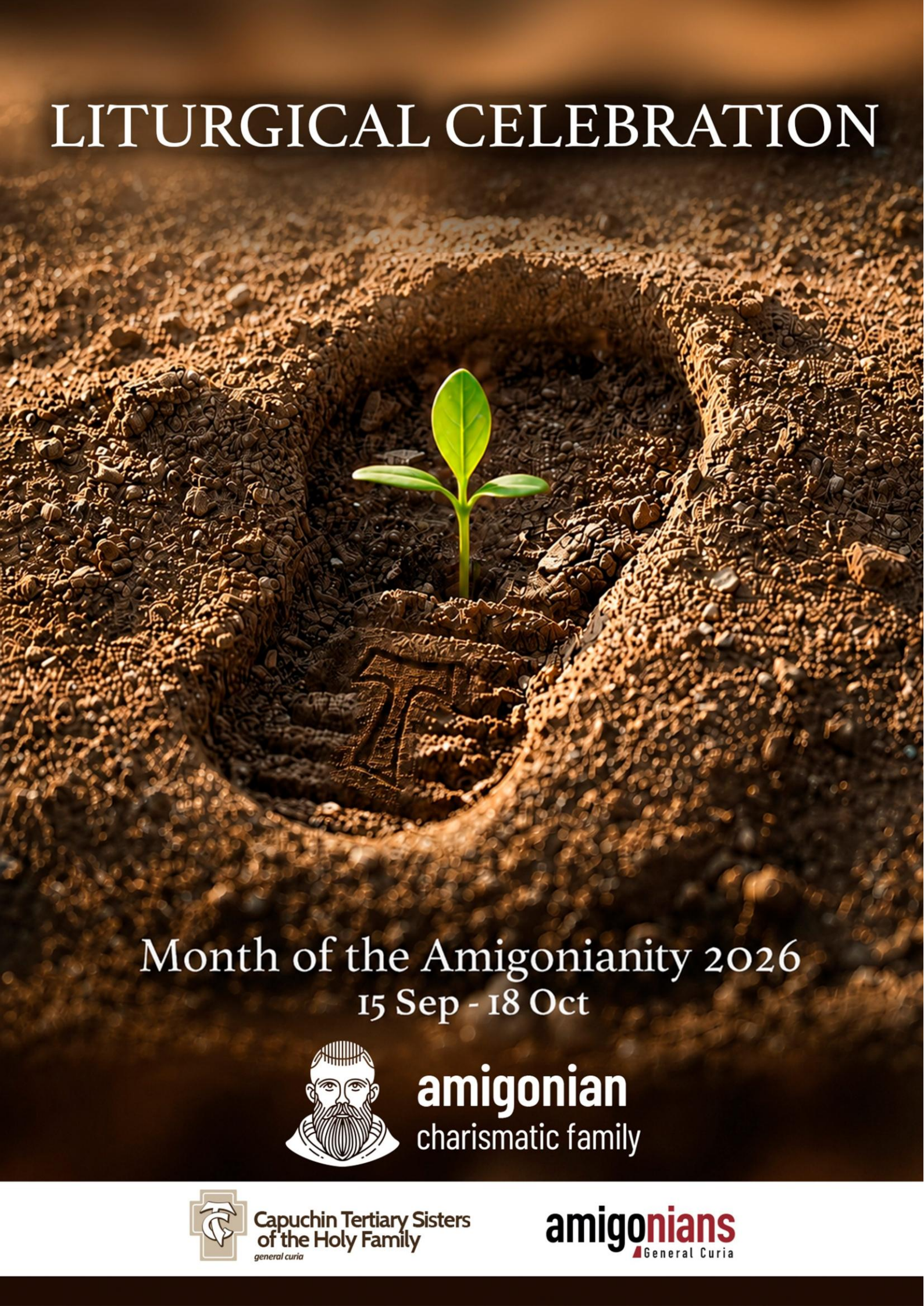
LITURGICAL CELEBRATION



Month of the Amigonianity 2026

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PRESENTATION

Dear Superiors, Provincial and Demarcation Superiors, Communities, Sisters, Religious and Amigonian Charismatic Family of the Capuchin Tertiary Religious of Our Lady of Sorrows and the Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of the Holy Family:

Receive a warm greeting of Peace and Good.

With gratitude and hope, we prepare to live the Month of Amigonianity, a special time to recognize the strength of the Spirit who continues to guide our history. This year, under the theme "Lives that are seeds of mercy", we unite to celebrate the richness of the charism that inspires us to walk together, renewing our commitment and witness in the midst of the world. In this context, we wish to share with you the scheduled liturgical celebrations, which have been prepared with the fraternal collaboration of sisters, religious and lay people from different regions, in order to highlight significant moments of our spirituality and mission. We invite you to participate actively in each of them, certain that this time will be an opportunity of grace and a profound encounter with God and with our brothers and sisters.

May the liturgies proposed here, as well as those organized by each community, be a sign of our shared pilgrimage and strengthen our commitment to be witnesses of hope, faithful to the spirit of Fray Luis Amigó and to the mission we have received in the Church and in society.

Peace and Good.

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CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS
15 SEPTEMBER 2026
MONTH OF AMIGONIANITY 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

Peace and all good to everyone. With great joy and enthusiasm, we begin the Month of Amigonianity 2026.

This year, as the Superiors General of our religious Congregations reminded us in their invitation letter, the Month of Amigonianity takes place within the 800th anniversary of the Transitus of Francis of Assisi and the 25th anniversary of the Beatification of the Amigonian Martyrs.

The life and spirit of Francis of Assisi were the source that inspired the life of Luis Amigó: his entire spiritual and apostolic experience is rooted in this man of the Middle Ages who, through his profound fidelity to the Gospel, remains to this day a credible and attractive witness not only for believers but for every person of good will.

The Amigonian Martyrs were men and women captivated by the charism of Father Luis, who welcomed the seed of the Gospel into their lives and cultivated it day by day amid the joys and sorrows, the successes and failures of human experience; and their martyrdom kindled in our Amigonian Family a light that can illuminate our lives and those of the people we meet along the way.

Francis of Assisi was a messenger of peace wherever he went; the Amigonian Martyrs were victims of a war that divided a country; and Father Luis always promoted reconciliation wherever there was discord and peace in the hearts of those who had suffered the effects of hatred, offering them affection and surrounding them with mercy.

May the Month of Amigonianity, which we enthusiastically inaugurate today, fill our hearts with peace and goodness, gifts of God for those who, like Father Luis, welcome Him into their lives, and make us feel close to those who suffer the devastating effects of human violence and selfishness. From Saint Francis, Father Luis, our Martyrs, and everything we will experience during this Month, we want to learn to be men and women who transmit to those around them the peace they carry in their hearts. A blessed Month of Amigonianity to everyone.

