

Programme
Internet transmission (13.30 – 14.00)

2 – GREETINGS FROM THE HOSTS. WHO WE ARE. WHAT IS RUN4UNITY
(2'30")

Letizia: Hello to everyone!

Luca: And welcome to Run4Unty! I am Luca.

Letizia: Letizia.

Cristina: Cristina

Francesco: Francesco.

Cristina: From Piazza Navona in Rome, we are now beginning our second Run4Unity Event, the worldwide relay of the Teens for Unity.

Francesco: We are connected with many nations worldwide that we are following by internet, to see the extraordinary route that the baton will travel from one time zone to the other within the span of 24 hours.

Luca: Through link-ups and news that are already being posted on our site, we will be updated in real time. But now, shall we say who we are?

Letizia: Sure! We are the Teens for Unity and we are part of the Focolare Movement, spread throughout 182 nations. Embracing people of different cultures, faiths and convictions, our goal is the ideal of unity of Chiara Lubich, which is rooted in the Gospel.

Francesco: This day, which gathers us together in more than 300 cities of the world, is dedicated to Chiara who up to two months ago was still with us. We want to say thank you to her for having helped us discover the secret to being happy.

Letizia: We have chosen a motto to live all together: "Do to others what you would have them do to you."

Cristina: Do you know this saying? It is written in the Gospel, but is also present in all the other faiths and is inscribed in every person's heart. It is known as the Golden Rule and it asks us to make every person we meet happy. How? By doing for him or her what we would like done for us if we were in their shoes.

Luca: Surely today we will find a thousand ways to put it into practice. It's a matter of paying attention to the people next to us. Is that person happy? Then I am happy too and I share in his joy. Does she need attention, to be listened to? It's like I would need it, and I make myself available right away.

Cristina: To live like this requires a certain training! But our experience has shown us that this is the guaranteed way to be happy!

Letizia: Try it and see!! So we have the whole day ahead of us to experience the effects of the Golden Rule together!!

Francesco: Let's begin right now and – very important! – let's write our experiences on the website: run4unity.net. We will gradually see our corner of the world fill in with colour!!

3 - CANZONE "RUN4UNITY" (3'48")

The city streets are grey
 With people suffering in their pain
 The joy they hunger for
 Is near and not so far away.
 Give love and you will find love
 Share the pain that's all around you
 Take away all the sorrow,
 Heal the wounds you see
 Happiness will follow.

**Time to run all together -
 all the world is set in motion
 join our race as we reach our goal
 Run, run, run – run and go. (2x)**

The race continues on
 And soon we'll be one family
 Come join our effort and the river
 Soon will meet the sea
 Just do your part, He'll be there
 And multiply your actions
 See your city grow
 Make it your intention
 Nation all united.
Time to run all together... (2x)
 All you people hear me out!
 Come and stand beside our cause!
 Know the day is near at hand
 When all the nation will rejoice
 Feed all the hungry! Tend to the thirsty
 Clothe all the naked! Give to the needy
 So roll up your sleeves and you'll make a big difference!
 The world will live as one!

Time to run all together... (3x).

TRANSMISSION VIA INTERNET (13:30 – 14:00)

4 – INTERVIEWING THE ACTORS: how we prepared Run4Unity (2')

