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MESSAGE

Dear Confreres and Consoeurs,

The year 2000, the year, which joined the second and third millennia of the Christian Era, was the year of the Great Jubilee.

While all Holy Years are great spiritual experiences, that of the year 2000 was especially so due to the exceptional and never-before-seen flow of pilgrims and because of the heroic reaffirmation by the Holy Father of the fundamental values of Christian morality against the deviations of the contemporary world which threaten not only the Faith, but the very foundations of human civilization.

Our Order, which finds its reason for existing in the defense of the values of the Cross of Christ, participated deeply in the jubilee experience. On October 7, in the Patriarchal Vatican Basilica, in the presence of their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Castro and the Duke and Duchess of Calabria and hundreds of Knights and Dames from throughout the world, the Jubilee of our Order took place with the celebration of Holy Mass by His Eminence, Cardinal Alfons Maria Stickler, and with our participation in the arrival in Rome of Our Lady of Fatima.

Sadly, only a few days before, we lost our beloved Grand Prior, Cardinal Vincenzo Fagiolo, who very much desired the celebration and who followed its preparation up to the last days of his life.

The silver medal of the Constantinian Jubilee, presented to the Holy Father by H.R.H. the Grand Prefect, is the symbol of the constant fidelity of our Sacred Order and of the Royal House of Bourbon-Two Sicilies to the Throne of Peter.

If the ceremony of October 7 was the culminating manifestation of our Jubilee, throughout the year the Order, through the Grand Magistry, the Delegations, and the

personal activities of its Knights and Dames, has given evidence of its fidelity to its purposes by bringing the spiritual message as well as material assistance to those who suffer.

As the Epistle of St. James notes, faith without works is in vain.

Therefore it is our duty to continue this activity and to constantly deepen it. Only in this way will we be worthy of the motto of our Order: *in hoc signo vinces*.

To all the Knights and Dames I express, in the name of H.R.H. the Duke of Castro and of H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria to whom I unite myself, sincere best wishes for the new year.

Aldo Pezzana Capranica del Grillo
Grand Chancellor

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THE LIFE OF THE ORDER 2000

January 20

The Duke and Duchess of Calabria participated at a conference held in the *Teatro di Corte* to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the *Reggia* of Caserta.

January 21

The Juridical Council of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George met to discuss and deliberate on important decisions regarding the Order itself.

January 24

The Delegation of Lombardy sponsored an evening of special human solidarity in favor of disabled persons and their families.

The event % to be repeated every annually % was especially significant for our Knights and Dames who worked together with celebrities from the world of culture and entertainment so that the social constituted also a moment of profound and deeply felt participation in suffering.

January 28

T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Calabria participated at a breakfast offered in their honor by the Hon. Daniele, Vice-President of the Government of the Region of Campania. In the course of encounter, the activities and initiatives the Delegation were defined so that there might be a more focused activity of the Order in the territory of the Region.

In the afternoon, the Mayor of Naples, the Hon. Antonio Bassolino, received the illustrious guests at the Municipal Palace.

February 2

H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria, Grand Prefect, paid a visit to Senator-for-Life Francesco Cossiga, former President of the Republic, Knight Grand Cross with Star of Gold, Decorated with the Constantinian Collar, to discuss some initiatives of the Order.

In the evening, the Duke and Duchess of Calabria paid a visit to His Eminence, Cardinal Vincenzo Fagiolo, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice and Grand Prior of the Order.

February 3

Their Royal Highnesses attended in a reception given by His Excellency Thierry Muϕls, Ambassador of Belgium to the Holy See, where they met with many civil and ecclesiastical authorities, visiting especially with His Excellency, Archbishop Giovanni Battista Re, Substitute for General Affairs of the Secretariat of State.

February 9

H.R.H. the Grand Prefect received Dr. Roberto Laurenti, who is responsible for the humanitarian projects of UNICEF, discussing problems relating to his upcoming visit to Albania (see June 8).

February 11

T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Calabria took part in the traditional reception offered, on the occasion of the anniversary of the signing of the Lateran Pacts, by H.E. the Count Raniero Avogadro di Casalvolone, Knight of Justice, Ambassador of Italy to the Holy See.

In the majestic seat of the Palazzo Borromeo, the illustrious guests had the occasion to meet with many civil and ecclesiastical authorities as well as leading figures from the political world.