OPENING MONITION

We begin the Month of Amigonianity under the gaze of Our Lady of Sorrows.

We contemplate her sharing day by day in the redeeming mission of her Son Jesus: surprised and perhaps troubled as she listened to the prophecy of the elderly Simeon; filled with fear as she fled to Egypt with Joseph and the Child; worried when He, without telling her anything, had remained in the Temple; and overwhelmed with grief when she found Him going up to Calvary carrying the cross, accompanying His agony at the foot of the cross, receiving His lifeless body in her arms and laying it in the tomb, the last earthly dwelling of every human being.

As we joyfully begin this Month, we do not want to forget the thousands upon thousands of people who today experience in their own flesh the sorrows of Mary. Through this prayer we want to awaken and rekindle the trust

that suffering, and even death, do not have the final word over human life. This trust springs only from the faith that we want to nourish by drawing close to Father Luis and to his work in today's world.

SONG (to sing or listen to)

María, madre del dolor - Kairoi, performed by the Verbum Dei Valencia music team.

PSALM

Introduction to Psalm 125. Great and unimaginable must have been the joy of the exiles returning to Jerusalem... The people who considered themselves invincible because God was with them spent 50 years suffering the consequences of the Babylonian invasion. Returning home was like a dream: laughter, songs of joy, until they recognized the wonders the Lord had done for them... The same Mary whom we admire standing as she watched her Son die on the cross is the same Mother who accompanies us, as the Church of the Resurrection, in convincing and bringing back the children who wander through the world, until, as one humanity, we can acknowledge: the Lord has done great things for us... if He had not been on our side...

Ant. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are joyful.

Psalm 125 - A psalm from the experience of gratuitousness

If you, Lord, do not build our house,
in vain do we strive to raise it up.
If you, Lord, do not guard our city,
in vain do those who watch over it keep vigil.
Build our house, Lord: establish it in truth.
Build our house, Lord: raise it upon love.
Build our house, Lord: set it firmly upon faith.
Build our house, Lord: found it upon hope.
Guard our city: free us from selfishness and pride.
Guard our city: save us from the sin of indifference.
Guard our city: rescue us from disguised falsehood.
Guard our city: free us from a world of injustice.
We want to rise early, Lord, to spend our lives in your service.
We want to rise early, Lord, to help people stand on their feet.
We want to rise early, Lord, to commit ourselves to those who suffer.
We want to rise early, Lord, to build a new world.
You are good and generous with the person who believes in you.
You give them bread and fill their table while they sleep at night.
You fill with blessings the poor in heart who hope in you.
You bestow your gifts on those who keep your commands and remain faithful to you.
Help us understand, Lord, that you give everything and ask everything.
Help us understand, Lord, that everything is grace and everything requires effort.
Help us understand, Lord, that your love is always great, without measure.
Help us understand, Lord, that beside you we are unprofitable servants.
You have filled our lives with your gifts and riches.
You have made us great simply because you are good.
Give us a heart capable of sharing with our brothers and sisters.
Give us a heart capable of being first in love.
Open our eyes to a society that offers nothing and gives nothing freely.
Help us discover that not everything can be obtained with money.

Help us understand that living only for things always leaves the heart empty.
Help us see that what is consumed does not satisfy the whole heart.
We are Christians, Lord: we want to 'be' and not sell ourselves to 'having'.
We are Christians, Lord: we want to 'be' and not sell ourselves to 'pleasure'.
We are Christians, Lord: we want to 'be' and not sell ourselves to 'appearances'.
We are Christians, Lord: we want to 'be' and not sell ourselves to 'power'.
We are children of God, born of the strength of your Spirit.
We are children of God, capable of building a new world.
We are children of God, open to new ways of life.
We are children of God, committed to building your Kingdom.

Fill our quiver with your love and make us happy.
Open our lives to giving, so that we may leave flowers along the way.
Help us discover that there is more joy in giving than in receiving.
Give us a free heart, able to travel 'lightly, with little baggage'.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant. 1. The Lord has done great things for us, and we are joyful.

READING (APOSTOLIC LETTER SALVIFICI DOLORIS, 31 - 1984)

Suffering certainly belongs to the mystery of the human person. Perhaps it is not surrounded, as the human person is, by that mystery which is particularly impenetrable. The Second Vatican Council expressed this truth: 'In reality, it is only in the mystery of the incarnate Word that the mystery of man truly becomes clear. For ... Christ, the new Adam, in the very revelation of the mystery of the Father and of his love, fully reveals man to himself and makes his supreme calling clear' (GS 22). If these words refer to everything that concerns the mystery of the human person, then they certainly refer in a very particular way to human suffering. Precisely at this point, 'revealing man to himself and making his supreme calling clear' is particularly indispensable. It also happens - as experience proves - that this is especially dramatic. But when it is fully realized and becomes light for human life, it is also especially joyful. 'Through Christ and in Christ, the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful.'

The mystery of the redemption of the world is wonderfully rooted in suffering, and suffering in turn finds in that mystery its supreme and most certain point of reference.

We wish to live this Year of Redemption in special union with all those who suffer. Therefore, all believers who suffer in Christ - especially those who suffer because of their faith in the Crucified and Risen One - should spiritually gather at the Cross of Calvary, so that the offering of their sufferings may hasten the fulfillment of the Savior's own prayer for the unity of all. People of good will should also gather there, because on the Cross is the 'Redeemer of man', the Man of Sorrows, who has taken upon himself the physical and moral sufferings of people of every age, so that in love they may find the saving meaning of their pain and valid answers to all their questions.

With Mary, Mother of Christ, who stood beside the Cross, we pause before all the crosses of the people of today.

SILENCE AND REFLECTION

SONG (listened to or sung)

Madre del Dolor - María en sus Dolores

TIME FOR SHARING. Questions that may help...

- Surely we have people near us, and have heard of others, who bear witness to overcoming suffering and who have emerged stronger from such situations. What keys have they shared with us? How did they become resilient?
- If suffering has the capacity to 'reveal man to himself', what truths about ourselves - strengths, weaknesses, or deeper desires - have come to light in moments of pain? What have we learned from our suffering?
- In a young people's world (and an adult world as well) that flees painful experiences, how can we integrate the experience of suffering (loneliness, lack of significance in the eyes of others, anonymity, bulimia...) as part of a 'life project' that can help or inspire the young people with whom we live?
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TIME FOR SHARING. Activity to carry out with children and adolescents: 'FROM THE HEAVY BACKPACK TO MISSIONARIES OF HOPE'

In the center or on a wall, place a large paper path with the words HEAVY BACKPACK - PATH - HOPE.

Explanation: We all have moments when our backpack feels heavier: when we are sad, worried, angry, when something does not go the way we want, when we argue with someone, or when we feel that nobody understands us. In that backpack we store many things from our lives: some make us happy and others are harder to carry. But when we feel this way, there are things and people that can help us keep walking.

