# DOCUMENTO FINALE ASSEMBLEA GENERALE 2019
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## An introduction

**Dearest members of Mother Antonia's Family and dear associates, in this document we present the "final document", which wraps up and concludes the work of the assembly during this year.**

**There have been a series of "basic principles" and "operational choices" for each treated subject.**

**We confide this document to you, deliberately synthetical, in the absolute certainty that it will not only be the basis for many and profound reflections within the local or regional Groups, as a commitment to the teachings of our foundress, and always based on christian doctrine.**

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**CHARISM:** A GIFT WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US BY THE SPIRIT

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- *Charism is the Spirit's gift given by God to the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Ivrea, it has also been given to every member of the Vernian Family.*

- *Simplicity, charity and gratuity are part of Beata Antonia Maria Verna's charism;*

- *Gratuity which defines us, isn't born from an idea or a reasoning but is founded on God's Love and in our answer, following the Immaculate Conception's example;*

- *Charity, as has been taught by Mother Antonia, is to live with Christ, for Christ and in Christ. That begins with formation and prayer, it opens up our hearts, it pushes us to help the poor, whether it is a material or spiritual kind;*

- *The Charism is known by means of formation, experienced through testimony, shared among us to live in unity and harmony, overcoming obstacles.*

Due to this we commit ourselves to:

**1- DEEPEN** our charism with solid formation, getting help from anyone who "posseses" it firmly;

**2- INCARNATE** the charisma creatively, according to the times and places in which we live;

**3- LIVE** our charisma within charity work: feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, teaching catechism, educating the young, helping the needy as well as the victims of wars and natural disasters;

**4- SHARE** the charism among us using the appropriate means of information;

**5-TESTIFY** the experienced charism living our present, in happiness as well as with passion and fidelity the first four Rules of Mother Antony and the four Rules of vernian identity.

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## ASsOCIATION:
## MOTHER ANTONIAMARIA VERNA'S MULTI ETHNIC RAINBOW

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- *The Lay Vernian peole's vocation is founded on the baptismal promise and in Mother Antonia's Charism;*
- *As Lay Vernian people we are called to be strong in our faith, in our vocation, in charity;*

- *The Association of Lay Vernians acts being formed in a coherent and concrete manner, taking the spiritual guidelines proposed by the Mother and the Council into account, possibly facing uncomfortable social issues, as well as implementing the eight Vernian Family's eight rules within our socio–economic context;*

- *Vernian Family's lifestyle is based on: humility, enthusiasm, happiness, fraternity, spontaneity,e simplicity, giving its own talents with generosity.*

That is why we commit to:

**1- MEET** in the group and among the groups with the Family spirit;

**2- BE,** like Mother Antonia, light in the darkness, making her testament ours in our every day actions;

**3- FORM** valid charismatic leaders, enthusiastic and ready to get involved in the service to others;

**4- PROMOTE** the Association of Lay Vernians, its image and its work, through informational means and multi linguistic means of information;

**5- ENCOURAGE** the Foundress values' transmission and young people's involvement in the Association of Lay Vernians, organizing specific events and through a special "commitment formula" for them;

**6- FAVOR** the sense of belonging within the Association of Lay Vernian through group formation and sharing moments with others, also festive;

**7- IDENTIFY** annually, Charity projects carried out in communion with the Sisters and the Missioners, putting into practice creative ways of fund raising and making an effort as a whole group, to complete them.

## HOPE CARRIERS IN A DEFYING WORLD

- *Hope is a Holy Spirit's gift, it opens up our eyes and our heart enlightening each dark angle within our history and within our present.*

- *In a Godless world, in which the Gospel is no longer known, a world in which nearly no Catholic catechism is taught and in which exists a desire to live without God, mother Antonia's choices strongly remind us that the first and most important work of charity is to take Jesus to man and man to God.*

- *In our present situation characterized by ego centrism and loneliness, Lay vernian people live fraternity Gospel and follow Mother Antonia's example of love for everyone: "They will be recognized as a result of the love they have for each other".*

- *Every Lay Vernian is a hopeful being who keeps cultivating that seed in his life and plants it within the heart of each of his actions.*

- *To every lay Vernian Mother Antonia's charity and gratuity are stimulus to help the poor, the children and the old living in disadvantaged conditions: "by the fruits you will be recognized".*

That is why we are committed to…

1- confide ourselves to the Holy Spirit's strength, which overthrows every barrier and iblows wherever it wants to blow.

2- Intensify prayer and persevere in it, whether it is alone, with our family or together, to discern the steps we should take to live Mother Antonia's charism.

3- Rediscover our faith's roots, catechize within commitment, acquiring skills and formation, turning mercy the heart of evangelization.

4- Catechize, first with life and then also with the gospel, in parishes, or in the families, with a particular attention to teenagers and the young who defy us, who need to find consistent adults with solid foundations.

5- Create fraternal communion in the group, in the family and in the parish: this will favor the knowledge, mutual support, especially in difficult moments.

6- Create a strong communion and a spiritual proximity in the group and the Association: to pray together to create Family spirit, which allows us to always find Jesus Christ, the Master.

7- Help the Parish and other Groups or Associations to carry the Gospel and the Gospel's Hope to the sick, the old and those who need comfort.

8- Do in such aa way that Hope is:

--heart's thrust of that one who is alone and discouraged.

--heart's thrust of he who gives himself to the world and to humanity, even in the face of adversity.

--heart's thrust of he who shares the future always made of new challenges to convey faith to others.

9- To back up charity proyects, whether those originated within the Association or from Parishes.

## A UNITED FAMILY IN THE SIGN OF HOPE

- *We are Family, because we live in the same charismathe Spirit has given to Blessed Antonia Verna, even within different callings: Sisters, Missioners and Lay people. Vernian Spirituality makes us enjoy the happiness of living in gratuity, simplicity and humility in a unique and an original way by drawing our strength from Eucharist, the Crucifix and the Immaculate.*
- *According to the Statute's 5th article, the Association of Lay Vernian people must have a community of Charity Sisters as a reference, wherever possible. It must also promote and favor meetings with its sympathizers. Within this synergistic and relational dynamism and vocational or life states must be respected, and appreciated, making the Vernian Family U.N.I.C.L.(Unity-Novelty-Interaction-Collaboration-Love for Mother Antony)*

- ***There is a territorial division in respects of formative and operative proffesionality, spiritual and cultural. It is positve to strengthen and to reinforce the sense of belonging, by taking advantage of technology as a communicative means and enforcing pilgrimages to vernian places.***

THIS IS WHY WE ARE COMMITTED TO…

1-Deepen the charism and spirituality with every available means to each group, possibly along with the Sisters and Missioners, to increase the sense of belonging to our u.n.i.c.l. family and to manifest it more and more;

2-To develop a vivid sense of our own personal responsabilities, actually each member of the Vernian Family is called to get harmonically involved as well as in a complementary way, getting involved in situations where there is discomfort and poor people.

3- Look for every occasion to live moments of prayer and celebration, along with the whole Vernian Family, open to those who are around, even if they are not vernians.

4- Find every occasion to work together in the catechism, in apostolic activities and free charity missions, updating Mother Antonia's 4 rules "mostly with the poor"

5- Move away from the "I do" to the "we do"

6- Get over the "differences" with the commitment to live communion for the sake of people who want us to show unity testimonies.

**IL PRESIDENTE**

**Vincenzo Fornace**

**AND HIS COUNCIL**