- Lorena:** Hi! I'm Lorena. Around me there are some youngsters who are the actors of this special day! Let me present some of them to you. Hi, Giulio, you are the bass player, right?
- Giulio:** Yes, I'm the bass player, but I'm not the only one. There are two of us. The important thing for us is not to play for world exposure, but rather to give space to the other, for example taking turns singing the various songs. Our band was formed especially for Run4Unity and we're from different Italian cities.
- Lorena:** Hi, are you also playing?
- Juru:** No, my name is Juru and I'm part of one of the various groups who will be alternating on stage for the choreographies. But I also have an instrument: this paint brush, with which you'll see me paint... but I don't want to reveal too much, otherwise I'll ruin the surprise!
- Lorena:** We see you with many pages in your hand... Elisa, what was your contribution to Run4unity?
- Elisa:** Today I'll follow the programme from the booth and I'll lend my voice to all those youngsters who speak in languages other than Italian. It's been 9 months that we have been meeting to work out the programme that you'll all see, using some days off from school. We're about 200 youth from different countries, all actors in this day. We kept in contact through internet. Together we thought up the outline of the transmissions, wrote the texts.... It was an unforgettable experience, living the Golden Rule among us, also learning to listen to the ideas of each one. Today, we don't want to communicate words, but our lives, because if it makes us happy, we are certain that it will make many other youth listening to us happy too.
- Lorena:** Thank you very much Elisa, now let us give the stage to the youth of Hong Kong who will perform an ancient dance from Mongolia. It's a prayer to God the Father asking for peace for all people on earth. Let's watch them!

5 – DANCE – HONG KONG: prayer for peace (2')

Ancient dance of Mongolia. It represents the unity of all people on earth. It's a prayer to God the Father for peace in the world.

6/7 – INTERVIEWING THE EDITORS:

**“News about the relay races around the world”
Philippine's relay race service (RVM or photo) (2'30”)**

- Lorena:** Now we are backstage, in this white gazebo where our planning unit and editing office are set-up, where Arianna, Ilaria and Paolo receive news on the internet about the relay races from every corner of the world. Ilaria, how is it going?

Ilaria: Well! Do you want to know where Run4unity started? In Oceania, a good 11-12 time zones ahead of us! According to the calculations by our experts 4:00 p.m. in Wellington, New Zealand, was 6 o'clock this morning for us! The finishing post was Waitangi Park, to recall the peace treaty signed between Great Britain and the Maori indigenous people.

Lorena: **And you, Arianna, what news do you have for us?**

Arianna: So, the baton was passed to Noumea in New Caledonia, where they ran in an area of conflicts between Melanesians and Wallisians and in the Futuna Island. And then to Sidney, Melbourne and Perth. From there we flew towards Asia. In Seoul, Korea, they ran along the bridge that crosses the Han river to express the will of reunifying the Korean people. They then arrived in Parliament where they presented to some politicians a message of peace, with a long list of signatures. In Thailand, Christian, Buddhist and Muslim youth met in one of the biggest parks in Bangkok. We then heard that they even ran in Nepal, on the slopes of Everest, in the city of Katmandù! And then in the Philippines and Indonesia.

Lorena: **You who have the situation under control, tell us, where is the baton at this precise moment, what part of the world must we cheer for now?**

Paolo: The youth of Réunion in the Indian Ocean just crossed the finishing line. They are running in the time zone + 3 hours from Greenwich which includes countries from the Middle East and Africa, some of which are experiencing difficult situations: we want to remember Lebanon, Syria, Kenya. They are also running in the capital of Madagascar and in Moscow, Russia, in a city park where at the end of the race they'll pass the baton on to the youth of Finland via their cell phones.

Lorena: **Ok, we'll see each other again soon! We'll come back to visit you later so that we can always be updated.... All the best! Cristina, the line is all yours.**

8 – INTERVIEW WITH ESTEBAN (Rosario) and AGUSTINA (Bahia Blanca) – ARGENTINA: how we prepared ourselves to come to run4unity (2')

Cristina: **Yes, thank you Ilaria, Esteban is here with us, he comes from...**

Esteban: From Rosario, a city in the pampas of Argentina.

Cristina: **That's quite far from Rome! Tell us how you all prepared for Run4unity?**

Esteban: One of the biggest challenges was to find the money for the trip. Just think that the price for an air ticket equals three of my parents' monthly salaries. We invented all sorts of things! For example, I gave up a school trip that is a tradition for us students at the end of the year, because I felt that Jesus was offering me something more important for my life. I worked hard the whole summer in order to come. Thanks to raffles, working in the neighbours' gardens and the contribution from Moscow's Teens for unity, today 5 of us are able to be here.