First part: Cards with words or drawings are handed out and each person chooses: WHAT HELPS ME WHEN MY BACKPACK FEELS HEAVY?

Being listened to · being trusted · a hug · being given time · my friends · being encouraged · being able to talk · being forgiven · having another opportunity · feeling loved · doing something I enjoy...

They are placed along the path toward HOPE.

To reach hope, we often need someone who listens, accompanies us, is patient, and trusts us...

But there is something important: we can also be that person for someone else.
Then a sign is revealed: MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

What can it mean to be a 'missionary of hope'?

To be missionaries of hope is to stay close to people when they go through difficult times, helping them discover that they are not alone, that they matter, and that there is always a possibility of continuing to move forward.

It does not mean solving other people's problems. It means accompanying, listening, trusting, caring, forgiving, encouraging, and offering new opportunities.

It means continuing to believe in a person even when that person finds it difficult to believe in themselves. A missionary of hope is someone who helps another person keep going when their backpack is heavy.

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE 'Believe, accompany, and help others keep walking.'
A missionary of hope is someone who helps another person keep going when their backpack is heavy.

Second part: 'I CAN BE HOPE'

Now each person receives a paper footprint. It says: I CAN BE A MISSIONARY OF HOPE WHEN...

For example:

...I listen to someone.
...I help a classmate.
...I do not laugh when someone is having a hard time.
...I ask for forgiveness.
...I give another opportunity.
...I accompany someone who is alone.
...I encourage someone who is sad.
...I try to make peace.
...I treat others well.

Then each person places their footprint on the path. And here is the beautiful part: the path that at first led toward hope will now be formed by everyone's footprints.

The final mural could look like this:

🎒 WHEN LIFE FEELS HEAVY...

👣 **Listen**
👣 **Help**
👣 **Forgive**
👣 **Accompany**
👣 **Trust**
👣 **Encourage**
👣 **Love**
👣 **Give another opportunity**

⬇️ WE ARE MISSIONARIES OF HOPE: At some point we all need someone to help us keep walking. And we can all help someone else keep going.

Every time we make another person's backpack feel a little lighter, we are being missionaries of hope. Pain is not a dead end; it can open once again toward life.

The footprints visually represent the Amigonian way of accompanying and walking with the other.

TIME OF THANKSGIVING

- We thank you, Lord, because in the mystery of the Cross you fully reveal the human person to the human person; thank you because in our weaknesses you show us the greatness of our vocation and allow us to find a saving meaning in our pain. We thank you, Lord.
- Thank you, God of hope, because as your Psalm 126 says, you allow those who 'sow in tears to reap with songs of joy'; we bless you because no fatigue is in vain and because you turn our weeping into a goal of fruitfulness and peace. We thank you, Lord.
- We thank you, Father, for the resilience of our young people: grant them the ability to see in every difficulty a 'springboard' for their dreams, and allow them to transform their tears into a harvest of joy, making each trial a new and courageous life project. We thank you, Lord.
- We thank you, good Father, for the charism of Luis Amigó, which calls us as a charismatic family to be missionaries of hope in places where human suffering seems deepest. We thank you, Lord.
- We bless you because, through our Amigonian vocation, you teach us to recognize that pain is not a dead end, but a possibility for life. We thank you, Lord.
- Thank you for calling us to witness that you are not a judge who punishes, but the foundational strength that restores a person's confidence in themselves and invites them to live again. We thank you, Lord.
- Thank you, Lord, because in the faces of those who suffer - the marginalized, the stigmatized, and those who carry their crosses in solitude - you allow us to discover the mystery of your own presence. We thank you, Lord.
- We thank you for the commitment to be an Amigonian family that not only feels compassion but also educates and sets free, so that all your children may walk with heads held high, valuing every minute as a sacred gift. We thank you, Lord.
- Thank you, Lord, for Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, who, remaining beside the Cross, teaches us not to flee from suffering but to pause before all the crosses of the people of today with love and dignity. We thank you, Lord.
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COMMITMENT to express how we have experienced this celebration

- Look within our personal history for those sufferings that we have not yet integrated or worked through and, presenting them to God in personal prayer, ask Him for healing and reconciliation.
- As teams of educators, centers, and schools, identify the fears and challenges we face in our work with our young people regarding some pressing issue or something that causes us unease.
- As a group of adults, identify in the neighborhood or in the reality where we live people who suffer loneliness, discrimination, or abandonment, and consider what we can do to support them.

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THANKSGIVING FOR LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS

25th Anniversary of the Beatification of the Amigonian Tertiary Martyr Brothers and Carmen, Laywoman

INTRODUCTION

Brothers and Sisters:

We gather in solemn thanksgiving to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Beatification of the Capuchin Tertiary Brothers and Carmen, Laywoman, Amigonian Martyrs. We come before God with hearts filled with memory, gratitude and hope. These martyrs bore witness to Christ in the midst of suffering. They did not respond to violence with hatred or to fear with denial, but with faithfulness, love and forgiveness. Their lives remain a sacred sign that the Gospel is stronger than oppression and that the love of Christ is stronger than death.

Their witness reminds us that a life given out of love can become a seed of mercy. Like seeds sown in the earth, their lives were marked by suffering and sacrifice, but, by the grace of God, they have continued to bear fruit in the lives of countless people. Their courage, forgiveness and faith have become seeds that inspire us to live with compassion, to forgive generously and to draw near to those who suffer and are most in need of God's mercy.

The theme, “Lives as Seeds of Mercy”, invites us to look beyond the heroic witness of the martyrs and to ask ourselves: What kind of seeds are we sowing with our own lives? In our communities, in our families and, especially, in our service to others, may we sow seeds of kindness, compassion, forgiveness and hope. May our words bring comfort, may our presence bring peace, and may our actions reveal the merciful face of Christ.

The martyrs remind us that mercy is not simply something we receive; it is also something we are called to share. Their lives teach us that, even in the face of suffering, hatred and injustice, love can overcome, forgiveness can heal and mercy can bring new life.

In this memorial celebration, let us ask the Lord to renew in us the courage to live as faithful disciples and the grace to honor their witness, not only with our words, but also with our lives. May we too become seeds of mercy wherever the Lord has planted us, trusting that even the smallest act of love, when offered to God, can bear abundant fruit.

May the witness of our martyrs continue to inspire us to sow mercy, nourish hope and be instruments of God's compassionate love in our world.

ENTRANCE SONG: ASIA-SEPT. 18\we walk by faith.mp4

WE WALK BY FAITH

We walk by faith and not by sight;
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
Yet in His promise we rejoice
And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound,
To call on You when You are near,
And seek where You are found.

That when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light,
We may behold You as You are
In full and endless sight.

SETTING

Gathering in silence: A moment of silence is kept while the assembly gathers in prayer.

