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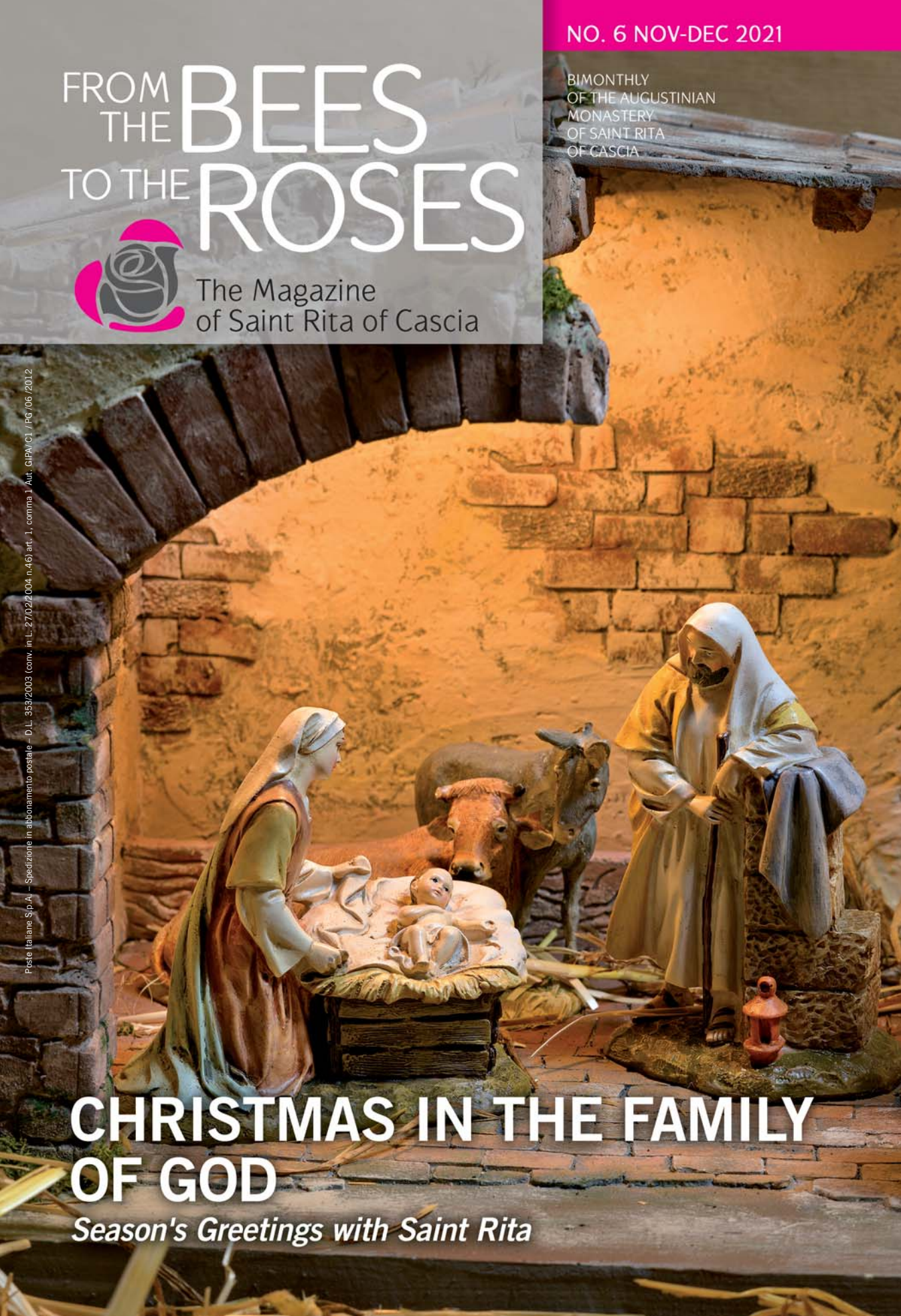


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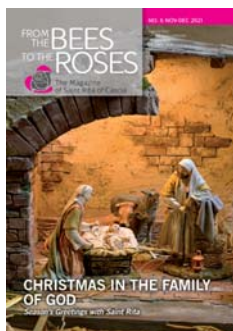
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A year in dialogue with Blessed Maria Teresa Fasce

“I want it even if it costs, I want it because it costs, I want it at any cost.”

This was the motto of Blessed Maria Teresa Fasce, an Augustinian nun who lived here in the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia in the first half of the 1900s. For 27 years, until her death, she led the community as Abbess, leaving an indelible mark on history. In October, we kicked off the year of preparations to celebrate the 25th anniversary of her beatification, which will be in October 2022. As such, the 2022 Ritian Calendar that accompanies this issue is dedicated to her.

