

## **SUPERCONGRESS 2002**

**ICE ARENA (MARINO – ROME)  
SATURDAY, 25 MAY 2002**

### **ENTRANCE**

**Chiara B.:** Ciao to everyone! Welcome to all of you here in this Ice Arena.

**Anselm Khursheed** of Pakistan (English): Welcome! At last we are all here, ready to start!

**Marie** (Switzerland) (French): Welcome to everyone. We are finally here!

**Lucia** (Argentina) (Spanish): What a joy to see you all! Finally, we are all here together!

**Gen 3** from Africa (Swahili): Ciao, We are finally here for our fantastic appointment!

**David T.:** Greetings also to all those linked up via satellite in many countries of the world!

**Break dance** (Austria): The world of young people today: music, sports, school, friendship.

**Everyone:** Are you ready?

**Audience:** Yes!!

## SUPERCONGRESS 2002 – YOUNG FOR UNITY

**Song:** “You have one life to live”

### FIRST SET – OUR DISCOVERY

#### FIRST DIALOGUE “SITTING ON A SMALL WALL”

**Maria:** “You have one life to live”. I never thought of it before.

**Julia:** What are you talking about?

**Maria:** Just think... we are here every day on this little wall doing the usual things... Haven't you ever felt like doing something more?

**Valerio, David T., Mario:** Oh!!!

**Aurelio:** Why? I have volley ball, friends....

**Maria:** Yeah. And then?

**Aurelio:** Then there's the band, we prepared a piece that... we'll go far!

**Julia:** You know what? You're really a dreamer! I used to think the way you do and now I'm no longer sitting on a star. As a matter of fact I'm sitting here on this wall...

**David De M.:** Oh, Giulia, speak for yourself! I feel so charged and full of life that I could hold the world in one hand!

**Lucy:** What a nice world you hold in your hand!

**Aurelio:** Well, she's right. This world really does have a lot of problems.

**Lucy:** Yeah, it's true. On the streets of Argentina where I live, I've seen people rob all kinds of things from stores; they don't have a job, nor a house, nor money. There are too many differences between the rich and the poor. When I think about it, I feel very upset. Will we be able to bring more justice into the world?

**Nicolas:** You're right... justice. In Chile too there are many children who go around begging on the streets and looking for something to eat in the garbage cans. Can we do anything?

**Maria:** Nicolas and Lucy are right! Maybe we don't realize that many boys and girls around the world have much bigger problems than we do. We're always here sitting on this little wall! You know, I think something is missing in this life!

**David De M.:** Yeah, but what?

**Maria:** Something that really makes me happy. There must be something!

## **“LOVE IS OUR DESTINY”**

**David De M.:**

“Look around you: everything in the world passes. But don’t despair. In your heart there is an infinite and immortal longing. What you are looking for exists. It is God who is Love!

“Listen to time rushing by. Listen to the beating of your heart. It constantly invites you to Love! Love! Love is our destiny!”

**WITNESS OF MARTA (Milan)**

I too searched for a long time to understand what could give me true happiness. Until one day, at a meeting like this one, I was surprised by the joy of those boys and girls who had invited me. Their proposal to love everyone changed my life.

I began to wash the dishes at home without complaining. And at school too, I began to accept everyone.

I thought: "If God loves me, he loves everyone, also those who do not believe or who belong to another religion." So then I spontaneously began to take an interest in the customs of a Muslim friend which led me to discovering that we are linked by faith in the one God. Or I went up to a classmate who was crying because she didn't do well in a test, even though I didn't get along with her before that.

I realized that it's enough to begin with small gestures and you find the way to be happy.

Also the way I play sports has changed. One day, during a volleyball game, I wasn't able to pass the ball to my friend and she became angry with me. I smiled saying: "You're right! I'll try it again!" This time I lofted the ball and we won the game.

**WITNESS OF NICK (Holland)**

Instead, I have always had a very great love for freedom, which for me meant doing whatever I liked. I'm Nick and I come from Holland.

I love skating and during summer vacations I would stay at the rink all day. The group of friends I skated with broke up, they started talking badly about one another, and the atmosphere of the group I was in changed very much. They began to drink and to take drugs.

Some of them drank so much that they weren't able to stand on their skates. Others, always drunk, fought with everyone. I hadn't started drinking yet, but I don't think I could have resisted for much longer.

One day something happened: the mother of one of the boys became aware of the situation and she came to my house to inform my mother.

While they were speaking, I went to my room. I realized that I had taken a wrong turn: if I had continued in that way I would have end up in trouble. I was at a crossroads and I had to make a choice: to follow these friends or to follow that other friend, God, whom I had met with the "Young for Unity". I decided to follow God: I left that environment. Skating is still my favorite hobby, but now I don't allow myself to be conditioned anymore and I really feel free.

### **WITNESS OF OLGA (Hong Kong)**

My name is Olga and living in Hong Kong, a wealthy city of China, I am always immersed in a consumer society, where boys and girls live only to study and to enjoy themselves, and the adults, for money.

I am an only child and when I was six years old, my parents who worked all day, entrusted me to a center for children. I returned home only in the evening.

My Mom came home later and with my Dad they often ate in front of the TV without talking. I had been baptized, but God was far from my life.

The death of my little cousin at the age of 3 filled me with doubts: "What's the point of living," I asked myself, "if we all have to die one day?"

I wasn't happy and I began to rebel against everything. I stopped studying and because I had failed the year, I wanted to leave school. I wasn't interested in anything. Everyone was worried about me.

This was the period in which I got to know the "Young for Unity" who helped me to find the joy of living.

To know that we have a God who is our Father and who loves us as we are, helped me to love the others too. I began to speak with my parents and to listen to their advice, bringing warmth into our relationships at home. Life became illuminated. I discovered that Jesus is my greatest friend.

**WITNESS OF RAFAEL DORNELLES (Brazil)**

At school many boys and girls think only of themselves and they aren't aware of the others around them. It's difficult even to say "Hi!" to one another. I suffered very much because of this and I didn't know what to do.

Then, trying to take the first step, I began to have some friends. In particular I met a boy who seemed to be very sad. He was always closed in himself and he didn't want to talk to anyone.

I tried to take an interest in him, showing him that I wanted to be his friend. After a long conversation, he confided to me that he was desperate: he had everything, but he wasn't satisfied with life. He was very intelligent, and so he searched for truth in books. He asked himself how he could believe in God when there is so much suffering in the world. He wasn't able to find an answer and so he even thought of committing suicide.