Instrumental music: Soft, contemplative and penitential, in memory of the Martyrs.

Symbols: The Cross, the Bible and the lighting of a candle.

The cross is carried in procession, followed by the Bible. Then a candle is lit in honor of the martyrs.

MONITION

The Cross

The cross is deeply linked to the martyrs, especially in the Christian tradition, because it symbolizes the supreme sacrifice for the faith. Their willingness to embrace suffering for love of Christ configures them to Jesus Christ crucified, the Martyr par excellence.

The Martyrs became a source of inspiration and strength for all believers. Therefore, the cross represents not only the sacrifice of Christ, but also the courage and steadfastness of those who remain faithful to their convictions, even to the point of giving their lives.

The Bible

We now receive the Word of God with reverence and gratitude. May the Holy Scriptures enlighten our hearts and guide our lives.

The Light

As a sign of faith, remembrance and hope.
As these candles are lit, we remember the martyrs whose lives burned brightly with love for Christ.

INVITATION TO SILENCE AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC:

ASIA-SEPT. 18\Catholic Songs of Praise and Worship Instrumental.mp4

Let us pause for a moment in silence before the Lord,

remembering the martyrs,
acknowledging our own sins
and opening our hearts to the mercy of God.

PROCLAMATION OF THE MARTYRS

The names of the martyrs may be proclaimed slowly and reverently.
After each name, the assembly responds:

R/. They are witnesses to Christ.

Ambrosio María de Torrent
Benito María de Burriana
Bernardino María de Andújar
Bienvenido María de Dos Hermanas
Crescencio García Pobo
Domingo María de Alboraya
Florentín Pérez Romero
Francisco María de Torrent
Francisco Tomás Serer
Gabriel María de Benifayó
José Llosá Balaguer
Laureano María de Burriana
León María de Alacuás
Modesto María de Torrent
Recaredo María de Torrent
Timoteo Valero Pérez
Urbano Gil Sáez
Valentín María de Torrent
Vicente Cabanes Badenes
Carmen García Moyón

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

Lord God,
today we remember before You the Amigonian Martyrs.
They offered their lives as a witness to Christ,
and their death became a sign of victory in your Kingdom.
Keep their memory alive in your Church.
Keep their spirit alive in our hearts.
Keep their example alive in our service.
Teach us to forgive where the world seeks revenge.
Teach us to love where the world sows fear.
Teach us to stand firm when our faith is put to the test.
Teach us to hope where others despair.

May their intercession protect us,

may their courage challenge us,
and may their holiness draw us each day closer to You.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Psalm 116 (Two choirs)

I love the Lord because he hears
the cry of my supplication.
He bent down his ear to me
on the day when I called upon him.
The cords of death surrounded me,
the anguish of the grave overtook me;
I fell into sadness and affliction.
Then I called upon the Name of the Lord:
"Lord, save my life!"
The Lord is gracious and just;
our God is compassionate.
The Lord protects the simple;
I was without strength and he saved me.
Return, my soul, to your rest,
for the Lord has been good to you.
He delivered my life from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from falling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

With full confidence let us present our petitions to God,
rich in mercy and always faithful to his promises.

R/. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church,
that she may always be a faithful witness to Christ,
especially among the poor,
the wounded and the abandoned.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For the Amigonian Family,
that the memory of the martyrs may strengthen its fidelity to the Gospel,
its love for the little ones
and its service to those most in need.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For peace in our world,

that hatred may be overcome by forgiveness
and violence transformed by justice and reconciliation.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer persecution because of their faith,
that the Lord may strengthen them with courage
and crown them with hope.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For our communities and families,
that we may live with a deeper faith,
with greater holiness and compassion,
always walking in the light of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For all of us,
that, inspired by the witness of our martyrs,
we may know how to offer our lives as seeds of mercy,
sowing through our words and actions
the forgiveness, compassion, hope and love of Christ
wherever the Lord has planted us.
Let us pray to the Lord.

FINAL PRAYER:

God of mercy and strength,
You raised up the Amigonian Martyrs
as radiant witnesses to the truth of the Gospel.
In suffering they remained faithful;
in the face of violence they responded with peace;
through death they entered into the glory of your Son.
Grant that we,
as we celebrate with grateful hearts
the anniversary of their Beatification,
may be strengthened by their example
to live with unshakable faith,
generous charity
and steadfast hope.
May their memory purify our hearts,
may their courage inspire our witness,
and may their prayer sustain us
on the path of holiness.

Amen.

FINAL SONG: ASIA-SEPT. 18\the marttyrs faith.mp4

THE FAITH OF THE MARTYRS

Blessed Martyrs: Rosario, Serafina, and Francisca

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LIVES THAT ARE SEEDS OF MERCY

Thanksgiving celebration for the 25th anniversary of the beatification of the Blessed Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of the Holy Family

Blessed Rosario de Soano, Serafina de Ochovi and Francisca Javier de Rafelbuñol
28 September 2026

Motto: *"We move forward together celebrating the gift of Life, united under a single motto: Lives that are seeds of mercy".*

Sign for preparing the chapel: Three seeds, one Life

In a visible place in the chapel, prepare an earthenware container with soil. On it place three large seeds or three small pots identified with the names of **Rosario, Serafina and Francisca**. Beside them place a lit candle and a simple cross. At the foot may appear the phrase: **"What is given out of love does not disappear: it germinates"**. Around the container leave small grains of wheat that will be used at the end of the celebration.

The sign is very simple, but it contains the meaning of everything we are going to celebrate. A seed fits in the palm of the hand and apparently is very little; nevertheless, it holds life within it. To germinate it needs to fall into the earth, remain hidden, allow itself to be transformed and wait. In this image we can recognize something of the lives of Rosario, Serafina and Francisca. Three different women, each with her own character, history and way of serving, but united by the same vocation. Little by little, their lives entered the soil of prayer, fraternity, service and care for others, until reaching the definitive self-giving.

Opening monition

Dear Amigonian Charismatic Family, before us there is earth and there are seeds. Nothing extraordinary, and perhaps precisely for that reason this sign can speak to us so deeply. Jesus chose an equally simple image to express one of the deepest mysteries of the Gospel: a life given out of love does not end in itself, but becomes fruitful.

Rosario, Serafina and Francisca were learning this truth long before the moment of their martyrdom. They had given their lives many times before definitively giving their lives. They had given them in prayer, obedience, community service, care of the sick, education, accompaniment of the sisters, daily work and in so many small renunciations that will never appear written in a biography. The proper liturgy of their memorial beautifully sums up that whole existence when it recalls **Rosario, Serafina and Francisca as women who gave their lives to God**.

For this reason, today we give thanks. Thanks for their lives, for their fidelity and because those three seeds continue to be part of our history. But we also ask for the grace not to remain merely contemplating them. May their memory help us to look truthfully at our own vocation and personally hear a question that can accompany us throughout this celebration: **What am I sowing with the life God has given me?**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening song.