What does this sentence tell us about Mother Fasce and what we can do today, perhaps as a resolution for the holidays and the new year? For her, these words were a real way of life. As a merciful and free woman in Christ, she never left things as they were but always tried to improve them. I interpret her motto from this point of view: Blessed Mother Fasce tells us that when we set ourselves goals we must not surrender to the first obstacle, but rather understand the difficulties, and

trust and entrust ourselves to the Lord to overcome them. The cost to which she refers is not, in fact, the material price but that of our commitment, which determines the true value we give to what we do. Mother Fasce managed to create many works in this way. I will mention a few: this very magazine, the Basilica and the Beehive of Saint Rita, where we still carry on her teaching by raising many young people from families experiencing difficulties.

On 12 October 1997, during the beatification ceremony Pope John Paul II referred to her motto, saying: “it constitutes the most significant synthesis of her days spent in industriousness, in suffering offered to the Lord and in mystical experience. May these words of hers guide the life choices of each of you. That, like her, may you present yourselves before God with your hands full of many gestures of love.” This is also my wish, for you and your loved ones!



Accompanied by Blessed Mother Fasce, a Holy Christmas and Happy 2022 from the Augustinian Family of Cascia, the beehive of Saint Rita, the Saint Rita of Cascia non-profit Foundation and the editors of From the Bees to the Roses



by Nicoletta Di Benedetto

Family, gift and conquest

Don Fabio Rosini, director of the Diocesan Vocations Service of Rome, answers questions from Nicoletta Di Benedetto



Christmas is a holiday that is first and foremost experienced as a family, but what does it mean to be a family today? The Church has dedicated this year to St. Joseph, the symbolic figure of the father, so I interviewed Don Fabio Rosini, who has written a book on the Patriarch of Christianity and is a guide for many young people and couples.

Are Mary and Joseph a family model for our present day? Without a shadow of a doubt, we need points of reference now more than ever. Due to a series of radical changes in culture and perspective, we have a rather incomplete vision of family reality. Mary and Joseph represent examples because of their human aspect and their robustness, hospitality, care for life and love of the good.

Starting from your book "San Giuseppe: accogliere, custodire,

nutrire" (Saint Joseph: welcoming, guarding, nourishing), what message does Joseph bring us? St. Joseph is the figure of a man who finds himself faced with a great change in his history, and instead of taking refuge in his established patterns, he opens up to reality. He is an excellent point of reference for restoring beauty to the male role. St. Joseph was faced with the possibility of an even greater good. We need to open ourselves to greatness and to the sublime again.

St. Joseph made the mystery of what was in Jesus blossom. What can we say about the role of the father in modern families? First of all, the fact that Joseph is in some way the guarantor and guardian of Jesus' greatness. This is expressed through an act that is somewhat underestimated by common readings: the first thing that the Angel asks Joseph, in addition to taking Mary and the Child with him, is to give him his name. He must say to Jesus: 'you are salvation'. Giving a name to the boys, girls and young people of this generation is the way to deliver their importance, their truth. Returning to St. Joseph, he was also someone who knew how to take a step back and disappear at the right moment. And this is the father's task - at a certain point he must allow the son to become the central point.



Many families come to Cascia to entrust their journey together to the Lord, under the guidance of Saint Rita

TAKE AND READ



Craftswomen of the Future with Rita of Cascia, Rossano Augustinian Nuns TAU Editrice

In life and in faith, the example of Saint Rita is a path of growth, because by making her values our own, we discover that her holiness can also be ours. The book by the Augustinians of Rossano (Cosenza - Calabria) was created to learn how to act from her. "Rita whispers to us the secrets of the art of a listening heart, of God and of humanity; she shows us the traits of an artisanal heart, that is, patient, full of dedication, attentive to finishing touches and details, all attitudes for which humanity has a great thirst."

CHRISTMAS WITH THE LORD

The family: a vocation or a confrontation day after day? Both. It is a vocation because it starts from the work of God. The current failure of families is the failure of the foundations, starting with ourselves. The family is a vocation and if it isn't, I don't know what else it can be given the current absolute fragility we're experiencing. On the other hand, it is something that is done every day. It is a bit like the story of the promised land, which is both a gift and a conquest; God gives it to us, but we have to take it. This is the vocation: God delivers it to us, but we must cultivate it.

Looking at Saint Rita, do you have any advice for all families? The story of Saint Rita is the story of every true Christian family. She knew full well that Providence guides events. So the 'secret' lies in the covenant with God, in experiencing the things of life in God. We are what we are but with God. Saint Rita's adventure is that of many saints, who in the midst of frightening trials discover that they are strong with the Lord – not strong in themselves but strong with God. We should follow their example.

Joseph is the guarantor and guardian of Jesus' greatness

Saint Rita knew well that Providence guides events

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On 7 August, the Municipality of Montorio Romano (Rome) dedicated the renewed library to fellow citizen Father Remo Piccolomini, an Augustinian believer who was in Cascia for many years of his life. He spent all his energy in the name of Saint Rita, to

whom he was very devoted. In fact, Prior Father Mario De Santis was present at the ceremony for the Augustinian Community of Cascia, which was a real family for him. Father Remo was a passionate student of the thought and spirituality of St. Augustine, so much

so that he was able to bring him to ordinary people, in part through this magazine, so as to make him known and loved by all. Thanks to him, the library of Montorio Romano, of which Father Remo was director, now contains the Opera OMNIA by Saint Augustine.



by Mother Maria Rosa
Bernardinis

I BRING YOU JESUS

Get to know Jesus and learn to love Him
with the Prioress of the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia

We are part of the family of God

It's Christmas! The churches, houses, shops and streets are adorned with lights, filled with sounds and songs. Gifts are given to friends, family and loved ones. We also want to make those far away happy. Everything portends a beautiful event that will enchant young and old.

