

Letter to the Editor of "Ofanto"

Dear Sir:

We are as close as brothers with Don Siro, and, a short time before he passed away, he gave us a copy of your magazine so that we could read the article "Our unforgettable parish priest who came from the north," written by Gerardo Melaccio. Don Siro commented, with his usual irony, "Here is my epigraph."

We must sincerely compliment you for how it was written, we think there was no better way to describe this indeed "Special" Priest.

Our family's acquaintance with Don Siro dates back to his first year as a priest in Varese. He and our family quickly became friends and developed a great respect for each other.

We were young married people and he was a new priest. We helped each other, entertained each other, prayed together, and talked to each other but did not lose sight of each other. Even though he was far away physically, our long telephone calls and our meetings were always joyous and full of affection.

We were really a little jealous of how he loved The Irpinia and in particular Morra and "his" Calitri, which he many times invited us to visit, so we could appreciate the human warmth by which he was surrounded.

His greatest desire was to be able to return, first for the feast of the Patron Saint and then for Christmas, and he asked us if we would accompany him. Nothing would have pleased us more, even if we both knew it was impossible. Even when he was in the last days of his suffering, when he was in a state of unconsciousness, we saw his lips move and, going near him, we heard him fleetingly say, "Calitri-Calitri" and then the tears came. The great crowd at the funeral of his dear mother before and, then, later on, his, has demonstrated your great affection; but we are witnesses to the great fraternal love that he felt for all of you and to how much he desired to return for a while, even by himself, to Calitri, but this was not possible.

Too often, God's plan does not fit with ours. He knew this very well and he helped us to accept it, even if, for us, it is still very difficult.

But he will help us, we are certain of it. A person so special cannot abandon us.

CIAO DON

Heartfelt greetings to everyone from the Paoli family (Varese)

CITY OF CALITRI MOTORCYCLE RALLY JULY 3-4, 2004



SATURDAY JULY 3, 2004
"A day together
GUZZI DAY"



SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2004



Via Pittoli, 50 - 83045 CALITRI (AV) Tel. 335 5726718

Hours 9:00 - 11:30AM **Registration** (Deliver souvenirs, gadgets, and good lunch)

PHOTO SHOW "HISTORY OF MOTO GUZZI"
PHOTO SHOW OF MOTORCYCLE PIONEERING
LOCAL HISTORICAL MOTORCYCLE DEMONSTRATION

11.30 3:00 PM MOTORCYCLE TOUR

Calitri -Bisaccia-Andretta-Conza della Campania- Sant'Andrea di Conza-Calitri

3:30 -6:00 PM HISTORIC CAROUSEL OF THE CARABINIERI WITH
MOTO GUZZI OF THE PERIOD.
6:30- 8:00 PM Election of MissNGUZZ!!!
8:00-10:00 PM Concert in the square
10:00 - 11:30 PM FILM "An American in Rome" with Alberto. SORDI
11:30-Midnight - Fireworks
Midnight Discothèque
At Dawn Hot croissants & Cappuccino (for whomever hangs around)

Overnight Stay at Fair (sleeping bag) and/or hotel with valet parking

9.00 11.00 AM Registration (Deliver memories,, gadgets,
good breakfast.

11.30 AM -1:00 PM MOTORCYCLE TOUR
Calitri - Aquilonia - Area SIC (Pepponi -Bosco Castiglione -Taverna) - Calitri

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Dinner

4:30 PM - 9:00 PM Trial- Competitions, Arm Wrestling,
Tressette [card games] etc.
Music, dancing, demonstration of local
products

9:PM - 11:30 PM Film "Easy Rider" with J. Nicholson and
P. Fonda

CANAZZE at midnight offered by the MOTORCYCLE CLUB

25th Hour Goodbye until next year



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