

PROGRAMME
TRANSMISSION VIA SATELLITE (18:00 – 19:20)

19 – BEGINNING LIVE BROADCAST VIA SATELLITE (30’)

20 – SONG “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
Nations 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 nations 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)

21 - A GREETING TO THE WORLD – WHO WE ARE (2')

Francesco: Hi, hello to everyone!

Letizia: Welcome to the 2nd Run4Unity event, the worldwide relay race which unites us in many countries of the world!

Luca: We are connected via live television broadcast with all continents. Let's greet all those who are listening to us.

Francesco: Welcome to Run4Unity!

Cristina: Salut! (French)

Luca: Hola! (Spanish)

Letizia: Benvindos (Portuguese), Welcome to all of you who are following us from every part of the world. I am: Letizia

Cristina: Cristina,

Luca: Luca,

Francesco: Francesco.

Cristina: Today thousands of youth in hundreds of cities are running, passing the baton from one time zone to the next, to say that our objective, a united world, is not an unreachable goal!

Luca: It's enough that each one covers their set kilometres!

Letizia: On foot, with rollers, by bicycle, on a skateboard, in canoe, even on a cable car....

Cristina: Did you say cable car?

Letizia: Yes, you understood well! The highest Run4Unity in the world will take place in Quito, Ecuador, more than 4,000 metres above sea level!

Luca: Even here in Piazza Navona we have just finished our race around the ring circling the square.

Francesco: We are about 2,000 youth coming from 43 different countries: we're all directly involved today and we want to dedicate this event in a special way to Chiara Lubich, to say our thank you. About two months ago, we said our last "Goodbye" to her.

Letizia: We prepared this event together and she had planned to be with us today. Chiara's greatest dream has always been to contribute to the realisation of unity, Jesus' testament "That all may be one," the heart of the Gospel.

Luca: We, the Teens for Unity, Christians of different Churches, but also of various religions, want to take her baton today and continue the race to make the world a family of united people.

Cristina: In order to do this we must start in our own cities. We would like them to be less grey, without solitude and indifference. Often we just pass by people without saying a word.... We would like to do something to change this. But what can we do and where do we begin?

22- CHOREOGRAPHY GREY CITY – BAVARIA IN THREE SCENES (4'29")

On stage grey youth who express

1. **Incommunicability**

SHOWING HOW TECHNOLOGY AND PRACTICES LEAD TO ISOLATION

Scene: each one is isolated with their own computer. The paintbrush symbolises an antenna. Two "coloured" youth enter on stage and they begin to paint around two grey youth. Their computers' 'antennae' begin to communicate/connect with each other.

2. **Discrimination, mobbing, isolation**

SHOWING HOW A STRONGER REALITY SQUASHES A SMALLER ONE

Scene: the grey youth push a character who differs from the others using upside down paintbrushes as weapons (symbol of whoever doesn't follow the crowd). A coloured youth enters with a bucket and dipping in the paintbrush, places him/herself on the outcast's side to repeat his/her same actions. Even this coloured one is threatened and isolated, but continues to paint and little by little the weapons of the grey people fall to the ground.

3. **Divisions, contradictions**

SHOWING THE CLASH BETWEEN TWO REALITIES, FROM SMALL EVERYDAY LIFE TO THOSE OF LARGER DIMENSIONS, WITH CLASHES BETWEEN PEOPLES

Scene: two opposing lines are formed. A wall, a type of grating is built using the grey paintbrushes. Three coloured youth enter placing themselves in the middle, painting until the wall crumbles and falls.

23 – PROPOSAL OF THE GOLDEN RULE AND AN INVITE TO LIVE IT (1'30")

Luca: Knocking down barriers of indifference, solitude, isolation and colouring our cities: this is what the Teens for Unity of Bavaria, Catholics and Evangelical Lutherans, have expressed to us through their choreography. It's what we want too, but how can we stop the grey from advancing?

Letizia: There is a phrase written in the Gospel which makes us reflect: "Do to others what you would have them do to you." It's a universal law, common to all religions and written in the heart of every person. It's so precious that it has been called the Golden Rule.

Luca: If we would live this little rule all together, it would be enough to change the world. Each person we meet during the day: nice or unpleasant, young or old, sick or healthy, countryman or foreigner; we want to love them as they are!

Letizia: Let's imagine that we are in their situation, we should treat them as we would want to be treated in their shoes. Often a smile is enough, or a warm welcome, a gesture of understanding, of listening.

Luca: What do you think? Do we want to try it out now, right here where we are, starting with those who are next to us in this moment? We'll certainly have plenty of occasions! Do you agree?

