

The prior's ministry of preaching

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In the end, as always, we wish to mention some of the occasions of preaching and giving talks of our prior, which have taken him to various cities in Italy and abroad in this period.

In November he gave a talk in Rome to the Union of General Superiors on *The experience and the role of the Word of God in the monastic community of Bose and in religious life*; in December he participated in the 33rd Conference on consecrated life at the Theological institute Claretianum of Rome, speaking on the topic *What prophecy does religious life offer to our times*; at the International conference held at the Theological faculty of Catalonia in Barcelona he gave a talk on *Word of God, word about God: the spiritual dimension*. In February he gave a talk at the Institute of spirituality Teresianum in Rome on *Ecumenical dialogue: challenges and hopes*, in the context of the 49th Week of spirituality. In March in Perugia he gave a talk on *Laicity and religions in the plural city*; and two talks in Madrid to the religious of Spain (*The school of the word* and *The community as a house of the Word*) at the 37th National week of institutes of religious life. In April in Rome he participated at a round table on the theme *Monotheisms* at the University of Rome La Sapienza; also in Rome he presented the *Miscellanea* on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Episcopal ordination of Luca Brandolini and gave a talk at the Pontifical Salesian university on *The Word of God today*; while at Cesano Maderno he participated in the discussion on *The implicit forms of the love of God — religiosity and laicity*. In May at Poitiers he gave the opening talk at the Forum of Christian spiritualities on *The ways of the interior Source: the interior God*; and he participated in various discussions at the Turin Book fair. Also in this period the prior has often been invited to preach in various local Italian churches by their respective bishops: we may mention the dioceses of Acqui, Biella, Brescia, Como, Cuneo, Ferrara, Firenze, Forlì, Milan, Padua, Piacenza, Pistoia, Siena, Turin, Trieste, Venice, and Verona. He has also continued to teach Biblical and patristic theology at the faculty of philosophy of the San Raffaele university in Milan.