I assured him that he could count on me. Then I called other friends on the phone asking them to stay close to him too. We agreed to ask for his help in certain subjects so that he would feel useful. Thanks to these friendships, he began to feel better.

Often he asked me questions about the faith. So I invited him to a meeting with the "Young for Unity". At the end, he said: "I'm seeing you for the first time, but in a word, you have given me the answer I was searching for: God is Love and when we love, He is inside of us."

Then he went to confession and returned to Mass after a long time. He confided to me: "You and your friends have saved my life."

**Song:** “Your love is in me”

## **SECOND DIALOGUE “SITTING ON THE SMALL WALL”**

**Maria:** Well then. God is always present and God is Love

**Valerio:** Do you really think that he is always Love?

**Maria:** I think so... at least I believe so!

**Valerio:** But think of when you suffer, when there are the sufferings that seem to be insurmountable, when you feel abandoned by everyone and everything.... Is he there then too?

**Chiara B.:** I think he is! If he is close to us always, he is close to us also in difficult times.

**Valerio:** Yes, yes.... But then, why are there misfortunes, wars, sufferings?

**Maria:** I ask myself the same question!

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002 – YOUNG FOR UNITY**

**SECOND SET – LOVE CONQUERS ALL**

**CHOREOGRAPHY “STARS AND TEARS”**

**Song:** “Stelle e lacrime” (Stars and Tears)

### THIRD SET – WHY IS THERE SUFFERING?

#### CHOREOGRAPHY: “THE REASON” (Turin)

**Isolation and loneliness:** in a circle, someone tries to enter, but he is rejected.

**Exploitation:** figures with hands bound are crushed by the power of a few.

**Drugs:** other figures imprisoned, tossing and turning in a network. They try to allure others. Open hands ask for help.

**Sickness-death:** a figure expresses suffering. With his faced covered, he pulls a net with which he covers everyone. Beneath the net heaps of dead.

**Song:** “Tra le mie braccia” (In my arms)

#### CHOREOGRAPHY: “THE REASON”

The suffering is transformed. From the ruins the rebirth of life. The persons on stage stand up and meet one another.

#### “LOOK AT HIM CRYING OUT”

“Look at him on the cross crying out: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”. The love of a God is all there. He couldn’t have given us more. He is my Ideal. When suffering, big or small, knocks at your heart, try to embrace it and you will find life.”

**WITNESS OF JAIME AND DINORA (El Salvador)****Jaime:**

Last year our country was struck by two very strong earthquakes and, in the city of Las Colinas, a landslide buried very many houses. There were more than 2,000 victims.

At the beginning, I didn't realize what had happened. I saw the city destroyed and people crying and searching in the midst of the rubble. We didn't have light or water and the telephones were out-of-order. Everyone in my family was well, but the house and our bakery were destroyed. I asked myself: "Why has all this happened?" While we were praying together for the victims, I had the impression that Jesus embraced me: we had to trust him and continue to love. He wouldn't leave us alone. Shortly afterwards, thanks to the help that arrived also from many of you, we, like other families, were able to have a new house. Now we have rebuilt the bakery as well.

**Dinora:**

We helped in various areas by providing medical assistance, distributing food or digging. One day we saw them pulling out a family from the ruins: father, mother and two children buried under the rubble for two days, but still alive.

We also purchased supplies, clothes, blankets and water offering to bring them into the zones that were still isolated. Desperate people were fighting also to divide the food. We felt that we had to love them even more by giving them all that we had: even a smile, a word of comfort or just listening meant a lot to them.

To have shared this suffering with many people of the world gave us strength and made us experience that we are really one big family.

**WITNESS OF FRANCISCO AND NILSON (Porto Alegre, Brazil)****Francisco:**

My name is Francisco. Some months ago I was rushed to the hospital because of a very serious infection. In the ambulance, I reassured my Dad that I was serene. Why should I worry? There are so many sufferings greater than mine in the world. When I reached the hospital the situation appeared to be very serious. They brought me to the intensive care unit where I remained in a coma for several days.

**Nilson:**

As soon as I learned that Francisco wasn't well, I ran to the hospital where his Dad told me: "You are his friends; you can do a lot to help him." When I returned home, the only thing I could do was pray. But not alone, together. We sent an e-mail to all the "Young for Unity": "Francisco's condition is really very critical: let's ask for his recovery." The news traveled the world in a short time and a chain of prayers began. Messages arrived from the most diverse places and we read them regularly to Francisco. Meanwhile, outside of the intensive care unit, night and day we took turns alternating with his parents. Eleven days later we saw him slowly come out of the coma.

**Francisco:**

I don't remember very much about that period. When I woke up I wasn't able to move or to speak. I asked my Mom to bring a crucifix close to the bed: Jesus had suffered too, but he didn't become discouraged. Little by little, my relationship with him grew and when I didn't have the strength to pray, a glance was enough to entrust everything to him. The only thing I was able to do was to smile. I welcomed with joy those who came to visit me, the doctors, the nurses. I tried to hide from my family the pain I was feeling so that they wouldn't worry. This experience gave me a new relationship with Mary, as if she were always beside me. As you can see, now I have fully recovered, thanks to the prayers of all of you.

**WITNESS OF ROSE ANGELA (Nairobi, Kenya)**

I'm Rose Angela of Kenya. I too have experienced suffering, but also the love of God. Some time ago, while we were playing, a boy hurt my sister's knee. When I asked him to stop, he answered me back and threw a stick at me and some splinters accidentally went into my eye.

I went to the hospital and had to wait three days before they operated. I suffered very much. I didn't want to become a problem for my family. I asked myself: "Why did this have to happen to me?"

After the first operation, I lost my sight in that eye. The second operation was more painful. A medicine they gave me left me paralyzed every day for an hour. I was afraid I wouldn't be able to walk anymore.

In spite of this situation, even though everyone around me was bitter about what had happened, I felt that I had to forgive that boy and to help my family to do the same. From that moment on, I began to have greater trust in God, and I asked him for the courage to go ahead.

When the doctors told me that I would never be able to see again from that eye, everyone expected me to cry. "Why should I be sad," I explained, "for something that doesn't belong to me? I thank God for giving me two eyes and now I have lost only one."

Last year, during a trip in Italy, I learned that thanks to a transplant I would be able to see again. It would be a very expensive operation that I wouldn't be able to have in Kenya, but which became possible because many, who share my way of life, helped me. The operation was successful and now I can see.

