

## **Maria Voce auditor at the Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization**

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Maria Voce auditor at the forthcoming session of the Synod of Bishops on “ The New Evangelization for the transmission of the Christian faith”, scheduled for October 7 – 28 at the Vatican.

*“The experience of the Synod, highlighted in an outstanding way by the collegiality of the Church, strikes us in a very particular way, even due to the charism of unity that characterizes us”*. With these words Maria Voce expresses her adhesion and manifests her deep gratitude to the Holy Father for the trust shown to her and to all the Movement. She sees this occasion as an opportunity to serve the universal Church.

For the President of the Focolare Movement, the theme of the new evangelization has particular importance. Recently, when addressing the community of Argentina, she said: “The Gospel must be our dress. Let us help one another to live the Gospel so that we can proclaim that Christ is alive, and allow others to meet him present among us through the mutual love that binds us”.

Two other members of the Focolare Movement have also been appointed auditors. One is Ernestine Sikujua Kinyabuuma, lecturer at the University Institute Maria Malkia of Lubumbashi (Democratic Republic of Congo) and the other one is Gisèle Muchati, responsible for the New Families of the Focolare Movement in the Syria region .

Maria Voce has been a consultor to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization since December 2011.

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