

Final greeting to Cardinal Angelo Scola

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Your Eminence

Allow me, in the name of all the friends gathered here in the Cathedral of Milan in commemoration of the seventh anniversary of the “dies natalis” of Fr. Giussani and of the thirtieth of the Pontifical recognition of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation, to thank you wholeheartedly for encouraging and enlightening us with your presence and your teaching.

It is the first time that you as Pastor of the archdiocese of St. Ambrose preside at and share with us this gesture, in which, by partaking in Christ’s sacrifice, we have offered our lives in gratitude to God for the gift of Fr. Giussani, to whose person you, just like each one of us, is inseparably bound, and whose educative genius you yourself recalled on the occasion of your entrance into the Diocese. The profound reason of this gratitude lies in the fact—and I say this on the basis of my own experience—that Fr. Giussani, in tackling, with untiring ardor and great human fascination, the acute temptation dominant today of an apparently incurable fracture brought about between faith and life, opened for us the possibility (and in this he is still accompanying us) of living in the encounter with Christ a truly human journey. Following his charism we can verify, day by day, the presence of the Savior as an answer to that cry of need for salvation, which—as you yourself recalled during your intervention in the recent Convention “Jesus our Contemporary”—is “in the heart of every men in every time and place, however confused may be his march along the way of life.”

In his message to the Convention, Benedict XVI recalled that “Jesus entered for ever into human history, and goes on living there, with his beauty and power, in that body, fragile and always in need of purification, but also infinitely filled with divine love, which is the Church.” We wish for nothing else but to live with the Church and for the Church and to serve with our whole selves and according to our abilities, in filial obedience to you, this Ambrosian Church in which Fr. Giussani’s charism blossomed, so as to bear abundant fruits in all continents. In particular, we assure you of our nearness and our total availability for the forthcoming Celebration of the 7th World Meeting of Families, which will be blest by the visit of the Holy Father, who will come as a pilgrim to Milan to confirm our faith

Finally, allow me, your Eminence, on this festive occasion, to announce that, through the Postulator, I have presented to you the request to open the cause of beatification and canonization of Monsignor Luigi Giussani.

May Our Lady, “living fount of hope” help us every day to become worthy of the promises of Christ and of the immense grace we have received and still receive in Fr. Giussani’s charism.

Thank you, your Eminence.