The mystery of Jesus' birth is truly great! It occurred more than 2000 ago with his birth, and it continues to be actualised today in the life of those who embrace him. In the fullness of time, a wonderful exchange took place: the Creator born of the

Virgin, made man without the work of man, gives us his divinity. By free adherence to God's plan, the Word "becomes" flesh in Mary's womb. She welcomes him and becomes the Mother of God. Joseph assumes his legal paternity, introduces him to social and religious life and teaches him his craft as a carpenter. The Family of Nazareth, so humble and poor, which is in Bethlehem for a census by the Roman emperor, is at the centre of the history of salvation.

With the incarnation of the Son (in the flesh), who is Redemption (liberation) for us, God the Father gives us the gift of being part of His family through the Spirit. I was seven when I realised this, on the day of my first communion. It was my first Christmas!

With this awareness, the lights of the decorations take on a new meaning. They say: Jesus is the light of the world. Exchanging gifts reminds me of the gift of the Father, who gave everything in the Son! True joy is born in me and becomes a form of sharing, because Jesus, as rich as he was, became poor to enrich me and make me a daughter of God! Wonderful!

How do you develop this intimacy? Through Baptism. If, like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we are open and available to do God's will, we experience His provident hand, which guides us to fully enact the plan for salvation, for us and for all the people He loves. With these sentiments, I wish everyone a good, or rather a holy Christmas, from the Monastery of Saint Rita!



The Family
of Nazareth
is at the
centre of the
history of
salvation





by Sister M. Natalina
Todeschini OSA

DIALOGUE WITH
THE MONASTERY

Thank you, Lord

“God calls us to collaborate
on His project of Love”

I wanted to celebrate the 50th anniversary of my consecration in the Augustinian contemplative life to say my thanks to the Lord before everyone. I could have celebrated it in the secret of my soul or alone with my community, but I felt a strong need in my heart to express the huge gratitude that flows from it.

God is love! This is the common thread that has linked these 50 years together in the service of my siblings in prayer and love... and it is not easy to encapsulate them in a few lines!

First of all, my thanks go to the Lord for the many gifts he has lavished me with, and above all for the gift of Mary, Our Lady, who collaborated so well with her Son. Mary was in my life before birth, when my mother consecrated me to her, asking that the child she was carrying belong to God. God always calls us to collaborate on His plan of Love but certain calls have been more significant for me: I remember three.

The **vocation**: I was 17 when I lost two friends. This painful experience led me to reflect on whether life had any meaning, but I received faith from my family. I learned to pray from my mother, and she taught me love for God and my neighbour. These values

are Fundamental for what the Lord would ask of me. After the loss of my friends, I intensified my prayer and, one day, after receiving the Eucharist in my heart, I experienced a peace, a light, a happiness and a life I had never known. It was my first experience of God's love and I said: this Lord is what I seek and desire. I spent two years in reflection and prayer to understand God's plan for my life, because in the meantime I understood that life had a meaning and I no longer wanted to waste it and throw it away in superficiality. The experience of God opened my eyes to the needs and sufferings of my siblings and I wanted to be wherever there was a need to console and help. I wanted to reach the end of the world. But we are small and only God can perform this miracle. Then I said to him: “I offer you my life in prayer, giving the total gift of all of myself. You be the one to heal, to instruct, to console everyone through me, a 'small particle of your creation that wants to praise, love and serve you'”. And at the age of 20 I left my town in the province of Vicenza for the Monastery of Cascia, with the joy and enthusiasm of my young age. I have always felt welcomed, loved, supported

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On 4 September, Mother Natalina celebrated the 50th anniversary of her religious profession with her loved ones in the Basilica of Saint Rita.

You can live
happily in
sickness,
because God
loves us

and trusted by my community.

I spent years searching for the Face of God, with the openness and acceptance of my siblings.

The **mission**: 6 years in mission territory, with a period in Kenya and five and a half years in the Philippines. After the first 20 years, I accepted the invitation to help open a monastery in the Philippines, in part because I have always had this missionary concern. I encountered the poverty of so many people there, my heart ached. There were too many poor and too many rich. I tried to make myself poor among the poor. I come from a poor family and I've never needed anything superfluous. We shared the little we had with our poor siblings. The important thing was not to eat bread alone. I learned even more about simplicity and sharing. You can live happily even with few things. God increasingly became the true and only wealth. It took plenty of effort, but it was rewarded by the affection and the welcome of the Filipino people, by their beautiful faith and their gratitude for every small gift and gesture they received. The monastery was built to offer prayer and love. Some-

thing had been created and we gave thanks to God: "we are useless servants, we have done what we had to do." What I had done was enough for God and he invited me to return to Cascia to continue to serve him through the many siblings who ask us to minister consolation at the grating. I did not take this invitation to leave the missionary land well, but the Lord tells us: "My ways are not your ways, my thoughts are not your thoughts." My faith was still not firmly rooted in His Love, and once again Our Lady helped me to accept everything as a propitious occasion to give life to Her Son in my Community, and peace resurfaced in my heart. It was truly a great peace that came with the joy of doing His Will.

