

## INTERRELIGIOUS PRAYER

Sunday 4 October 2020 Padova



**Theme : Human Dignity : Solidarity - Justice - Peace**

In October, the evocative Catholic Church of the Combonians welcomed the inter-religious prayer organised by the Holy Community of Heavenly Parents of Padua represented by Angelo Chirulli in collaboration with Father Gaetano Montresor and the Associazione Festa dei Popoli. As Pastor of the Community of Padua I asked Father Gaetano Montresor Prior of the Combonians the possibility to use their hospitality to organise the meeting between the various faiths.



**Nine religious representatives were present:**

Combonian Catholics, Holy Community of the Heavenly Father, Bahai, Franciscan Brothers, Taracittamani Association. Representative of the Buddhist Temple of Sri Lankan and Korean tradition, Evangelicals and Muslims. Youth spirituality was represented by CARP Italy.



In the Catholic Church of the Combonians there was a celestial atmosphere.

I was the coordinator of the evening and it was a great honour. Although I introduced the various participants by standing for two hours God gave me strength and support and I managed to finish the meeting without any problems and time passed quickly.

At the opening I prayed and invited the Heavenly Parent to open our hearts and to feel united under one Heaven. I felt a beautiful feeling of peace and serenity and great harmony.

The music and songs of the Madiba choir and Comboni lay groups warmed the atmosphere creating more unity and joy.

A well-known Venetian broadcaster interviewed me and after me also the President of Festa dei Popoli.

The interview will soon be made public on dedicated channels. Despite the difficult period Italy is going through, between the plague of the Covid-19 epidemic and the economic recession, more than 70 people attended the interview on 4 October 2020. It was a victory!

To warm the atmosphere also the prayer of the youth association CARP Italia, through the words of Elena Chirulli. It was an opportunity to see more closely how important values such as dignity, peace, justice and altruism, which received the admiration of those present and touched their hearts, are also dear to the young people.



Father Gaetano allowed us to make the Water Ceremony symbol of union and harmony, he united the various faiths, under one Heaven, as one great human brotherhood. He was truly impressed and happy with the prayer which in his opinion was the most beautiful of the last few years. He then gave his message of Blessing, and expressed the will to organize many more such beautiful and profound meetings.



Thanks be to God everything went perfectly, I concluded the meeting together with Father Gaetano, both confident that I could continue to create new moments of prayer and reflection rich in harmony and brotherhood. It is a special time where everything can change if we have Faith, we can achieve great things for Providence by connecting ourselves to the True Mother of Peace. My heartfelt thanks to the brothers and sisters who have helped and participated. May God, our Heavenly Parent, always accompany us on our journey of Faith.

**Report of Angelo Chirulli**