Letizia: Here we have Catalina with us. Hi! For you, the golden rule has been the solution to a very difficult situation, right?

24 – CATALINA – BUENOS AIRES: the Golden Rule in the family (1'50")

Yes. Hi everyone, I'm from Argentina and I'm 13 years old I haven't seen my father since I was 6. I live with my mother who is blind and my brother who is 21 years old. We were always very close to one another; we both love music and play the violin. About a year ago everything suddenly changed. My brother started taking drugs. It was a real shock. I didn't understand why he had let himself go like that. I was very sad, I stopped speaking to him and I refused every idea that he came up with, even to play music together that used to make us so happy before. Day by day I saw him get worse. Even my mother was very nervous and worried.

At a certain point I understood that my brother didn't need my bitterness, but my love. I had to really change my attitude. Instead of ignoring him I started listening to him attentively. If he wanted to go running I immediately offered to go with him, even though doing sports isn't my favourite thing, in order to help him avoid the temptation of going back to those who could give him drugs.

Little by little he started treating me as I was treating him. Knowing how much I wanted to come to Rome, he wanted us to play together in the underground subway stations. People liked our music a lot and they left us tips, and he wanted them to go for my trip. Now my brother continues to fight against the drug addiction, but I'm certain that if I hadn't started living the Golden Rule, he wouldn't have received the love he needed to start again.

25 – INVITATION TO COMMUNICATE EXPERIENCES (45")

Letizia: Thank you Catalina! We also want to experience the effects of this Word of the Gospel. We want to do it starting from today, now, living it with whomever is next to us in this precise moment.

Luca: We will certainly live many experiences! We can communicate them to each other on our webpage: run4unity.net

Letizia: Hey Luca! Haven't you noticed some movement down there? It seems that something is about to happen...

Luca: Haven't you heard? You don't know that Run4Unity is part of a project called "Let's colour our city with love." It expresses our commitment to colour the grey corners of our city.

26 – CHOREOGRAPHY WITH CUBES – 'PLUS' SIGN (30")

27 – LAUNCHING ‘PLUS’ SIGN AND INTRODUCTION EXPERIENCES (40’)

Francesco: To put our project “Let’s colour our city with love” into practise we have to do some calculations. Therefore the mathematical signs will help us since the whole world understands them. Let’s start with the ‘PLUS’/More sign: More Love, which Cristina will explain to us now.



Cristina: Let’s unite our strength with that of our friends who share our same ideals.
Let’s promise each other constant reciprocal love.
Then let’s look around us:
let’s measure out our city.
Let’s choose where to begin
to paint it with our love.

Francesco: Alessio, tell us what changed in your life since you met the teens for unity.

28 – ALESSIO – ASSISI: the ideal of the ‘Teens for Unity’ is for me (1’)

Some time ago my father asked me to help the educators at the institute where he works as a psychologist. It entailed accompanying mentally or physically disabled children, assisted by this institute, to the swimming pool. I immediately said no. The thought that my friends, on seeing me doing things for others, would tease me bothered me.

A few days later I met the Teens for Unity and I lived a wonderful experience with them. I was struck by the way they lived and the fact that they loved everyone. What conquered me was seeing how they put Jesus’ words into practise, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, you have done it to me.”

At the bottom of my heart I felt that I had found Jesus. He was asking me to do the same. I accepted.

Little by little, he changed my life. Now every time I have a spare moment, I go to the institute, I help those children; I play with them and try to make them happy.

But I can say that the greatest joy is what I feel inside of me. I’m happy to say that I have found God, the true meaning of my life.

29 – ALEJANDRA – PARAGUAY: going against the current (2’)

Francesco: **Thank you Alessio! Maybe even some of us today will make some lasting friendships. In the meantime Alejandra is here! Hola! You’re from Paraguay and recently you have lived a very strong experience that you wouldn’t have managed to deal with it if you were alone. Isn’t that right?**

Yes, I was at a birthday party and I couldn’t believe my eyes when I saw all my schoolmates completely drunk. They were no longer the teens that I thought I knew. My best friend and I were very worried. I wanted to empty out all the bottles of vodka and beer to make them stop, but they told me not to be such a goody-goody. Above all they were threatening me so that I wouldn’t tell anyone about this.

Going back home, crying for the way they were hurting themselves, I felt that I should tell my parents everything, not to betray my friends, but because the situation was really serious. The following Monday everyone thought that I had informed the principal and their families, even if in reality it was my friend's parents who had done it. It was really very difficult to overcome the threats and mocking. No one spoke to me.

