

# Newsletter

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SUMMARY



# 165 years of the Adorer Charism



## Stage III: Looking at our present: the meaning of consecration and Adorer identity.

Europe-Africa Province

On June 15, the feast of St. Maria Micaela, we began the celebration of the 165th anniversary of the foundation of our Congregation. We were invited to live, as an Adorer family, a year of thanksgiving, a year of renewal, a year of revitalizing the Charism... We are now in the final stage, and, on this occasion, we have been invited to the Europe-Africa Province to motivate the experience from March, with the adoration on the 4th feast of the canonization, until the 15th of June. Let us be prepared so that, looking at our present, we may live our consecration and our Adorer identity with a renewed commitment.



These have been months in which, from different proposals, we have been able to "remember our origins with gratitude, from the challenging present, with our eyes and hearts turned towards the future that is knocking at our door and demanding answers". Stage after stage, always bearing in mind the motto: "Looking at the origins to revitalize the future", we have gratefully welcomed each of the proposals. During the months of July to October we have looked, deepened, prayed with Maria Micaela, in her spiritual itinerary, we have deepened in the richness that she passed on to us, we have enjoyed sharing in community until arriving at the II stage, that has been inviting us to look at the Congregation with affection and gratitude, in these last months, we have been able, to savour, to renew, to update our congregational values. Now, in this final stage we are going to look at our present, the today of our history to live in a renewed way the gift of our consecration, our Adorer identity .



# 165 years of the Adorer Charism



We hope that this has been a time for personal and community experiences, sharing with laity and with the women who are part of the different projects. During these months we have been invited to deepen, from the different provinces, with the cultural richness that this entails, our Identity and Charism. In the Gift received from the Spirit to the Church which, transmitted over the years, continues to shape our being today as sisters, and as people committed to the Shared Mission. We are invited to celebrate not an event of the past, something that happened, and we commemorate, but to remember, to go through the heart again, and to let ourselves be affected, provoked, touched by the spirit of Maria Micaela and, with the strength of the Spirit, to launch ourselves to revitalize the life of the Congregation, with the newness that our historical moment demands of us. We will set our eyes on the Mission, walking our streets, being present in the life of the Church at this time of synodality.

In this third stage we will continue to pray, to worship, to share, to discern, to experience, to feel the charism alive. We want to continue to celebrate with joy and hope throughout the Congregation the 165th anniversary of our foundation. To give meaning to what it means to revive, to vitalize the charism of Adoration-Liberation. We want to keep ourselves on the way to the Light and Inspirations of the Spirit to give the answers that at congregational level we are perceiving, in each place to approach, welcome and walk with the women who today continue to cry out and live in so many situations of slavery. Maria Micaela continues to make the way and to encourage our life .



[English](#)

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# 165 years of the Adorer Charism



## Materials for the month of March.

Province Europe-Africa

We share the materials of the month of March of the second stage of the celebration of the 165th anniversary of our foundation.



[Watch video](#)

[History of each Province](#)

[Japan Foundation](#)

[Other Foundations](#)

[America Foundation \(English\)](#)

[India Foundation \(English\)](#)



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## Celebration of the Canonization of Mother Micaela. Prayer vigil.

On March 4, the feast of St. Maria Micaela, a prayer vigil was held in the Adorer community of Madrid (Ramirez Arellano 11) at 20:30 hours.

The celebration could also be followed on the congregation's YouTube channel ([webadoratrices](#)).

The vigil was organized by the commission of the province of Europe-Africa as part of the 165th anniversary of the congregation.





## Celebration of the Canonization of Madre Micaela.

For the celebration of the canonization of St. Maria Micaela, the schools of America have sent us images of the drawings of the students of the centers dedicated to our foundress.



We share them all together in video format:

[Watch the video](#)





## Celebration of the Canonization of Mother Micaela. The same Charism.

4 de marzo



Canonización Santa María Micaela

On this anniversary of the canonization of St. Maria Micaela, we talk about the charism of the Adorers. We do so through the testimonies of two Adorers: Sister Gregoria Gonzalez and Sister Sonya Bhandari.

