

**PICCOLA OPERA  
DELLA DIVINA PROVVIDENZA**

(Don Orione)

VIA ETRURIA, 6 – 00183 ROMA RM – ITALIA

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**DIRETTORE GENERALE**

**Subject: Paterno Community - Tortona**

**Dear Confreres, Sisters,  
and Laity of the Orionine Family,**

*Deo gratias!*

On the day our Family is gathered around the altar of Saint Luigi Gonzaga for a centennial event, to maintain in this way the continuity of the vow of our Holy Founder to celebrate the Holy Mass at 12 noon in the Church of Saint Ignatius, and in this centenary year in which Don Orione announced the "Mater Dei" as the title of the Madonna for the Little Work, I have the immense joy to announce **the establishment of the Paterno Community in Tortona as an Orionine Formation House.**

You will surely remember that the 15<sup>th</sup> General Chapter strongly engaged the General Council to create a "far-sighted" project to enhance the Paterno di Tortona, with this decision: "Each Congregation has at heart its "Mother House", the significant place which keeps alive the memory of the beginnings of the Work, and which nourishes both religious and lay people attachment to the Founder and to the charism. On the occasion of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Saint Louis Orione, the General and Provincial Councils shall study together a far-sighted project for the valorization of the Paterno of Tortona" (15CG, n. 123).

Therefore, in the Mother House at Via Emilia 63, in Tortona, commonly known as "Il Paterno," which has been the home of Don Orione and of the formation he imparted to his disciples since 1904, we intend to continue this task for the Congregation and the entire Orionine Family.

A resident community is established with tasks of caring for the House, welcoming pilgrims and visitors, promoting knowledge of the House, the charisma, and the life of the Little Work of Divine Providence. It will host Orionine formation initiatives for religious, sisters, and laity.

The Paterno Community, dependent on the General Curia and operational from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024, will be formed by **Father Flavio PELOSO**, *Director*; **Father Santiago David PENZOTTI**, *Vicar and Bursar*; and **Father Paul Vincent KABORE**, *Councillor*.

They are three confreres representing different linguistic and cultural contexts of the Congregation, which is very significant for the mission of the house that will have an international identity. It is also significant that Father Flavio will continue to serve as the Postulator of the Congregation, residing in the House where holiness has blossomed in the lives of many sons and daughters of a Saint.

I ask, therefore, for your prayers for the "Paterno of Tortona" project from where the charismatic adventure of Don Orione began. And with him I say: *Ave Maria and forward!*

Fraternally in the Lord,

*P. Tarcisio Vieira*

**Father Tarcisio Vieira**  
*General Superior*

