



**Adoratrices**  
Esclavas del Santísimo  
Sacramento y de la Caridad

# NEWSLETTER

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**STARTING A NEW  
SCHOOL YEAR**



## The Coronavirus marks the start of the school year in the Educational Centres

The Adorers' schools started the course in September with specific protocols because of the coronavirus.

In the centres, depending on regional legislation, the ratios of students per classroom have been adjusted and different procedures have been established.

In the classrooms the desks have been separated for maintain the indicated safety distance and in the common and transit areas, signs have been provided for the direction of travel.

Furthermore, In all the centres, we have worked on the non-presential alternative in case the sanitary circumstances prevent the classes from being held in person.

Without any doubt, a return to school has been made possible by the hard work and commitment of all the professionals who work in the Adorers' schools.

To all of them, we send encouragement and we wish them a good school year.



# "FROM THE IMPULSE OF LOVE SPRINGS THE STRENGTH OF SERVICE"



Recently Sr. Maria Flor (Haitian) made her third profession and Sr. Mercedes Martines ( Dominican Republic) the 5th.

They share these words with us:

"With great joy in our hearts we again renew our YES to the Lord. For this reason we wish once again to thank the Lord for our vocation as Adorers, for continuing to call us to work in His vineyard in a life of Adoration and liberation. Thank you Lord for your love, your kindness, your patience and your mercy that accompany us, we wish that Jesus continues to mold our hearts to better serve and love Him.

Thank you Lord for our community that has accompanied us during this time. Thank each sister for her prayers which accompany us on this day which is so special for us. We commend ourselves to your prayers so that He may be our source of happiness".



## **WE THANK GOD FOR THE YES OF OUR JUNIOR SISTERS!**

From the province of America we have received news of the yes of Sisters Manuela Solé (Community of Santiago de Chile), Gladys Herbas (Community of Córdoba-Argentina).

# INTERVIEW WITH SR. ROSAURA PATIÑO, GENERAL COORDINATOR OF THE AREA OF LIBERATING ACTION



**The first question we would like to focus on is your universal dimension. How can you, from the area of Liberating Action, attend to such different realities in such different places?**

Certainly the realities are diversified, but the Congregation is clear on the specific subject of mission and that diversity demands creativity in responding to the needs of women in each place.

Many years of experience in working with women have created in us our own style of attending to women in accordance with each concrete reality.

**A globalised world in which unfortunately women and children continue to suffer the most...**

It becomes for us a great challenge that requires us to be attentive and to form ourselves, because the world goes faster than we do and as Jesus says in the Gospel, "For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light"

One of the great and complex problems that we face in different places is the trafficking of persons for sexual exploitation, which according to reports 94% of the victims are women and girls. Sexual violence, abuse and discrimination are part of everyday life for girls and women around the globe. One of three women report experiencing physical or sexual violence at least once in their lives.



## **Focusing more on the day-to-day coordination of the Area of Liberating Action, what are the main activities?**

Well, I wouldn't talk too much about activities. I believe that my responsibility as coordinator of the Apostolic Action in the Congregation is to encourage and accompany the provincial teams, because it is in the provinces and specifically in the communities that life and projects with women are developed.

Of course, to do this it is necessary to plan, to set goals, to give directions, but it is a work that is done together with the teams, from their concrete reality. Once the plan has been made, my service is to accompany, and this is done through visits, training meetings, communication and whatever else each province needs.



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**The work of the Adorers is carried out especially through local entities and projects. Could you tell us what are the main characteristics of all these projects? That is to say, what elements are common to all of them depending on the place where they are**

Yes, we Adorers, being faithful to our charism of adoring freedom, have developed our own style, a way of doing things in projects that creates identity and is what shapes the pedagogical proposal of the Congregation around three horizons or axes of value

love, liberation and encounter, values that are common to every Adorer project, but which require specificities and particularities in each territory and project, according to the concrete reality.

**A work that is made possible by the work of many professionals and hundreds of volunteers...**

who, in a team with the Sisters, do a coordinated, interdisciplinary and intercultural work, offering formation and accompaniment to women in the defense of their rights and their personal liberation.

**We have talked about projects where the work is centred on offering opportunities to women who suffer any kind of exclusion, but other projects such as educational centres are also coordinated from this area. What are the distinguishing features of these educational centres?**

Our educational centres are identified by our pastoral plan, which is also based on the Pedagogy of Love, developed by Santa Maria Micaela. We work for the formation of free, responsible and creative people, based on Gospel values and love of the Eucharist as a banquet of inclusion.

**In general terms, how is the health and social crisis caused by the coronavirus influencing...**

I believe that this global crisis has significantly affected the women we serve, because of their vulnerable status. With Covid 19, the problem of prostitution consumption in many parts of the world did not disappear, but rather it has been readapted to the new conditions of confinement.