The **illness**: 10 years ago I learned that I had a malignant tumour. I was alone. I needed a moment of silence to understand what was happening. Then I said... "Thank you Lord. After all, who am I that I should not suffer what the world suffers? But give me your strength because you know that I don't know how to suffer." It was a special visit from the Lord, which still continues to-



day. It was a GIFT, an opportunity to grow and mature as a woman and ordained person: this is how I have always felt it and have always lived it. Although the treatments were quite harsh, it was not too difficult, because abandonment to the Will of God and my trust in Him gave me a peace and an inner strength that only Grace can give. I tried to show the many siblings I found in the hospital, even in silence, that we can live happily even in sickness, because God loves us: His Love lives in our heart and from there we draw the Grace, the strength and the peace to face every difficulty and heal our illnesses. He is the Almighty Doctor who takes care of us, we are in his hands and therefore we must not fear anything.

What can I add? I have spent 50 years enveloped by the Lord's Love, Tenderness, Goodness and Mercy. I wish to spend the time I have left in obedience to the Holy Spirit and in filling my days with good, in being a blessing for my neighbours, near and far, in not

passing from this world in vain.

Yes, God is Love and I thank him for His infinite Mercy.

I also thank all those who wanted to share my joy. Father Giovanni Scanavino, our dear Augustinian Bishop, made my preparation for this event special by offering us four meditations (a life of love, a life of beauty, a life of perfume, a life of true freedom for the children of God), taking inspiration from the Rule of St. Augustine. It concludes with the blessing: "The Lord grant that you may observe all these precepts in a spirit of charity as lovers of spiritual **beauty**, giving forth the good **odour** of Christ in the holiness of your lives: not as slaves living under the law but as **people** living in freedom under grace" (Rule no. 48).

I sincerely thank my family, the Sisters, the Brothers, the doctors and nurses who take care of my health with love and my friends, including those from far away.

Deo gratias! Semper, Deo gratias!

I wish to be a blessing for my neighbour

THEY LIVE IN CHRIST

To you, Lord, we humbly recommend these our dead because, as in their mortal life they have always been loved by You of immense love, so now, freed from all evil, may they enter by Your grace into eternal rest. Amen.

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Your testimonies presented by Maurizia Di Curzio,
assistant to the listening service of the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia

The joy of Christians

I arrived in Cascia many years ago as a pilgrim. It was here that Rita was born and lived out her authentic religiosity, to the point of becoming a light for those who have faith, an example and a lesson for living according to the Gospel. I was fascinated by this saint who lived through all the experiences of life and leaves no one indifferent. That pilgrimage was followed by others. I didn't miss any opportunities to go back. Thus began my spiritual journey in the company of Saint Rita. I felt her close at all times, as if her presence were always alive in my home. On 22 December I fell and damaged my spine: the night before a visit, although I was convinced that I would undergo an operation, in a dream a voice told me: "when you go to the neurosurgeon you must say that an Augustinian nun has already visited you." The doctor said there was no longer any need to operate. I breathed a sigh of relief. Slowly, I started walking again, until I was completely healed. I don't have to tell you who the nun was, do I?

(M. a pilgrim)

"May my joy be in you and may your joy be complete." (Jn 15.11). It is with joy and with this verse of the Gospel that I wish to greet you. I have presented to you the testimonies of grace received, seeking help in His Word to stop and reflect. From "amazement" to "compassion", to "prayer", to being prudent so as "not to be deceived", to "remaining in Him", to "joy": this is the identity card of the Christian. We must be men and women with joy in our hearts. Full joy can only be found in God who is "360-degree fullness". Any other joy is



fleeting and not total. It is the joy that comes from knowing that you are loved in a definitive way, with no ifs or buts. It is the joy that manifests itself in the most difficult and tiring moments. It is the joy of knowing that we are never alone and that "if our heart reproaches us for something, God is greater than our heart". It is the bliss of those who trust in the Lord and follow him every day. I wish a holy 2022 to the "sunflower" people who shine; generous ones who sometimes remain in the dark to give light to others; to people who know how to communicate emotions and feelings with simple words; to those who are luminous by their own inner light, who never shine by reflected light; to people who "are" and do not need to appear. Happy New Year to everyone, no one excluded. With a smile. (MDC)