February 15-17

The representative in Spain of the Order, H.E. Don Francisco de Asis Gonzalez de Regueral y de la Roza, Marquis of Heredia, Grandee of Spain, Knight of Justice, with the entire Delegation, discussed with H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria future activity in Spain. At the conclusion, a luncheon was held at which many leading members of the Iberian nobility participated.

February 18-20

Their Royal Highnesses traveled to Portugal, accompanied by H.E. Ambassador Dr. Antonio Benedetto Spada, Constantinian Collar and Grand Treasurer of the Order, to take part in the baptism of third son of H.R.H. the Duke of Braganha. The solemn ceremony took place in the splendid Cathedral of Porto. During this occasion, the Duke and Duchess discussed with the Portuguese Delegation questions regarding the jubilee celebration scheduled for October 7.

February 22

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Lamberto Dini, Knight Grand Cross with the Star of Gold, invited H.R.H. the Grand Prefect to the *Farnesina*¹ for a meeting with the object of discussing the future activities of the Order.

February 28

In the name of the Order, H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria hosted a luncheon in honor of His Eminence, Cardinal Vincenzo Fagiolo, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice and Grand Prior. Those present included H.E. the Count Carlo Marullo di Condojanni, Prince of Casalnuovo, Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice; H.E. the Count Raniero Avogadro di Casalvolone, Ambassador of Italy to the Holy See, Knight of Justice; and Major-General Paolo Di Noia, Vice-Commandant- General of the Carabinieri, Commander of Merit with Star.

March 21

At the invitation of the Most Reverend Father Bernardo Fabio D'Onorio, Ecclesiastical Commander of Grace and Abbot of the Monastery of Montecassino, H.R.H. the Grand Prefect visited the celebrated Abbey. After a moving religious ceremony, the

¹ *Editor's Note:* The *Farnesina* is the term for Italian Foreign Ministry in the same sense that "the Pentagon" is used for the United States Department of Defense.

distinguished guest discussed with the Abbot some questions regarding the realization of important initiatives.

April 3

During a Solemn Eucharistic Concelebration in the *Duomo* of Como, the ceremony of investiture for new Knights took place. On this occasion, H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria underlined in his conversation with the Bishop, the Most Reverend Alessandro Maggiolini, the willingness of the Order to financially assist the Diocese with the restoration of the seminary and the Benedictine monastery of Grandate.

H.R.H. the Grand Prefect presented the insignia of Commander of Grace to H.E. Bishop Maggiolini as well as Constantinian Crosses to Dr. Giuseppe Rizzani, Knight of Grace and Representative for the Province of Como; to the Hon. Enrico Ferri, former Minister of the Republic and now Deputy in the European Parliament, Knight of Merit with Star; and to Monsignor Angelo Piovano, official of the Secretariat of State.

In the afternoon, in presence of political and religious authorities and various Delegates - including the Prince Augusto Ruffo di Calabria, Knight of Justice; the Prince Carlo Cito Filomarino di Rocca d'Aspro, Grand Inquisitor and Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice, Decorated with the Collar; Attorney Piero Cutelli, Knight of Grace and Head of Ceremonies - the "Daytime Center of Encounter for Persons in the Third Age" was inaugurated at Pavia. This institution, realized thanks to the financial contribution of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George, is located on the premises of the Oratory of Saint Lanfranco, made available by the pastor, Monsignor Emilio Carrera.

Every afternoon, the Center - and this is its novelty - offers to its guests both entertainment and assistance. Numerous professionals of every type and discipline offer free specialist consultations.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Bishop blessed the premises.

April 4

The Prince Carlo and the Princess Camilla of Bourbon were guests in the Villa Recalcati in Varese of the Hon. Massimo Ferrario, President of the Region. After official meetings with the authorities, Holy Mass was celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Victor, followed by the ceremony for the investiture of new Knights who - at the request of the province itself - donated a bus for the transportation of the elderly.

The visit to the province was preceded by the delivery of medical supplies for the elderly of the Mary Immaculate Nursing Home, run by the Capuchin Sisters in Varese.

April 15

The Delegation of Puglia and Basilicata organized a benefit concert in the Church of Saint Francesco da Paola in Bari. Monks of Madonna della Scala in Noci, with the

assistance of multimedia, performed rare medieval *exultet*² from in the cathedrals of Bari and Trani. Guest of honor at the concert was Mr. Juste W. Tiemptor, Minister Counselor of the Embassy of Burkina Faso, the country where the funds raised by the benefit were destined for a humanitarian project.

