

A weekly reflection by members of the Precious Blood Community

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"...take care and be earnestly on your guard not to forget the things which your own eyes have seen, nor let them slip from your memory as long as you live." Dt.4:9

What have we seen, what do we remember? A long list of valiant men and women on whose shoulders we stand? A word of encouragement when first we drew close to our communities? A ministry choice to stand for and with those on the margins, through education, healing works, social outreach, sacramental presence, prayer and works of mercy?

The poet Mary Oliver says "sometimes we only need to stand where are to be blessed."

Where are we family of the Blood? Where are we standing? What blessings do we know? What blessings can we share? We are each called to be that visible sign of hope in a bleeding and wounded world. It is our privilege and our charge to embrace others as women and men called to this spirituality of the redemptive Blood of Jesus.

On Monday, we remembered the daring of Maria De Mattias as she founded the Adorers of the Blood of Christ in Italy in 1834. Let that passion of our passed members not slip from our memories nor let us forget what our own eyes have seen.

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