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002 – YOUNG FOR UNITY****FOURTH SET – FROM TRENT TO THE WORLD****THIRD DIALOGUE “SITTING ON A SMALL WALL”**

**Valerio:** So there is a way to transform suffering, to be happy always even when there are difficulties!

**Aurelio:** This is just too great! We've got to tell it to as many people as possible.

**Julia:** Just think how beautiful it would be if everyone could experience it as many of us have.

**David T.:** You know, I'm beginning to think that this is the only way to always live in the best way possible!

**Chiara B. and Maria:** It's absolutely true!

**Chiara B.:** Just think, we can live what we have discovered in all that we do, even now sitting on the little wall, we can reach far out....

**Song:** “Sorgente” (Source)

## WE'LL INTRODUCE OURSELVES WITH IMAGES

**David T.:** We have come here from all over the world, attracted by that lifestyle that began in Trent, in the north of Italy, 50 years ago. Chiara Lubich and her first companions started there. They were our age then and in their hearts they had only one desire: to live for something great.

**Serena:** One day, as they were reading the Gospel, they felt particularly attracted by Jesus' prayer to the Father: "May all be one". Unity is the plan God has for humanity. This is the ideal it is worthwhile spending our life, the only life we have.

**Aurelio:** This ideal of unity has reached 182 nations involving people of different races, cultures and religions. It is also a contribution to the ecumenical dialogue.

**Chiara:** This gave rise to a new people and we of the "Young for Unity" are part of it. We are boys and girls of different races, cultures, languages and religions and we want to live in a way that will really bring unity into the world.

## INTERVIEW WITH THE FARTHEST CORNERS OF THE EARTH

### From the little wall

**Rita:** If we choose a point on the map of the world, we will surely find someone there too who is already living as we are, for example, in the icy polar circles, where Elisa comes from. Tell us something about it.

**Elisa** (Greenland):

Ciao! I bring you greetings from Greenland, the land of the ancient Inuits or Eskimos, which is the name of our people! My country is vast. In Greenland, winter lasts for many months of the year. The greater part of the territory is always covered with ice, and we live only on the coasts.

There are no roads to travel from one city to another: we use ships, helicopters or planes.

Before I was alone, but now I have some friends who want to live in order to build a united world with me.

**Thomas:** \_\_\_\_ is here from Singapore. It's a city where different religions and cultures meet, isn't it true?

**Gen 3 from Singapore:**

Yes, looking at the landscape of Singapore you can see the minarets of the mosques and the little statues of the Hindu temples, the bell towers of the Christian churches and the typical architecture of the Chinese temples. However, the presence of many religions, also among us "Young for Unity" is not an obstacle towards a united world; on the contrary, we feel that we are already one family. Through our mutual love we show everyone that unity is possible.

**Rita:** And you, instead. Where do you come from?

**A gen 3 (New Caledonia):**

From Futuna, a small and very beautiful island in the Pacific Ocean. If we are here today, it is thanks to you and to the thousands of initiatives that you organized so that we could pay for our trips.

Not all the children on our islands have the opportunity to study. They live in very poor huts, without electricity. The families are very numerous and many leave school.

For some time now, in Nouméa, the capital of New Caledonia, it was possible to have a little house where a group of us could live. We live there like a family. We can go to school regularly, we have time to study, and we've gotten excellent grades.

**Thomas:** Ciao... you are here from Réunion. Where is that?

**A boy (Réunion):**

Réunion is a volcanic island in the Indian Ocean, southeast of Madagascar, along the southeast coast of Africa. The climate is tropical and the typical product is sugar cane. The inhabitants are mostly Catholics, but there are also Hindus and Muslims. Some of us got to know the "Young for Unity" and now we try to live the Gospel. Four of us were able to come here to the Supercongress.

## PRESENTATION OF WITNESSES

**Aurelio:** We come from such different parts of the globe, and yet we are linked by the same way of life: the Gospel, which we try to put into practice every day. We find the way to face every situation in the words of Jesus: “Love one another as I have loved you”

**Chiara B.:** The love we want to live is not sentimentalism. It has very precise qualities. It requires that we love everyone, without discrimination, that we be the first to love, without waiting for the other person to take the first step.

**Aurelio:** It is a concrete love: it's a matter of facts, not words. And it even reaches the point of loving enemies.

**Chiara B.:** A love like this prompts an answer on the part of the other person and love becomes reciprocal. This is a real and true art, the “art of loving” which we can all learn, beginning again every day.

**WITNESS OF \_\_\_\_\_ (Korea)**

**David:** \_\_\_\_\_, you come from Korea. You have tried to live in this way, haven't you? Tell us something about it!

\_\_\_\_\_ (Korea):

Something small happened to me, but it was very helpful.

I like to play computer games, especially soccer, and I'm really good at it. One day I competed in a race via Internet. I wanted to win, but it wasn't easy: thousands from all over the country were in the race.

It was New Year's day and some of my relatives were at my house, including a little boy who was very lively and very curious. He was jumping around everywhere, having fun pressing all the keys of the computer. It was time to play the decisive game and he wouldn't leave the room. So I asked him to stay still and I began to play. When I was at the point of winning, he pulled out the plug and the computer turned off!

I was speechless. Even though I was upset over having lost an important opportunity, I tried to stay calm. He looked at me filled with fear: he understood that he had done something wrong. So, to make him feel better, I smiled and gave him a little ball. He immediately became happy again.

I was among the top ten at the beginning of the race but, after what had happened, I dropped to 50<sup>th</sup> place. Even though I had lost, I was happy just the same. I had acquired something much more precious: a new little friend.

**WITNESS OF HELOISA PELLEGRINI (Brazil)**On the little wall

**David:** Heloisa, instead, comes from Brazil. He found himself living a very difficult situation at home. Can you tell us something about it?

**Heloisa:**

Yes, I was 12 years old when my parents separated and this made me suffer very much. My greatest suffering, however, was not being able to forgive my Dad for having left us and forming another family.

At the beginning, when he called on the phone, I didn't want to answer him. But I wasn't peaceful because of the invitation that Jesus makes in the Gospel to "forgive our enemies". I asked Jesus to help me take this step.

When he was on the cross, he too felt abandoned by the Father, but he continued to love. I had to do the same. Other girls who believe in this helped me very much.

Father's Day was approaching, and I saw my friends at school preparing gifts for their fathers. It was the occasion to show my Dad that I had forgiven him.