April 17

The annual Holy Mass of the Order for the feast of its Patron Saint, celebrated by His Eminence, Cardinal Vincenzo Fagiolo, Grand Prior, was organized by the Delegate for Lazio, the Prince Manfred Windisch-Graetz, in the Church of Saint George in Velabro. During the course of the celebration, new Knights were nominated from among diplomatic, cultural, and political personalities.

At the end of the solemn ceremony of investiture, a reception was held in the cloister of the church, the participants at which included, among others, the Prince and Princess Torlonia; the Ambassador of Italy to the Holy See, the Count Raniero Avogadro di Casalvolone; FrB Ludwig Hoffman von Rumerstein, Grand Commander of the Order of Malta; Donna Mariapia Fanfani; the Ambassador of the Order of Malta to the Italian Republic, the Baron Giulio di Lorenzo Badia; and H.E. Professor Giovanni Verde, Vice-President of the Superior Council of the Magistrate. Also present were the High Officers and many delegates of the Order.³

April 26-28

The General Assembly of AMADE (*Association Mondiale des Amis de l'Enfance*), founded by H.S.H. the late Princess Grace of Monaco, met over two days.

In the presence of the international President of the Association, H.R.H. the Princess of Hanover, the Duke and Duchess of Calabria presented the contribution of the Italian Delegation, whose President is the Duke himself and whose Secretary General is Professor Leonardo Saviano, Commander of Merit.

The contribution, the result of scientific research directed by Professor Federico Vigeveno, Chief of Infant Neurology at the “Bambin Gesù” Hospital in Rome, had as its object the genetic and etiological predisposition for infant epilepsy and the conditioning of television in the development of evolving age.

AMADE enjoys a consultative status at the Council of Europe, UNESCO, UNICEF, and the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

² *Exultet* are parchments on which the Gregorian chant – decorated by splendid miniature designs counter-clockwise with respect to the writing – permits readers to admire the figures drawn. They represent one of the most important musical and historical treasures of Puglia.

³ *Editor's Note:* Also present at the Mass was the United States Ambassador to the Holy See, Mrs. Corinne Claiborne Boggs, Dame Grand Cross of Merit.

April 30

Celebrated late because of its coincidence with Easter, the feast of Saint George the Martyr was celebrated with solemn ceremonies in Locorotonda (Province of Bari) by the Delegate for Puglia and Basilicata, the Noble Attorney Ugo Patroni Griffi, Knight of Justice, and by the Vice-Delegate, the Noble Paolo Domenico Solito, Commander of Grace.

The celebrant solemnly carried in procession the Sacred Relics of Saint George the Martyr during the ceremonies, which were attended by the Mayor, the Hon. Petrelli, as well as the leading local authorities.

The celebrations concluded with a Holy Mass offered by the Archbishop, who thanked the Constantinian Order for its participation.

May 18

Their Royal Highnesses, along with the Grand Prior of our Order, His Eminence, Cardinal Vincenzo Fagiolo, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice, participated in the solemn celebration of the birthday of His Holiness John Paul II.

May 25

Dr. Staffan De Mistura, Representative of the United Nations in Italy, invited the Prince Carlo to a breakfast to discuss activities during the upcoming humanitarian trip to Albania.

May 31

A large representation of Constantinian Knights, led by T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Calabria and by the Prince of Rocca d'Aspro, H.E. the Prince Don Carlo Cito Filomarino, Grand Inquisitor and Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice, Decorated with the Collar, took part in a gala evening organized at the *Palazzo Spinola* in Milan by the Grand Priory of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

June 5

The Delegation of Lombardy, led by the Bishop of Pavia, took part in a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Saint Anthony of Padua and the Shrine of Saint Leopold Mandic.

The same Delegation invited 200 elderly to participate in the pilgrimage.

June 8

The Delegation of Campania donated to the Procurator for Jesuit Missions in Naples four computers to be given to the Salvatorian Sisters who run a medical clinic and a school for computer technicians in Albania.