The song **“No Tengas Miedo” (Album Cantata Romero, Luis Alfredo Diaz)**

YouTube link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKldai5Yk8M&list=RDBKldai5Yk8M&start_radio=1

Spotify link:

https://open.spotify.com/intl-es/track/6MSTGzprqYtGz3UWEk4GrH?si=c2ab53d5297e467d

Psalm 18 (17)

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength.
Lord, my rock, my defense, my deliverer!
My God, my rock of refuge!
My shield, my saving strength,
my stronghold, worthy of praise!
I call upon the Lord and I am freed from the enemy.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The cords of death surrounded me,
destructive torrents terrified me,
the cords of the Abyss wrapped around me,
the snares of death reached me.
In danger I called upon the Lord,
asking my God for help;
from his temple he heard my cry,
my cry for help reached him, reached his ears.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The earth trembled and shook,
the foundations of the mountains staggered,
shaken by his fury.
Smoke rose from his nostrils,
a devouring fire from his mouth,
and he hurled burning coals.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

He bowed the heavens and came down,
with dark clouds beneath his feet;
he flew riding on a cherub,
gliding on the wings of the wind;
he made a veil of surrounding darkness,
a tent of dark rain
and thick clouds.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Before the brightness of his presence,
the clouds dissolved
into hail and flashes of lightning;
while the Lord thundered in heaven,

the Most High sent forth his voice.
He fashioned his arrows and scattered them,
multiplied his lightning and dispersed it.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The bed of the sea appeared
and the foundations of the earth were laid bare,
at your roar, Lord,
at the furious breath of your nostrils.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

From on high he stretched out his hand and seized me
and drew me out of the mighty waters;
he delivered me from powerful enemies,
from adversaries stronger than I.
They attacked me on the day of my distress,
but the Lord was my support.
He brought me out into a spacious place,
he delivered me because he loved me.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The Lord rewarded my righteousness,
repaid the purity of my hands,
because I followed the ways of the Lord
and did not turn away from my God;
because I kept his commands before me
and never rejected his precepts,
my conduct before him has been blameless,
keeping myself from all guilt.
The Lord rewarded my righteousness,
the purity of my hands before his eyes.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Gospel according to Saint John 12:23-26

Jesus answered them: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I assure you that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever clings to life loses it; whoever despises life in this world preserves it for eternal life. Whoever wishes to serve me, let him follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be; if anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

The Word of the Lord

Silence and reflection

Before us the three seeds are still there. Now they have names: **Rosario, Serafina and Francisca**. Three names that are part of the history of our entire Charismatic Family, but behind those names there were three real women, each with her own way of living, relating, serving, praying and also facing her own struggles.

Rosario: a life that learned to care

When we draw near to Rosario de Soano, we find a woman who knew responsibility and work from a very young age. Before leading communities she had learned to care; before receiving responsibilities within the Congregation

she had known the simplicity of family life and daily work. Over the years she took on important services, Perhaps there we find one of the seeds Rosario leaves in our hands: the more deeply God enters our life, the more human we should become. When persecution came, Rosario was among the last to leave the house in Massamagrell. That final self-giving did not appear suddenly. It had been prepared by many earlier acts of self-giving, by a life that little by little had learned to belong less to itself and to trust more.

Today Rosario could come close to each one of us and ask us something very simple: **After so many years walking with God, is my prayer making me more merciful?**

A moment of silence is kept.

Serafina: a life that learned to remain

Serafina had held important responsibilities and yet those who lived with her could also find her in the laundry, in the ironing room, mending clothes or doing whatever service was needed. Alongside that hardworking woman was the woman of prayer, the sister who sought the chapel, who found in the Eucharist and in the contemplation of Christ the strength to continue giving herself. When persecution came, she too remained with the community until the final moment.

Her life reminds us that we will not always have great events before us in which to demonstrate our fidelity.

Perhaps Serafina would ask us today: **What everyday service do I need to do again with love and not only because it is my duty?**

We keep silence.

Francisca: a life that learned to trust and forgive

And finally we meet Francisca, the youngest of the three. She was thirty-five years old when she died. Testimonies remember her as cheerful, joyful, close to young women and a lover of music. She played the piano, prepared songs, accompanied the girls and knew how to enjoy life together. She was also a woman of prayer, accustomed from an early age to seeking moments of silence and encounter with God.

Here her testimony touches something deeply evangelical. Forgiving in that way is not learned a few minutes before dying. It is learned throughout life. It is learned when we stop keeping small unsettled accounts, when we refuse to classify people according to a wound from the past, when we stop feeding conversations that divide, when we speak again after a disagreement, and when we allow mercy to carry more weight than our desire to be right.

Perhaps Francisca can ask us today: **What do I need to let go of in order to love with greater freedom?**

A longer silence is kept.

The grain of wheat

After drawing a little closer to their lives, we can return to the Gospel. The grain of wheat does not fall into the earth because death is good or because suffering has value in itself. It falls because it carries life within it and that

life is called to open up. Jesus does not invite us to seek suffering; he invites us to love in such a way that our main concern ceases to be preserving ourselves.

That is what Rosario, Serafina and Francisca did. They did not seek death. They sought Christ. And in seeking Christ they learned to give their lives: first in small things, then in more demanding ones, until reaching the definitive self-giving. The spirituality of martyrdom gathered in the *Amigonian Martyrology* understands martyrdom precisely as an encounter between the grace of God and a free and generous human response.

For this reason, twenty-five years after their beatification, perhaps the most important question is not only how Rosario, Serafina and Francisca died. The question their witness leaves today in the midst of our fraternity is much closer: **How are we living?**

A prolonged silence is kept. Song for interiorization Fuego, Cristóbal Fones S.J.

YouTube link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HubSChX7SOQ&list=RDHubSChX7SOQ&start_radio=1

Spotify link:

https://open.spotify.com/intl-es/track/0gGlWpA3g10VEINhw6CTlc?si=66b2c114751e401b

Time for sharing

After the silence we open a space for fraternal conversation God is currently inviting us to care with greater tenderness, like Rosario; what everyday service we need to carry out again with love, like Serafina; what fear, wound or resistance we need to surrender in order to live with greater freedom, like Francisca. And together we can ask ourselves one final question: **if someone entered one of our Amigonian Charismatic Family groups today, what would they have to find in order to be able to say that Rosario, Serafina and Francisca are still alive among us?**

Time of thanksgiving

After remembering, listening and allowing their stories to draw close to ours, we simply want to give thanks. We give thanks for Rosario, for that strong and maternal woman, for her capacity to care, accompany and serve the Congregation without losing closeness to the sisters. We give thanks for Serafina, for her hardworking hands, for her fidelity, for her love of poverty, for her hours of prayer and for so many everyday services that perhaps no one would have written in a book. We give thanks for Francisca, for her youth, for her joy, for music, for the girls and young women she accompanied, for her moments of silence, for her fears and for the inner freedom that finally made her capable of forgiving.