When he received my gift, he was moved. He told me that the most important thing for him were his children. From that moment, our relationship changed: it was as if I had reopened the door of my heart to him.

In a telephone call he confided to me that he felt very lonely. I took the opportunity to go more in-depth with him and I told him about my discovery of God, who loves each one immensely. He greeted me serenely assuring me that he would come to visit me to continue talking about this.

It's not easy to live in this situation. By trying to love, I understood that everyone makes mistakes, but we can always start again.

**WITNESS OF BELÉN** (Buenos Aires, Argentina)On the little wall

**David:** Loving means giving too, sharing what you have with someone in need, even in the most difficult situations. It's what the "Young for Unity" of Argentina are experiencing. As you know, they are going through a very serious economic crisis, with conflicts and violence on the streets. Belén, you live in Buenos Aires. Can you tell us something about this?

**Belén:**

In the difficult situation we are living in, what helps us is to share our difficulties with the other "Young for Unity" and with many adults who, like us, want to build a united world. This always gives us new strength and hope.

Personally, I had to face many difficulties because my Dad, up until a short time ago, was unemployed and this forced us to reconsider many of our choices.

At the beginning of the school year, for example, my parents told me and my sisters that there wasn't enough money for our books. But we didn't become discouraged. We realized that many other families were probably living in the same situation and we had some used books that we could put in common. So we made two lists: one with what we had that was extra and one with our needs. We circulated the list among the people we knew, and each one gave and received, so books arrived for everyone. We repeated the same thing for other needs and many people wanted to join us. In this way, we succeeded in covering the needs of many.

## KOREAN DANCE

### On the little wall

**Thomas:** Unity is that force that makes us go ahead together and that helps us to overcome all the difficulties. This is what the “Young for Unity” of Korea want to express with their dance “Tae Kwon Mu”.

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002****PROJECT "SCHOOLMATES"****INTERVIEW OF THE "YOUNG FOR UNITY"  
OF CECCHINA (C. Romani-Italy) AND PAMELA (Tagaytay-Philippines)**Center stage

**Chiara:** To live the art of loving creates new relationships. Just think how beautiful it would be if students and teachers lived this new style of life! And not only in one school, but also among schools in various parts of the world.

**Aurelio:** We have with us some boys and girls from a school of Castelli Romani who have become good friends, schoolmates, with other children in the Philippines. How did this happen?

**Richard:**

Our teachers proposed that we correspond with young people of other countries, and we began with the Philippines. We got to know their way of living, their customs and their culture. In particular, we became friends with Pamela, who told us about her home, her family and her neighborhood. Pamela became one of our schoolmates even though she is at the other part of the globe. We also understood that many of the things that we take for granted are not within her reach, like the possibility of going to school.

**Marta:**

So we offered to pay for her studies by doing small household chores, and if some people want to give us a gift, we ask them to give us instead the money they would have used to buy it. The best gift for us is our friendship with Pamela. To see her happy gave us joy, and it encouraged us to go ahead together. We learned that there is more joy in giving than in receiving.

**Aurelio:** Pamela is also here at our Supercongress! Ciao Pamela, what did this experience mean to you?

**Pamela:**

It was really a great joy for me to get to know these boys and girls who helped me go to school.

They are not only my friends, but real brothers and sisters. To be able to come here to Italy with other Filipinos is a dream I never thought would come true.

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002**

**PROJECT "SCHOOLMATES"**

**LAUNCHING OF PROJECT "SCHOOLMATES"**

**David:** There are many other experiences like this one among us boys and girls at school. But now we would like to take another step ahead.

**Aurelio:** To promote this encounter of boys and girls from different countries of the world, we thought of opening a web site on internet where classes who wish to can send their address. They will be put in contact with other classes in another part of the world who also wish to join this planetary web of schools.

**Serena:** "Getting to know one another" from different countries will be a mutual enrichment. We will see barriers and prejudices crumble. This is the first phase of our project. As we have seen, however, many boys and girls in the world do not have the possibility of going to school, of building their future, even if they want to.

**Chiara:** Feeling that we are one family, where everything is shared, will lead us to realizing the second phase of our project: the creation of a fund to provide scholarships for boys and girls who are in need.

What do you think about this?

**David:** We are already in contact with some schools:

**in Africa:** the Arcobaleno school, **in Uganda**, where many children are AIDS victims.

**Chiara B.:**

**in Asia:** in the school of Dalwal, **in Pakistan**, for Muslim children who used to have their lessons under the trees;

**Serena:**

**in America:** some schools of Bogotá, **in Colombia**, in dangerous districts marked by violence and the drug traffic;

**Aurelio:**

in **Oceania**: la 'Maison Virgo' in **New Caledonia**, where girls who had to leave school can continue their studies.

**David:**

Also in Bolivia, Uruguay, Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, Congo, Kenya, Burundi, Madagascar, Thailand, India, Iraq and Romania.

**Chiara B.:**

Each one of us can adhere to Project "Schoolmates" and BECOME SCHOOLMATES FROM ONE PART OF THE WORLD TO ANOTHER.

**“SCHOOLMATES” Video**

I'm Rafi and I come from Switzerland. Friends, I'm Bernadette from Brazil. Dear friends, I'm Marie from France. I'm Delaram, of an Iranian family, and I'm Muslim. I'm David and I'm writing to you from Colombia. Ciao, ciao! Lucia from Argentina. Ciao, I'm John from New York.

Dearest Pamela, I'm writing to you from Rome, and even though we don't know you personally, you are part of our class. I'm from the Philippines and I'm happy to be your friend. We thank you very much and we ask you to pray with us that the war may end in Congo. We are from Colombia and in order to build a better world, a united world, we must also study.

Among us there are neither rich nor poor: we are one family. I discovered how beautiful it is to give. What's the point of having money if you don't have any friends?

My classmates and I met David from Bolivia. We write to one another often, and in his letters he tells us about his family, his friends, his village. He also sent us some photos of his land which is splendid but very poor.

With our help, some months ago, David and his friends were able to begin attending school.

Would you like to give us a hand? You and your classmates can participate in this project: all the children of the world have the right to study. It doesn't take much to become "schoolmates" from one part of the globe to another.

## SUPERCONGRESS 2002 – YOUNG FOR UNITY

### FIFTH SET – UNITY AMONG PEOPLES

#### PRESENTATION

At the little wall – standing

**Rita:** The mutual love we want to live already makes us brothers and sisters. This is what happened in Fontem, a village in the forest of Cameroon, Africa.