June 8-10

Warmly received by the local authorities and by the Diplomatic Corps in Albania, the Duke and Duchess of Calabria began their itinerary with a very cordial meeting with Mrs. Lydra Meidani, wife of the President of the Republic of Albania. The principle object of the trip was, however, a visit to the “Zjber Halluli” Orphanage and the “Ramazan Jarani” School, both of which assist two thousand Kosovar refugee children with the support of our Order. The funds necessary for this initiative were previously entrusted to Professor Micali, Representative of UNICEF in Italy, and were raised the previous year by a memorable gala evening and concert by the “Alessandro Scarlatti” Orchestra of Naples in the park of the *Reggia* at Caserta, celebrating the golden wedding anniversary of Ferdinando of Bourbon, Duke of Castro. The welcome offered by the students and teachers in the institutions visited was, understandably, warm, and the direct contact permitted the Duke and Duchess to better appreciate the level of poverty and suffering, taking note for future humanitarian interventions. Other gifts – including books, writing supplies, toys, and computers – brought joy to the children of the “Ramazan Jarani” School and the “Zjber Halluli” Orphanage, leading the Princess Camilla to comment, at the end of the visit: “Our contribution will permit these children to live better in schools which, for many, are their only real home and to lead a more tranquil childhood”.

June 11

The Delegation of Piedmont organized the annual General Meeting of the Delegation at Casale Monferrato. Local authorities, as well as many Knights and Dames attended the encounter.

June 14-15

At the invitation of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Calabria traveled to London to attend the inauguration of an exhibition at the Palace of Saint James. The exhibition, which included paintings by H.R.H. the Prince Charles of England and by H.R.H. the Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, brother of H.M. the King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, will also be shown in other capitals.

The Duke of Calabria used the occasion of this visit to nominate a new Delegate for Great Britain and Ireland in the person of the Right Hon. Lord Robert Anthony Carmichael Belhaven and Stenton.

June 17

The Commandant of the Military Aeronautical Academy at Pozzuoli, General Giulio Mainini, Commander of Merit, received again this year a cordial visit from H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria, accompanied by the Princess Camilla.

At the conclusion of the visit, Their Royal Highnesses went to the *Reggia* of Capodimonte to attend an equestrian event.

The Duchess of Calabria, a great fan of horsemanship and an expert in equestrian training, sponsored the first international competition of horsemanship, met the jockeys, and visited the stables, and presented the winner with the “Duke of Calabria’s Cup”.

Among those attending the event were the Minister Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio; the Consul of Austria; the Regional Assessor, Giulia Parente; the Director of Sant’Elmo, Katia Fiorentino; and Guido Gullo of the Administration as well as a large representation of Neapolitan nobility and some local administrators.

June 24

The Duke and Duchess of Calabria participated in the traditional reception in honor of the Feast of Saint John at the Villa Malta on the Aventine Hill offered by H.E. the Baron Giulio di Lorenzo Badia, Ambassador of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta to the Quirinal⁴, Knight Grand Cross of Grace.

July 7-12

The Delegation of Lombardy offered a vacation of five days to seven elderly ladies from the Institute of “Santa Maria Consolatrice” in Pavia.

August 25

The Baron Francesco Saverio Leopardi, Knight of Grace and Delegate of the Order for Abruzzo and Molise, inaugurated the new offices of the Delegation in his own *Palazzo di Penne* in Pescara with a ceremony in the presence of Professor Leonardo Saviano, Commander of Merit, representing H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria. A Holy Mass celebrated in the Church of Saint Dominic preceded the ceremony.

September 14

Accompanied by the Prince Augusto Ruffo di Calabria, Commander of Justice, the Prince Carlo and the Princess Camilla of Bourbon attended a Solemn Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of Novara by Monsignor Gianni Colombo, Pro-Vicar General of the Diocese.

⁴ *Editor’s Note:* The *Quirinale* refers to the Italian Government.

After the solemn celebration, during which there was the investiture of some new Knights, the Duke and Duchess went to Caltignaga to inaugurate the new offices of the “*Associazione Onlus SOS Novara Emergenza*”, founded in 1998 by a group of volunteer doctors and nurses. The Duke of Calabria donated an ambulance furnished as a mobile rehabilitation center and handed out the diplomas to the first class of volunteers of the Novarese association.

A concert concluded the day for the Duke and Duchess of Calabria.

September 15

The Prince Carlo and the Princess Camilla were received at Vigevano by the Mayor, Dr. Ambrogio Cotta Ramusino, who accompanied them – along with the Delegate for Lombardy – to the “De Rodolfi” Rest Home to which the distinguished guests donated a television and video recorder.

The Order has undertaken, in the future, to assist with a more efficient reorganization of the institute, putting a team of specialists at the service of the pensioners in order to transform it into a proper day center for the elderly. At the end of the visit, the Duke and Duchess of Calabria and the entire Delegation went to the *Duomo* where H.E. the Most Reverend Claudio Baggini, Ordinary of Vigevano – decorated by the Duke with the Constantinian Cross – celebrated Holy Mass.