Cristina: **And you are?**

Agostina: I'm Agostina, from Bahia Blanca. My region reaches Tierra del Fuego, the most southern point of Argentina, near the Antarctic Circle. To be able to come here I asked all my school friends to knock on all our neighbours' doors to ask for an egg. When I managed to put together a dozen, I sold them. We also received a proposal from a business of the *economy of communion* to insert ten thousand leaflets in a magazine on diabetes. That too helped us to collect funds. Five of us have come, but all the 'Teens for Unity' of our region helped us. Now they are all busy with Run4Unity in 11 cities of Argentina's Patagonia region and we would like to send them a greeting with all of you in the square!

Cristina: **Thank you to everyone! And now drums, rhythm, poetry with the Saya, a typical Afro-Bolivian dance!**

9 – DANCE – BOLIVIA (1')

10 – PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT “LET’S COLOUR OUR CITY” (1’3”)

Cristina: We thank the Bolivian youth for this dance. We 'Teens for Unity' have been working at a project for several years now which is called “Let's colour our city with love.”

Francesco: It is a program that Chiara suggested to help us concretely live out in our cities what she and her first companions lived in Trent when everything was just starting.

Letizia: In 1943, Trent was a city that was devastated by the war. Houses, plans for the future, studies... everything was crumbling. But in the face of all this destruction, Chiara perceived even more that there was an ideal that could not be destroyed: this was God. They discovered God in a new way, as a Father who loves every human being immensely.

Luca: She wanted to respond concretely to this love. How? By loving too. There were poor people to assist, people whose family members had died and who needed to be consoled.... In a matter of a few months, the city seemed to be changed by this new current.

Cristina: Perhaps our cities are not torn up by the war, but it is still easy to find dark corners, where solitude, indifference and injustice reign.

Francesco: Through the project “Let's colour our city with love,” we focused on some sites in our cities which lacked colour: orphanages, rest homes, hospitals, trashed city parks to clean up. On our website teens4unity.net you can see the hundreds of ways we lived out this project in the world. Just to give you an idea, Dominic will tell you about what they are doing in Tanzania.

11 – DOMINIC SANGA – TANZANIA: Jesus in the lonely (1’30”) (in English)

On colouring our city we made an experience that will ever remain in our hearts. In fact, when we were going around our village looking for aged and needy, we came across an old man, who was considered to be a witchdoctor and so abandoned by all. He was suffering a lot, first of all for this false testimony against him that was already in the mouth of everyone, second because he was really alone in this world.

He was living in an old house that was all destroyed, without a roof; he did not even have something to cover himself in the cold season, neither a plate nor a pot for cooking. He used old tins...he really seemed to be out of his mind.

We stopped in his place and tried to help him convinced that we were helping Jesus in him. We went back to him different moments. Bringing him food but he refused. Our insistence and our love finally encouraged him to accept and to exchange some words with us. The people around looked at us warning us every time they saw us going there. But then, by surprise, they joined us bringing some things that we needed for him.

Within a month, the little dry house of the old man was transformed in to a kind of a chapel, where always when we met we felt a strong presence Jesus among us, meanwhile he was sharing with his sufferings and joys.

Now the old man went to heaven, he died suddenly one night and we feel that he went happy and ready to meet God.

Francesco: Thank you Dominic. Now we'll hear from Lorena who is at the stands of the Spring Fair.

12 – INTERVIEWS FROM THE STANDS AT THE SPRING FAIR (2') (photos of the square)

Lorena: Here we are in the square where, besides the stage, there are dozens of stands put up by the youth of many schools in Rome. Let's get closer to one of them and see what they are doing. What are you doing here today?

Fiera P. We are students from the Falcone Borsellino Learning Institute in Rome. We want to be directly involved in building a world of solidarity, and this is why we have participated since the beginning of the year in the project for a "Culture of Giving," which takes in many aspects of our daily lives: from the new relations among us in class, going beyond our instinctive dislikes and helping those schoolmates who have problems, to involving our parents, teachers and local institutions. We then took part in the Spring Fair, a longstanding annual event held in many Italian cities. We make and sell our handicrafts, to help with scholarships, thanks to which young people our age in war-torn or poor countries can continue to study.

