



Premise

Let us begin our journey rediscovering the person of our Founder, S. Daniel Comboni, his Charism and his Spirituality, keeping in mind that we have no desire to create something new because we have already inherited all of it as a gift.

We wish to revisit our origins, our holy roots, the rock from which we were carved.

Let us borrow what Sr. Maria Vidale wrote in the Preface to the Archivio Madri Nigrizia 20 S/1, January 2012, regarding the Origins and Foundation of the Institute, which applies perfectly to our journey while we dig the ground around the Founder to "reach once more those holy roots that gave life to our Congregation. A kind of ploughing, if you will, aimed at encouraging the appearance of new shoots on the branches of the great trunk, promise and guarantee of another coming season rich in fruit."

For our trip we propose the following points:

1. The journey must be made in the company of Comboni, in continuous dialogue between father and daughter, which includes moments of reading/video, listening, prayerful contemplation and sharing.
2. All the Comboni material we need is already available in our communities, giving priority to the Rule of Life, the Writings of Comboni, the Archivio Madri Nigrizia and the books available on the Founder.
3. This journey, in the company of Comboni, begins this March as an introduction, recalling his birth, until the Interchapter in 2025.
4. The Commission has prepared small instruments to facilitate the journey in stages of two months each from April. We will receive the material at the proper time, following, as far as possible, the relevant times in Comboni's life. We propose that each sister keeps a kind of diary to record significant moments.

We are happy to set out together with Comboni's enthusiasm and sense of God, which like a beacon illuminates the way: "The Missionary who does not have a strong sense of God and a lively interest in the glory and good of souls would lack an aptitude for her ministries, she would end up in a kind of emptiness and intolerable isolation" (W 2698).

At the meeting of the Charism and Spirituality Commission we had the privilege of being introduced to this journey by the reflection of Fr. David Glenday, MCCJ, who inspired us to collaborate with the Spirit to be effective instruments of the Mission entrusted to us. (Video by Fr. David Glenday)