Richard Sheridan and Jackie Neeve celebrating their 25 years of working with the SDP at head office
Dear Readers,

It was a great privilege for me to be invited to Italy in September and for two reasons. One was an invitation to the feast of Our Lady of Safekeeping (La Guardia) in our shrine of Tortona where our founder’s body is located in a glass urn. The other was the wedding of a young couple Andrea and Eleonora who have a connection with Hampton Wick. You can read about these two events further on in the Bridge.

The summer has gone! From where we live in Up Holland we could see and smell the smoke rising from Winter Hill and Saddleworth moor. The car had a coating of soot on it. Winter Hill in the distance looked quite black. Now we have been doused with tons of rain, the empty water butts are full again and the grass is as green as a football pitch. I remember telling people in a sermon that the rain would come back, and it has. We did however have a lovely summer, unusual in the heat and the dryness, and a bit too hot for some.

In the parish of St Teresa’s we are looking forward to a new year for the children making their first holy communion next summer. We follow a programme in the archdiocese of Liverpool called “With You Always”, and it is aimed at parents with their children. The idea being that the first place of learning is the family. Children do much better when encouraged by their families. We are lucky in St Teresa’s parish to have a good group of catechists who run the W Y A programme very well. The first session is called “Treasure Hunt” and the children with their parents go around the Church trying to identify the “treasures” of the Church, which are mentioned in the course booklet.

We are blessed in our religious community because we will have two seminarians from India and Kenya to be with us in our community and help for a year and a half. We will learn from them and they will learn from us. This is part of their training and will also help them improve in the English language for their future ministry. In Hampton Wick too we have two new confreres, Fr Carlo Mazzotta who has returned from Jordan and Fr Sidon Sagar from India. We wish them all well in their new places and pray that they will settle in.

I would also like to take this opportunity of wishing Joseph Tipping, a loyal and long-time supporter of the SDP missions a very happy 80th birthday on 20th November, which also happens to be the feast of Our Lady of Divine Providence.

Fr Philip and confreres.
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After being with our confreres in Tortona and Montebello a few days later Fr Philip attended a wedding in a small town near Lake Como called Bosisio Parini. The couple were Andrea and Eleonora. Andrea on many occasions came to Hampton Wick to study English along with his brother Max. Over time Andrea was a familiar face at Hampton Wick and became well known to the religious community. During that time he also visited the community in Up Holland. The wedding was a wonderful celebration, in the Ambrosian rite, which is a special rite of the Catholic Church for the archdiocese of Milan. It was presided over by Fr Giuseppe Volponi SDP, who had also known the family very well when he lived in Buccinigo not far away. He was assisted by the parish priest Fr Giuseppe Farioli and Fr
Philip Kehoe SDP. At the end of the Mass the mayor of Bosisio, Sig. Giuseppe Borgonovo did the civil marriage, in which he asked the questions about fidelity and unity and the care of future children, quoting article 147 of the Italian marriage law “marriage imposes on both parents the obligation to maintain, instruct, teach and morally assist the children in respect of their capacities, natural inclinations and aspirations according to what article 315 says in these matters”. It was rather different from an English Catholic wedding in which the spouses go into the sacristy to sign the civil register. After the wedding there was a beautiful reception at a castle in the Brianza hills, first with prosecco and abundant canapes, followed by an equally abundant supper in a very elegant hall in which all the tables had the name of a Japanese city. To end the meal the cutting of a four tier cake, plus an assortment of sweets, liqueurs and fruit. Fr Philip was seated on the table next to the mayor and his entourage. The next day Andrea and Eleonora left for their honeymoon in the Polynesian Islands and Japan. Also on the next day, Sunday, the mayor invited Fr Philip to the town hall to show him around the offices and presented him with a book about the history of Bosisio Parini, a town that produced an artist, Andrea Appiani and a poet Alessandro Arnoldi. Best wishes and long life and happiness to Andrea and Eleonora.
As happens every year, the Polish community which gathers after Sunday Mass in the chapel of the Don Orione priests at Hampton Wick, organised the Children's Day feast, combined with a family picnic.