#### STORY OF FONTEM

**Children:** Come everyone, Pa Michael is going to tell us something!

**Pa Michael:** Good morning boys and girls!

**Children:** Good morning, Pa! Tell us our story again!

**Pa Michael:** We were living in the heart of a forest. We were poor, afflicted with many diseases. When I was your age almost all the children that were born would die.

Our Bangwa tribe was dying out. I remember the Fon Defang, our king. This made him suffer so much! He wanted to comfort the mothers, but what could he do? The Fon made a mark with chalk every time that news arrived of the death of a baby. There were many. How could he bring words of comfort? Desperate as we were we decided to ask God for help.

A year later, the situation hadn't changed. So we prayed more intensely for another year, and then for still another year, until we decided to collect offerings and turn to the Catholic bishop who was leaving to go to an important meeting of bishops with the Pope. While he was in Rome, he met Chiara and told her about the situation. He asked her: "Couldn't you send some doctors to help these people?" Chiara sent them. We called them "people of God", because the people began to get well.

Then, some time later, Chiara herself came to visit us.

## **Dance**

During the dance, in a large open space in the forest, Chiara saw the sun enveloping everyone. And in that sun, almost as a divine sign, she seemed to understand that there, in the heart of the tropical forest, a city would rise, to which many people would come, from all the countries of Africa, to see what love is, to see the achievement of human brotherhood.

### **WITNESS OF JOHN PAUL (Fontem)**

#### In the midst of the African gen 3

When Chiara returned to Africa in the year 2000, we made a “pact”: first the different kings, Fons made the pact with one another, and then all of us with one another. We promised to put mutual love into practice as the law of our city.

This helps me every day to jump over the small obstacles that I encounter, which is really a training for when the more difficult moments arrive.

Some time ago my little sister Ita was rushed to the hospital of Fontem. With my brothers and sisters we began to pray for her recovery, but as the days passed her condition worsened. I was suffering and I saw the suffering on the faces of my parents, and I understood that I couldn't stop loving. “This is the moment,” I told myself, “to give an extra dose of love to my life.

Confident that Jesus with his love was close to us and to Ita, I tried to give courage and hope to everyone.

A few days later, my little sister went to heaven. It was a very strong suffering for me, but then I continued to love my parents and brothers and sisters, maybe only by staying close to them in silence. During the funeral Mass I was struck to see that the love among us all had transformed the atmosphere giving serenity to each one. I'm sure that Ita continues from up there to help me grow in making my life a game of love.

## WITNESS FROM GREAT BRITAIN

**Rita:** Here present are many young people from various Christian denominations. In particular, we want to introduce you to a group of Anglicans from Great Britain. Didn't you, some time ago, take a trip to Brazil?

**Kit:**

Yes, we did. In fact, every year since 1993 we have been raising money for the Brazilian "Young for Unity" projects for the street children of Recife by holding a sponsored bike ride.

**Miles:**

Last year we decided to go and meet them. We worked very hard in order to find the money for the trip. Some of the jobs we did included car washing, painting and weeding. We also had a lot of support from many people back at home.

For us a great moment was when we met with the gen in Recife. We talked together and began to understand something more of each other's daily life. We also played football with them and one evening they taught us some great Brazilian dances! This was all a very good way to get to know them.

**Danilo (Recife):**

I am Danilo from Recife. Our English friends in that way got to know our city. Some time ago we made friends with some very poor children who live on the street, without a home or family. We started a music school for them. Some of them now play and have formed a small band. Knowing them better we can also provide for their needs, helping them with their medical and school expenses. With us many of them have re-found peace.

**John:**

Eronildo, an ex street child, invited us to visit his incredibly small house. Now he works to help improve the lot of other street children. Returning to London, when we were asked why we spent the money on the trip rather than give the money to the poor we answered that we consider relationships to be more important than giving charity. In fact, we received much more than we gave. I realized that I had learned more in one week in Brazil than in one year at school.

## **SUPERCONGRESS 2002 – YOUNG FOR UNITY**

### **FIFTH SET – UNITY AMONG RELIGIONS**

#### **INTERVIEW WITH CHILDREN OF OTHER RELIGIONS**

##### At the little wall

**David:** Today there are also many friends with us who belong to other religions and whom we would like to introduce to you now. From Japan some boys and girls arrived from the Rissho Kosei-kai Buddhist Movement. Konichi wa! Welcome! We know that you too are working to build peace. What are you doing?

##### **A girl from the Rissho Kosei-kai:**

We are involved in many activities: one of these is called “bags of dreams”. We fill many bags with items that are useful for school or games, which we send to boys and girls who have lost their family or who have had traumas due to war.

This year, seven of us went with our parents to Serbia in order to give these “bags of dreams”, along with our compassion and encouragement, to the refugees of Croatia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Kosovo.

In this moment there are many children in the world who lose their relatives, who are separated from friends because of wars, who live in deep sadness.

We boys and girls want to be their friends, because we live on the same planet. We fill the “bags of dreams” with objects that we have prepared by giving up a meal or by not buying what we would have liked to buy, praying for a society full of hope and peace. By doing this we can sow seeds of peace in our hearts too.

**Serena:** Also \_\_\_\_\_ is Buddhist and belongs to a Movement in Thailand which is called "Duang Prateep Foundation". What do you do?

**Issara of the Prateep Foundation:**

My name is Issara, which means freedom. I come from Klong Toey, a slum area of Bangkok, that is a neighborhood where many poor people live. Most of us do not have the right to live where we are living, so we are always afraid that someone will send us away. Many people live like this in Thailand. In Bangkok alone there are more than a million of these people.

I am here with three other friends to represent the Duang Prateep Foundation, an organization that began about 25 years ago with someone who also lived in a slum: Mrs. Prateep Ungsongtham Hata who worked very hard to help people and this is why she was made a senator. Her life is a very beautiful example for us boys and girls.

The Foundation helps the people of the slums in the fields of health, education, social assistance, economy and development. It gives out scholarships, organizes traveling puppet shows, distributes meals, and is also involved in the fight against Aids. It is really a very important center for the people who live in the slums.

**David:** Now we would like to meet Niranjana who is here with some friends from India. They belong to the Hindu religion and to the "Shanti Ashram" Gandhian Movement. Tell us about it.