My family and the Teens for Unity sustained me. Thanks to them I never felt alone. Instead I was able to continue loving each one and my schoolmates got to the point of asking my forgiveness. But they continued drinking. Many times they didn't invite me to parties or if they did, they would offer me super-alcoholic drinks just to laugh at me when I refused. With the help of the Teens for Unity I managed to stay away from them and to oppose that way of ruining one's life. Do you know what happened? My family prepared a surprise party for my birthday and all my schoolmates came! It was a different kind of party, without alcohol, where everyone experienced a new way of spending time together.

30 – Dance of the African Countries (2')

31 – Greetings from the African Countries (45'')

Aron: Greetings from Africa! We come from Uganda, Burundi, Tanzania, Cameroon, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, and Kenya.
I'm from Kenya. After December's elections, we have lived hard times, with violence and fighting between some tribes. We thought it wouldn't be possible to come!
We went ahead all the same, knowing that love is the most effective medicine for all ills.

Cynthia: Urged on by the Golden Rule, even risking our lives, a group of us managed to bring food, clothing, soap and other indispensable goods to a very dangerous zone where everything was lacking because of the refugees' arrival.
Now we want to continue living for others, with all of you, because as Chiara taught us: "love conquers everything."

32 – CHOREOGRAPHY WITH CUBES - 'DIVISION' SIGN (30'')

33 – LAUNCHING OF 'DIVISION' SIGN (20'')



Letizia: Let's share with others
not only what we have
but also who we are.
Each one of us
without ever stopping
let's cry with those who cry,
let's rejoice with those who are joyful.

Luca: So we are arriving to another point of our journey: the 'DIVISION' sign, which means sharing.

34 – LUCA – MILAN: with the Rom youth (1'30'') with photos

It's what we the Teens for Unity in Milan tried to do. We were trying to understand which could have been the most shunned people of the city, when some friends spoke to us about some Rom families who had many difficulties in integrating themselves because of the language and cultural differences.... In a derogatory way they are called "gypsies" and many believe that they are only good at stealing.

We wanted to overcome this prejudice, trying to see each other as brothers and sisters. Meeting them we saw where they lived, their camping area was hidden behind a dump yard. It was a very uncomfortable reality in view of the neighbouring well-off zone. Muddy roads, shacks made of sheet metal, open sewers... I would never have thought that a similar reality could exist in my city.

After the initial perplexity, we teens had the idea that we could be the ones to transform this reality with love. So, full of enthusiasm we started meeting with about fifteen Rom children to play with them and to do various activities for the upcoming Christmas and other celebrations. They were so lively that after having prepared the various projects with much care, after ten minutes everything was destroyed! What remained was the love given but also received. Their joyful "thank you" was the most beautiful answer for us. They helped us realise that even the most marginalised are part of our city, and sharing time and friendship means to find happiness for everyone!

35 – MARIANA AND ANA CLAUDIA – RECIFE: the giving club at school (1'30'') with photos

We are Mariana and Ana Claudia. We come from Recife, in Brazil. By us there are all types of clubs, but we want to tell you about our very original one. In one of our schools on the outskirts of Recife, surrounded by very poor neighbourhoods, a club of giving began. To take part in it, it's necessary to detach oneself from an object that one likes and to give it, certain that the Gospel is true when it promises, "Give and it will be given to you."

While visiting some families even poorer than ours, we came up with the idea that the club could help build a house for a widow and her four children who lived in a shack made with plastic sheets. Selling the objects from which we had detached ourselves, we were able to provide for their most urgent needs.

Then, with the contribution from the Teens for Unity of various nations, we built their house! That was the first one! In hearing about our club, other people began to participate, like the building material dealers who often gave us a huge discount and so the houses increased in number. So far we have built 5 little houses and restored 4. In the beginning we were only 10. Now there are 90 club members in our school.

36 – ENDING EXPERIENCES BLOCK AND LAUNCHING THE INTERNET POINT CONNECTION (10'')

Letizia: Thank you Mariana and Ana Claudia! Now we're going to connect with our internet point. Lorena, what news is arriving from the rest of the world?

Lorena: Today about 300 cities are linked up with us, and many photos and messages are coming in. There is great enthusiasm all over the world. Let's ask Arianna, Paolo and Ilaria to give us an update.

Arianna: Yes, for example in Lebanon, where they are following us on television, Christian and Muslim youth have planted olive trees as a sign of peace in the Ain Aar Square where the relay race is taking place. The mayor inaugurated it to remind everyone to aim at ending hostilities. The risk of a conflict is always around the corner and there is fear and discouragement. Tomorrow the Teens for Unity will go along the border line where there have been armed clashes, in order to give a message of hope to the people.