The Polish Holy Mass at 11:00 am, which was presided over by Father Henryk Halman, was rather different from usual. The first and the second readings, the psalm and the prayer of the faithful were prepared by children this time. Helped by their parents, they had practiced reading the texts for many days. Two young acolytes also served at the altar on this day. All the children had specially prepared places at the foot of the altar. During the time of adoration after Holy Communion, all children sang the song, "When God's Spirit fills me" and just as King David had praised the Lord God by dancing and singing, so did they.

After Holy Mass, the children and their families gathered in the garden behind the chapel and priests’ house, where many nice attractions had been prepared for them, including: sports, in which everyone could feel like a winner. A bouncy castle which children of all ages enjoyed. Beautiful face painting, as angels, butterflies, and even football fans. glitterstickers, colouring books and much more.

The family games caused plenty of laughter and emotion, at which throwing water balloons and a tug of war were the best. As usual at the picnic, there was a barbecue with Polish sausage, salads and homemade cakes. Indeed, besides spiritual nourishment, everyone could nourish their body, without any
need to count calories! Of course none of this would have been possible without many good hearted people and volunteers, as well as the parents themselves, and of course our Don Orione priests.

God not only worked in the hearts of many people, but filled this garden at Hampton Wick with the children's carefree joy, opening their hearts to His love! For a moment it might have seemed a bishop’s garden at the time when Luigi Orione from Tortona was a seminarian. Saint Luigi Orione often said: "We need two things, a lot of prayer and a lot of love." Perhaps an event like this can be seen as an answer to this call?!

Justyna Pawlik-Szulc
Autumn is harvest time and after an unusually long hot summer, some vegetables are producing bumper crops such as pumpkins and squashes, whereas some vegetables such as runner beans which need lots of water did not fare so well. We had good success in our rather exotic vegetables such as butternut and aubergines.

The ubiquitous parakeets stripped most of the fruits, plums, pears and apples from the trees, but we managed to harvest what was left for our stalls at Hampton Wick and East Molesey.

Errol and Ian making a vegetable delivery to Roz O’ Connor and Chloe Pemberton.
David Brown proudly showing off some of the more exotic vegetables, butternut and spaghetti squash.

Some of our produce: Apples, runner beans, rainbow chard, courgettes, grapes and marrows.

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Saint Teresa of Calcutta
The ceremony of ordination of Fr Arul Dhas was held in his home village of St Helena near Enayam in the state of Tamil Nadu. Fr Arul is the seventh priest of Don Orione to be ordained in India since the Congregation went there in the year 2000. It was presided over by Bishop Nazarenus Susai who reminded the congregation that “St Helena had found the true cross of Christ, and it is the cross that gives us strength and also unites us”. A huge crowd of people from the town and the village came, plus many clergy from neighbouring parishes, SDP priests working around India and many seminarians from Bangalore, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. At the end of the celebration in Church a DVD of the life of don Orione was shown in the Tamil language, followed by lunch for all. We wish Fr Arul Dhas SDP many happy years of priestly ministry in the footsteps of Don Orione and in the service of the Congregation.
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Saints For

St Paul of the Cross

Paul Danei was born on the 3rd January 1694 at Ovada, Piedmont in the north of Italy. He was one of sixteen children but of these only six survived infancy. As a young man he taught catechism after he left school at the age of fifteen but at nineteen years of age he had a religious conversion and became for a while a hermit and received spiritual direction from Capuchin friars. It was during this time that his vocation grew and became clearer and he had a deep devotion to the passion of Christ, as he meditated on a book by St Francis de Sales “Treatise on the love of God”. He became more convinced that he was to devote his life to the passion of Christ. At the age of 26, after spending a short period as a soldier with his father in a crusade against the Turks in the attack on Venice, he returned home; the way of a warrior was not for him. His uncle, who was a priest tried to arrange a marriage for him, but this was not his vocation. In a vision in which he saw himself dressed in a black hermit’s gown with the words “Jesu Christi Passio” and a heart surmounted by a cross, it was for him a sign that he was to start a religious Congregation. He was, at the beginning the only member of it but soon his brother John Baptiste also joined. For more than forty years Paul went over all of Italy bringing the light of God’s word and many miracles that brought about the conversion of many sinners and numerous people back to the faith, and he directed many who wanted to give themselves to the priesthood and religious life. Where did Paul get all this wisdom and knowledge from? Principally from contemplating the wounds of Christ. In fact all his studies and meditation started at the foot of the cross. He died on 18th October 1775. He had founded the Passionist Order, based on the memory of the Passion of Christ, which was “the greatest and most noble work of divine love”. Eventually other men joined the new Congregation and at the time of his death there were a hundred and eighty members. The Congregation led an austere
Saints For life which apart from the usual divine office that all priests must pray included three hours of contemplative prayer, and great devotion to the passion of Jesus, and a readiness for penance. Today the Congregation numbers more than two thousand in sixty one countries. In England the most famous Passionist is Blessed Dominic Barberi, who is buried at Sutton in St Helens. He received Newman into the Church at Littlemore in Oxford. St Paul of the Cross’s feast is 19th October.

