



Presentation of signs

- We bring a **lighted lamp**.

Our call to faith began with Baptism

In this light our commitment of fidelity to God

- We bring a **world**

In it the desire to safeguard creation. In it the cry of humanity that suffers, struggles and hopes.

- We bring an **amphora colored in the colors of the five continents**

Here is each of us. Our history and our traditions.

These colors mix. They say the beauty of feeling "one".

**I give thanks to your love
and to your fidelity ...**

Prayer

Online meeting on the ZOOM platform

February 13, 2022

Guide

"To remember" is to celebrate the passing of time.

It is a return to the roots of a common history.

Our prayer today becomes praise and thanksgiving to God and to Mary Help of Christians for the 150 years of life of the Institute of his Daughters.

"This work - as Don Bosco will say - is entirely of Our Lady", but it was born from the heart of Don Bosco, thanks to a simple peasant girl from the Mornese area and to the commitment of a zealous priest, certainly touched by the breath of the Spirit, Don Domenico Pestarino

Our being gathered from all over the world, says the joy for the great things that The Lord has accomplished through all the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians yesterday and today. They have given and continue to give their lives faithfully in the service of the Gospel and young people, in the style of the Salesian charism.

Times are not easy, but the power of Love overcomes everything!

Everything transforms and makes love new!

In a profound, mysterious, but real communion, Don Bosco, Mother Mazzarello, all the Saints and the Blesseds of the Salesian Family are here with us.

Heaven and earth are closer today!

Let's celebrate ...

L. *"I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
I want to sing to you "*

T. We are here from many different places.
Maria guides us.
Our grateful heart is in celebration.
Our heart celebrates the wonders that God has done.

L. *"I give thanks to your name
for your love and your faithfulness "*

T. The Lord chooses the simple and gives them wisdom,
he chooses the myths and gives them courage.
He set his gaze on Maria Domenica,
cornerstone of a large family
given to the Church and to the world.

L. *"Lord, your love is forever.
Do not abandon the work of your hands "*

T. To the Father who creates
to the Son who saves
to the Spirit who is Lord and gives life
forever praise. Amen.

(from sl 137)

We contemplate your face

We contemplate your radiant face
with Don Bosco among the saints of God
and we feel that you are present
and walk with us today too.

Beyond the borders, oh Mother,
of Mornese your native land
other houses are full of songs
with your announcement of faith and love.

***Praise God, praise God
for Maria Mazzarello!
God made you wise and strong,***

your joy is holiness.

You continue to give hope
your life is a path of light,
You teach us love and care
towards the young, a gift for us.

***Praise God, praise God
for Maria Mazzarello!
God made you wise and strong,
your joy is holiness! (2v)***

***"... so, since
childhood,
the name of that Help of Christians resounded in her
heart
of which she was to be the first daughter
"***

(Cr. I - page 30)

1L There is a small house that still tells ...
Around a hearth a father, a mother
and many children.
God's blessing!

2L. Work, effort,
the rising sun,
the wind that screams,
the falling rain,
the coming night.
Man is only the keeper of time.
The land is precious and severe in Mornese.
The gaze raised to the benign sky.
Field of man.
Field of God.

**Laudate omnes gentes,
laudate Dominum! (2v)**

3L. There is a small house that still tells ...
May 9, 1837
Maria Domenica was born there.
The life.
Mystery and calling
Inner fire.
And the meeting is born.

I'm Main,

the indefatigable and strong girl
I am that God who contemplates himself
Who loves himself and is happy in himself

**Laudate omnes gentes,
laudate Dominum! (2v)**

T. *We thank you, Lord,
for the life of Mother Mazzarello.
Every existence finds its source in You.
Each path starts with small steps
Each choice is the sum of small yeses.
Give us to be,
to be there,
there is no need to appear,
give us fidelity in the trial,
give us the joy of feeling chosen,
loved ones, saved.*

**Laudate omnes gentes,
laudate Dominum! (2v)**

***"... she ran to the window that turning to the west,
stays in front of the distant parish "***
(Cr, I - page 55)

**Ubi caritas et amor
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est!**

- 1L.** Valponasca ...
where the gaze is lost in a flight of hills
and beyond those hills, not far away,
the sea.
A greater horizon.
Infinity.
- 2L.** Valponasca ...
where the dreams of Maria Domenica
ran as swiftly as her footsteps along the paths
- 3L.** Valponasca ...
Ringing of bells in the evening ...
A church.
A Tabernacle.
"Where is your treasure, there is your heart"

**Ubi caritas et amor
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est!**

T. *We thank you, Lord,
for the gift of Maria Domenica.
Her hidden life spread
the fragrance of Good.*

*From the small window of a humble house
a message has been sent that now belongs to the world.*

*How many people, over time,
looked out of that window
with a contemplative and prayerful gaze!*

*How many renewed "yeses"
from that window!*

*Still today
in that small space
heaven and earth meet
New challenges await us*

*The cry of a wounded land
The cry of a sought-after dignity
That cry must become hope.*

**Ubi caritas et amor
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est!**

***"... Have as glory your beautiful title
of Daughters of Mary Help of Christians
and often think that your Institute will have to be
the living monument of Don Bosco's gratitude
to the Great Mother of God,
invoked under the title of Help of Christians "
(Cr. I - page 306)***

1L. 5 August 1872
The Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians is born.
On the hills of Mornese
In the womb of the Church.

Don Bosco's prophetic heart
sought another heart in unison with his
for the salvation of young women, especially the poorest
and the most abandoned.

He sought the heart of a woman and wanted her as a mother
and with her other women

capable of a love that generates and gives new life.

- 2L.** There is an air of celebration at the College ...
because where there is God,
there is joy and communion.

Everything is beautiful here!
It's all a miracle here!

- 3L.** No matter the hunger and the cold,
the thousand difficulties and the chatter of the people ...
When working for God,
when you live for him,
the soul sings,
the eyes sparkle
and every day smells of eternity.

- T.** *We thank you, Lord,
because from Mornese
young energy was born.*

*A common path was born,
crossroads of holiness.*

*Footprints of a journey
than the creative providence of God
brought on the roads of the world.*

*And today this journey continues
rich in the past
rooted in the present
confident of the future.
Together.
Illuminated by Maria.
The Help of Christians.*

**The Lord is my strength
and I hope in Him.
The Lord is the Savior,
In him I trust,
I'm not afraid.**

Let's pray.

Father, source of all good, you offer us Santa Maria Domenica Mazzarello as a shining model of Christian and religious life for her profound humility and her ardent charity; also grant us to witness each day, in simplicity of spirit, your Fatherly love.
For Christ our Lord.

T. Amen

Ave Maria Ausiliatrice - D. Machetta

Guide of Don Bosco
you repeat to us,
this is my home
for my glory.

Hail Mary Help of Christians
you are the cause of our joy
near the heart of God
intercede for us. (2v)

For your presence
joy returns to us,
the new wine comes down
in our canteen.

Mother of peace
watch over us:
where hatred reigns
brings the unit.

You are the Immaculate Conception
dominate the enemy,
give your strength
to youth

Guide our steps
on the ways of heaven,
we will sing together
in eternity.