Sister Gregoria González is the oldest Adorer of the congregation (102 years) and Sister Sonya Bhandari is the youngest (30 years).

Different generations; the same charism.

[Watch the video](#)





## Day of Consecrated Life.

We share this video of the Sisters Adorers of the Province of Europe-Africa in commemoration of the 26th Day of Consecrated Life, which this February 2 is celebrated under the theme "Walking together" from consecration, listening, communion and mission.



[Wacth the video](#)





## Saint Josephine Bakhita

On the 8th of February we celebrate Saint Josephine Bakhita. International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. On this day the Church promotes the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking.

But who was Saint Josephine Bakhita? In this video we explain it to you.

[Watch the video](#)





## “Sentinels of the Dawn”

Sister. Soraya Sequera, Community of Manizales - Colombia

An International leadership seminar for the Family of Sisters Adorers was held from 31st January to 2nd February 2022. It was entitled "Sentinels of the Dawn", for imparting leadership for thinking and creating an open world in a changing epoch." We began our meeting with a contemplative moment gazing at the Icon of Mercy against the background of the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti, where we were invited to be good Samaritans, who knew how to put himself in the place of others and walk together with him.



During these days, it was an opportunity to meet together, look at ourselves, listen, get to know each other, and feel part of the "Family". I realised that we are living in a very particular historical moment, where we are evolving. I am invited to "help the Aurora to be born", in the life of the other and also to be attentive and listen to the personal call to build together new dawn.

We have been invited to be men and women of courage who are not afraid to discover ourselves vulnerable, fragile and allow ourselves to connect with ourselves and with each other, who create interrelationships and see every problem as a new opportunity to grow. We are invited to be leaders who challenge and creatively strive to be authentic, deep and compassionate. We have learned that "We are a community of possibilities, not a community of problems".





As leaders, we are called to be hosts who seek to convene diversity in different points of view so that creative processes emerge where each member feels part of a whole.

It has been very interesting to see the links that we have created over the years and that today we realise that we are a living system present in many parts and that we are all interconnected in the same being, doing and being where our distinctive feature is "LOVE".

We ended our meeting with the contemplation on the "Two denarii to the innkeeper" from the parable of the Good Samaritan. We were invited to remember our call as innkeepers and the coins one has received to continue being an innkeeper.

I am immensely grateful to God and the General Government of our Congregation for creating these spaces of formation that allow us to continue to grow and cultivate our vocation.

I end with this invitation... We know that we are at the dawn of a new era of leadership... we must train our eyes to be able to see what is being born...





## «Many times, the Lord reveals to the youngest what is best».

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Dear Adorer Family, it is with great joy that we would like to send you the material of the III Formation of Adorer Pastoral Agents under the title: "The encounter with the living Jesus Christ in vocational and youth ministry".

This space for meeting, reflection and prayer took place on the 19th of March and was animated and accompanied by Iván Ariel Fresia, Salesian Religious, Professor of Philosophy and Educational Sciences with orientation in Youth Pastoral.

We were invited to rethink "a pastoral ministry centred on the God who lives in young people, to reflect on how we are creating inclusive spaces, where there is room for all categories of young people and where it really shows that we are an open-door Church".

In the attached document we share the documents of this formative space.



[Video part 1](#)

[Video part 2](#)

[Material in Spanish](#)

[Poster](#)

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## First Sunday of Lent



During the Sundays of Lent, we will approach the testimonies of women who have known the Adorer charism in one of the projects of the congregation.

On this first Sunday, we present the testimony of a woman who has known the Adorers in a project of the Europe-Africa province.

[Watch the Video-Testimony](#)



# Reflection: lent 2022



## Second Sunday of Lent



On this second Sunday of Lent, we present to you the testimony of a woman who met the Adorers in a project of the Province of America.