St Gybi of Anglesey

Anyone travelling to Holyhead to catch the ferry to Dublin will be intrigued to see the signs in Welsh on the A5 call it Caercybi, which of course translates as the fort (or stronghold) of Cybi. St Cybi is a saint from Cornwall who lived a great deal of his life in Wales. As a young man he went on pilgrimage to Rome and Jerusalem. On his return to Cornwall his father, the warrior prince Salomon, had died and Cybi should have succeeded him but declined because his true vocation was to be a priest. He remained for some years in Cornwall founding churches at Duloe, Tregony, Cubert and Landulph. After this he travelled to Wales and founded many more small churches. He eventually arrived in Anglesey and the king of Gwynedd, Maelgwn gave him the old Roman fort on Holy Island (known as Ynys Gybi, or Cybi’s Island), where he founded a monastery. A church is still there on the site of the Roman fort, dedicated to St Gybi. The traditional date of St Gybi’s death is 8th November 555. Being a monk of the Celtic Church he followed the monastic tradition. Although little is known about St Cybi, he comes from an age when written records were very few, we can be sure that he dedicated his life to finding God in nature and in people and pondering the holy scriptures, like all the Celtic monks of the British Isles.
It is well known that Pope Francis loves sports, especially football. He recently wrote the introduction to a document issued by the Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life about the Christian perspective on sports and the human person, entitled “Giving the best of yourself”. Pope Francis wrote that “sports is a meeting place where people of all levels and social conditions come together to reach a common aim. It is also a formative vehicle. Perhaps today more than ever, we must fix our gaze on the young, because the earlier the process of formation begins, the easier the person’s integral development through sports will be. Finally, I would like to emphasize the role of sports as a means for the mission and sanctification. 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for youth to encounter one another at the diocesan or national level through friendly competitions”.

The work of the oratories is central to the youth ministry of the Sons of Divine Providence. The Oratorio San Lorenzo in Lucena is part of the pastoral project, and it aims at bringing the youth closer to the Church. Catechesis, liturgy and sports are the pillars of the oratorio. Our children come daily to our community after class to play football, pray the rosary and enjoy some snacks before going home.

The members of the Oratorio San Lorenzo joined the First Mayor’s Cup, a football and futsal tournament held in Talao-Talao, Lucena City, last May 26, 2018. More than 20 teams from Quezon province joined the joyful event, which gathered about 200 young football players.

Mons. Mel Rey Uy, Bishop of Lucena, visited our children before the start of the games and invited our Oratorio to teach football to other groups of altar servers of the parishes of the diocese.

The words of Pope Francis encourages us, since he describes in his introduction that sports is a formative vehicle and a means of mission and sanctification. Let us give in the game of life, as in the game of sports, the best of ourselves.

Fr. Martin Mroz fdp
At the shrine of Our Lady of safekeeping (La Guardia) in Tortona a beautiful Mass was celebrated by Fr Tarcisio Veiera, Superior General of the SDP and about sixty confreres for priests, brothers and sisters who were celebrating silver, golden and diamond jubilees.