**Niranjana:**

"Shanti" means peace and "Ashram" is a place where people meet and spend time together. The activity of Ashram is inspired by the thought of Mahatma Gandhi who said: "If we want to reach true peace in this world and to bring forward a true war against war, we will have to begin with boys and girls. The 'golden rule' is to be friends of the world and to consider the whole human family as 'one'."

We work with hundreds of disadvantaged children in the villages of the south of India. We help these brothers and sisters of our who live in the countryside by looking after their nutrition, health, studies, and above all, by giving them what is most important, love.

We try also to give a contribution towards society and nature. Through the initiatives of the Green Brigade, the children of Shanti Ashram have planted and looked after a thousand trees. When we travel through our villages and see these beautiful trees, they make us very happy.

We are proud to say that the United Nations program for the environment has recognized our initiatives as a model of success.

Our foundress Aram Anna and Patti tell us that we must always try to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. We try to do this every day and we invite you to do the same.

**Serena:** In the sacred texts of almost all religions there is the so-called “golden rule”. It says: “Do to others what you would have them do to you.” In practice, it’s an invitation to love. Even though we belong to different religions, we have tried to live in this way.

David, for example, belongs to the Jewish religion and he is a friend of Daniel, who is a Christian. How did your friendship begin?

**David:**

Every day at school, I heard Daniel speaking with other boys and girls about peace, friendship and fraternity. I listened to them, and I liked their outlook on life. One day I decided: I want to be like them and be part of this trend towards good.

I think it’s great that also Jewish boys and girls can be part of the “Young for Unity” and can live in order to achieve peace in their own countries. I’m thinking especially of the difficult situation in the Middle East, where our contribution is, now more than ever before, indispensable.

**Serena:** And you, Daniel?

**Daniel:**

I would like to say that David is really a very good friend of mine. On his thirteenth birthday, a very important age for every Jewish boy, there was a ceremony at the Synagogue. Some of us of the “Young for Unity” involved the whole class in participating in this event so as to make him feel our love. It was an opportunity for everyone to get to know him better. During the celebration, even though I didn’t understand Hebrew, I felt that he was my brother. Everyone felt a very beautiful atmosphere of joy and unity.

**David:** Building a united world among people who belong to different religions and who are sometimes in contrast with one another, is not easy. As it happens between Christians and Muslims in Lebanon, but the “Young for Unity” did not give up.

## VIDEO OF LEBANON

### **Speaker:**

Lebanon: one of the countries of the Middle East, crossroads of cultures and religions, bridge between East and West.

In 1975 a terrible war broke out. For more than 15 years, massacres, evacuations of entire villages, and acts of revenge created a deep gap between Christians and Muslims.

Today, even though the sound of bombs is no longer heard, high walls of diffidence and indifference have remain in the hearts of the people. We still live isolated and much needs to be done to rebuild peace in every heart and to believe that it is possible to look at the other person as a brother or sister.

### **Myriam:**

I grew up with one dream in my heart: peace. I spend one Sunday a month with a community of children in the south who belong to different religions, and this is the answer to my dream and its achievement. Our first contacts In the beginning, our contacts were very difficult, but little by little, the situation changed completely and now we all wait impatiently for the moment to meet again.

### **Ali (Muslim):**

I'm Ali. I'm a Muslim. I've been in this center for eleven years. Before, I felt alone and abandoned. Ever since the "Young for Unity" came, we got to know one another and they taught me that in love, what is important is to love, and that love goes beyond religions and social backgrounds. They helped me to discover that God is present and that he also looks after the little things in our life.

## INDIAN DANCE

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002**

**FIFTH SET - UNITY  
UNITY AMONG RELIGIONS**

**FROM TOKYO TO NEW YORK:  
WITNESS OF THE “YOUNG FOR UNITY” AND THE MYOCHIKAI**  
With the support of video images

Center stage

**Chiara:** In July 2000, in Japan, we were invited by the Buddhist Movement, Myochikai, to participate in the First Conference of Young People for the Future. We were 213 boys and girls from 40 countries, belonging to 4 different religions. It was an unforgettable experience. We spoke about peace and unity in view of the new millenium. How did you live this moment?

**A boy from Myochikai:**

It was wonderful to get to know boys and girls from so many countries. To live together side by side brought us in contact with cultures so different from ours. We lived very intense days of work and dialogue on themes like world, ecology, sports, education. Our final document was a message of peace we wrote together addressed to heads of state and to civil and religious authorities. It was unanimously approved and signed by everyone.

**Aurelio:** This message, which was prepared in Tokyo, then went to all the world. When we returned to our countries, we presented it to many schools. We gathered a large number of signatures from boys and girls who wished to adhere to this, and also from 500 prominent people of the political and religious worlds and the communications media. A few days later a delegation of the “Young for Unity” presented this message and the signatures to the Summit of Heads of State at the United Nations of New York.

Ale and Christian were personally present in this event. Tell us something about it.

**Ale (Bolivia):**

Before leaving, I was very sad. In Bolivia there was a continuous struggle between the government and the poorest class, with much violence and the lack of dialogue on both parts.

It seemed to me that all our efforts to build a world of peace was useless. And I asked myself: is there any other solution aside from fighting with the use of arms? Precisely during those days I learned that I had been chosen to join the delegation that would represent the "Young for Unity" in the UN Special Session for Children. I felt God's love for me; it was as if he were saying to me: "Don't be afraid! I am with you to change the world."

I left with great peace, certain that this love we are living together can spread to many others and heal also the wounds of my people.

**Cristian (Brazil):**

I, too, was part of the delegation of the "Young for Unity" that participated in the forum and meetings organized by the United Nations on the occasion of the Special Session for Children at the UN building in New York. At one of the forums during those days, we handed over to a representative of UNICEF the signatures gathered in support of our project to build a united world. We met many religious and political leaders. They listened to us with great interest and told us that they share our proposals. In seeing among us the achievement of that world in peace and unity which they too dream of, they assured us that they will do all they can to work with us towards a better future for all the boys and girls of the world.

**Chiara:** To continue this experience, we have already made another important appointment. In fact, after our Supercongress, on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of May, we will meet in the international little town of Loppiano for our Forum. We will be 250 boys and girls belonging to various religions, and during these two days we will have the opportunity to get to know one another better and to build an even stronger unity.

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002**

**FIFTH SET - UNITY  
UNITY WHICH RENEWS HUMAN ENDEAVORS**

**PRESENTATION OF THE "INUNDATIONS"**

At the wall

**Thomas:** This lifestyle, unity, has already begun to change and to renew even the different fields of human endeavor: from politics to art, from the communications media to sports.

