

PRESENTATION

On the 6th-7th of June 2026, a SEMINAR of STUDIES on the Sanctity of Children will be held at the “Sanctuario del Bambino Gesù di Praga” in Arenzano (Genoa). The title will be:

The Sanctity of Children, a sign for the Church and humanity today.
“He called a child to Him and placed him in the midst of them.” (Mt 18,2)

The initiative is organised by the Committee of Giovannimaria’ Friends “Lalucedigio”, born to promote knowledge of the life of little Giovannimaria Rainaldi (2006-2013) and with the Patronage of the Sanctuary, governed by the Discalced Carmelite Fathers, headquarters of the Committee, and a particularly significant place for the reference to the Holy Childhood of the Baby Jesus.

A primary purpose of the Seminar is to begin a shared reflection that, starting from the stories of these little ones, their message, and their spiritual legacy, can help illuminate the value of their testimony for the Church and for humanity in our time.

To this end, the Seminar hopes to foster a fruitful exchange between theologians, mariologists, priests, religious, postulators, journalists, writers, parents, and family members, involving those who, in various ways, have been touched by the earthly passage of these children, whether they have already been canonized, venerated, or died in the odor of sanctity.

A second goal is to explore—from the Gospel, the Magisterium, the Doctrine of the Church, and the Tradition—the theological and pastoral foundations supporting the specific path of sanctification for children, taking into account the specific characteristics of their age (therefore making a distinction from the sanctity of adults, of adolescents and young people). This is also to facilitate the processes of the causes of beatification and canonization of children, with particular regard to the much debated aspect of the capacity of children themselves to exercise Christian virtues to a heroic degree.



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SEMINAR OF STUDY THE SANCTITY OF CHILDREN, A SIGN FOR THE CHURCH AND HUMANITY TODAY

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**Knowledge and exchange among theologians, postulators,
Mariologists, and journalists, with the experience
of the children's parents.**



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SATURDAY 6 JUNE

Coordinator:

Dott.ssa Francesca Giordan Journalist, Writer and Postulator of the Causes of Saints

Opening greetings:

9.00 am - P. Piergiorgio Ladone OCD, Prior emeritus of the Santuario Gesù Bambino di Praga in Arenzano

Ing. Francesco Mascellani, President of the Comitato Amici di Giovannimaria Lalucedigio

Introductory reports:

9.30 am - Father Francois Marie Léthel OCD, Theologian, Theological Pontifical Faculty Teresianum: *The Holy Childhood of Jesus and the Sanctity of Children.*

10.00 am - Suor Daniela Del Gaudio SFI, Theologian, Pontificio Ateneo Regina Apostolorum, Pontificia Facoltà Seraphicum: *The little ones at the center of Jesus' preaching*

CANONISED CHILDREN AND VENERABLE CHILDREN

10.30 am - Father Salvatore Perrella OSM, Theologian, già Preside della Facoltà Teologica Marianum di Roma, Segretario per gli studi e la formazione permanente: *The tenderness of Mary and the tenderness of Jesus welcomed by children. The holy children of Fatima.*

11.00 am- Father Serafino Tognetti, Monk of the 'Comunità dei Figli di Dio', Preacher and Writer: *Saint Jacinta of Fatima and Reparation. Children and the mystery of the Cross*

11.30am – Dott.ssa Anna Teresa Borrelli, Postulator of the Causes of Saints: *Antonietta Meo, una vera bambina del Vangelo*

12.00 pm- Dott. Paolo Vilotta, Postulatore delle Cause dei Santi: *Odetinha e Nelsinho, la gioia anche nella sofferenza (in collegamento video)*

12.30 pm- Padre Taras Yeher O.M., General Postulator of of the Causes of Saints of the Minimi Order: *"Children will save the world" From San Pio da Pietralcina to the Ven. Pio Dellepiane: the little ones as a prophecy of sanctity for the Church*

ore 13.00 - 15.00 PAUSA PRANZO

Introductory report:

3.00 pm– Dott. Enrico Solinas, Lay Judge of the Umbrian Interdiocesan Ecclesiastical Tribunal and Postulator of the Causes of Saints: *A luminous trail of children with a reputation for sanctity. The phenomenon is interpreted from a theological and ecclesial perspective.*

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LITTLE ONES

3.20 pm – Dott. Piero Damosso, Journalist and Writer: *Beyond the Scandal of Innocent Suffering: Stories as a Criterion of Television Narration, to Communicate the Wonder of Hope.*

3.40 pm- Dott. Luciano Regolo, Journalist and Writer, Co-director of the weekly journal 'Maria con Te': *Reporting on the sanctity of children in the press: the wisdom of little mystics.*

4.00 pm – Dott. Riccardo Caniato, Journalist and Writer, member of PAMI: *Martina, the heart and the rose*

WHEN CHILDREN INSPIRE PASTORAL CARE

4.00 pm - Don Francesco Buono, Perugia Diocese, Pastor of Castel del Piano, Spiritual Director of parents with child in heaven: *"Go your son lives". To accompany parents, the mission of testimony, the intercession of children*

4.40 pm - Don Gianni Castorani, Florence Diocese, Founder of the School of Evangelisation "Sentinelle del mattino di Pasqua": *Little ones to adore the Eucharist*

5.00 pm - Fra Massimo Vedova OFM Conv, Professor of the Theological Faculty Seraphicum and Pontifical University Antonianum in Roma: *Children's spiritual struggle as a stage of the spiritual journey*

5.20 pm - Don Luca Enio Zecchetto, Suburbicaria di Sabina-Poggio Mirteto Diocese, Founder Member of the Comitato Amici di Giovannimaria: *The natural ability to trust God totally and to inspire God in others*

5.40 pm – Dott.ssa Chiara Chatel, Psicologa, Focolarina, Coordinatore of the Training and Projects Area for Children at the International Center for New Generations of the Focolare Movement: *Chiara Lubich's intuition on the call to sanctity of children. "The soul has no age"*

SUNDAY 7 JUNE

Coordinator:

Dott. Enrico Solinas

Lay Judge of the Umbrian Interdiocesan Ecclesiastical Tribunal and Postulator of the Causes of Saints

CHILDREN WITH A MISSION FOR THE FAMILY, FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD

Introductory Report:

9.00 am - Don Giovanni Biallo, Roma Diocese, Scholar of Eastern Christianity and Spiritual Assistant of the Opera Romana Pellegrinaggi: *The Child Jesus of Bethlehem in Eastern Tradition: From Iconographic Sign to Living Sign of His Presence in the Holiness of Children.*

9.30 am - Cinzia Fratucello: *Giovannimaria Rainaldi*

10.00 am - Elena Apicella e Vito Tassone: *Silvia Tassone*

10.30 am - Michele Mariucci e Anna Armentano: *Sara Mariucci*

11.00 am - Elisa e Salvatore Fiorillo: *Davide Fiorillo*

ore 11.30 – Dott.ssa Costanza Signorelli, Giornalista e Scrittrice: *Like Grains of Wheat. The Prophecy of the Holy Children.*

ore 12.pm - Suor Maria Concetta, Foundress of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Mary Immaculate: *Little Splendors of God's Glory*

Ore 12.30pm – Dott.ssa Andreina Ivaldi, President of the Comitato Eleonora Restori: *Eleonora, a special child*

Ore 1.00pm Final greetings