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Beloved,

lately I happen to remember the beautiful time we had in Cattolica. In those days, Kimata was borning, Greek, Cypriots and Italian people got to know each other, and we were preparing for the election of the first provincial coordinators.

We were many people, all happy and joyful, as it always happens in our meetings.

I remember I was sitting next to Stefano: he was one of those selected for the discernment (along with Valentina, Angela, Lorenzo and Laura) and there was already a general feeling that the choice would fall on him. So, just to tease him a bit, I said: "When all this will be yours, don't forget to invest on training." He merely said, "Yes," in a tone that actually meant "f.ck", then he turned to his eternal friend Franco Perozzi and said: "Dear Franz, I'm starting to worry."

What happened next, we all know. After a few months, I was asked to take the role of vice-coordinator of Centro 2 and began to work with Stefano and meet him more frequently. We lived intense years, full of passionate discussions between two very different people with different views, but sharing the same love for Faith & Light.

We lived the years in which we began to build Kimata, together with Angela, Lorenzo and Laura, Stefano Marchetti, Luciano, Peppinos, Stavroula, Lucia and many others who gave their precious contribution. Meeting after meeting, one step after another, we were able to organize what I remember as one of the most beautiful pilgrimage ever: the one we had in Loreto / Rome to celebrate F&L 40th anniversary.

While all this was happening, a motorbike accident led Stefano to discover a serious illness. He had to undergo surgery and tough therapies, to fight the disease recurrence, until he was accompanied together with his family till the very last day.

Within few days, a year will have passed since we said goodbye to Stefano: it looks like moments ago and at the same time a century.

Stefano has left an imprint in each and everyone: in Kimata, in the other Italian provinces, in all Faith and Light in the world. Every time I participate to Faith and Light meeting with people from abroad, there is always someone who talks to me about him.

Stefano will always be our Captain. I remember what he told Maria Novella, one of his last days: "We must go on, must not stop." So ahead we go, in our small communities, even for him, because this was his dream, the dream of a community where you eventually say: "You know what? I'm lucky, because I've got a lot of friends. "

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On November 22 we can pray with him and I am sure each of us will hear his usual invitation: "Daje!".

Hug you all

Pietro

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