This is what the "Young for Unity" of Portugal wish to express in their choreography.

**CHOREOGRAPHY PORTUGAL**

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002****FIFTH SET - UNITY  
UNITY WHICH RENEWS HUMAN ENDEAVORS****WITNESS OF FEDERICO: "JUNIOR" MAYOR (Sicily)**At the wall

**Rita:** With us here today is Federico, who has already taken his first steps in the field of politics. Can you tell us how things are going?

**Federico:**

Trecastagni, where I live, is the first Sicilian municipality to have a Junior Municipal Council. In fact, beside that of the adults, there is another one made up of boys and girls from 13 to 15 years old. It is elected by the students.

The mayor of my city decided to do this because he thought that the contribution of us boys and girls was something useful and constructive. In fact, the Junior Council is, in every respect, a part of the municipal administration. Its task is make proposals and give advice to adults on political decisions which concern us, most of all in the fields of education, sports and ecology.

Some of us "Young for Unity" ran for office and without doing any electoral campaign, 3 of us were elected: I as mayor, David as my vice-mayor, and Eric as councilor.

The most beautiful thing about the Junior Council is that there are no political parties. We meet once a month and we bring our proposals to the Council of the adults.

During our mandate, which lasted for a year, we were able to have various projects approved and subsequently carried out: the formation of a young people's council which would gather together the different associations, the restoration of some green areas and the construction of a multi-purpose center for young people.

I have been greatly enriched by this experience: aside from getting to know many other young people, it has also made me understand the real significance of politics, which is service: concrete love for the entire city.

I think this is the secret of whoever wants to be a good mayor.

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002****FIFTH SET - UNITY  
UNITY WHICH RENEWS HUMAN ENDEAVORS****WITNESS FROM COLOMBIA**At the wall

**Thomas:** To build unity where we live also means to have the courage to go against the current in order to change the current mentality and bring a new culture. In Colombia you began to take action, didn't you?

**Gen 3:**

Yes, because we realized that in our cities one can rarely find the harmony and beauty present in nature. And this is overshadowed even more by certain publicity posters which really offend us because of the images they portray: perfect women but unreal; and above all, women without dignity, women who count only because of their physical beauty, women used as objects of profit.

This bombardment, so to speak, gave us a feeling of disgust and pushed us to write a letter to the president's wife, who is sensitive to Christian and human values. To our surprise, she invited us to come and visit her because she wanted to know more.

She welcomed us and listened to us with respect and admiration. She was surprised to hear our convictions, our ideals and the force with which we bring them ahead.

With regard to the ugly advertisements which covered many walls, she told us that she fully agreed with everything we said. And she concluded: "We must work together!"

She told us about her projects saying that she would be happy if we collaborate with her, dedicating some of our time to the 26 centers of formation she has set up. "The young people in these centers," she told us, "need your ideas." And so we began to collaborate.

We also sent a message to the Tribunal Court and we began to gather signatures from those who adhered to our proposals. Many of these were young people.

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002****FIFTH SET - UNITY  
UNITY WHICH RENEWS HUMAN ENDEAVORS****WITNESS OF PAOLA PELLEGRINI (Florence)**At the wall

**Rita:** Paola, you have been involved in the world of music for some years now. Is it possible to build a united world also through rock music?

**Paola:**

It's not easy, but I've been able to do it.

I've always liked hard rock, because it is an expression of non-conformity. I wanted to change the world and I felt that it was a valid instrument. I played in various groups: songs, concerts, success.

But behind that great energy on stage I discovered another world: we played to exhibit our technical ability to a public which was more interested in alcohol and drugs than to our music. Within me I felt a growing dissatisfaction and solitude. I wasn't happy. If I wanted to be coherent with the choice of living the art of loving and building a united world, I had to leave the group. I did so, but I was misunderstood and it was difficult to remain coherent. But I never stopped believing that it was possible to play a different kind of rock music.

Shortly afterwards I participated in a gathering like this one. To see thousands of young people who were convinced that only love can change the world made me understand that "transgression" doesn't mean looking for what is excessive or being satisfied with an artificial paradise, rather it means facing life and spending one's energies for something great.

With my new group, which is called "*Oltre*" [Beyond], a hard-rock music "against the current" has finally come to life. The Latin title of our first disk expresses my experience quite well. It says: "*Per aspera ad astra*", which means : it is only by facing adversities that we reach the stars.

**“Young for Unity” of Ireland:**

Ciao to everyone. We come from Ireland. The song we will sing tells how in loving every person we found the rhythm that leads us to live for a united world. With the colored hands that you have received, we invite you to imitate our movements.

**Song:** “The Rhythm of the World (Ireland)

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002****MEETING WITH CHIARA****PRESENTATION OF CHIARA**

**Serena:** This is a very special moment for us: we are about to meet the person, thanks to whom we are here today. She not only gave life to the Focolare Movement, to which we "Young for Unity" also belong, but she has always been close to us throughout all these years.

**David:** Hers words have given an answer to all our "whys" and on this occasion she most certainly had to be present: Chiara.

Let's welcome her with a song.

**Song:** You have one life to live"

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002**

**MEETING WITH CHIARA**

**GREETINGS TO CHIARA**

**Aurelio:** Ciao, Chiara! Thank you for being here with us. It's not everyday that so many of us can be with you!

**Chiara B:** Today we re-lived your story, which opened that new path we have been traveling with you for many years. Now we ask you to give us a new proposal on how to bring ahead this project of ours, which is to build a united world.

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002****ICE ARENA (MARINO – ROME)  
SATURDAY, 25 MAY 2002****CHIARA ANSWERS TEN QUESTIONS  
AND ENTRUSTS A SPECIAL TASK TO THE GEN**

- 1) Chiara, we believe that God is Love and we try to live accordingly. But if God is Love, why do so many innocent people die in wars, terrorist attacks and natural disasters?  

(Gerardo – Bolivia)
  
- 2) It's difficult at times to love my friends at school because when they want to confide something to me, they always talk about boys, fashions, computers, and so on, and they want to know what I think about these things. I'm really sorry that they don't have any other interests. How can I explain to them what really makes life worth living?  

(Caroline – Lebanon)
  
- 3) I often have to turn the other cheek, to forgive one of my friends. But I would like to make him understand that his way of acting is wrong. Can you give me any ideas, Chiara?  