Paolo Z.: In Hungary, running along the Danube River there were also blind teens. In Italy we ran in 24 cities. In Cuneo, Stefania Belmondo the former world ski champion was present. In Pisa, on the Arno, the canoeing association joined in. In Sicily, they met in front of the Cibali stadium, known for the outbreaks of violence among the fans. In Imola they started out accompanied by the roar of the Ferrari.

Ilaria: Instead last-minute preparations are in full swing in Caracas, Venezuela, together with some youth with motor disabilities. None are spectators but all are protagonists, even in the dances. In Mexico City they will display banners with messages of peace at the red traffic lights, asking the drivers to smile and hoot if they agree. While in Puebla Run4unity will be held in the large square facing the biggest Pyramid in the world, Cholula, symbol of unity between the Azteca and Hispanic cultures. It's incredible that they were able to obtain all the permits!

Lorena: Who knows what other wonderful news you would have to share with us! However, the website will remain open. Now let's go and see what's happening on stage.

38 – CHOREOGRAPHY WITH CUBES – 'MINUS' SIGN (30'')

39 – LAUNCHING 'MINUS' SIGN AND INTRODUCTION OF EXPERIENCES (45'')



Francesco: Poor, alone, shunned.
 What can we do?
 Let's run towards them every day!
 If someone is hungry,
 let's bring them something to eat,
 clothes if they don't have garments to wear,
 if they're alone, a bit of company.
 Let's go to them, not only full of material goods,
 but also to donate a bit of time, a greeting,
 attention, an open ear.
 Let's caress them especially with our smile
 leaving no one alone.

Cristina: Eric from Colombia is already here next to me. Together with the other Teens for Unity of his city, they have been bringing ahead a very interesting activity for several years which expresses this 'MINUS'/less sign, that is, less suffering. Tell us what you are doing.

40 – ERIC – COLOMBIA: on the streets with the homeless (1'50")

For four years now we have been collaborating with a foundation that cares for people who live on the streets. They need love, company, someone who listens to them and who helps them. Towards evening we go to look for them, bringing some "aguapanela", one of our nation's typical hot drinks and a sandwich. By now they know us as the "aguapaneleros de la noche" (those who bring aguapanela in the night).

Listening to them we get to know very strong, crude stories. Once one of them told us: "Do you know I'm a thief, I survive in this way, but if one day it may happen that one of us wants to steal from you just say, 'aguapaneleros' and no one will do anything to you."

One evening Sebastian, after having accompanied a homeless person to the hospital, was still on the street when suddenly a person came up to him and threatened him with a knife, asking for money. "I don't even have a coin," he explained, "but if you want I have a hot aguapanela that I'm distributing with my friends." The thief looked at him surprised and answered, "You're a 'aguapanelero'? Then I won't hurt you! We feel welcomed and loved by you. I'm very hungry and this is why I wanted to steal. Please forgive me! I don't want it to be my fault that you don't come anymore!"

The same thing happened to our friend in Tulúa. It was six o'clock in the morning and she was on her way to school when a voice behind her said, "Give me your cell phone." But as soon as she turned around, the thief recognised her as a "Aguapanelera!" He apologized and offered to accompany her to school in order to defend her from other aggressions. We feel that this is only the beginning of the integration of these people in our cities.

41 – CLARA – TANZANIA: when it's very difficult in the family (1'30")

Cristina: **Sometimes we also live some personal experiences of suffering which seem difficult to overcome, as it happened to Clara who comes from Tanzania.**

Ciao, I am Clara from Tanzania, and I want to share with you how I lived a difficult moment in my family. It was for some time that my father had always something different to say about my mother even for a minor thing that happened. All our neighbours always heard about this fight and I was feeling very ashamed of this. When I realized that my mother was praying day and night, asking help from God, I too joined her.

I was trying to love my father with many small actions; especially when he came back from the office. He was happy being with us (I and my young sister), but with my mother it was becoming always more and more difficult. Sometimes I was complaining with God asking him why we didn't have the fortune of a good father.

Listening to my friends speaking well about their parents, I was comparing: I was very sorry that it was not so in my family! In those moments, my only secret was to offer to Jesus everything and, when I managed, even my pain.

I knew that He on the cross had taken upon him all the suffering of every human being. And for them he had suffered a lot up to experience loneliness, and even more abandoned by the father. Just like me. The words of the gospel: “happy are those who suffer, because they will be consoled”, gave me strength to continue “fighting”, teaching me to be patient. I continued to love and to pray.

God answered our prayers; because even if now my parents are not living together, we are in good terms with my father. Even if not living in the same city we feel much more united than before.

