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NEWS FROM ROME (Italy)

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Dear brothers in Christ,

my wife Antonella and I hope to find all of you doing just fine in every material and spiritual blessing. As always, we'd like to express our sincere feeling of gratefulness for all you are in our behalf, giving us the opportunity to preach the gospel also in Rome: the Capital of modern paganism and false religiosity. Especially in this moment of the year, with Christmas (Christ's mass?) "around the corner", the influence of Catholicism is stronger and stronger in all media, advertising, newspaper, general comments. For Christians over here, is the saddest moment of the year since Bible ignorance and human traditions show their void power. However, we'll continue to do what we can to speak up and searching for good hearts.

PERSONAL NEWS. We're doing fine; the experience with COVID is over. The only consolation is to think that we are now immune from virus for six months.

Our daughter Valeria and her family are doing well. Our three grandchildren, Alessandro (7), Alice (5) and Samuele (2) are fine. Also they are striving to protect themselves from COVID since at school the phenomena is growing and growing, also among little ones. Our grandchildren have already done several tampons! Very sad.

Our son Paolo is also fine. Beginning this month, he should be working again on a more regular base, but the flight business is still long far away from its time before COVID. He stayed with us for a couple of weeks and now is back to his starting working base. We all hope for his better working future.

CORONAVIRUS SITUATION IN ITALY. The situation of COVID is beginning again to be a problem in society and into hospital's intensive cares. We are back to more than 15000 new contagious per day with dead ones ranging between 80 and 120. The Green Pass is obligatory now for several activities and no-vax people can move only in very few restricted areas. It seems that we can't get out from it. I'm afraid that is going to be our living style for a long time. The security rules are always practiced, and now the use of mask is due also in open spaces.

LOCAL PREACHING ACTIVITY. Our local work activity is keeping on despite this negative circumstances. We're still assembling in our meeting place, in the respect of all the prescriptions rules: dressing mask, being at distance, not singing aloud (and without

using song books), checking body temperature at the entrance. We still have some brethren participating through Zoom.

During our assemblies, we also have some visitors attending to our worship and showing interest and participation. A good encouragement for all of us.

I'm still taking care of the weekly personal classes with Gianluca, Stefania, Maurizio, Michel, Luca. We study online because of delicate moment. This group of young people is growing well and with the right perseverance. They must be working now to be the future strengths and reference points of our church.

On Thursday evening, during the mid-week Bible class, I'm still teaching the book of Colossians.

Our general attendance is about 40 (also counting the ones that join us online, at distance).

TEACHING PROGRAM

SERMONS PRESENTED IN ROME

November 14, h. 10 AM: *"The born blind man (John 9)"*

November 21, h. 10 AM: *"Learning from Creation"*

November 28, h. 10 AM: *"Psalm 8"*

December 5, 10 AM: *"The great internal fight (Luke 22:1-6, 24-46)"*

Thanks again for your fellowship in such a work. All the brethren in Rome send their best love and greetings.

Antonella, Valeria and Paolo send their good wishes. God may continue to bless and keep us safe in His kingdom. Be safe and stay well in Him.

"They of Italy salute you".

Stefano Corazza