After each thanksgiving, or at the end of each spontaneous intervention, we respond:

R/. Thank you, Lord, because their life continues to germinate.

Commitment: Sow what I want to continue living

Before approaching the soil, each one can ask herself: **What do I want to sow in my Amigonian Charismatic Family group?** She can inwardly choose a word that expresses her commitment: mercy, listening, patience, joy, reconciliation, tenderness, service, availability, hope, fraternity, forgiveness or welcome. Then, one by one, the sisters approach and place their seed in the soil. It is not necessary to say the chosen word publicly. The commitment remains between God and each person.

Final prayer

Lord Jesus, today we want to thank you for Rosario, Serafina and Francisca. Thank you because before being Blessed they were sisters, because they knew life with its joys and its weariness, because they worked, held

responsibilities, prayed, cared, learned, at times were afraid and kept walking. Thank you because when the definitive hour arrived, they discovered that a whole life given away had prepared them for a greater self-giving.

Final gesture

The sister leading the celebration takes a little soil in her hands and leaves a few moments of silence. Then she says: "This soil now holds our seeds. We do not know what will happen to them, just as we do not always know what fruit will come from what we give each day. But we can trust. The seed does its work in secret and God knows the times of life".

Then she proclaims: **Rosario de Soano.** All respond: **"Teach us to care by giving our life".** She continues: **Serafina de Ochovi.** All respond: **"Teach us to serve by giving our life".** Finally: **Francisca Javier de Rafelbuñol.** All respond: **"Teach us to forgive by giving our life".**

The leader concludes: **Blessed Martyrs, Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of the Holy Family, pray for us.**

And all together respond:

"So that our life too may bear fruit".

At the end, the whole community proclaims:

"Lives that are seeds of mercy".

To take into life

As she leaves the chapel, each sister may receive a small card with a seed attached. On the front it may say: **"What is given out of love germinates"**. Below: **Rosario: care. Serafina: remain. Francisca: forgive.** On the reverse, only one question: **"And I, what am I sowing?" (Jn 12:24).**

Passing of Father Luis Amigó y Ferrer

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Passing of Our Father Founder Fray Luis Amigó

INTRODUCTION TO THE CELEBRATION

Dear Amigonian Charismatic Family, united today in a single fraternal embrace throughout the world, may you all be warmly welcomed to this Eucharistic table. We are gathered by joy and immense gratitude as we celebrate the 92nd anniversary of the Transitus and the Paschal feast of our beloved Father Founder, Luis Amigó y Ferrer. Today, heaven and earth unite to give thanks to God for the life of this true *giant of holiness,* a shepherd who knew how to embrace human frailty with the same compassionate eyes of Christ.

Within the framework of our Month of Spirituality, his legacy resounds in us with a vibrant echo of hope, illuminated by the motto that guides us: *«Lives that are seeds of mercy»*. That same mercy was the unceasing heartbeat in the heart of our Founder, teaching us that redeeming love transforms everything. As we approach this altar today, we not only commemorate his definitive encounter with the Father, but we rekindle the fire of his charism in our own hands. Let us prepare our spirit to live this Eucharist with joy, asking for the grace to be fertile soil where his seed may germinate, giving our lives for those most in need. Welcome to the feast of love and mercy.

ENTRANCE MONITION

We gather today with hearts full of gratitude to celebrate our identity as the Amigonian Charismatic Family, united under a motto that calls us to reflection and action: «Lives that are seeds of mercy».

In this celebration, our gaze turns with special affection toward our venerable Father Founder: Fray Luis Amigó y Ferrer. His life was the first great seed that God planted in the garden of the Church to give life to two congregations: the Capuchin Tertiary Sisters of the Holy Family and the Capuchin Tertiary Religious of Our Lady of Sorrows. Fray Luis invited us to live transformed by the smallness and simplicity of a leafy tree that offers shelter and hope.

Today, as the Amigonian Family that drinks from this charism, our hearts are filled with joy as we contemplate the witness of this giant of the virtues, who did nothing other than scatter these seeds of mercy by handfuls among the poorest and most forgotten. With entrails of a Good Shepherd, he looked upon the marginalized, he looked upon the discarded young person, the orphan, and he saw in them Christ suffering, he saw the lost sheep that needed to be carried on the merciful shoulders of redeeming love. May the example of Fray Luis Amigó, our lives be transformed into true seeds of mercy that carry consolation and hope to the world today.

With profound joy, we stand and unite our voices in song

READING

Fray Luis Amigó dedicated his life to the service of God and of those most in need, especially children, adolescents, and young people facing situations of vulnerability. With deep faith and a heart full of mercy, he understood that education, accompaniment, and love were the paths to transform lives and build a more just and fraternal society.

His example invites us to be people committed to the common good, to live with humility, to practice forgiveness, and to reach out to those who need it most. His legacy remains alive in the educational, social, and pastoral works of the Amigonian Family, which continues working with the same spirit of closeness and service that he sowed.

On this 92nd anniversary of his death, we raise a prayer of thanksgiving for his life and ask God to grant us the strength to follow his example, being instruments of peace, reconciliation, and hope in our families, in our educational community, and in society.

May the witness of Fray Luis Amigó encourage us always to walk with faith, love, and commitment, making service to others a true expression of our Christian vocation.

SILENCE AND REFLECTION

«Lives that are seeds of mercy»

Setting

After the proclamation of the Word or the reading about the final moments of Father Luis Amigó, the lights are dimmed. At the center, a candle remains lit beside a seedling or a small plant, a sign of life that continues making history fruitful.

Introduction

Father Luis Amigó understood that a life given to God never ends. Like the seed that disappears beneath the earth to bear fruit, his existence continues germinating there where someone consoles, educates, forgives, accompanies, or restores hope.
Today we contemplate his Transitus not as an end, but as the culmination of a life sown with generosity. We too are called to be seeds of mercy in the midst of the world.
A moment of silence is observed.

Questions for personal reflection

They are read slowly, leaving a few moments between one and the next.

- What seeds of mercy did Father Luis Amigó sow that continue bearing fruit today in my life and in our community?
- What seeds am I sowing each day with my words, my decisions, and my service?
- Is there any soil in my heart that needs to be turned over so that mercy can flourish?
- If my journey ended today, what fruit would I leave sown in those around me?
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A prolonged period of silence is observed (5-7 minutes), accompanied only by soft instrumental music.

SONG

«Alma Misionera»

It emphasizes the self-giving of one who lives to sow the Kingdom.

TIME FOR SHARING

The facilitator

Father Luis Amigó taught us that mercy is transmitted from heart to heart. Seeds make no noise as they grow, yet they transform the earth.
Let us now share those seeds of mercy that God has sown in our lives.