In the homily Fr Tarcisio and Mother Mabel, Superior General of the nuns spoke of the joy of such an occasion as this when the whole Church rejoiced in so many years of service of God and people in need. Fr Tarcisio looking over at the glass urn that contains the body of Don Orione said that the Congregation and his spirit is very much alive and working all over the world through his religious. This showed that he was still among us spiritually encouraging us to carry on this beautiful mission. Mother Mabel spoke of the need to knock down prejudices of culture, colour and religion so that there is one family within the Church with one humanity and to bring about the flourishing of the charism of Don Orione “do good to all harm no one”. During the celebration the jubilarians were called by name so that the congregation could applaud and congratulate them.

After this there was a magnificent lunch for 400 people in the Mater Dei nursing home, the procession of the Madonna statue to the Cathedral in the evening followed by benediction at the shrine and later that evening fireworks, and then Mass at 11pm followed by coffee.

The next day there was a four day workshop at Montebello for the provincial councils of Europe and Africa. This was a deeper look at the decisions of the last general chapter and how we are progressing in its implementation. There were guest speakers who came to talk about the importance of community life among religious, as well as looking to the future about what initiatives our Congregation and other Congregations would concentrate on. A great deal was said about our mission countries which are now growing in numbers and works of charity and the need for a good formation of young religious who join there. A new look at the Congregation in Europe and the need to move away from institutions and provide more immediate forms of help for people.
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At the end of this World Meeting of Families, we gather as a family around the table of the Lord. We thank God for the many blessings we have received in our families. And we want to commit ourselves to living fully our vocation to be, in the touching words of Saint Therese, “love in the heart of the Church”.

In this precious moment of communion with one another and with the Lord, it is good to pause and consider the source of all the good things we have received. Jesus reveals the origin of these blessings in today’s Gospel, when he speaks to his disciples. Many of them were upset, confused or even angry, struggling to accept his “hard sayings”, so contrary to the wisdom of this world. In response, the Lord tells them directly: “The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life” (Jn 6:63).

These words, with their promise of the gift of the Holy Spirit, are teeming with life for us who accept them in faith. They point to the ultimate source of all the good that we have experienced and celebrated here in these past few days: the Spirit of God, who constantly breathes new life into our world, into our hearts, into our families, into our homes and parishes. Each new day in the life of our families, and each new generation, brings the promise of a new Pentecost, a domestic Pentecost, a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, whom Jesus sends as our Advocate, our Consoler and indeed our Encourager.

How much our world needs this encouragement that is God’s gift and promise! As one of the fruits of this celebration of family life, may you go back to your homes and become a source of encouragement to others, to share with them Jesus’ “words of eternal life”. For your families are both a privileged place for, and an important means of, spreading those words as “Good News” for everyone, especially those who long to leave behind the desert and the “house of bondage” (cf. Jos 24:17) for the promised land of hope and freedom.

In today’s second reading, Saint Paul tells us that marriage is a sharing in the mystery of Christ’s undying fidelity to his bride, the Church (cf. Eph 5:32). Yet this teaching, as magnificent as it is, can appear to some as a “hard saying”. Because living in love, even as Christ loved us (cf. Eph
entails imitating his own self-sacrifice, dying to ourselves in order to be reborn to a greater and more enduring love. The love that alone can save our world from its bondage to sin, selfishness, greed and indifference to the needs of the less fortunate. That is the love we have come to know in Christ Jesus. It became incarnate in our world through a family, and through the witness of Christian families in every age it has the power to break down every barrier in order to reconcile the world to God and to make us what we were always meant to be: a single human family dwelling together in justice, holiness and peace.

The task of bearing witness to this Good News is not easy. Yet the challenges that Christians face today are, in their own way, no less difficult than those faced by the earliest Irish missionaries. I think of Saint Columbanus, who with his small band of companions brought the light of the Gospel to the lands of Europe in an age of darkness and cultural dissolution. Their extraordinary missionary success was not based on tactical methods or strategic plans, no, but on a humble and liberating docility to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. It was their daily witness of fidelity to Christ and to each other that won hearts yearning for a word of grace and helped give birth to the culture of Europe. That witness remains a perennial source of spiritual and missionary renewal for God’s holy and faithful people.

