

PADUA: INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE "MY FAITH"

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The musical notes of "The prayer" opened the curtain of the interreligious prayer held on 31 January 2021. An appointment organized by the Holy Community of the Heavenly Parent, Family Federation for World Peace and Unification and CARP Italy, on the occasion of the "World Week of harmony between faiths" promoted by the UN. The event was attended by over 150 people, who listened to food for thought and study on the topic of the day: "My faith". A common appeal for peace, to counter the climate of concern that the whole world is experiencing and to promote a more spiritual vision of society. "Peace starts with me" was the common thread that united the representatives of more than a dozen religions. Among the present speakers: Rev. Angelo Chirulli, Father Gaetano Montresor Rector of the Comboni Missionaries, Andrea Fortezza Pentecostal Church, Renata De Matteis Bahá'í Community, Venerable Piyadassi Thero Sammasati Buddhist Temple, Ignazio Cabras FPMU, Sandro Vitulo Secular Franciscan Order, Ali Shek Nur Islam, Valerio Tammiso CARP Italy, Shilanga Deva Italian Hindu Union, Massimo Tommasi Tara Cittamani Buddhist Center, Flora Grassivaro WFWP Padua, Sergio Coscia director of the Family Federation in Turin. Short musical interludes and significant messages of hope



interspersed the meeting that saw religions and associations for peace become the spokespersons of a message of dialogue and harmony. An invitation to look to the future with confidence and positivity. The meeting, organized by Angelo Chirulli, promoted a real "virtual" pilgrimage of peace and cooperation between religions. "We are brothers and sisters under one sky - underlined Chirulli - over the years we have always valued interreligious meetings, promoting the value of respect for one another and mutual understanding. Every religion is important. Everyone must be able to express his faith. We wish to open a channel of hope and harmony not only among ourselves, but also in cooperation with others, so that there is more joy, more peace and serenity ". An ecumenical event that is preparing to be the wake of new and interesting events, such as the next one on the calendar entitled "Charity: living for others", an in-depth study on which the promoters Angelo Chirulli and Father Gaetano Montresor and the various religious exponents are already working with commitment and determination. A network of friendship that unites associations, faiths and different cultures, to recreate spaces of fraternity, solidarity and peace.