42 – CHOREOGRAPHY OF THE PAINTBRUSHES: the minus sign encounter with suffering (3’)

*(On the stage the pact between some coloured youth.
Then they are attacked by an always stronger grey wave which suffocates them.
From death a coloured flower blooms.)*

43 – CHOREOGRAPHY WITH CUBES – ‘PERCENTAGE’ SIGN (30”)

44 – LAUNCHING ‘PERCENTAGE’ SIGN AND INTRODUCTION OF EXPERIENCES (30”)



Luca: It won't always be easy living like this,
because commitment costs,
there will be difficult moments
where others will try to stop us.
If someone laughs at us, let's forgive
without ever getting discouraged.
Let's do our part!
And where we cannot reach,
let's trust in God,
without limiting our goals.
We will surely always receive the hundredfold.

Letizia: Even (two gen 3) from Pakistan had a way to verify that if each one of us does even just a small part, God will do the rest.

45 – (names) – PAKISTAN: a new type of bank and deposits (1’40”)

Many of our families live in unstable economic situations and it can happen that some of us find ourselves in difficulty. So we decided to put our savings in common, depositing them in a type of bank thought-up by us, from where each one of us with the others' consent can get money when it is needed.

One day we heard that one of our friends was no longer going to school because his parents couldn't afford the tuition. He was very sad. We decided to help him with the bank money. Sharing a part of our savings brought about a new richness, the joy of seeing him return to school. Later, we received in donation a much higher sum than what we had given. It was God's answer, he who promises the hundredfold to those who give with joy.

We don't only share material goods, but also joys, sufferings and especially the efforts made to live the Golden Rule.

When the father of two of us got seriously ill, for a long time we offered our hard work in order to help him. This capital deposited in Heaven supported the whole family. Then the father's health started improving. It was a great joy when the doctor confirmed that he had responded well to the treatment.

46 – SONG “LE CITTÀ”(4'36”)

Immagina un po' se le strade dove stai camminando

Ti facessero sentire a casa tua.

Se fossero proprio le piazze

Dove stai riposando ad accoglierti

Anche se non sei di qui.

Come vorrei che fosse così

La mia città una casa per te.

Immagina poi se i palazzi si vestissero a festa

per far bello tutto il bello che vorrai

Se i muri ti aprissero il cuore

Tu potresti passare anche dove non l'avresti fatto mai.

Se tu vorrai sarà così

oggi lo sai che sono qui

Le città non sono solo di mattone

Soprattutto sono fatte di persone

Con i tuoi respiri con i miei respiri

Con i tuoi pensieri qui nei miei pensieri

E non è solo un sogno basta che lo vuoi

Si può accendere il giorno sulla mia città.

Immagina un po' di tentare un nuovo modo

Di stare con gli altri fare quello che vorresti fatto a te

Di certo la gente che incontri all'inizio sorpresa

Tenterebbe questo gioco insieme a noi

Se tu vorrai sarà così

oggi lo sai che sono qui

Le città non sono... (2x)

E non è solo un sogno basta che lo vuoi

Si può accendere il giorno sulla mia città.

47 – TELEPHONE LINK-UP WITH BOLIVAR – PERU (1')

Letizia: **We are about to connect by telephone with the Andes of Peru! Hello, are you there?**

Yes, we're in a city in the Peruvian mountains, 3,200 meters high, called Bolivar. We are so happy because we've been waiting a long time for this moment. It gives us great joy to know that many youth worldwide are listening in. We too want to live for universal brotherhood from here.

Letizia: **And today you are also living your Run4Unity, right? Tell us what you are doing there.**

We are about 600 youth from at least 14 towns in the region. Some of us had to travel more than 17 hours to make it for this appointment: by foot or by donkey, across rivers and winding paths. Some already arrived last night and we opened up our homes to them, welcoming them in the best way possible, sharing all that we have with them. Thirty youth will begin the Run4Unity on horseback and will carry a torch as a symbol of the light that we want to be for others. Greetings from everyone in Peru. Thank you. Come and visit us!

48 – LAUNCH “X” SIGN (30”)

Cristina: Let's double our love,
let's widen our vision to take in everyone.
Every person that passes by us,
rich or poor, attractive or ugly,
capable or not,
of my same faith or of another,
is a neighbour to be loved.
Let's discover the treasures that each bears within
and let's dialogue with everyone
seeking that which unites us.
Others will then follow us.

Francesco: Now let's discover another side of the cube, a new mathematical sign, the “multiplication” sign: a love that is for everyone. Beside us are Romi and _____ from Argentina, among the leaders of a project that reached out to 400 schools in their nation.

