## SEGNI DEL GIUBILEO

Giubileo della famiglia carismatica orionina

REGRINA

## **Carità** - Charity

Charity is a principal characteristic of the Christian life. No one can think that pilgrimage and celebration of the Jubilee indulgence can be relegated to a form of rite without knowing that it is the life of charity that gives them the ultimate meaning and real effectiveness. On the other hand, charity is the pre-eminent sign of the Christian faith and its specific form of credibility. In the context of the Jubilee the invitation of the Apostle Peter should not be forgotten: "Above all, keep a great charity among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pt 4:8). According to the Evangelist John, love of neighbour, which does not come from man, but from God, it will allow us to recognize the true disciples of Christ in the future. It is therefore evident that no believer can claim to be believe if he does not love and, vice versa, he cannot say that he loves if he does not love Believes.

"Today I would like to be an angel, a seraph, to sing the most A beautiful hymn that can be sung on earth, the hymn of charity. And that I, a Christian and a priest, want to sing this hymn, is not seem strange to you today and in this sad hour, and at the same time so solemn that it brings us together here, would echo here below something of that melody that resounds in the heavens... Charity! What is charity? "Deus charitas est". It is the precept of the Lord, the precept proper to Christ. It is the hallmark of the disciples of Jesus Christ... See how they love each other!" (Don Orione).

Love is the main characteristic of God, and charity is not only the goal, but also the path to reach you. We ask you, Lord, to make love for you grow in us every day. Rekindle in us the flame of charity, so that we can live it among ourselves with authenticity, as a concrete sign of our faith, and to bear witness to it in the service of our brothers and sisters. Help us to embody the charity that Don Orione taught us with his words and deeds, to be recognized as true disciples of Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.