Questions for sharing

Each person responds briefly to one of these questions:

- What trait of Father Luis Amigó do I wish to continue sowing?
- What experience of mercy has most marked my life?
- What concrete commitment do I want to make in order to continue making the Amigonian charism fruitful?
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Community gesture

As each person shares, they place their seed around a plant
At the end, the facilitator says:
No seed seems important when it falls to the earth. But together they form a field full of life. In the same way, Father Luis Amigó humbly sowed the Gospel, and today we gather its fruits wherever it is sown.
May the Lord grant us the grace to continue making the charism we have received flourish.

Final prayer All together:

Lord Jesus,
thank you for the life of Father Luis Amigó,
fruitful seed of mercy,
shepherd according to your heart
and servant of the little ones.
Grant that we too
may know how to sow hope where there is discouragement,
reconciliation where there is division,
tenderness where there is suffering,
and faith where many have ceased to believe.
May our life,
like his,
be a hidden seed,
humble and fruitful,
capable of continuing to bear fruit for your Kingdom.
Amen.

PSALM

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is my Shepherd; I lack nothing; his mercy accompanies me.
Verse 1:
The Lord is my shepherd; I lack nothing:
in green pastures he makes me lie down;
he leads me beside quiet waters
and restores my strength. R.
Verse 2:
He guides me along the right path,
for the honor of his name.
Though I walk through dark valleys,
I fear nothing, for you are with me:
your rod and your staff comfort me. R.
Verse 3:

You prepare a table before me,
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with perfume,
and my cup overflows. R.
Verse 4:
Your goodness and your mercy accompany me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
for years without end. R.
(Note: Psalm 23 [22] is the Amigonian psalm par excellence, because it expresses the identity of the Good Shepherd that guided the life, pedagogy, and Transitus of Father Luis).

THANKSGIVING

We gather today, in this month of Amigonianity, to give thanks to God for the Gift of our charism, for the life of our Father Luis Amigó, and for every person who, following his example, has sown mercy in the midst of a world that needs it so much. Through the humble heart of our Father Luis Amigó, who from a very young age learned to trust and wait, responding to your call with simplicity and complete self-giving.

All: *Thank you, Father, for sowing your mercy in him.*
For his unwavering trust in your Providence, which sustained him amid difficulties, doubts, and the uncertain beginnings of his work.
All: *Thank you, Father, for sowing your mercy in him.*
For his compassionate gaze toward the most abandoned children and young people, whom he welcomed as beloved children of your tenderness.
All: *Thank you, Father, for sowing your mercy in him.*
For his Franciscan and Capuchin spirit, which taught him to live poverty, simplicity, and service as sure paths toward you.
All: *Thank you, Father, for sowing your mercy in him.*
For his capacity to forgive and reconcile, turning pain and difficulties into opportunities for new life for so many wounded young people.
All: *Thank you, Father, for sowing your mercy in him.*
For the gift of founding a Family that today remains alive in the Church and in the world, extending its charism in every work and community.
All: *Thank you, Father, for sowing your mercy in him.*
For every member of the Amigonian Charismatic Family who today continues his legacy, making mercy a concrete and close way of living the Gospel.
All: *Thank you, Father, for sowing your mercy in him.*
For allowing us, one more year, to celebrate this Month of Amigonianity, a time of communion, memory, and hope for our entire Charismatic Family.
All: *Thank you, Father, for sowing your mercy in him.*
Lord, you sowed in Luis Amigó a life of self-giving, and that life became a seed. Today, that seed continues bearing fruit in us. We thank you for allowing us to be part of this story of grace, and we ask that our own lives may also be seeds of mercy for the world that needs it today.
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

COMMITMENT

As the Amigonian Charismatic Family, gathered in this month that remembers the legacy of our Father Founder, today we renew our commitment:

1. **We commit ourselves to being seeds of mercy**, allowing God's love to be manifested in concrete gestures of welcome, tenderness, and forgiveness toward those around us, especially the most vulnerable.

2. **We commit ourselves to trust as our Founder Luis Amigó trusted**, placing our works, projects, and difficulties in the hands of Providence, without allowing fear or discouragement to extinguish our self-giving.

3. **We commit ourselves to building communion**, strengthening the bonds among the members of the Amigonian Charismatic Family who form this great Family, recognizing that the charism is lived and transmitted in unity.

4. **We commit ourselves to making the Amigonian Charism visible today**, in the Church and in society, through social, pastoral, educational works, NGOs, and initiatives that transform realities of exclusion into spaces of dignity and hope.
5. **We commit ourselves to caring for and watering this seed**, so that, like the life of our Father Luis Amigó, our own lives may bear abundant fruit of mercy for the generations to come.

«Lives that are seeds of mercy» is the task we assume today with joy and responsibility, trusting that the same Spirit who inspired our Father Founder LuísAmigó continues to act in each one of us. **This is what we desire; this is our commitment.**

Feast of the Seraphic Father Saint Francis of Assis

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From the Basilica of Saint Francis in Assisi (Italy): At the worldwide epicenter of the celebration.
The Conventual Franciscan Friars will broadcast the entire day of celebrations live, including the great Solemn Mass and the official centenary events, through the YouTube channel of the Basilica of Assisi.

https://basilica.sanfrancesco.org/eventi/festa-di-san-francesco

CELEBRATION OF BIRTHDAY OF FATHER Luis Amigó

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CELEBRATION OF THE 172ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF FATHER LUIS

Setting: place an image of Father Luis Amigó with some sign that makes his birth visible.

INTRODUCTION

…the Lord, in his mercy, gave me very Catholic parents, named Don Gaspar Amigó y Chulvi, a lawyer, son of Puzol, and Doña Genoveva Ferrer y Doset, from Valencia. And because my father was for some time secretary in Masamagrell, ***I was born in that town on 17 October 1854***. And so that the special ***mercy of the Lord*** toward me may be seen, I must state that in that year the towns were being struck by a very terrible cholera epidemic, from which most pregnant women died before or during childbirth. For this reason, the people of the town, who were very fond of my mother, were saddened and lamented seeing her so far advanced in her pregnancy, judging her death almost certain. But the Lord had compassion on my virtuous mother, and she gave birth to this poor creature without any mishap. (OC, Autobiography, n. 2 and 3).

OPENING MONITION

Today we gather as the Amigonian Charismatic Family, with hearts overflowing with joy and gratitude, to celebrate a truly special occasion: the 172nd anniversary of the birth of our Founding Father.

These are 172 years embraced by the faith, grace, guidance and strength of a God who has loved Father Luis with “a heart full of mercy” since his birth; a significant fact that he himself recognizes as a special **mercy of the Lord** in his personal history.

