

This year the parish



La pubblica fonte

will turn 180. The celebrations will take place from 3rd September 2017 to 11th November 2018.

The centenary sees us follow Christ, who speaks to us also through the lives of saints and blessed people, who bear witness to faith especially in our times.

Among them I found Alberto Marvelli. If possible, I would like to receive information material to spread knowledge about him and a relic, which will be displayed in the parish church especially during the centenary.

I thank you in advance, and I entrust my whole parish and myself to your prayers and to the intercession of blessed Alberto. don Lorenzo Corradini

Singapore, Gardens by the Bay

My mother, who is a Catholic, has just regained her faith thanks to Alberto's intercession.

Therefore, I would like to ask for a relic on her behalf and, if possible, I would like you to send it to her directly.

Cristine Clare Ho
Singapore



I am twenty years old, I live in the village of



Marki in Poland, and I'm attending the first year of Archaeology at the "Cardinal Stefan

Vyszynski" University of Warsaw.

I was an altar boy for twelve years, then I became a teacher, and now I am Master of Ceremony at the Saint Isidore parish in Marki. I am also part of the International Crusade for Holy Relics.

I would like to ask, on behalf of my parish, for a relic of blessed Alberto, whose life was characterised by the yearning for holiness and the courage to announce Christ's love for every creature.

Simon Gruszezyński

Madrid, Seminario Conciliar

My name is Juan, and I am a seminarian at the Madrid diocese. I am attending the fifth year.

This year, on the occasion of the transfer into our seminary of Angel Trapero's body, namely a seminarian who died a martyr in 1936, we have been trying to set up a small reliquary of saints and blessed people who may inspire and encourage us. We have always been very interested in blessed Alberto's life. We believe that his love for the Eucharist, his purity, his struggle against sin, his pure and unconditional love for Jesus, his experience with suffering and his missionary spirit can help us realise our vocation and introduce him as a witness to the hundred-odd seminarians of our diocese.

In particular, we love to quote a sentence from his diary: «There can be no middle ground, Jesus and the devil cannot be reconciled, as cannot grace and sin. Well, I want to belong to Jesus, and to Him only. I may have been hesitant so far, but there



must be no uncertainties now; the path has been embarked upon: I will suffer, but I will no longer sin [...]. Jesus, I would rather die than sin. Help me keep this promise». We humbly and respectfully as for a relic of Alberto to keep in our reliquary, which we assure you will be kept with respect and worshipped with love.

Juan Cobo Abascal

CARLA'S LETTERS AND NEWS

From Barcelona (Spain) Mauro Gentile:



I have just read about Carla's beautiful story. She was a woman of our century, she rode a Vespa, but most importantly she was consecrated to God. If possible, could I have a holy card of hers with a relic? I wish you Peace and good

From Granada (Spain)

Dear Postulator,
how are you? I don't know if you still remember me. I am Fermin's mother. After his ordination, which was very beautiful



and moving, he was dispatched to Thailand, where he still is. His being so far from me is very painful, but I am happy to know that he is doing what he likes best.

A long time has passed since I last wrote you, and this time I am contacting you to ask you a favour. A very close friend of mine called Rocio has a sister who will celebrate her 50 years as a Poor Clare next December, in a nearby city. She is a very good nun, and she has miraculous hands. Incidentally, my friend Rocio told me that her sister, whose name is Encarnacion, is devout to Carla Ronci and blessed Alberto Marvelli. Since you sent me a relic for my son's ordination, I thought I could give her a relic of venerable Carla and blessed Alberto inside a showcase, for her to display in her monastery. I know that not everybody gets a relic inside a showcase, but 50 years as a cloistered nun is a good enough occasion, and it is worth it. Moreover, if possible, I would like each of the monastery's nuns to receive a relic. There are only 22, and they are all very old. There are 3 novices.

