

Youth take the leading role at Rio de Janeiro

The activities of the youth of the Focolare Movement during the first two days of World Youth Day 2013

The Young members of the Focolare Movement set up a tent at Largo da Carioca, in the city centre, from where they are distributing the book *"25 minutos: a vida de Chiara luce"*, the Portuguese edition of the biography of Chiara Luce, written by Franz Coriasco, an agnostic friend of hers. The foundation "Aid to the Church in need" is giving its support towards this edition published by *Cidade Nova*.

"A santidade veste jeans", a musical about Chiara Luce's life produced by group of young Brazilians, was held on Wednesday 24 at the Carlos Gomes Theatre. An extra fourth show had to be presented to cater for a number of young people queuing outside the theatre to see the musical. Maria Teresa and Ruggero Badano, Chiara Luce's parents, unexpectedly attended this fourth show. They arrived at the theatre to see the musical after having taken part in the welcome given to Pope Francis on his visit to St. Francis Hospital.

On the same day, the Gen Rosso were presenting their show *"Dimensione indelebile"* (Indelible Dimension) at the Riocentro Conference Centre, on the other side of the city.

July 24 was also the day when youth of the Focolare Movement, together with friends from the Religions for Peace Global Youth Network, were engaged in the organization of the interreligious meeting *"Go and build peace in all nations"*. These young people were at Estácio de Sá, and from 18.00 to 20.00 they discussed dialogue and various forms of action as part of their common commitment to promote peace.

On July 25, the Gen Rosso - together with a group of 200 youngsters following a recovery programme from addiction through art - were at Varginha, in the favela of Manguinhos to animate the festive celebration prepared to welcome the Pope.

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