A home for the families of the sick

The new shelter project by the Monastery of Saint Rita in the Cascia Hospital

The presence of families changes lives. We are taught this by David Moscarelli, from Sgurgola, in the province of Frosinone, who is 42 years old and has lived in a wheelchair for six. "I have a cervical spinal cord injury and it is a miracle that I am alive and able to move my arms, after years of therapy." At the beginning of 2020, David saw hope of continuing to improve in the Cascia Hospital rehabilitation centre, which is recognised throughout Italy as a hub of excellence. However, he would have been alone during the course of treatments lasting more than 20 days, because his parents couldn't afford the costs of staying in a hotel or in a house. "We asked the nuns of the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia for help, and thanks to them my

mum and dad were hosted by a family. If they hadn't come with me, I would never have come to Cascia," he says in a broken voice. "I would not have experienced the benefits of physiotherapy and I would not have discovered the cutting-edge machinery that allows me to keep my body active. It's a matter of life to me! How many sick people give up on improving their lives, as I would have done without the nuns, for fear of being alone, because their families can't afford the travel expenses?" Starting from this question, the nuns want to give a concrete answer to the needs of those who, like David, have the right to the best care and proximity to their families, without further sacrifices. This led to the project to renovate the north wing of the Cascia Hospital, which the Augustinians will transform into a home to accommodate families in need and guarantee patients that they can have their loved ones by their side. In fact, since the 2016 earthquake the hospital has been housed in the monastery's former Spiritual Retreat House, which the nuns converted into a hospital structure thanks to the donations of many devotees. Now, the nuns are launching a new mission and to find the necessary funds for the work, they have asked the Saint Rita of Cascia Non-Profit Foundation for help. We are asking for your support to carry out the project, which David describes as a dream. "There is no better therapy than family. You can be as strong as you want, but if you have your family close to you it's a whole other thing." Together, we can make this dream come true for everyone!

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THANK YOU!





by Marta Ferraro

To give and give oneself the love of Saint Rita

The event returns on 30 April and 1 May 2022 throughout Italy

The organisers of the Roses of Saint Rita are already at work to bring the flower symbolic of the saint to piazzas throughout Italy on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May 2022. As such, the sixth edition of the charity event by the Saint Rita of Cascia Non-Profit Foundation continues to support the Beehive of Saint Rita and the children-centred projects of the Saint Rita of Cascia Monastery. Since its creation, the event has raised funds for the Beehive, the monastery's shelter project for minors: a loving nest for girls, called the Little Bees, who come from families in social and economic difficulty, and who are helped to grow by the nuns and qualified personnel.

The heart of the Roses of Saint Rita are the volunteers, who offer their time to distribute the rose plants across the stalls in the piazzas and even privately. Since the first edition in 2017, the initiative has become a success thanks to the volunteers, who increase in number every year so that they now span many cities from the south to the north of Italy, including the islands. In the large family of volunteers, it doesn't matter if you are a veteran, like Paola Luzi from Spinetoli (Marche), or a new entry, like Iolanda Cериello from Formia (Lazio). The strength of this experience is that it

unites everyone in a common purpose: to help those in need in the name of Saint Rita. "I have always been involved in volunteering, because I am a Christian," said Paola, who has been participating since 2018. "My choice to become a volunteer was born out of my desire to carry out a commitment that I felt in my heart: to lend a hand to the Beehive, this project that I have seen and encountered first-hand."

le ROSE
di SANTA
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Paola has been a volunteer for many years. For her, helping the Hive is a commitment that she feels in her heart

The Roses of Saint Rita always manage to inspire enthusiasm. Nothing has changed with the pandemic except the way the plants are distributed. The feelings that move people to help the nuns carry out their acts of charity are still the same and stronger than ever. "This year the relationship with the donors who come to us volunteers to get the roses has been more gratifying," Paola highlighted. "I created a team and we also delivered the plants door to door. I even traveled 40 km, but it was such a joy to see the emotion in people's eyes when they received the symbol of the saint at their homes." Iolanda, on the other hand, told me about her experience with



This year Iolanda participated in the event for the first time, but she is already ready for the 2022 edition

the passion of those who participated for the first time in 2021, and with the satisfaction and certainty that if she had had more rose plants she would have distributed them all. "Given my devotion to Saint Rita, I am always in contact with the monastery. One day I received an email inviting me to become a volunteer and I accepted right away. I liked the idea of actually helping. My pastor took the first plant, which now looks beautiful in the parish garden, and involved the scouts. It was a wonderful experience, which we will repeat in 2022. I was moved by the commitment of the young people, but also that of my dear friends... we were all united by a common cause. It was just a small seed that we sowed this year, to help the Beehive of Saint Rita, because young people are our future." Iolanda and Paola, like the whole family of volunteers, are already ready for the edition on 30 April and 1 May 2022, which will be a new opportunity to give others and themselves the love of Saint Rita!



Mother Fasce and her Little Bees. Monument placed at the beginning of the tree-lined Sanctuary avenue.



I want it even
if it costs,
I want it
because it
costs, I want
it at any cost.