Lorena: And you are the youth from the school.... What makes you do this?

Fiera P. We want to live the culture of giving. We donate our things, but we also receive a lot. The youth that we are able to help write us letters. This allows us to get to know their culture and life, which is often more difficult than ours. We are struck by how they peacefully face certain situations. We learn from them not to get discouraged, not to base our life on the material things we own. Since we have been collaborating in this project, our relationships at school have changed.

Lorena: Thank you! Now let's give the mike to those on stage, where I see a large number of Koreans who will perform in a martial art called Taek Kyon. Let's see what it's like.

13 – CHOREOGRAPHY – KOREA

Stage (about 40 youth)

Taek Kyon: defence sport – expresses the division between North and South Korea and the proposal for a peaceful solution that comes from love.

14/15 – LET’S COLOUR OUR CITY: interview with Tamara (1’30”) with RVM

Luca: **Thank you to our Korean friends! Tamara from Jordan is here with me now. Hello, we know that you were one of the first girls to start quite an original project, also with the help of other Teens for Unity who live the culture of giving.**

Tamara: Yes, some years ago the number of Iraqi refugees in Jordan, my country, was constantly growing. Because of various problems, the children were not enrolled in school and many of them remained illiterate. We came up with the idea of opening a school for them. We looked for a place, school supplies. We shared our books with them, asking even our friends and relatives to do so. Twice a week after school, we go from being students to “teachers”. We teach Arabic, English, mathematics and science to these children who are very happy to attend our lessons.

Luca: **This school has been going ahead for several years already, right?**

Tamara: Yes, and there is a lot of enthusiasm, thanks to the help that comes from other classes around the world where boys and girls commit themselves in donating one euro a month for a schoolmate in difficulty. Each year, through scholarships, we can help many Iraqi children and teenagers, many of whom are Muslim. They feel loved by all of us. They want to learn and catch up on lessons they have lost out on. Even for us “teachers” it’s a real and proper school: we learn that in giving we don’t lose anything; we actually gain the love of others and this is the most important thing.

16 – JESUS – PERU: when suffering affects us closely (1’)

Letizia: **Hello Jesus. You’re Peruvian and is it true that you also received a scholarship, one of the 600 that the ‘Teens for Unity’ sent in 32 countries?**

Jesus: Yes, after the business where my mother worked failed, my family’s economic situation suddenly changed from one day to the next. Not having money to study, I had to leave school and also my friends. My mother fell ill because of this difficult situation. In the beginning I felt like giving up, but ever since I was small I had learned that for us Christians suffering has a name: Jesus crucified and forsaken. If he on the cross, with that suffering that he went through, had continued loving, even I could do it now through these events in my family.

Therefore I started helping out in the house with small chores, trying to stay close to my mother who little by little found peace again. To my great surprise, a few days later, thanks to the help of some schoolmates many kilometres away, I received one of the scholarships that the Teens for Unity manage to send each year. So I was able to take up my studies again.

Now I attend an evening course as a graphic designer while during the day, like many youth in my country, I work to pay for my schooling and to help at home.

17 – CONCLUSION AND APPOINTMENT FOR THE TRASMISSION AT 18 (1')

Letizia: Fine, we just have a few minutes left before the end of this first segment. But before signing off, we want to remind everyone about the motto that we decided to live today: “Do to others what you would have them do to you.”

Luca: Here in Piazza Navona in Rome, and in all the other cities worldwide where we are running the Run4Unity relay, we are committed also in living this motto which is the competitions of all competitions!

Francesco: We are surely already living many experiences. Let's write them on the website run4unity.net. This way we will share our joy with everyone!

Cristina: In the meantime, we will see each other again in our next live transmission via satellite with the rest of the world! It will take place at 6:00 p.m. Italian time! See you all then!

18 – CONCLUSION OF THE LIVE TRANSMISSION VIA INTERNET (30')