

Parish of Saint Andrew Apostle – Largo Chiesa Madre, 10 – Jelsi CB -

**A journey with the “Great Mother” Saint Anne to rediscover and live in the wholeness of the gifts of faith and charity.**

**V Pastoral letter in honour of Saint Anne, co – patron Saint of Jelsi - CB**

Glorious Saint Anne help all our families to live with dignity and serenity, without fear and concerns, sharing our mission in the parish and in the world. Amen

“Again the next day after John stood, and the two disciples, looking upon Jesus as he walked, he said: ‘Behold the lamb of God’. The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them. What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, being interpreted, Master), where dwellest thou?. He saith unto them, Come and see (John 1,35-39) “  
In answering the question “Master, where dwellest thou?” Christ makes a plea: come and see; meaning that through the cross we see the light of the world redemption, the loving presence of living God. Our journey does not end here, but goes throughout the world, on the thousands roads of humanity to built the Church of Christ.

During this year, there has been the celebration of the Priesthood year, with commemoration of the Saint Curè D’Ars, Giovanni Maria Vianney; and the Celestinian year, with San Pietro da Morrone, the future molisan Pope, Celestino V. **Thus, with the mediation of Saint Giovanni Maria Vianney and Saint Pietro Celestino, we plea Saint Anne to help us to rediscover and live in the wholeness of the gifts: faith and charity.**

- **FAITH**

Faith is the total reliance upon God, it is the only means to justify the human existence. We have faithfully greeted **Saint Anne’s relic, given to us by the Archbishop of Avignon, Mons Jean Pierre Cattenoz**, from an ancient cathedral in Provence and brought to Jelsi by Saint Anne’s Committee.

The relic is set in a precious reliquary, designed and realized by a molisan artist, Fernando Izzi and blessed by Mons. Bregantini.

Faith means also welcoming others and love for God, it helps all of us to live for God, by letting ourselves go with complete trust.

- **CHARITY**

Charity is profound love for every human being, firm love for sincere and peaceful relationship, love for life, given and received.

Charity implies also living with God, searching and serving God in others, in whom Jesus Christ conceals.

Searching, dwelling, deciding and hoping are four fundamental verbs, which, through Christ, lead us to God.

SEARCHING is discovering the aim of our lives.

DWELLING is belonging to our human and ecclesiastical brotherhood.

DECIDING means taking the right choice and realizing the change in your hearts through a firm commitment.

HOPING is the fundamental dimension of our existence. In the evangelical proposal it is a criteria of truth, as it's based on Christ's teachings.

The life of Saint Anne, Saint Pietro Celestino and Saint Curé of Ars are enlightening examples of our journey of faith.

Let's put ourselves in the hands of our protector, Saint Anne, whose left hand shows us the goal to be achieved: heaven, and with her right hand She leads her daughter on earth.

Best wishes to all for your journey that, through faith and charity, will guide you towards the achievement of sanctity.

Jelsi, 26 Luglio, 2010

*Il Parroco: Don Peppino Cardegna*

**BEST WISHES FROM THE ARCHI-BISHOP MONS. G. M. BREGANTINI**

Many thanks for your devotion. Saint Anne, so close to me, may give you the strength for faith, with her hands towards heaven and close to pain.

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