Of course, there will always be people who resist the Good News, who “murmur” at its “hard words”. Yet like Saint Columbanus and his companions, who faced icy waters and stormy seas to follow Jesus, may we never be swayed or discouraged by the icy stare of indifference or the stormy winds of hostility. But let us also humbly acknowledge that, if we are honest with ourselves, we too can find the teachings of Jesus hard. How difficult it is always
to forgive those who hurt us; how challenging always to welcome the migrant and the stranger; how painful joyfully to bear disappointment, rejection, betrayal; how inconvenient to protect the rights of the most vulnerable, the unborn or the elderly, who seem to impinge upon our own sense of freedom.

Yet it is precisely at those times that the Lord asks us: “What about you, do you want to go away too?” (Jn 6:67). With the strength of the Spirit to “encourage” us and with the Lord always at our side, we can answer: “We believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God” (v. 69). With the people of Israel, we can repeat: “We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God” (Jos 24:18). Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, each Christian is sent forth to be a missionary, “a missionary disciple” (cf. Evangelii Gaudium, 120). The Church as a whole is called to “go forth” to bring the words of eternal life to all the peripheries of our world. May our celebration today confirm each of you, parents and grandparents, children and young people, men and women, religious brothers and sisters, contemplatives and missionaries, deacons, priests and bishops, to share the joy of the Gospel! Share the Gospel of the family as joy for the world!

As we now prepare to go our separate ways, let us renew our fidelity to the Lord and to the vocation he has given to each of us. Taking up the prayer of Saint Patrick, let each of us repeat with joy: “Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me” [repeated in Irish]. With the joy and strength given by the Holy Spirit, let us say to him with confidence: “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68).
Matthew enjoyed a three night stay in a hotel in Liverpool leading to attending a match of Liverpool and Brighton. During his stay he visited the ground for a Stadium Tour and bought gifts for himself.

David had a holiday in Torquay in a Hotel, travelling with Shearings coach tours and lots of places were visited and he certainly enjoyed the good food. Matthew, Stephen and Keith had a good week’s holiday in the Lake District and visited lots of places and ate good food.

Julian and John had a week's holiday at Centre Parcs with lots of fresh air and visits to different places.

David has been enjoying his horse riding and Keith is starting at Sunbury to do an art group and joining a basic computer group in Molesey. Companion cycling has been going well with Service Users so everyone is trying to get fit!!
There have been more outings for Sundial House residents this summer. The weather has been brilliant. During the weekends, three of the residents took part in companion cycling at Bushy Park. All the residents went for drives to Richmond Park and attended cinemas at Burview Hall. Swimming is ongoing for two of the residents especially on their home base days. The games room in the house is in constant use by three of the residents who seem to enjoy using the treadmill, exercise bike, punch bag, snooker and multi-purpose exercise bench.

Matthew spent three nights in a hotel in when he visited Liverpool football grounds in June. He had the opportunity to watch his team (Liverpool) play Brighton. Matthew joined in singing and cheering his team. Liverpool won 4-1. On the following day he toured Liverpool Football Club grounds and the museum. He also bought souvenirs for himself. Matthew said this was a memorable experience in his life.

All the service users went on seven-day holidays to places of their choice. David joined a group tour and went to Torquay by coach.

Julian and John enjoyed a nice week’s holiday at Centre Parcs in Sherwood forest. They had a lovely time enjoying the traditional English life in a pub while they relaxed watching birds and some animals go by. They also enjoyed the view of the lake as they watched other holiday makers use the boats or drive through the forest. John and Julian also did a lot of walking which was good for their health.

Keith, Matthew and Stephen went to the Lake District in July. They lived in a beautiful cottage facing Lake Windermere, where they watched boats pass by. The three also had a boat trip along the lake. They visited a vintage/classic car museum. They all have a passion for cars. They also enjoyed exploring the surrounding areas.

