

Mariapoli Europea 2019

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Towards the conclusion of the European Mariapolis

A street in Tonadico will be named after Chiara Lubich. Mariapolis participants make a public commitment to live for fraternity in the Pieve Church of Primiero.

At 9:30a.m. on Saturday, August 10th, a street will be named after Chiara Lubich by the local authorities. Maria Voce, President of the Focolare Movement, will be among those present.

Located on this same street is the “Baita Paradiso”, a small and simple cottage offered to Chiara Lubich in 1949 by a relative of one of her first companions. It is here, in the summer of that same year, that the Focolare founder lived a particular experience in which she gained many insights into the newly born Movement. A period that has come to be known as “Paradise ‘49”.



Listed below are three other events that will conclude this final week of the 2019 European Mariapolis.

Saturday, August 10th

9.30: Naming Ceremony of Chiara Lubich Street in Tonadico:

- Discourse by Mayor Daniele Depaoli
- Discourse by Maria Voce, President of the Focolare Movement

- Unveiling of the plaque and benediction by the Archbishop of Trent, Mons. Lauro Tisi
- Concluding discourse by Councilwoman Francesca Franceschi

11:00: Holy Mass in the Pieve Church of Fiera di Primiero. Archbishop Mons. Lauro Tisi will celebrate. At the end of the Liturgy a declaration will be made by the participants of the Mariapolis expressing their commitment to living for Universal Brotherhood. *“We desire to work so that the values and talents of our communities are put at the service of everyone; so that the respect between States grows and reaches a level of mutual love whose effects are tangible; to work for peace and social justice, towards the sharing of material, intellectual and spiritual goods, attention to those in need, safeguarding the planet.”*

15.30 – 18.00: Conclusion of the 2019 European Mariapolis. Open to all, this event will be held in the Auditorium of Primiero in the presence of Maria Voce.

18.00-19.00: There will be a **festive celebration** to end the day.

The Mariapolis (City of Mary) is a gathering in which the inhabitants this “temporary city” try to build a new type of society based on fraternity and reciprocal respect. It is an unique vacation experience open to people of all faiths and cultures.

The first Mariapolis was held in the valley of Primiero (Dolomite Mountians, Italy) in the years following the Second World War.

Media notes:

- **The Press Office** is located on the ground floor of the Majestic Hotel in San Martino of Castrozza, in front of the large tent where the primary moments of the program will be held (Monday, Thursday and Saturday).
- **News updates and photos will be published on the Facebook page** of the European Mariapolis: www.facebook.com/mariapoli.europea.
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