



Saint Angela's feast day 2021 in Desenzano del Garda at the time of the Covid



January 27 was a busy day and we were able to celebrate our “Madre” with joy despite the pandemic...

At le Grezze, with our parish priest Don Damiano and some “Friends of St. Angela”, we sang Lauds, followed by a little coffee in the “kitchen of Saint Angela”.



Then we invited Don Damiano for lunch.



Throughout the day some visitors of all ages, families, couples passed by the “Casa” to pray, talk, entrust their intentions...

We had set on the Relics of Saint Angela on the altar.



Desenzano Castle;
Angela was born in this street



Reliquary in the Chapel
of St. Angela in the Duomo



On the evening of the 27th, a solemn mass was celebrated in the Duomo of Desenzano in the presence of the Mayor and the civil authorities, because Angela is the patron saint of the city (the day is a holiday for the inhabitants of Desenzano).

At the same time (18.30) there was also a mass in our parish church, animated by Sr. Patrizia and Sr. Annunziata. We sang with faith “ **Keep the old way and make a new life** “...

At 9 p.m. we ended the day with a beautiful “zoom” with the “Friends of Saint Angela” from Italy, led by Don Walter, from Milan, the priest who accompanied our group, on the theme: "How to live the spirituality of Angela today, in resonance with the encyclical “Fratelli Tutti”.

Finally, on Sunday, 31st we celebrated the 'Madre' in our parish of St. Angela Merici in a joyful Celebration.



At the end of the mass, we had a nice surprise prepared by Sr Patrycja which delighted the parish community :

“ **St Angela's school at the foot of the cross** “



It was a Power Point presentation of the spirituality of Saint Angela with 30 phrases of the Madre illustrated by pictures of flowers. At the reading of each word a candle carried by children, young people and families was placed under the cross.

The presentation was accompanied by Sr Marie Bénédicte on the zither.

Testimony of Sr Patrizia:

In spite of the pandemic, the apostolate continues every week with the young people (by zoom) and with disabled people 'in attendance', respecting all the rules.

On the occasion of the Feast of Saint Angela, **the young people** received two special requests :

1. « Why was Saint Angela Merici an extraordinary woman? »
2. « Today, who can look like Saint Angela? »

Their answers were very interesting. The young people see Saint Angela as the courageous woman, the person who is not afraid to take risks, original, full of ideas and obstinate in a positive sense. The young people compared Saint Angela with the sisters who reflect, who are courageous in the realisation of their desires and the sisters who are among the people, using the gifts that God has given them, for example, Sister Cristina who sings, Sister Chiara who dances etc. Their outlook is interesting.

There was one more interesting thing that came up at the time of the feast of Saint Angela, during the meeting with the disabled people.

They received various images of Saint Angela and had to choose the one they liked best.

Interesting... because they liked the Mexican Angela the most.

When asked 'Why do you like this picture more?'

They answered 'Saint Angela is smiling, walking and these are beautiful colours'.

We can say that people with disabilities show us with these three words what our apostolate is.



At this time of pandemic,
Saint Angela says to each and every one of us

**«Have hope and firm faith in God...
Act...strive, hope, cry out to him with all your heart...
I will be in your midst,
helping your prayers.**

I give to all the kiss of Peace!»