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JANUARY 2022

1	S	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
2	S	2 nd Sunday after Christmas - Sts. Basil and Gregory
3	M	Most Holy Name of Jesus
4	T	Bl. Christine of the Holy Cross OSA
5	W	Bl. Pietro Bonilli
6	T	Epiphany of Our Lord
7	F	St. Raymond of Penyafort
8	S	Bl. Ugolino of Gualdo Cattaneo OSA
9	S	Baptism of Our Lord
10	M	St. Gregory of Nyssa
11	T	St. Hyginus
12	W	St. Aelred of Rievaulx
13	T	Bl. Veronica of Binasco OSA
14	F	St. Felix of Nola
15	S	St. Maurus Ab.
16	S	2 nd Ord. Time - Comm. Deceased Relatives of Members of the Augustinian Order
17	M	St. Anthony ab.
18	T	Bl. Christina of Aquila OSA
19	W	Sts. Marius and Martha
20	T	Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
21	F	St. Agnes
22	S	St. Vincent
23	S	3 rd Ord. Time - Bl. Josephine M. of Beniganim OSA
24	M	St. Francis de Sales
25	T	Conversion of Paul the Apostle
26	W	Sts. Timothy and Titus
27	T	St. Angela Merici
28	F	St. Thomas Aquinas
29	S	Bl. Anthony of Amandola OSA
30	S	4 th Ord. Time - St. Martina
31	M	St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY 2022

1	T	St. Severus
2	W	Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
3	T	Bl. Stephen Bellesini OSA
4	F	Bl. Angelo da Furci OSA
5	S	St. Agatha
6	S	5 th Ord. Time - Sts. Paul Miki and comp.
7	M	Bl. Anselmo Polanco OSA
8	T	Sts. Jerome E. and Bakhita
9	W	St. Apollonia
10	T	1 st Thursday of St. Rita - St. Scholastica
11	F	Our Lady of Lourdes
12	S	Sts. Martyrs of Abitinae
13	S	6 th Ord. Time - Bl. Christine of Spoleto OSA
14	M	Sts. Cyril and Methodius
15	T	Bl. Julia of Certaldo OSA
16	W	BL. SIMON FIDATI OF CASCIA OSA
17	T	2 nd Thursday of St. Rita - Sts. Seven Holy Founders OSM
18	F	St. John Francis Regis
19	S	Bl. Alvaro
20	S	7 th Ord. Time - St. Jacinta Marfo
21	M	St. Peter Damian
22	T	Chair of St. Peter
23	W	St. Polycarp
24	T	3 rd Thursday of St. Rita - St. Modestus
25	F	St. Nestor
26	S	St. Paula
27	S	8 th Ord. Time - St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
28	M	St. Romanus ab.

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Fasce is among the Little
Bees of the time.



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MARCH 2022

1	T	St. David
2	W	Ash Wednesday
3	T	4 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Teresa Eustochio Verzeri
4	F	St. Casimir
5	S	St. Lucius I
6	S	1 st of Lent - St. Victorinus
7	M	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
8	T	St. John of God
9	W	St. Frances of Rome
10	T	5 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Macarius
11	F	St. Constantine
12	S	Bl. Jerome of Recanati OSA
13	S	2 nd of Lent - St. Sabinus
14	M	St. Matilda queen
15	T	St. Zachary
16	W	St. Julian
17	T	6 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Patrick
18	F	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
19	S	St. Joseph
20	S	3 rd of Lent - St. John of Nepomuk
21	M	St. Nicholas of Flüe
22	T	Bl. Ugolino Zefirini OSA
23	W	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
24	T	7 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Catherine of Sweden
25	F	Annunciation of the Lord
26	S	St. Barontius
27	S	4 th of Lent - St. Rupert
28	M	St. Stephen Harding
29	T	St. William Tempier
30	W	St. Leonardo Murialdo
31	T	8 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Benjamin Martyr

APRIL 2022

1	F	St. Ugo
2	S	St. Francis of Paola
3	S	5 th of Lent - St. Luigi Scrosoppi
4	M	St. Isidore Bishop
5	T	Bl. Mariano de la Mata Aparicio OSA
6	W	Bl. Catherine of Pallanza
7	T	9 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. John Baptist de La Salle
8	F	St. Julia Billiart
9	S	St. Demetrius
10	S	Palm Sunday
11	M	St. Stanislaus
12	T	10 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Damian
13	W	St. Martin I
14	T	Maundy Thursday
15	F	Good Friday
16	S	Holy Saturday
17	S	Easter Sunday
18	M	Easter Monday
19	T	St. Leo IX
20	W	Bl. Simon of Todi OSA
21	T	11 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Anselm
22	F	St. Leonidas
23	S	St. George
24	S	2 nd of Easter - Conversion of St. Augustine
25	M	St. Mark ev.
26	T	Our Lady of Good Counsel
27	W	St. Zita of Lucca
28	T	12 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Peter Chanel
29	F	St. Catherine of Siena
30	S	St. Pius V

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The Little Bees in front of the urn that contains the sacred remains of the Blessed soul of Mother Fasce, in the Lower Basilica.



Holiness
consists of
small things.