One of the main problems that women have had to face is the lack of economic resources to cover their basic needs.

To respond to this, in every place where there is an Adorer presence, according to each reality, I would say that the projects have had to be reinvented to respond to the new demands, above all by offering economic aid for transportation and food; and they have been followed up by telephone to support them in whatever they need.

The shelters have continued to function normally with all the norms of security, and always with the presence of sisters and professionals.



**We say goodbye by asking for a quote or a thought from Santa Maria Micaela that can summarize the work done by this Area of Liberating Action**

And will it be painful and uphill for us to give our lives, our credit, our fortunes and all that we possess on earth to save one that cost the Lord all his most sacred and divine blood? (Internal Rules)

## Solidarity masks



The women of the Adoratriz Vive y Camina Project in Malaga, Spain, have developed masks for the protection of the coronavirus.

It is a very laborious work but they have known how to manage perfectly and support each other, working on companionship and coexistence.



**"WORSHIP IS A  
RELEASE OF THE  
SOUL, A REST OF  
THE SPIRIT  
AND A COMFORT  
OF THE HEART"**

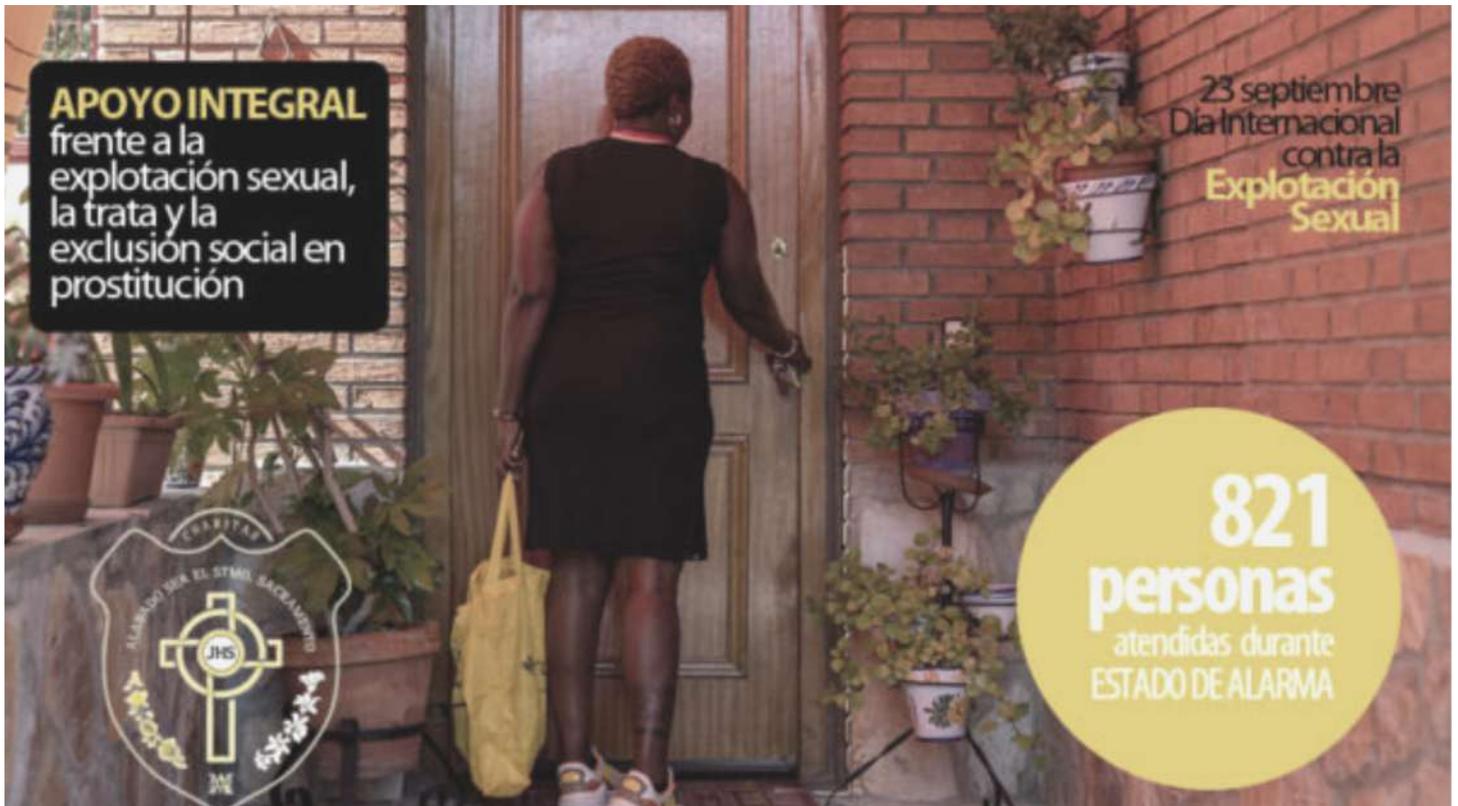
ST. MARY MICAELA

""One whole year the Lord urged me without giving me the knowledge of what He wanted from me, then I understood what He wanted... When I left the prayer one evening, which I redoubled for this purpose, I found that when I went to dinner the Adorers were asking for adoration of the night, with a thousand prayers, the only thing that stopped me. I had said nothing to anyone. I was surprised so much that I went to prayer, to consult God again, and everything that I had found impossible and difficult up to that point, melted away like salt in water. And the perpetual candle was installed on September 8, 1859. Saint Maria Micaela (Favours 48)

On September 8, 1859, at the request of her community, St. Maria Micaela established Perpetual Adoration for the Congregation. A very significant date for the Adorers' family. For this reason the international group of lay people and Adorers "Seed group" organized an online adoration from the community of Valencia, Spain.

Online Adoration could be followed live from the congregation's YouTube channel ([webadoratrices](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)).

# COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, TRAFFICKING AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION IN PROSTITUTION



On September 23, the International Day against Sexual Exploitation, the Adorers' Social Action reiterates its commitment to women and children in situations of social exclusion in contexts of prostitution, as well as to those who are victims of the crime of sexual exploitation and/or victims of human trafficking for sexual exploitation.

The Social Action of the Adorers insists on its deep concern for the serious impact that the situation of health, social and economic crisis caused by the pandemic is having on the most vulnerable groups, among which are the women who are the target group of our activities.

From a gender and human rights perspective, Adorers develops specialized resources for comprehensive support for the physical, psychological, emotional and social recovery of these women. It provides coverage in 7 Autonomous Communities: Andalusia, Catalonia, the Basque Country, Castilla León, Castilla La Mancha, Ceuta and Madrid.