49 – Romi and (name) – ARGENTINA: forum on schools (1'30”)

Boy: The city of Rosario was chosen as the host site for all the Latin American mayors. This was truly an exceptional opportunity to send them a proposal from us youth on how to improve life in the city. We had the idea of engaging schools in a Forum whereby, through debates and roundtable discussions, we could propose solutions and bring about initiatives to foster universal brotherhood.

- Romi:* When I presented the idea for the project in my school, the principal told me: “There are no teachers free to help you. If you want it, you have to do it on your own.” After my initial fright, I went and spoke in every class and 15 students decided to join me.
We launched the invitation also to many youth in other cities of Argentina. Working together, we drafted a final message, which we then presented in the plenary assembly of the Latin American Mayor’s meeting.
Since then, many other schools have joined in, engaging 10,000 other youth.
- Boy:* Our projects are very diverse: twinning with schools in need, activities for physically challenged youth; setting up libraries and soup kitchens for the poor, private tutoring so as to prevent school drop out. We also worked to eliminate building barriers in our schools and on ecological projects, approved by municipal and regional governments.
- Francesco:* **Now let’s go to India to see a dance from the province of Andhra Pradesh. It expresses how in living the Golden Rule among Christians, Muslims and Hindus, we can build peace and universal brotherhood.**

50-51 – CLASSICAL DANCE – INDIA (3’)

Classical dance from India (Kuchipudi). It is typical of the region of Andhra Pradesh, a province in India. The name of the dance is “Tarangam” which means ‘dance on a plate.’ It tells how we can build peace and universal brotherhood by living the Golden Rule among Christians, Muslims and Hindus.

52 – INTERVIEW WITH Conrad – INDIA: dialogue with Hindu youth (1’20’)

- Cristina:* **Hi Conrad! We know that in India you engaged 5,000 youth in the Run4unity and that it was very successful. Above all, the young people who ran belonged to different castes and faiths, and also involved civil and religious leaders in living the Golden Rule. Can you tell us how you make it to dialogue with everyone?**
- Conrad:* The secret is to aim at what unites us.
We work together with Hindu youth from a big Gandhian Movement, the *Shanti Ashram*, so as to colour our cities. We went to meet them in Tamil Nadu, travelling 36 hours by train, to work together in the rural village schools with many poor children. One time we painted one completely over. They hosted us in their homes and we ate on banana leaves, as is the custom in southern India. Then they came up to us in Mumbai, where we spent four days visiting orphanages, children’s hospitals and schools to bring joy there.

**53 – PRE-TAPED CALL WITH JERUSALEM:
Interview with youth from the three Monotheistic faiths (2')**

Francesco: **The moment has come to connect with Jerusalem. We often hear from the media worrisome news about this nation, where it seems that peace is still faraway. Jerusalem, are you there?**

Together: Ciao to everyone!

Boy: **Shalom, my name is Ya'ir, I am Jewish and I live in Jerusalem.**

Girl: **And I am Odeliah, I too am Jewish and I live in Jerusalem.**

Boy: Yes. We really feel that peace is far off, and at times, it seems almost impossible to reach!

Everyone suffers because of this situation: in the Arab section, it is impossible to move around freely because of the road blocks put up every day and at times people feel humiliated; on the Israeli side, we always live in fear and in a lack of security. There is always the risk of losing a family member in the military service.

Girl: But we have hope! I believe in a future of peace and brotherhood. And we hope to reach this goal by building new relationships and friendships.

Francesco: **What are you, youth of different faiths, doing to build peace and unity?**

Girl: We have begun a project to get to know one another among youths from the three religions in order to begin a friendship on a personal rather than on a political level.

Boy: As part of the initiative, 10 Jews, 10 Christians and 10 Muslims meet in various moments during the year to visit the holy sites of the three religions and to learn some of the principles of Christianity, of Judaism and of Islam.

Girl: My name is Giovanna, a Christian from Jerusalem.

This experience helped us greatly to accept and love the others around us with different cultures, faiths and ways of thinking. If we made it to build this friendship among us youth, then it will be possible even on a larger scale. By loving, mutually listening and dialoguing together, prejudices are overcome and barriers crumble. Thank you. Now we want to greet you in our two languages: Shalom and Salam which mean "Peace."

55 – LAUNCH OF 'EQUAL' SIGN (20')

Luca: But if God is with us,
one city is not enough.
Let's aim at universal brotherhood,
at a united world.
We also need your help,
your paint stroke of colour,
to reach the goal.
Let's do our utmost every day,
so that we never have to regret
having loved too little.