[Watch the Video-Testimony](#)





## Third Sunday of Lent



Tercer domingo de  
Cuaresma

On this third Sunday of Lent, we present to you the testimony of a woman who met the Adorers in a project in the province of Mumbai (India).

[Watch the Video-Testimony](#)



# Reflection: Lent 2022



## Fourth Sunday of Lent



On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we present the testimony of a woman who met the Adorers in a project in the province of Kolkata (India).

[Watch the Video-Testimony](#)



# Our Projects



## The social work of the Adorers deepens the prevention and care of trafficking in the context of Covid-19 in Spain and Latin America

Strengthening transnational collaboration against trafficking between Spain and Latin America by promoting the prevention, care and reduction of human trafficking is the aim of this awareness-raising initiative which the RR Adorers are going to carry out in various Latin American countries, and which is financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation through its call for the dissemination, promotion, and protection of Human Rights.

The aim of this activity is to analyze the different dynamics that are being experienced in Latin America in relation to trafficking and covid-19 as well as to enable the articulation of joint actions to prevent and activate care for women at risk of suffering this serious violation of human rights.

Among the actions planned was the holding of a webinar on 24 March in which experts reflected on aspects related to migratory contexts in pandemic situations and care for women in situations of trafficking. The initiative also allowed for the sharing of strategies for prevention and the fight against this serious violation of rights.

The activity was carried out in the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil and Argentina as well as in Spain using the network of social works that the Adorers RR have in these countries.



# Our Projects



## INCREASED VULNERABILITY DUE TO COVID-19.

The "UNODC Strategic Vision for Latin America and the Caribbean 2022-2025" points out that confinement and other pandemic-related measures have left women at greater risk and more exposed to gender-based violence such as human trafficking. Indeed, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime report cites among its objectives to strengthen multi-sectoral cooperation and address gaps in national coordination mechanisms, as well as to protect and assist victims of trafficking.

Another recent report on "The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on trafficking in persons and responses to the challenges", developed by UNODC's Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling Section, shows that measures to curb the spread of the virus exposed victims to further exploitation through lack of access to essential services for survivors of the crime. The study also reveals that children are increasingly being targeted by traffickers who use social media and other online platforms to recruit new victims.



- 15:00 h Presentación y bienvenida**  
Hna. Antonia López, Superiora de la Provincia de Europa y África  
Hna. Gabriela Vajlit, Superiora de la Provincia de América
- 15:15 h Foro**  
**La Trata de mujeres en contextos migratorios en medio de la pandemia del COVID-19**
  - **Exodo de las mujeres venezolanas**  
Martha Rodríguez, Iniciativa en San Fernando, (Venezuela)
  - **Cruce de fronteras y ruta migratoria**  
Soledad Arias, Proyecto de intervención en Cúcuta, zona metropolitana y ruta migratoria
  - **La Triple Frontera**  
Diego Riquelme, Lídera la intervención en la zona de la Triple frontera, Bolivia, Perú y Brasil
  - **Contextos de mujeres migrantes latinoamericanas ante la trata con fines de explotación sexual**  
Verónica Torres, PhD Ciencias Humanas y Sociales, Universidade Federal do ABC
- 17:00 h Descanso**
- 17:35 h Ponencia**  
**Lecciones aprendidas y buenas prácticas - España**  
Margarita García Alemán, Responsable del servicio de detección e identificación del Proyecto Esperanza, Obra Social Ademar en España
- 18:00 h Trabajo en grupos**  
**Estrategias conjuntas de prevención de la Trata con fines de explotación sexual**  
Mónica Hna. Marije Rodríguez, Delegada de Acción Liberadora de la Provincia de América
- 18:45 h Conclusiones y cierre**  
Hna. María Luisa Pujol, Delegada de Acción Liberadora de la Provincia de Europa y África



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# News in brief

## «LET THE GUNS FALL SILENT. GOD IS WITH PEACEMAKERS, NOT WITH THOSE WHO USE VIOLENCE»

From the General Government of the Sisters Adorers, we join Pope Francis' new cry for peace in Ukraine: "Let the guns fall silent. God is with the peacemakers, not with those who use violence".