September 19

The Duke and Duchess of Calabria went to the Cathedral of Naples to attend the traditional ceremony of the liquidification of the blood of Saint Januarius. The rite was presided by His Eminence, Cardinal Michele Giordano. In the first row, along with the Duke and Duchess of Calabria, was seated the President of the Campania Region, Antonio Bassolino, and the Minister Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio.

The devotion of the Royal House to Saint Januarius dates to 1738 when the then-King Carlo, on the occasion of his marriage, founded a knightly order – still-existing and much sought-after – dedicated to the Patron of the city, having as its purpose the defense of the values of Christianity.⁵

September 22

Today His Eminence, Cardinal Vincenzo Fagiolo, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice and Grand Prior of the Order, passed away.

T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Castro and T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Calabria, together with all the Knights and Dames of the Constantinian Order, united in prayer and thought to the sorrow of the family of the illustrious deceased.

⁵ *Editor's Note:* The order is the Illustrious Royal Order of Saint Januarius whose present Grand Master is H.R.H. the Duke of Castro.

September 23

The Delegation of Lombardy participated in a benefit evening at Rocca di Scandiano sponsored by the Association for the Support of Pediatric Pathology and Oncology, offering a contribution for the construction of a guesthouse for parents of children suffering from leukemia.

September 26

T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Calabria attended the Requiem Mass for the Most Eminent Cardinal Vincenzo Fagiolo, Cardinal Deacon of the Title of Saint Theodore, President Emeritus of the Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts and of the Disciplinary Commission of the Roman Curia, Grand Prior of the Constantinian Order of Saint George, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice.

The solemn celebration, held at the Altar of the Chair of Saint Peter, was presided over by His Holiness John Paul II.

We reprint some passages from the Homily, which the Holy Father delivered on this occasion:

“Lord Cardinals, venerable Brothers in the Episcopate and in the Priesthood, dear Faithful, in the light of faith in Christ we celebrate today the funeral of the dear and venerated Cardinal Vincenzo Fagiolo who last Friday, at the age of eighty-two years, concluded his earthly pilgrimage. He belongs, we believe, on the side of those who ‘did good’ and for this reason we trust that he now awaits the call of the voice of Christ to the ‘resurrection of life’.

In this moment it touches me to remember the late Cardinal as a ‘Teacher of Justice’. The study and teaching of canon law constituted a constant in his life. The priestly vocation and the call to the episcopate transformed this interest according to the evangelical perspective. To educate in true justice, the justice of Christ: this was the ministry, which Cardinal Fagiolo carried out throughout his life. To this end he constantly saw in the different situations in which he found himself from time to time obedience: from the halls of the university to the episcopal magisterium of the Archdiocese of Chieti-Vasti, from the offices of the Italian Episcopal Conference to those of the Roman Curia.

On the occasion of his episcopal nomination, Monsignor Fagiolo chose as his motto the Pauline expression ‘Plenitudo legis dilectio’ (Rm 13:10). This wonderfully summarized the entire life of this ‘man of the Church’ who, for the love of Christ, knew how to recognize and find the fulfillment of every law and who gave his entire existence to witnessing by the teaching and by works the truth of this statement.

In a recent interview, he affirmed that: ‘Everything in the Church proceeds from love, everything needs to be directed to the increase of love’.

Cardinal Fagiolo fell asleep in the Lord during the Jubilee Year after having been able to live a considerable part of it.

This was surely his comfort in the last steps of his path toward his encounter with Christ. He knew that he was able to present himself before the Tribunal of God refreshed, so to speak, with the fruits of the jubilee indulgence.

Thirty years or so ago, looking forward to this moment, he wrote a spiritual testament which he confirmed with a successive note. In it, we read: 'If the thought of having to die disturbs me, I console myself with the hope that the Lord Jesus Christ, through the merits of his passion and death, in his great mercy, will deign to open to me the doors to his eternal and blessed house'.

And after having given thanks for the gifts of life, faith, and the priesthood, the Cardinal added: 'The greatest and most heartfelt thanks go to the Blessed Virgin Mary, sweet Mother of Trust: . . . to Her one last kiss from a life which is extinguishing'. In this context, he expressed the desire that at his funeral the Marian antiphon of the 'Salve Regina' would be sung."