(Estanislau – Angola)
  
- 4) We are living the consequences of many years of war. I'm encouraged to know that you discovered the Love of God right in the midst of a situation like ours.  
Can you tell us what this discovery meant to you?  
What can we do to tell everyone that God is Love?  

(Chanelle – Burundi)

- 5) a) Chiara, can you tell us about your vocation?  
b) And if some of us should feel this call, how should we answer?

(Gabriela – Recife)

**Emmanuela** (presents her song):

Chiara, before you came, we recounted some episodes of your story and the story of us all through a musical.

The song we will sing to you now speaks of your discovery that "Love conquers all", during that night of "stars and tears".

### SONG

- 6) Chiara, you told us that suffering leads us to true happiness. Can you explain why this is so?

(Michael – Heidelberg)

- 7) Death frightens me terribly! To know that I won't wake up anymore, that I won't be able to grow anymore, that I won't be able to know anymore makes me even more fearful. Chiara, how should I deal with this fear that I have? Thank you!

(Luca Eufemia – Trent)

- 8) We are young, and so we have many dreams for the future which we would like to come true. But how can we be sure that they are part of God's plan for each one of us?

(Raffi – New York)

- 9) Throughout the years we have followed you in your trips to Asia, the United States and India, and we've seen how you have built very strong bonds of fraternity with each people.

Can you tell us your secret so that we young people of various religions can also continue these dialogues and respond to the longing for unity that there is in the heart of every person?

(Ika Mendrofa – Sumatra-Indonesia)

- 10) Chiara, do you know what heaven is like?  
Are you sure that it exists?  
How can we arrive there?

(Madonna Binou – Athens)

### **CHIARA ENTRUSTS A SPECIAL TASK**

Chiara, your “yes” to God has brought forth a “new people” following in your footsteps. We feel that this is already an answer to Jesus' testament: “May they all be one”. How do you see the contribution of us boys and girls in bringing forward this very great heritage so that all humanity may fulfill God's design?

(Christian Sebok – Gen 3 Center)

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002**

**MEETING WITH CHIARA**

**THANKING CHIARA AFTER HER ANSWERS  
AND FINAL CHOREOGRAPHY**

**David:** Thank you, Chiara!  
Thank you for your words and thank you for being with us today.  
Now we are bursting with joy!

**FINAL CHOREOGRAPHY (Recife)**

## SUPERCONGRESS 2002

### FINAL MESSAGE

#### FINAL MESSAGE: LEAVE YOUR IMPRINT

##### Center stage:

**David:** Today we experienced that the world of peace we all want, the united world, is born and grows each day from each one of us.

The secret is to love, to live the "golden rule" which links all faiths of the world and which is written in the heart of each person.

But love is an "art" which has its own qualities. It asks that we love everyone, that we be the first to love, that we love concretely, that we love identifying ourselves with the other, that we love also our enemies.

**Serena:** We have received many concrete proposals from various parts of the world on how we boys and girls can put into practice this "art of loving" in all the ambits of our life. We have put them together in a message which you will find in the little book you have received and which you can bring home with you.

If all young people in the world would live in this way, universal brotherhood will soon be realized and humankind will be a family of united peoples.

**Aurelio:** No to having more, yes to the culture of giving as the antidote to consumerism and to the enormous differences among nations.

**Rita:** The other: a whole world to discover. Let us commit ourselves to getting to know the wealth of others aiming at that which unites us.

**Thomas:** Let us respond to hate with pardon, injecting hope everywhere. Let us make a daily appointment for a time-out for peace.

**Chiara B.:** Let us always believe in life, in its different stages.  
Let us learn to respect our bodies and that of others.  
May sports be an occasion to build true friendships.

**David:** The earth was given to us as a gift; let us make it even more beautiful and hand it over to the future generations, leaving an imprint of harmony everywhere.

- Serena:** Let us make our schools a place of growth and of a fraternal living together.  
Let us create a web among schools to promote the encounter of young people from all the world with Project "Schoolmates".
- Thomas:** Let us use the communications media to spread what is positive and let us use it to build a united world.
- Rita:** The message contains many ideas and suggestions, but now it is up to us to fill them with life, to put them into practice by thinking up thousands of concrete activities.  
If some of you are following this event from your homes or from the various listening points, and you want to live what this message proposes, you can sign in your "yes" at the following address: [www.lascialatuaimpronta.it](http://www.lascialatuaimpronta.it), through which we can always remain in contact.
- Aurelio:** The afternoon is almost coming to an end, but our Supercongress will certainly not end here. Tomorrow we will take another step ahead: it's an appointment with everyone at the Coliseum.
- Chiara:** Today we discovered that among us a united world is already a reality. Tomorrow we can communicate this to everyone, making this reality visible also along the streets of Rome. How? By living mutual love so that soon all will be one.
- Song:** "The Golden Rule"

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002****PRESENTATION OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND PRAYERS****Announcer:**

Now we will have a short break and afterwards there will be religious services according to the different rites and prayers of the various religions.

Mass will be celebrated here, while the services....

The Buddhist prayer will take place....., those who belong to the Hindu religions will meet.... and the Muslims at....

Instead the Jewish prayer will be at....

Afterwards we will all come back here.

**SUPERCONGRESS 2000****CONCLUSION****PRESENTATION OF ANGLICAN PRAYER-SONG**

**David:** To conclude this afternoon, we would like to invite on stage the boys and girls belonging to the different Churches who are present here at the Ice arena: Orthodox, Coptic, Anglican, Protestant, Evangelical, Evangelical-Lutheran, Baptist, Reformed, those belonging to the Reformed Church of Holland, the Church of Scotland, the Free Churches and the Assembly of God.

The mutual love we live among us makes us experience that there is already so much that unites us.

**Serena:** Now, all together, we would like to renew the pact to be ready to give our life for one another so that the words of Jesus may be fully realized: "May they all be one".

**David:** Let's do this by taking one another by the hand, while the "Young for Unity" of Great Britain sing a song they have prepared for this Supercongress: "Peace on Earth".

**Song:** "Peace on Earth" (Great Britain)

**SUPERCONGRESS 2002**

**CONCLUSION**

**PRESENTATION PRAYER-SONG OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**Gen 3:** Now the "Young for Unity" of the Philippines, with their song: "Our Prayer", will express on behalf of everyone, the prayer we all have in our hearts: to ask God that this unity we are already experiencing be realized soon in all the world.

Goodbye to everyone! See you tomorrow!

**Song:** "Prayer-Song