We therefore ask the entire Adorer Family to join in a Day of prayer and fasting for peace in Ukraine on March 2, Ash Wednesday, called by Pope Francis.

"It will be a day to be close to the sufferings of the Ukrainian people, to feel that we are all brothers and sisters and to implore God for an end to the war," Pope Francis reminds us.

## "BI-WEEKLY PRESS DOSSIERS".

We present fortnightly press dossiers where we gather news about our congregation, our projects and about human trafficking and sexual exploitation. We hope that this fortnightly tool will be useful to the Adorer Family to keep them informed.



[2nd half of January 2022](#)

[1st fortnight of February 2022](#)

[2nd Fortnight of February 2022](#)

[1st fortnight of March 2022](#)

## MONOGRAPHIC «WOMEN'S DAY»

On International Women's Day 2022, we share with the whole Adorers family the news related to this day in which our congregation appears as well as the activities carried out by our projects.



[Monographic](#)

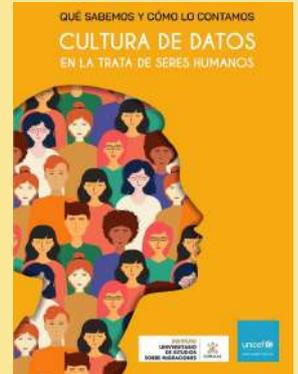




## “DATA CULTURE IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING: WHAT WE KNOW AND HOW WE TELL IT ”.

UNICEF Spain and the University Institute for Migration Studies (IUEM) of the Comillas Pontifical University present this report in which they highlight the need for reliable, complete, and real data to tackle the problem of trafficking in our country.

Download the document: <https://cutt.ly/8PKXpFf>



## “THE FLY IN THE ASH ”.

The film is about two close friends who arrive in Buenos Aires from the Northwest looking for a better future but are victims of a deception and have to work in a brothel. There, one of them will adapt to survive and the other will try to flee.

Full movie: <https://youtu.be/7j9JR2OTKfo>



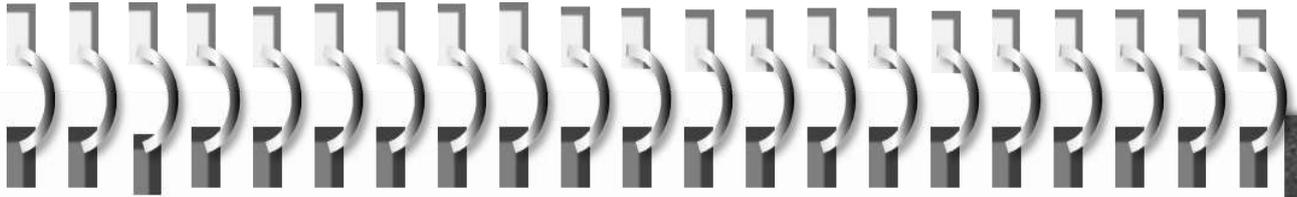
## “THE YEAR OF EXPLOITATION AND ORDEAL OF MARCELA, VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING ”.

Marcela - fictitious name - was studying law and working in a law firm. She lost her job and the problems began.

Link to the report: <https://www.rtve.es/play/videos/las-claves-del-siglo-xxi/explotacion-calvario-victima-trata/6434359/>



# General Government Agenda



## AGENDA DEL EQUIPO GENERAL. ABRIL — MAYO 2022

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### **S. Teresa Valenzuela.**

-  On the 4th of April there is an online meeting of the Plenary Assembly. This Plenary Assembly brings together the Superiors General of the world, organized by the UISG (International Union of Superiors General). From the 2nd to the 6th of May, she will participate in person in the Plenary Assembly of the UISG Superiors General at the Hotel Ergife-Rome. On the 5th of April, she will be present at the meeting of the Provincial Leaders of the Area of Formation and the Provincial Superiors.
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### **S. Margarita Navío.**