56 – DISCOVERING THE SOURCE: presentation on Chiara (1'20")

Letizia: Chiara Lubich is one person who, beginning with her own city, was able to colour many others throughout the world. She was the source from which we "Teens for Unity" were also born. During World War II, while living in Trent, a small city in northern Italy, everything was crumbling because of the heavy bombings. Chiara and her first companions put their faith in the only ideal that no bomb can destroy: God, God who is Love, who loves each person infinitely.

Luca: And even though they were surrounded by misery and desperation, given the power of that love, they were able to bring a new and different life to neighbourhoods of their city, a life rooted in the Gospel. They would share what they had with the poorest and they would receive a hundred times more.... After a few months, there were already 500 people living in this way.

Letizia: Since then, this life has reached every corner of the globe, fascinating thousands of men, women, children, youth, artists, politicians and blue-collar workers, a people that is growing, committed to fulfilling Jesus' last will and testament: "That all may be one."

Luca: Today we have here with us in the square some of Chiara's first companions who shared in her adventure from its very beginning, right Cristina?

57- INTERVIEW WITH SILVANA: her encounter with Chiara (1'30")

Cristina: **Yes, beside me here is Silvana. We know that you were more or less our age when you met Chiara. What do you remember about that period?**

Silvana: I was 15 years old and I asked myself how it could be that human beings wither away like leaves. I was searching for something lasting, so that I too could make my mark, just like the great figures in my history text who had done something big in life. At that point, I was asked to go and meet a young woman who would have helped me to get to know Jesus. In fact, I had told my religion teacher that I did not know him, even though I had followed his lessons with interest. When Chiara came she greeted me in a way that set me at ease. We sat down on a very small couch: I set my books on the floor and she told me about herself and her friends who were living a wonderful adventure together.

She spoke to me about all that was happening around us, and it was very clear that, because of the war, everything was fleeting. If we had had two or three lives, we could have spent them in many ways, but we only possessed one. So this one life we had was worth living well, for something that would not die, that would be worthwhile spending our lives for. And she concluded: “We have understood that God alone does not pass away: this is why we have chosen him as the ideal of our lives.”

At that point, I felt that she had answered all my questions. It was an instant and in my heart I decided to choose God: Chiara's Ideal was also mine, I would spend my life for this.

58 – INTERVIEW WITH MARCO: on the life of the Gospel (1'30”)

Francesco: **Thank you Silvana! Marco, you instead have a primacy: you were the first young man to follow Chiara, right? What changed in your life as a result?**

Marco: Yes, I was a young man with a lot of reservations about religious people, but when I heard how she spoke about God, I was struck by her light and love. From that moment, I have remained connected to her. I still remember an episode: since I was a blue-collar worker and knowing a number of trades, many evenings I would go to repair various things in the first focolare, the small house where Chiara lived with her first companions, and this way I could listen to their conversations. That atmosphere increasingly attracted me. One evening, having finished my work, Chiara invited me to sit and rest a bit. And she began to speak to me about that Jesus in whom I believed, but I always felt that he was very distant. Among other things, she said: “Jesus was always Jesus, whether he worked, prayed, performed miracles, ate or rested.... If he were to come back in this 20th century, I think he would be a worker like you.” This was a light for me: on one hand, I saw how I was living only as a Sunday-church-goer Christian; on the other, I understood that we are called to be another Jesus 24-hours-a-day. This new vision of things shocked me to the point that I was unable to sleep a wink that night. I understood that the secret to fulfil this was to live the Gospel. Since then, this life has spread throughout the whole world.

59 – INTERVIEW WITH ELI: Chiara's passing the baton to the youth (1'30”)

Cristina: **Thank you Marco! And now we would like to ask Eli a question. She has lived many years with Chiara, up to the very end of her life. Today, what would you say to us youth to help us continue in the race that Chiara started?**

Eli:

Cristina: **Thank you Eli! We want to dedicate a song to Chiara who has enkindled a light in the world. The song is called: “Clear Night.”**

60 – SONG: ‘NOTTE CHIARA’ (4’02’)

Se guardiamo il mondo dall’alto di un dirupo
Vediamo solamente grigie identità.
Gli uomini da soli arrancano nel buio di un’esistenza
senza amore, senza verità.

E non c’è comprensione nemmeno per chi ti è vicino
Come possiamo vivere così... E allora

**Come luci di stessa fiamma rischiariamo questa notte
Riportiamo i colori che il mondo ha perso.
Come luci come stelle illuminate dall’amore
Accendiamo nel mondo fuochi d’unità.**

E guardiamo il cielo un manto blu di stelle
Anche la terra può essere così
Una luce nuova per ogni cuore scuro
Può accendere la vita che nessuno al mondo spegnerà.