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MAY 2022

1	S	3 rd of Easter - St. John Artisan
2	M	Bl. William Tirry OSA
3	T	Sts. Philip and James Ap.
4	W	St. Florian
5	T	13 th Thursday of S. Rita - Bl. Spanish martyrs OSA
6	F	St. Peter Nolasco
7	S	St. Flavia Domitilla
8	S	4 th of Easter - Our Lady of Grace OSA
9	M	St. Pachomius
10	T	St. John of Ávila
11	W	Bl. Gregory Celli OSA
12	T	14 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Pancras
13	F	Our Lady of Fátima
14	S	St. Matthew Ap.
15	S	5 th of Easter - St. Isidore
16	M	Sts. Alipius and Possidius OSA
17	T	St. Paschal Baylon
18	W	Bl. William of Toulouse OSA
19	T	15 th Thursday of S. Rita - Bl. Clemente and Augustine OSA
20	F	St. Bernardino of Siena
21	S	Sts. Christopher Magallanes and Comp.
22	S	6 th of Easter - ST. RITA OF CASCIA OSA
23	M	St. Desiderius
24	T	Mary Help of Christians
25	W	St. Bede
26	T	St. Philip Neri
27	F	St. Augustine of Canterbury
28	S	St. Germanus
29	S	Ascension of Our Lord
30	M	St. Joan of Arc
31	T	Visitation of Bl. V. Mary

JUNE 2022

1	W	St. Justin
2	T	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
3	F	Sts. Charles Lwanga and Comp.
4	S	St. Francis Caracciolo
5	S	Pentecost
6	M	Mary, Mother of the Church
7	T	St. Robert
8	W	St. Fortunato
9	T	St. Ephrem
10	F	Bl. Edward Poppe
11	S	St. Barnabas Ap.
12	S	Trinity Sunday
13	M	St. Anthony of Padua
14	T	St. Elisha
15	W	St. Vitus
16	T	St. Aurelianus
17	F	St. Rainerius
18	S	St. Calogerus
19	S	Corpus Christi
20	M	Bl. Philip of Piacenza OSA
21	T	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
22	W	St. Paulinus of Nola
23	T	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
24	F	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
25	S	Immaculate Heart of Mary
26	S	13 th Ord. Time - Sts. John and Paul
27	M	St. Cyril of Alexandria
28	T	St. Irenaeus of Lyon
29	W	Sts. Peter and Paul Ap.
30	T	Sts. First Martyrs of the Church of Rome



Blessed Mother Fasce in the centre of
the community of the Monastery of
Saint Rita in the summer of 1942.



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now.

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1	F	St. Esther
2	S	Bl. John and Peter Bechetti OSA
3	S	14 th Ord. Time - St. Thomas Ap.
4	M	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
5	T	St. Anthony M. Zaccaria
6	W	St. Maria Goretti
7	T	St. Antonino Fantosati
8	F	Sts. Priscilla and Aquila
9	S	St. Augustine Zhao Rong
10	S	15 th Ord. Time - Sts. Rufina and Secunda
11	M	St. Benedict
12	T	St. Giovanni Gualberto
13	W	St. Henry
14	T	St. Camillus de Lellis
15	F	St. Bonaventure
16	S	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17	S	16 th Ord. Time - Bl. Madeleine OSA
18	M	St. Frederick
19	T	St. Macrina
20	W	St. Apollinaris
21	T	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
22	F	St. Mary Magdalene
23	S	St. Bridget of Sweden
24	S	17 th Ord. Time - Bl. Anthony OSA
25	M	St. James Ap.
26	T	Sts. Joachim and Anne
27	W	Bl. Lucy Bufalari OSA
28	T	Sts. Nazarius and Celsus
29	F	St. Martha of Bethany
30	S	St. Peter Chrysologus
31	S	18 th Ord. Time - St. Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST 2022

1	M	St. Alphonsus M. Liguori
2	T	Bl. John of Rieti OSA
3	W	St. Aspren
4	T	St. John Mary Vianney
5	F	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
6	S	Transfiguration of Our Lord
7	S	19 th Ord. Time - Sts. Sixtus II and Comp.
8	M	St. Dominic of Guzman
9	T	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
10	W	St. Lawrence
11	T	St. Clare of Assisi
12	F	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
13	S	Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
14	S	20 th Ord. Time - St. Maximilian Kolbe
15	M	Assumption of B. V. Mary
16	T	St. Stephen of Hungary
17	W	St. Clare of the Cross of Montefalco OSA
18	T	St. Helena
19	F	St. Ezekiel Moreno OSA
20	S	St. Bernard
21	S	21 st Ord. Time - St. Pius X
22	M	Queenship of Mary
23	T	St. Rose of Lima
24	W	St. Bartholomew Ap.
25	T	St. Ludwig
26	F	St. Liberatus OSA
27	S	St. Monica
28	S	22 nd Ord. Time - ST. AUGUSTINE V. DOCTOR
29	M	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
30	T	St. Margaret Ward
31	W	St. Aristides

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Blessed Mother Maria Teresa
Fasce, beatified on 12 October
1997, in a portrait by Andri.



