

# Mariapoli Europea 2019

Tonadico, Dolomiti (Italia)

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### **European Mariapolis – the experience of fraternity continues, the 4th week has begun!**

The 4th week of this unique experience began yesterday August 4, 2019. In the last month around 2,800 people from 38 countries, speaking 35 different languages from all over Europe and other continents, have gathered in the Primiero Valley. In a few days, on Sunday August 11, the event will close but already it is possible to draw a reckoning of some of its effects.

Young people have been a significant presence at the European Mariapolis. In addition people from different Christian denominations – Catholics, Orthodox, Evangelical, Lutheran, Anglican, Reformed, Baptist - and people of various faiths and non-religious convictions have participated in the event. A significant experience during the month for around **800 people**, was the visit to Trent, birthplace of Chiara Lubich, where they were able to visit the significant places associated with history of the birth of Focolare.

### **During this fourth week of the European Mariapolis the following events will take place:**

- **Wednesday, August 7**  
at **21.00**, *Face to Face* with **Gen Rosso**, in the Tent Hall, San Martino di Castrozza.
- **Friday, August 9**  
at **16:00**, Forum: '*Towards European Co-Governance*' hosted by the Political Movement for Unity at the Palazzo Scopoli, Tonadico.  
**Speakers will include: Andreas Michailidis**, Member of the Greek Parliament and Secretary General of the *Interparliamentary Assembly on Orthodoxy*; **Roger Casale**, former Member of the UK parliament and founder and Secretary General of *New Europeans*; **Letizia De Torre**, former member of Italian Parliament, President of the Political Movement for Unity.
- **Saturday, August 10**  
- **At 9.30**, a street in the town of Tonadico in the Primiero – San Martino di Castrozza region, will be named after Chiara Lubich. Present at the naming service will be local Mayor Dott. Daniele De Paoli, and Focolare President, Maria Voce Emmaus.

- **At 11.00**, the Archbishop of Trent, Mons. Lauro Tisi will celebrate Mass at the Church of the Pieve in Tonadico.
- **At 15.30** the concluding moment of the European Mariapolis will take place at the Auditorium of Fiera di Primiero.

*A Mariapolis (City of Mary), is a gathering where the citizens of a temporary 'town' try to build a new type of human society based on the relationships in a family - fraternity and mutual respect, as they holiday together. It is open to people of all faiths, backgrounds and ethnicities.*

*The first Mariapolis was born in the Primiero valley (Dolomites, Italy) in the immediate aftermath of the Second World War.*

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For media contact:

- The Press Office is located on the ground floor of the Hotel Majestic at San Martino di Castrozza, opposite the large tent hall where the main programme events take place each week (Monday, Thursday and Saturday).
- News updates and photos will be published on the site and the Facebook Page of the European Mariapolis: [www.facebook.com/mariapoli.europea](http://www.facebook.com/mariapoli.europea)
- If you require photos of the European Mariapolis, please contact the press office: (media@mariapolieuropea.org).

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