Precious Fireyi
Alice celebrated her 100th birthday in Cardinal Heenan House, Roby Mill, Upholland on Thursday 23 August, with a specially prepared buffet lunch and surrounded by some family members, residents and staff. Brian and John, friends and family wished Alice all the best and hoped she enjoyed the birthday celebrations. Brian and John reminded Alice “During our childhood you surrounded us with love and affection and were a positive influence for good as we grew up. You taught us to appreciate the great outdoors as we spent a lot of our childhood on long walks, waving to passing train drivers, steam powered trains of course. We are reminded of the "fishing" trips for sticklebacks and newts, in the old claypits, something not allowed these days. As you grew older you obtained a job working on an electrical
alice hitchen joins centenary club

stall in wigan old market hall. you spent many happy years there and we are sure many older wiganers can still remember you sitting on your stool awaiting customers. you eventually took over and ran the stall for yourself and this provided you with a means to keep active both mentally and physically well into your eighties before deciding to retire. you enjoyed the freedom that retirement afforded by joining two cruise holidays which you enjoyed tremendously. eventually you entered cardinal heenan house during your nineties.”

alice’s family thanked staff and friends at cardinal heenan house for their care and best wishes and also for the lovely cake and buffet, which everyone enjoyed.

brian and john hitchen
The first Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool was held in 1908. The more recent Adoremus Eucharistic Congress was initiated by the Bishops of England and Wales also to be held in Liverpool. The Congress was spread over a period of three days from Friday to Sunday. Friday began with Evening Prayer and Adoration. Saturday celebrations were held in the Echo Arena with guest speakers including Auxiliary Bishop Robert Baron of Los Angeles addressing thousands of young people. Sunday celebrations began with Holy Mass which was concelebrated in the Cathedral of Christ the King with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as main Celebrant. People from various Countries and areas of Liverpool and the British Isles were packed into the Cathedral where the singing was superb from the Cathedral Choir. As the Cardinal, bishops and priests processed towards the entrance, the Blessed Sacrament was held high accompanied by a multitude singing Eucharistic hymns. I was stunned by the crowds as torrential rain poured on all, but nobody seemed concerned as the voices rang out in worship of Christ their King. The procession finally approached the Cathedral steps when the rain abated just in time for Benediction; those who could, knelt wherever they could to honour Jesus and to receive His Blessing. The joy of the people was palpable knowing how much the Congress was needed for the present times. New friends were made and old friends were re-united...

Paula Hagan
In South America there was a special meeting for those involved in education in schools run by the Don Orione Congregation. It must be said that education is a great work of the Congregation in Brazil, Argentina and Chile where we have many secondary schools.
educating about 50,000 children. Fr Fernando Fornerod who is responsible in the General Council for overseeing schools was present there. The meeting began with a photograph at the feet of the huge statue of Christ the Redeemer that dominates Rio de Janeiro and all the delegates gathered there.

It was a fitting beginning for the conference. During the gathering Fr Fernando reminded those present of the words of Don Orione given in the same place on 13th August 1937. “That which I have not been able to do on earth for Brazil I will do in heaven”. It seems that Don Orione’s wish is being fulfilled! The members then moved on to the auditorium of the Don Orione centre in Jardim Botanico (a district of Rio) at which Fr Fernando introduced the topics of the conference and the methodology of working. Each single delegation from Chile, Argentina and Brazil then did their own introduction to the group members and the activities of the schools represented. The day after Mr Darius Pulfer, an education expert from Argentina presented a talk on the situation of education in the context of these three Latin American countries today, their past, present and future. Because our Superior General Fr Tarcisio Vieira could not be present he sent the assembly a video message of good will for the wonderful work the conference was doing in making firm proposals for the future of our schools in Latin America.
Fr John Perrotta and I attended the World Meeting Of Families (WMOF) 2018 Pastoral Congress in Dublin from 22nd to 24th August. At our stand we met many people from around the world: Mexico, USA, Kenya, South America, Italy and Spain to name a few. Lots of people were familiar with the work of St Luigi Orione in Churches, Shrines, Schools, and Care facilities. Many took books and leaflets to read and left money for sponsorship.

We were joined on Friday by Bishop Giovanni D Ercole from Italy. On Saturday there was great anticipation and excitement for the arrival of His Holiness Pope Francis. We enjoyed the most amazing concert in Croke Park to celebrate the visit of Pope Francis with the best of Irish music, song and dance. Pope Francis spoke with words of comfort, care and understanding to the Irish people and all those families around the world listening and watching on TV, it was a truly memorable occasion and a privilege to have attended.

Thank you to Fr John who made a supreme effort to get there and have the Orione family represented.

Ursula Harrison
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