-  On the 5th of April she coordinates an online meeting of the Area of Formation with the provincial superiors and the coordinating consultors of this Area. On the 21st of April she has an online meeting with the Congregational Formation Commission. On the 4th of May she has scheduled an online meeting with the Formators of the first stages of formation.
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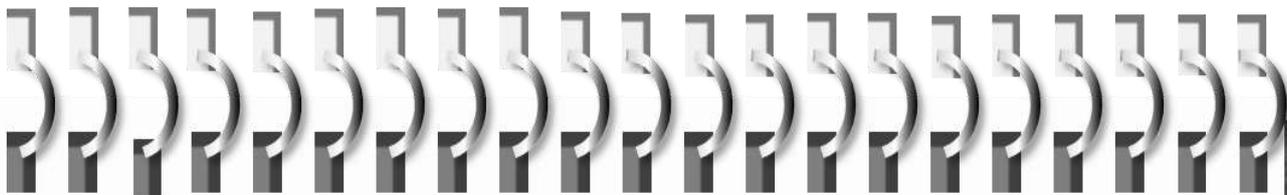
### **S. Rosaura Patiño**

-  On the 4th of April she has an online meeting with the coordinator of Liberating Action of America and the Amaranta Foundation about the projects financially supported by this foundation.
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# General Government Agenda



## **S. Micaela Tanigaichi.**

-  On the 21st of April she has an online formation meeting with Japanese sisters to give them the pastoral formation of modules 2 and 3. On the 7th of May she has an online training meeting for the pastoral agents "module 4". On 21st of May she will coordinate the international online meeting with the international pastoral team.

## **S. Fara Galati.**

-  On the 2nd of April she has scheduled the third formation meeting with the "seed group". On the 4th of April she has a meeting with the communication team as part of their programming. On the 8th of May, she will participate in the eighth online meeting of the Commission in charge of drawing up the General Formation Plan for lay people and sisters in Shared Mission. From the 17th to the 25th of May, she will meet in person in Madrid-Casa Madre, with some members of the Commission of the General Plan of Formation for Shared Mission, to continue the work of the Plan.

## **S. María José Palomino.**

-  She is in Rome carrying out the tasks of the Secretary General.

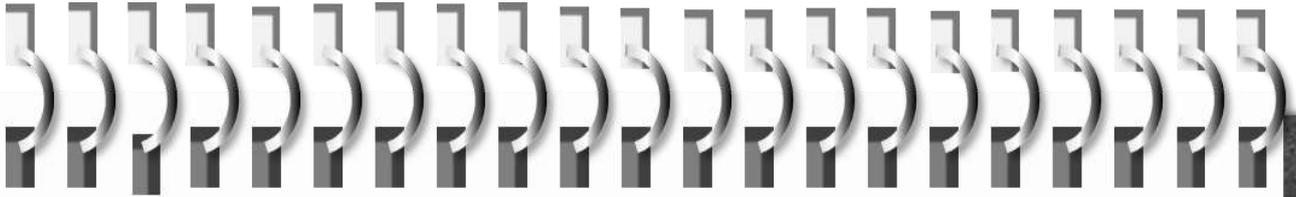
## **S. Carmen Bosch.**

-  She will continue in Madrid with her work of General Administration and the coordination of the Study of sustainability which is being carried out in the Congregation. In the first two weeks of May, she will make her spiritual exercises.

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# General Government Agenda



 **S. Teresa V., with Srs. Margarita N., Micaela T. y Fara G.**

 On the 6th of April will travel to Spain for the Spiritual Exercises. They return to Rome on the 19th.

 **S. Rosaura P. y Fara G.**

 will coordinate an online formation meeting of their respective areas together on 1-2 April. Sisters from the two Indian provinces will participate. Antonio Santillán CMF will support with a presentation on Shared Mission.

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