

New Popular Mission

An introduction to Fr. Carlo Colonna's mission

You came to Boston in 2011 for one thing, to plant a small seed of unity between the clergy of the Church and the Messianic Jewish rabbis of the Synagogue that has been separated for nearly two millennia. You came to work on a mission that there was no interest in, due to sensitivity of this issue. You came alone from a faraway city named Bari, yet you were not alone, with the permission of your superiors, thus their prayers shined brightly in your conviction of reconciliation and unity of the Church and God's chosen people. You, Fr. Carlo knew Jesus well then in 2011 knowing that He prayed for unity hours after the last supper and hours before His arrest, marking the beginning of His passion, as a form of last will and testament as a free Man on that following-day humanity was freed from all its many sins.

After your passing from this world on the afternoon of Monday, May 8th 2017, you seem to be calling us with great force to join you in the work that the Holy Spirit entrusted you, calling it The New Popular Mission. On January 6th 2014 on the feast of the Epiphany you wrote the instructions you received from the Spirit about this New Popular Mission; "It is a revival in the tradition of the Jesuits, which in its great splendor has been configured with these four characteristics: mystical, spiritual, missionary, popular. The adjective 'New' has the same meaning it has in the phrase 'New Evangelization', well known to our day. This is to propose we come to realize this new 'popular missions', adapting it to today's new times through the fervor, enthusiasm and strength of the Spirit who communicated this in order to awaken men to the most sacred faith that saves us".

Fr. Carlo, what is the meaning of your email to me dated November 4, 2016 when I was seeking your advice on the work of the Boston Synagogue and the Churches now collaborating in the Active Addiction Network? We now are losing more lives to addiction than any other sickness or even reasons of war or car accidents. You wrote;

"The world of drug addiction is very particular to Catholics and Messianic Jews who will have to work hard to learn the addiction culture and its problems. Every addiction victory needing to be made is turning their backs to Satan, so as to undertake the way of Jesus Christ."

Now that you are in the presence of both Jesus and the Father I ask for your help to discern in depth what God desires for us in Boston to do next while here in the world. Is the addiction crisis the "New Evangelization" we Christians & Jews need to be working together on after so long a separation?

Fr. Carlo, on April 16, 2017 Adele emailed me updating me from her holy week (Easter 2017) visit to see you, writing "I told him (Fr. Carlo) all that you said to me (about the extraordinary addiction recovery graces received by EB Hope organization) during our telephone call. He (Fr.

Carlo) closed his eyes and I think he prayed. He cannot speak very much because of the pain in his mouth.” On your November 4’th email to me you wrote “When you come to visit Italy, and if we can see you, I’ll tell you in my personal voice, which is the best thing, and I will tell you where I really am.” Thank you so much for this wonderful message.

Fr. Carlo, on the very day of your funeral Mass in Naples, on May 10’th, I emailed your administrative assistant Adele Lorusso informing her that Fr. Mike McNamara had inquired who would be replacing you in your work of unity done in Boston, writing “I have heard from some of the clergy that Fr. Carlo met on his 2011 Boston visit, and Fr. Mike asked if there is a planned replacement for the special work that Fr. Carlo pioneered?”. Actually, Rabbi Rich Nichol and Fr. Richard Curran have, in past years asked me the same question because we knew of no other clergy in the USA that has worked on this unity mission, as far as I know. You, Fr. Carlo and Fr. Peter Hocken were the pioneers, and neither of you resided in the US. In 2017 within weeks of each other, you were both taken out of the world, and now we come to you both in Spirit seeking your help.

Fr. Carlo, on May 14’th, Adele and I kept emailing back and forth about whom God would send to take your place and I responded to Adele’s May 11’th email writing “it seems to me that Fr. Carlo has perhaps, already made arrangements without my realizing it. You can see that the Catholic replacement is probably, Fr. Antoine Levi O.P. who has confirmed his personal arrival to Boston on August 3, 2017”, coming to attend a Catholic / Messianic Jewish dialogue gathering. At this meeting, Fr. Antoine Levi O.P. and Rabbi Mark Kinzer co-founders of the Helsinki Consultation on Jewish Continuity in the Body of Christ, an initiative that unites Jewish disciples of Jesus from Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, and Messianic Jewish communions. This August 3’rd luncheon meeting was attended by approximately 24, mostly Catholic clergy, religious sisters, and Messianic Jewish rabbis as well as some interested lay people. This all-day meeting was recorded and will soon be posted on Deacon Jack Sullivan’s website link, Praise & Worship Commentary www.deaconjacksullivan.com which is dedicated to Messianic Jewish / Catholic dialogue. Soon the audio recordings of the August 3 Helsinki Consultation luncheon along with other relevant details will be posted on the above link. Some primary bullets discussed;

- 2017 commemorating 50’th year anniversary of Catholic Charismatic Renewal (1967).
- 2017 commemorating 50’th year anniversary of the Jewish Messianic Movement (1967).
- 2017 commemorating 50’th year anniversary of the city of Jerusalem being returned to the state of Israel (1967).
- 2017 commemorating 500’th year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation (1517).

Sincerely,

Joe, Secretary
Catherine, Assistant