September 27

The solemn funeral of His Eminence, Cardinal Vincenzo Fagiolo, took place in the Cathedral of Saint Justin in Chieti. The Delegation of Abruzzo and Molise presented a cushion of white lilies on behalf of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Castro and the Duke and the Duchess of Calabria.

October 6

H.R.H. the Grand Prefect, accompanied by the highest officers of the Order, received in the offices of the Chancery of the Order the Portuguese Delegation led by Dom Miguel Antonio Iorejas Horta e Costa, Nobre des Baroes de Santa Comba Dao, and Dom Francisco Maria de Bazzeiros Arrobas da Silva, Viscount of FarPa.

On this occasion, the following were either invested in or promoted within the Order: the Count Charters de Almeida e Silva, Count of BahPa, Commander of Justice; the Noble Engineer Joao Manuel De Mello Franco of the Counts Cartaxi, Commander of Justice; the Noble Engineer Ruy GonHalo De Sousa Do Valle Peixoto e Villa-Boas of the Viscounts of Guilhomil, Commander of Justice; the Noble Dr. Augusto Martins Ferreira Do Amaral of the Barons of Oliveira Lima, Commander of Justice; the Noble Dr. Frederico Josø Igrejas Horta e Costa of the Barons of Santa Comba Dao, Knight of Justice; the Noble Joao Thomaz Perestrello Pinto Ribeiro, Knight of Grace; and the Noble Hubert Guerrand-HermΠs, Commander of Grace, who was also given the insignia of the Royal Order of Francesco I.

The Portuguese Delegation hosted the high officers and dignitaries of the Order at a dinner at the *Circolo degli Scacchi*. In the course of the meeting, future initiatives were discussed and the Duke of Calabria was presented with the first exemplar in silver of a medal bearing the cross fleuried and the arms of the Royal House of Bourbon-Two Sicilies.

The same evening, a reception was held in honor of the Duke and Duchess of Calabria, hosted by the Ambassador of the United States to the Holy See, H.E. Corinne Boggs, Dame Grand Cross of Merit of our Order, in the presence of Delegate the Hon. David Lacey Garrison and the American Delegation.

October 19

T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Calabria took part in the celebration of the Jubilee of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta solemnly officiated at the Altar of the Chair of Basilica of Saint Peter by His Eminence, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, Secretary of State. At the end of the celebration, His Holiness John Paul II gave his blessing to all the Knights and Dames of the Order.

During the reception which followed the ceremony, the Duke of Calabria had a long and friendly discussion with the Grand Master of Malta, His Most Eminent Highness, FrB Andrew Bertie.

October 22

Accompanied by Donna Lilian De La Concha, consort of the President-elect of Mexico, Vincente Fox, and by H.E. Mario Moja Palencia, Ambassador of Mexico in Rome, T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Calabria attended the inauguration of the Seventh Biennium of the Sea in Naples.

At the *Stazione Marittima* Convention Center, a conference on the theme of “Maritime Power in the Mediterranean from 1734 to 1860: The Role of the Neapolitan Navy” was held.

The speaker, Professor Leonardo Saviano, Commander of Merit, showed the important part which the Bourbon Navy played as well as its efficient military organization, recalling, among other things, the first cruise of the Royal Naval School in the Gulf of Mexico during the reign of Ferdinando II.

November 8

H.E. the Most Reverend Theodore E. McCarrick, Knight Grand Cross of Grace and Archbishop of Washington, was named the Prior of the American Delegation.

November 9

The announcement of the death of H.E. Giambattista dei Marchesi Sersale, President of the Royal Deputation of our Order, Knight of Saint Januarius, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice, brought great and sincere mourning.

In the course of the solemn funeral rites in Naples, his noble figure and his deep and sincere attachment to the Royal Family and to our Order was recalled.

November 10

H.R.H. the Prince Carlo of Bourbon-Two Sicilies laid a commemorative stone on the Island of Ferdinandea, a volcanic island whose possession is contested by the English,

which – emerging for a few days from the waters before returning to the bottom of the sea – is 22 miles from Sciacca. The stone carries the meaningful inscription: “She does belong neither to the Royal House of the Two Sicilies nor to the English, but rather to the Sicilian People”. The ceremony was organized by H.E. Ambassador the Count Don Carlo Marullo di Condojanni, Prince of Casalnuovo, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice and Delegate for Western Sicily.

