

# Jesus comes for everyone

## Christmas at Via Nomentana



And this is how we have experienced it this year in the Generalate. We have lived a Christmas time in which the joy of the God with us has become clear in the simplicity, in sharing, in the feast and celebration and in prayer...



Without any doubt, God comes for everyone. Jesus during these days has convoked to our house people of almost “all languages, races and nations”. Persons of 17 different nationalities: RJM, the workers in the house (from different countries), religious students from other Congregations, the Sare family, who are guests of ‘Casa Dina’... we have sung and praised the God Child, we have relished the joy of sharing the table, the songs, the jokes, the naivety of the children and the timidity of the adolescents.





The traditional fraternal encounter with our Sisters from Via Flaminia, Artesele and Padova made us feel, once again the fraternity, the affection and the profound family spirit.

And because God has revealed these things to simple people, and if we do not become “like children we will not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven”, the visit among us was not lacking, of the ‘Befana’, that nice, pleasant old lady who according to tradition it is said that:



*“The Magi on their way to Bethlehem asked an old lady for help to take their gifts to the Child Jesus, not succeeding in finding the correct way. She took care of them and gave them some sweets. Then they asked her to accompany them in the search of the Child Jesus. In spite of the insistence on the part of the Magi to follow them on their visit to the new born Child, the woman did not get out of her house to accompany them.*

*Later on, in repenting of not having gone with them, and after preparing a basket with sweets, she left her house and began to look for them without succeeding in finding them.*

*In this way she stopped at every house that she found along the way, giving sweets or candy to the children that she found, with the hope that one of those would be the Little Jesus.*

*Since then she would wander through the world distributing gifts to all the children in order to be forgiven.”*



And in order to end the celebrations, on January 7, 60th anniversary of profession of Mother Lourdes Rossell, we celebrated once more that God does not cease to call us, that He is faithful and walks along with us always.

## **M. Lourdes thanks the Lord in this way:**

When one has lived 60 years of consecrated life, there is only one word to express what one feels:  
THANK YOU:

Thank you for my parents who gave me my life, from whom I learnt everything good that I have and who one day they did not hold me back, but they returned me to the Lord who had entrusted me to their care.

Thank you for my Congregation which I have been able to love and serve wholeheartedly during many years and from which I have received much more than what I could imagine and think.

Thank you for the Virgin, my mother, for she has never ceased being at my side and whom I know has kept me under her protection even before I was conceived.

Thank you, Lord, my God and my all, because you have led my life, coming into it, many times unexpectedly, but always giving me the peace to know that you are the one tracing my way.

Today I want to end my prayer of thanksgiving with a petition: Father, I place myself in your hands, do with me what you want, everything is yours... ask me for what I still reserve for myself and take it in spite of me; give me your love and grace for that is enough for me.