The services offered, which aim to achieve the social inclusion of our target group, are different according to the specialization of the delegations, and include Street work, 24-hour telephone hotlines, specialised case detection teams, residential care services and outpatient care services - Day Centres - .

The care offered must respond to the specific needs of each woman, based on an intervention plan designed together with her, applying an intersectional approach that takes into account her reality and specific context. The final objective is that each woman can recover her autonomy and capacity to decide on her own life.



## **VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE AREA OF GENERAL LIBERATING ACTION IN THE PROVINCE OF AMERICA**

From August 17th to 20th, 2020, the local communities, lay people and professionals of the social projects of Adorers, lived a series of days of approach to the Adorers Pedagogy, developing them in the great virtual space, due to the measures of care that follow with rigor in most Latin American countries.

The organization was in charge of the general coordinator of Acción Liberadora, Sister Rosaura Patiño, and had the logistic support of the members of the provincial area, registering up to 101 connection points in the Microsoft Teams platform.

The meeting was structured in three socialization workshops on the Adorers' pedagogy, two life testimonies in which the fundamental features of our pedagogy were reflected within the intervention processes. On the last day, a panel with two experts on migration, human trafficking and economic and social linkage alternatives was held.

The participants were grateful for the space and what was shared in it and suggested continuing to deepen their own pedagogy, because of its richness and validity.



## VIRTUAL TRAINING OF ACCOMPANIMENT

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On the evening of July 6, 2020, the congregation's International Vocational Pastoral Team (IVPT) met. The delegate of the General Government, Sr. Micaela Tanigaichi, participated in the meeting. The meeting was formative and took place virtually.

Training in accompaniment is an important aspect of our Adorers' pedagogy; it is a necessity for pastoral agents to respond to the challenge of walking with young people today.

The situation of the pandemic caused by Covid-19 confirms in a clear way the need to sharpen the sense of listening: to listen to the sufferings, concerns and worries of young people and others.

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# THE VOCATIONAL PASTORAL CARE, A CHALLENGE THAT CHALLENGES US ALL



The province of America has recently held an online vocational meeting. The theme of the meeting was "Follow your dreams, don't stop dreaming".

The meeting had as its starting document the apostolic "Christus Vivit" of Pope Francis. This meeting, which had to be held online because of health conditions, had a high participation of young people from Argentina, the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Venezuela and the vast majority from Bolivia.

This meeting was organized by the Vocational Pastoral team of the province of America and prepared by the sisters of Venezuela: Sisters Teresa Díaz, Maite Escalante, Yohana Sánchez and Yudith Constanzo, a lay Adorer.





This year marks the 155th anniversary of the death of Santa María Micaela. Her death is an example of what her life was: dedication, generosity and closeness.