Noi come stelle brilleremo nella notte
Con il fuoco eterno dell’amore che oggi vincerà... E allora

**Come luci di stessa fiamma rischiariamo questa notte
Riportiamo i colori che il mondo ha perso.
Come luci come stelle illuminate dall’amore
Una notte chiara da qui dilagherà. (2x)**

61 – LAUNCH VIDEO: Chiara to the youth (10’)

Luca: **And now let’s pass the mike to Chiara who through a video message, taped a while back, will tell us the secret to reach our goal: a united world. Let’s listen to it.**

62 – VIDEO: CHIARA ON THE ART OF LOVING (4’)

Unity, unity is not an utopia. Also our experience tells us so. I remember how this idea came about. It was a time of war and we hid in air-raid shelters. That time, the shelter was a basement and we would bring the Gospel with us, the only thing we could bring to the shelters. We would open it by the light of a candle and we would read it.

Once, right in that basement, in opening it we found before us Jesus’ prayer, his prayer for unity: “Father, may they all be one.” We read it. It is a rather difficult passage, at least for our age and our religious experience; but we had the impression that it was the founding document for our Movement, which then came to life and has as its goal *ut unum sint* (That all may be one). So we were very struck by this. But how could we live unity? How could we bring unity about?

The Gospel gave us the answer on how to live it, on how to bring about universal brotherhood, how to build universal brotherhood; the Gospel whose fundamental message is Christian love. We were able to understand from the Gospel the different qualities of this love that we tried to live, that we still try to live and help others to do so. It is a love that is not limited simply to one's own family or friends. It is a love that **loves everyone**, like the Father who makes the sun shine and the rain fall on both the bad and the good. We need to love everyone.

It is a love that **loves first**, which takes the initiative, which does not wait to be loved; just like Christ who, sent by the Father to die on earth for us, died for us who were still sinners, therefore evil, so not lovable. It was his idea, he was the one to take the initiative. So our love is truly Christian if we are the first to love.

It is a love that is concrete, not just a sentiment or a figment of our imagination, but it is a love that is expressed in deeds, which makes itself one with others, ready to suffer with them, so offering a remedy for suffering. It is a love which rejoices with others and therefore multiplies that joy, which **makes itself one** with other people.

Another thing that we learned from the Gospel is that we need to **love our neighbour as ourselves**. There is a phrase by Gandhi which says: "I cannot hurt you without also hurting myself, because you and I are one."¹

It is a love that makes us recognize Christ in the others, even if love is directed to a particular brother or sister. But at our final judgement, Jesus will say: "**You did it to me**. You did it to me," whether it was good or bad.

There then. I know that if you take this love with you, the Christian revolution will come to life and develop in the world, the revolution that the first Christians lived and which then spread throughout the whole world known at that time.

63 – RESPONSE TO CHIARA'S MESSAGE AND GREETINGS (1'30")

Luca: Yes, I don't think I am wrong in saying that this applause spells out "Count on us!" Count on us to bring love into the world, and so to live this art of loving that we just heard from Chiara.

Cristina: Count on us to take the baton in hand and to carry on the race that Chiara began towards her goal, which is now our goal: "That all may be one."

Francesco: Now the time has come to say good-bye. We thank all those who followed us and those who made our worldwide link-up possible making us feel that we are all united today.

Letizia: Let's not lose sight of one another, let's keep in touch through our internet address. Let's continue to colour our cities covering all the steps that we discovered today through the math signs that accompanied us.

We will experience true joy. Living the Gospel will be the treasure of our life, the gold that we want to bring into our cities.

¹ See WILHELM MÜHS, *Parole del Cuore*, Milano 1996, p. 82.

**64 – CHOREOGRAPHY – JOYFUL PAINTBRUSHES INVOLVING THE SQUARE:
embroideries of light in the crowd**

65 – SONG: “THE RISEN ONE” (3’20”)

**You are the risen one you are the Lord
Our hearts are bursting filled with your joy
You are the risen one you are alive
If you believe in him you’ll never die
You never die.**

The Lord is now risen the tomb has been opened
And now he’s among us ‘till the end of time
Morning has broken new life has been given
Darkness has vanishes He’s the light that we see
In the night as he spoke to me
In the rising of the sun you’ll see. Now I can see!

You are the risen one...

Then early one morning the women were searching
And walking beside them He said who he was
All those who have seen him can say that He’s risen
His love is now us ‘till the end of time
Break the ice and open the heart
Let the world rejoice, a brand new start. A brand new start.

**You are the risen one you are the Lord
Our hearts are bursting filled with your joy
You are the risen one you are alive
If you believe in him you’ll never die
You are the risen one!**

66 – END OF LIVE TRANSMISSION VIA SATELLITE (30”)