Friar Luis was a man who, despite his limitations and vulnerabilities, was able to embrace the cross of Christ and give himself completely to the service of the Kingdom of God. As we contemplate the passing of time, we remember with affection the kind and peaceful man, austere Capuchin and popular missionary, simple bishop and devout Shepherd, yet always prudent, even-handed, respectful, self-sacrificing, filled with serene strength and deeply trusting in Providence, devoted to his ministerial priesthood, who with these qualities began this path and sowed the seeds of mercy that today continue to blossom and give life in our two Congregations and among lay people who embrace with a sense of belonging this rich charism of mercy, given to the Church for her sanctification.

But this day is not only for remembering the past; above all, it is an invitation to look toward the future with hope and to renew our Christian commitment to live the virtue of mercy. May this celebration be a song of praise for every blessing received and a supplication that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide our steps as a family within the Church.

SONG: AUDIO "Consagrados" (Cristóbal Fones, sj).

PROCLAMATION OF THE PSALM: 145. (for two choirs, and after every two stanzas the following antiphon is repeated: "The Lord is compassionate and merciful; he supports those who are about to fall and lifts up those who are bowed down")

Introduction: this psalm shows us that, in Jesus, mercy is part of his unconditional love for the dignity of the human person; he allows himself to be moved with compassion in the face of suffering, illness and exclusion.

Praise of divine greatness and goodness

I will exalt you, my God, my king;
I will bless your name for ever and ever.
Day after day, I will bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, worthy of all praise,
his greatness is beyond measure;
one generation commends your works to another,
and tells of your mighty deeds.

They praise the glory of your majesty,
and I repeat your wonders;
they proclaim your awesome deeds,
and I recount your great actions;
they spread the memory of your immense goodness,
and acclaim your justice.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and rich in compassion;
the Lord is good to all,
he is loving toward all his creatures.
Let all your creatures give you thanks, Lord,
let your faithful bless you.

Let them proclaim the glory of your reign,
let them speak of your mighty deeds;
making your deeds known to humankind,
the glory and majesty of your reign.
Your reign is an everlasting reign,
your rule endures from age to age.

The Lord is faithful to his words,
kind in all his actions.
The Lord supports those who are about to fall,
and straightens those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all are waiting for you,
you give them their food in due time;
you open your hand,
and satisfy every living thing with your favors.
The Lord is just in all his ways,
kind in all his actions.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to those who call upon him sincerely.
He fulfills the desires of those who fear him,
he hears their cries and saves them.
The Lord watches over those who love him,
but destroys the wicked.

May my mouth speak the praise of the Lord,
let every living thing bless his holy name
for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit…

BIBLICAL READING:

MOTIVATION:

In the Gospels, Jesus is shown moved by compassion, displaying a profound physical and emotional reaction to the pain, illness or need of his neighbor, always impelling him toward transformative action and direct help.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD: Mc 6,34

“When he disembarked, he saw a great crowd and had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things”.

REFLECTION AND SILENCE

Mercy begins with “seeing”. Jesus does not pass by. He sees people who are tired, lost and wounded, and his heart is moved.
Jesus' compassion does not remain mere pity. He begins to teach them and then gives them food.
The world is still “without a shepherd”: violence, addictions, loneliness. Jesus calls us to be shepherds with him.

In Jesus, mercy is the expression of his unconditional love and his profound respect for the dignity of the human person. He teaches us to allow ourselves to be moved with compassion by the needs of our world, becoming seeds of mercy through concrete attitudes such as welcome, sensitivity and charity toward those who live in situations of exclusion and whose dignity has been violated. We are invited not to condemn, but to teach, accompany and embrace.

We ask ourselves:
How are we living today, as the Amigonian Charismatic Family, the mercy of Jesus in situations that violate people's dignity, especially the dignity of those who suffer, are excluded or live in situations of greater vulnerability?

SONG: To the Holy Spirit (chosen freely)

CHARISMATIC READING: OC 1063

"…beloved children; it is also necessary that our charity toward our neighbor be made known through deeds: providing them comfort in their afflictions, remedy in their illnesses and assistance in their need. Is this not what we ourselves desire and seek so earnestly for ourselves? If our spirit is cast down and afflicted by some tribulation, with what eagerness do we not seek the comfort of a friend, pouring out our heart to him?; if we feel ill, we want others to help us and promptly and diligently apply the necessary remedies for our recovery, and in our hardships and needs, how well we know how to set them forth so as to ***move our neighbors to compassion*** and find help in them! Well then: let us have this same concern for our brothers, whom we must love not only in word, but also and above all in deeds: *Non diligamus uerbo, sed opere et veritate* (1 lo 3, 18)".

REFLECTION AND SILENCE:

Although the text is from the nineteenth century, it still challenges today the living core of our charism: mercy made concrete in compassion and in service to the brother who suffers**.** Father Luis begins from a fundamental conviction: Christian charity cannot remain in words, feelings or good intentions; it needs to be expressed in concrete deeds. He translates charity into three very close and human actions: comforting the afflicted, caring for the sick and helping those who live in need. In this way, mercy takes on a concrete and close face.

There is a particularly powerful element in the text: the invitation to put oneself in the place of the other. Father Luis reminds us that all of us, when we suffer, seek comfort; when we fall ill, we hope someone will care for us; when we are in need, we want to find someone who has compassion on us.

That is why, at heart, he asks: if we expect mercy in our moments of fragility, how can we not offer it to our brothers?

The expression that may resonate with particular force today is: "move our neighbors to compassion". In Father Luis's context, compassion is not simply feeling pity in the face of another person's suffering. It is allowing oneself to be touched inwardly by the other's situation until one moves toward them and acts on their behalf. Compassion thus becomes a transformative force: seeing, feeling, drawing near and doing something concrete.

Today there are still people who need comfort, sick people who await closeness, excluded people who need to be welcomed, wounded families who require accompaniment, and human beings whose dignity has been violated. Therefore, Father Luis's question remains open for us: How are we making visible today the mercy we receive from God?

Therefore, as we celebrate another anniversary of the birth of our Founding Father, the text not only reminds us of his teaching, but also transmits to us an inheritance that continues to challenge the Amigonian Charismatic Family**:** to keep his merciful heart alive: to allow ourselves to be touched by the suffering of our brothers, to be moved to compassion and to transform that feeling into concrete deeds of comfort, care, welcome and service.

In the face of the suffering of our brothers and sisters, what is compassion doing in us today?

TIME TO SHARE ECHOES OF THE CELEBRATION

MAKE A COMMITMENT (to integrate into daily life)

Faced with the new faces of suffering and exclusion in today's world, **what do we feel called to do as the Amigonian Charismatic Family so that, together, we may be a close, merciful presence that restores human dignity?**

The commitment is shared and placed around the image of Father Luis Amigó. (instrumental music in the background)

SPONTANEOUS THANKSGIVING.

FINAL SONG: Hymn to Friar Luis Amigó. (Ecos page 225) or another.