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is faith
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1	T	St. Giles
2	F	St. Elpidius
3	S	St. Gregory the Great
4	S	23 rd Ord. Time - Bl. V. Our Lady of Consolation
5	M	St. Teresa of Calcutta
6	T	Bl. Angelo da Foligno OSA
7	W	St. Regina
8	T	Nativity of Bl. V. Mary
9	F	St. Peter Claver
10	S	St. Nicholas of Tolentino OSA
11	S	24 th Ord. Time - Sts. Protus and Hyacinth
12	M	Most Holy Name of Mary
13	T	St. John Chrysostom
14	W	Triumph of the Cross
15	T	Our Lady of Sorrows
16	F	St. Cornelius
17	S	St. Robert Bellarmine
18	S	25 th Ord. Time - St. Joseph of Cupertino
19	M	St. Alphonsus OSA
20	T	Sts. Andrew Kim Teagon and Comp.
21	W	St. Matthew Ap. Evg.
22	T	St. Silvanus
23	F	Sts. Pio of Pietrelcina and Thecla
24	S	Our Lady of Mercy
25	S	26 th Ord. Time - St. Sergius of Radonezh
26	M	Sts. Cosmas and Damian
27	T	St. Vincent de Paul
28	W	Bl. Japanese Martyrs OSA
29	T	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels
30	F	St. Jerome

OCTOBER 2022

1	S	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
2	S	27 th Ord. Time - Sts. Guardian Angels
3	M	Bl. Angelo of Sansepolcro OSA
4	T	St. Francis of Assisi
5	W	Bl. Sante of Cori OSA
6	T	St. Bruno
7	F	Our Lady of the Rosary
8	S	St. Pelagia
9	S	28 th Ord. Time - Bl. Antonio Patrizi OSA
10	M	St. Thomas OSA
11	T	St. John XXIII
12	W	B. M. TERESA FASCE OSA - Bl. Carlo Acutis
13	T	Comm. of Deceased Benefactors OSA
14	F	Bl. Gonzalo of Lagos OSA
15	S	St. Teresa of Jesus
16	S	29 th Ord. Time - St. Hedwig
17	M	St. Ignatius of Antioch
18	T	St. Luke Evg.
19	W	St. Paul of the Cross
20	T	Bl. Magdalena OSA
21	F	St. Severinus
22	S	St. John Paul II
23	S	30 th Ord. Time - St. William OSA
24	M	St. Anthony M. Claret
25	T	St. John Stone OSA
26	W	Sts. Lucian and Marciano
27	T	St. Evaristus
28	F	Sts. Simon and Judas Ap.
29	S	Bl. Peter of Gubbio OSA
30	S	31 st Ord. Time - St. Germanus
31	M	Bl. James of Cerqueto OSA

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The Fasce family in the
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the second from left.





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NOVEMBER 2022

1	T	All Saints
2	W	All Souls
3	T	St. Sylvia
4	F	St. Charles Borromeo
5	S	Bl. Mariano de la Mata Aparicio OSA
6	S	32 nd Ord. Time. - Comm. Deceased Religious OSA
7	M	Bl. Grace of Kotar OSA
8	T	Bl. Avelino Rodriguez OSA
9	W	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
10	T	St. Leo the Great
11	F	St. Martin of Tours
12	S	St. Josaphat
13	S	All Saints of the Augustinian Order
14	M	St. Theodotus
15	T	St. Albertus Magnus
16	W	St. Gertrude
17	T	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18	F	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul
19	S	St. Mechtilde of Hackeborn
20	S	Solemnity of Christ the King
21	M	Presentation of the Bl. V. Mary
22	T	St. Cecilia
23	W	St. Clement I
24	T	St. Andrew Dung-Lac
25	F	St. Catherine of Alexandria
26	S	St. Conrad
27	S	1 st of Advent - St. Virgil
28	M	St. James of the Marches
29	T	Bl. Frederick of Regensburg OSA
30	W	St. Andrew Ap.

DECEMBER 2022

1	T	St. Florence
2	F	St. Bibiana
3	S	St. Francis Xavier
4	S	2 nd of Advent - St. Barbara
5	M	St. Crispina
6	T	St. Nicholas of Bari
7	W	St. Ambrose
8	T	Immaculate Conception Bl. V. Mary
9	F	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
10	S	Our Lady of Loreto
11	S	3 rd of Advent - St. Damasus I
12	M	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13	T	St. Lucia
14	W	St. John of the Cross
15	T	St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli
16	F	Bl. Cherubim of Avigliana. OSA
17	S	St. Modestus
18	S	4 th of Advent - St. Gatianus of Tours
19	M	St. Anastasius I
20	T	St. Vincent Romano
21	W	St. Peter Canisius
22	T	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
23	F	St. Ivo of Chartres
24	S	St. Delphinus
25	S	Nativity of Jesus
26	M	Holy Family - St. Stephen
27	T	St. John Ap. Evg.
28	W	Sts. Innocent Martyrs
29	T	St. Thomas Becket
30	F	St. Felix I
31	S	St. Sylvester I

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