



**Saints Peter-and-Paul  
working Mission**

**"Merciful like the Father"**

*(Jubilee of mercy 2015-2016)*

**"It is more blessed to give than to receive."**

*(Saint Paul to the elders of Ephesus Acts 20,35)*

***Invitation to Convegno, Cîteaux Abbey, 11-17 July 2016***

This year the Church celebrates the mystery of the Father's mercy in our lives, and, through the voice of Pope Francis, invites us to rejoice with her. We decided to continue ***the tradition of Convegno***, the name given to our meetings with evangelizer friends in Verbania in 1995, an invitation to *contemplate the beauty of the Lord* and the ***"old and new faces of His mercy"*** that He arouses among us, in our country.

In June 2015 we made *a pilgrimage in Provence* to the source of the MOPP, remembering the life of Jacques Loew, the foundation of the MOPP in 1955 with the first generation of "Moppistes" and his institution in Aix en Provence in 1965, 50 years ago.

In July 2016 we would go back to the *source of love that transmitted the fire* to the second generation of Moppistes and accompanied them in their dispersion in Brazil, Canada, Europe, Japan and Russia. Their faces remain alive in our memory.

Communities and individuals hold *the testimony of the encounter with them*, of the Word and mercy received. They continue today, autonomous and integrated in their local churches. Each has a particular face, reflecting the Mercy of the Father, each is delighted to be loved and, in his weakness, transmits the fire of love received.

This year we want *broaden our experiences, get further out from them, even if they are good*, helped by a servant of the Word to revive the link with our roots, Peter and Paul, and contemplate the mercy of God in their lives and in their speech; by a monk, perhaps, the abbot, to follow the mercy in the tradition of Cîteaux; by a servant of mercy to awake our awareness of the size of the current challenge as manifested among us.

The symposium invite everyone *to share about the received mercy*, to remember the old faces, to welcome new faces in an atmosphere of prayer and listening to the Word of God.

We invite those who *share the desire to announce the Gospel of Jesus*, keeping their fidelity to our common origin, including those who have little contact with us. We have common challenges, *the same worries of life and transmission to the next generation*. If you agree to send representatives, our sharing can be a *rich feast of mercy to the land of the living*. It will give courage to the MOPP Assembly which will follow the meeting.

*The Convegno is scheduled from July 11 to 17*. From Monday 11 to 14 we will hear speakers and testimonies of participants. There will be visits to the nearby Cîteaux which facilitate exchanges. From the 15 to 16, in a little group, we propose to find a simple modality, possible and viable, to give continuity to our apostolic family. Others may continue to visit, talk or simply rest. Sunday 17 will be for all a day of rest and celebration.

The total number of places available at the Abbey is 40-45. Those who can not come to Cîteaux can participate in the preparation, writing an intervention in advance or communicating to the meeting by remote.

For information: [www.mopp.net](http://www.mopp.net) , write to the site secretary and request access to the 'convegno'.

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*Krasnogorsk, 1 October 2015, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face*