November 14

In the residence of the Minister of State and under the presidency of H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria, the first meeting of the General Assembly of the Association of Monaco of the Constantinian Knights was held in Monaco after the election of the President, H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria; the Vice-President, Marco Piccinini; the Secretary-General, Jean Fissore; the Treasurer, Fabrizio di Giura; and the Counselors, Patricia M. Husson and FranHois de Monseignat.

The important event was preceded by a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the Chapel of the Visitation by H.E. the Archbishop of the Principality, Monsignor Bernard Barsi, Prior and Ecclesiastical Grand Cross of Grace of our Order. Present at the function were H.E. the Minister of State, Patrick Leclercq, Grand Cross of Merit, and Mrs. Leclercq, Dame of Merit with Star; H.E. the Secretary of State, Renø Novella, Knight Grand Cross of Merit; the Chief of Staff of H.S.H. the Sovereign Prince of Monaco, Georges Grinda, Commander of Merit with Star; and the Chamberlain of H.S.H., the Colonel Serge Lamblin, Commander of Merit with Star, as well as H.E. Henri Fissore, Grand Cross of Merit, Ambassador to Italy.

November 18

The Duke and Duchess of Calabria were guests of honor at the swearing-in ceremony for the cadets of the Nunziatella Military School of Naples. Welcomed by the Commandant of the Military School, the Colonel Vincenzo Papaccio, the Duke and Duchess – together with the President of the Republic Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and the President Emeritus of the Constitutional Court, Professor Ettore Gallo, President of the Royal Magistral Juridical Council and Knight Grand Cross of Merit – participated with interest and pleasure in the moving ceremony.

November 24

As guests of the Princess Pallavicini, T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Calabria participated in the international conference organized by the Association “Noblesse et Tradition”. Also present at the important meeting were major representatives of the Imperial and Royal Houses of Europe.

His Eminence, Cardinal Alfons M. Stickler, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice concluded the conference.

December 6

The visit to Naples of the Prince Carlo of Bourbon-Two Sicilies and the Princess Camilla occasioned a true “mob” as the population sincerely rejoiced in their presence.

After a visit to the daily newspaper *Roma*, the Prince and Princess attended the miracle of the liquidification of the blood of Saint Patricia at the Monastery of Saint Gregory the Armenian, an event that occurs weekly with large popular participation.

But the most significant event occurred during the visit to the “Santa Patrizia” School with the symbolic “adoption” by the Princess Camilla of a young girl of seven years – named Rosa – from the San Lorenzo quarter. With the “adoption” the girl will be able to continue her studies.

The busy day in Naples concluded with a visit to the 17th century hall of *Lazzaretto*, renewing thereby the ancient privilege of presiding over the assemblies of the ancient port administration as it was two centuries ago.

Welcoming the distinguished visitors was Dr. Gennaro Succoio, President of the San Lorenzo-Vicaria Quarter, who handed over the keys of the historic center on behalf of the President of the Association of the same name.

December 12

H.R.H. the Prince Carlo of Bourbon-Two Sicilies was presented with the prestigious “Men for Peace Award” by the “Always Together for Peace” Association, the President of which is Donna Mariapia Fanfani, Dame Grand Cross of Merit.

The award, under the sponsorship of the President of the Republic, took place solemnly in the *Sala della Protomoteca* at *Campidoglio*.⁶

The reason for presenting the important recognition was noted as: “To the Prince Carlo of Bourbon-Two Sicilies: For activities promoting peace as Grand Prefect of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George”.

Together with the Duke of Calabria others receiving awards for their commitment to promoting peace were H.M. the Queen of Sweden; H.R.H. the Prince of the Asturias; H.R.H. the Princess Astrid of Belgium; H.E. Monsignor FranHois-Xavier NguyAn van Thu>n⁷; Tenor Luciano Pavarotti; the Minister Giovanni Melandri; and Carla Fracci.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a breakfast luncheon followed in the *Palazzo Pecci Blunt*. In the evening, a reception was held at the *Palazzo Sacchetti* on the Via Giulia.

The ceremonies of the award were concluded the following day with an audience with the Holy Father, John Paul II.

The same day, H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria received Fausto Taverniti, Constantinian Knight and spokesman for the President of the Calabria Region, Giuseppe Chiaravallotti, Knight of Merit with Star, together with the National President of “Unitalsi”, Franco Scelli, as well as a delegation from Soverato. The Prince announced to them the donation

⁶ *Editor's Note:* *Campidoglio* is the City Hall of Rome.