We thank you, and we embrace you with all our heart,

Maria Angeles Prieto

From Kampen (Netherlands)

I would like to ask you, if possible, for a relic of Carla Ronci, who has been a role model for me for many years. For 5 years I have been heading a prayer group on Fa-

cebook dedicated to saints: there are 2879 members now, but they're still growing. My goal is to help the sick and the poor. I also have a chronic disease. Moreover, I am trying to set up a prayer group in a church in Zwolle.

**Best regards,
Ewelina Borger**

From San Jose (Costa Rica)



Greetings, and may our Saviour Jesus Christ bless you. My name is Denis Calderon Brenes, I come from Costa Rica and I wish you and your families a 2018 full of blessings.

Through a Mexican friend of mine, who is also a seminarian, I came to know about the holy life of blessed Alberto Marvelli and venerable Carla Ronci, who were saints and servants of God. As I want to convey to others the great love they felt for Christ and increase their worship in my country, I would like to ask you for a relic of Alberto and Carla, which will be kept by my community. I thank you in advance for your cooperation. May God and the Virgin Mary keep blessing you.

Denis Calderon Brenes

From Caracas (Venezuela)



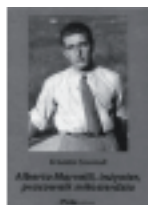
Dear brothers and sisters, my name is Estrella, and I thank you for the biography of venerable Carla Ronci that you have sent me. I have read it, and I was deeply struck by it. Therefore, I would like to kindly ask you whether you could send me a relic for me to worship. Carla's devout life moves me deeply, and I have been struck by a quote I read on her: "A virtuous apostle of our time, the faithful witness of a "yes" to God on behalf of the world". I await your reply.

Estrella Del Mar Lopez Gonzales

BOOKS AND PUBLICATIONS IN LANGUAGE

Alberto

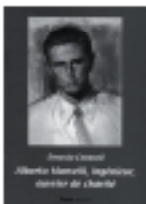
Ernesto Cerasoli



**Alberto Marvelli, ingénieur,
patron d'entreprise**
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**Musical Alberto
"Seven days with you"**



Docu-film



**Siamo fatti per il Cielo.
Alberto Marvelli
una vita tutta di con**

Carla

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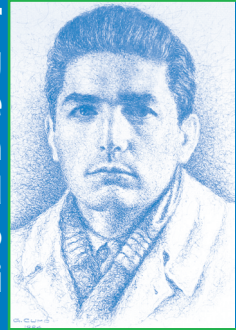


**Prayer to ask
for Venerable
Carla Ronci's
intercession**

Lord, we thank you for bestowing Carla Ronci upon us, and we thank the powerful action of Your Holy Spirit, which blessed her with many gifts. We praise you for her willingness to fully consecrate herself to Jesus Christ through chastity, poverty and obedience; for the great dedication she had to her educational task during her everyday ecclesial commitments; for her willingness to follow her priestly vocation and the sanctification of presbyteries; for her fervent prayers, which enabled her to endure suffering with strength and serenity; for her simple life the constant help she gave to her neighbours. Father, grant us, through Carla's intercession, the ability to follow our path as virtuously as she did. We also ask you for spiritual and material grace.

If your divine plan allows it, let Carla be beatified and known by the whole Church, for the sake of us and Your glory. Amen.

(Approved by the Church)



**Prayer for
asking
for the
intercession
of Blessed
Alberto
Marvelli**

Oh God, Almighty Father, rich of mercy,
We thank you for giving in Alberto
Marvelli
a sign of your love for us.
We contemplate the wonders that you
have created
in his life: his strong life of prayer,
his generous social and political
dedication,
his ardent love for the poor.
In any aspect of his life
he practised heroically
faith, hope and charity.
We ask you, Father, for the intercession
of Alberto,
allow us to imitate his virtues and to
become like him
witnesses of Your love in the world.
We also ask you any spiritual and
material grace.
We ask you peace and salvation for Your
Church,
that Alberto loved and served.
Make Alberto well-known all over the
Church
for Your name's glory and honour.

Amen

With ecclesiastical approval