⁷ *Editor's Note:* Archbishop NguyAn van Thu>n is President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and was subsequently created Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church by His Holiness John Paul II on February 21, 2001.

by the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of a bus for disabled persons in that unfortunate town which was recently struck by natural disaster.

December 13

The Delegation of Lombardy, coming to the assistance of the City of Pavia, donated a bus to transport the elderly of the town.

December 22

The Delegation for Puglia and Basilicata celebrated a Holy Mass in the new chapel of the Hospital of Bisceglie together with patients and medical staff.

At the end of the solemn religious rites, H.E. the Most Reverend Giovan Battista Pichierri, Archbishop of Trani-Barletta-Bisceglie, Ecclesiastical Knight Grand Cross of our Order, thanked the Delegation for its generous gift of a statue of Saint George for the chapel.

December 24

H.R.H. the Duke of Castro, Head of the Royal House, sadly announced the loss suffered by the Royal Family with the tragic death in Madrid of H.R.H. the Prince Giovanni Maria of Bourbon-Two Sicilies, Knight of the Illustrious Royal Order of Saint Januarius, Bailiff Grand Cross of Justice, Decorated with the Constantinian Collar, Knight of Honor and Devotion of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. His death brought sincere sorrow to all who knew and esteemed him for his sincere courtesy and profound humanity, both always nobly manifested.

In the presence of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Calabria, a Holy Mass for the repose of his soul was offered in the church of the "Nunziatella" Military School.

December 25

All the Delegations had celebrated Holy Masses of thanksgiving on occasion of Christmas.

January 6, 2001

H.R.H. the Prince Ferdinando of Bourbon-Two Sicilies, Duke of Castro, Grand Master, decided to nominate as President of the Royal Deputation in succession to H.E. the late Giambattista Sersale, H.E. the Prince Don Paolo Boncompagni Ludovisi, Knight Grand Cross of Justice, Master of Ceremonies of the Grand Magistracy of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 2001

February

GAETA. Inauguration of a stone plaque placed by the Order to commemorate the 140th anniversary of the end of the siege.

March

ROME. Visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria to the Constitution Court where its President, H.E. Cesare Ruperto, will receive him.

LOMBARDY. Spring festival for elderly friends with the planned attendance of one thousand elderly persons who will be treated to entertainment in the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria. Also invited are civil, military, and religious authorities.

MODENA. Visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria to the Military Academy where the Commandant, General Giuseppe Valotto, will welcome him.

MODENA. Visit of the Delegation of Lombardy to an institution for the elderly of the city and delivery of gifts in anticipation of Easter.

April

CALABRIA. Welcome of H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria by the President of the Region on the occasion of the delivery of a bus for the disabled donated by the Order.

NAPLES. Holy Mass for Saint George.

ROME. Annual meeting of all the Delegates.

ROME. Celebration of the Feast of Saint George.

U.S.A. Visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria to attend the meeting of the American Delegation on the occasion of the Holy Mass to be offered by His Eminence, Cardinal Theodore Edgar McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, with the investiture of new Knights. A benefit dinner organized by the Order will follow the ceremony. The preceding evening, H.R.H. will attend an evening in honor of the various American

Cardinals organized by the Catholic University of America with the participation of the entire American Delegation.

May

SARDINIA. Inauguration of the offices of the Representation by H.R.H. the Duke of Calabria who during the visit will be welcomed by the President of the Sardinian Autonomous Region and who will preside at an important benefit sponsored by the Knights and Dames as well as a celebration commemorating Queen Maria Cristina of the Two Sicilies in the Royal Palace of Cagliari where she was born.

GOA (India). Inauguration of a Center for Missionaries built with the contributions of the Knights of the Portuguese Delegation in collaboration with the Patriarchate of Lisbon.

MALTA. Visit at the invitation of H.E. the President of the Republic.

ENGLAND. Holy Mass with the investiture of new Knights as well as a gala benefit dinner and meetings with ecclesiastical and lay authorities.

June

PUGLIA. Holy Mass, meeting with Knights and benefit evening at the castle of Barletta organized by the Delegation of Puglia.

CASERTA. Benefit evening for the promotion of traditional crafts organized by the Delegation of *Terra di Lavoro*.

MONACO. Meeting of the Association of Monaco of the Order.

October

LISBON. Ceremony with Holy Mass and investiture of new Knights followed by a benefit evening.

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