

The Logo of the 33rd General Chapter of the Resurrectionists

This logo springs from the Chapter's theme: "Witnesses to the presence of the Risen Lord, from community to the world". Its central motif is the wounded heart of the risen Lord, which is being touched by a human hand. The wound appears on a golden cross, which is placed in a blue almond. The cross is golden, being a glorious cross, which for the Christians of the first millennium was primarily a sign of Christ's victory over sin and death. The cross is also the world, this world, which the God-man embraced in his death and resurrection.



The hand penetrating the wound in the pierced side of Christ reminds us of the story of the Apostle Thomas. In his doubts and in his confession of faith we can all find ourselves. The paschal dynamic is the reality of life, spanning between the daily

experience of personal sin, hesitating to believe in the Lord, and the constant mercy of God, who in his forgiveness day after day grants the sinner access to salvation. Our witness means living a credible everyday life. It is worth recalling that in the Syrian theology of the first centuries, the experience of salvation was seen as passing through the gate of the pierced heart of Christ. The red wounded heart is God and Life, the New Testament “narrow gate” to Life.

The blue almond, on which the wound and hand on the cross are situated, is a reference to the mystery of the revelation of Christ. In Christian iconography the almond is a symbol of the incomprehensible Mystery of God, revealed in the Paschal Mystery of the Nazarene. The slight tilt is reminiscent of a well-known motif of the Risen One, who in the depths of Sheol snatches from the jaws of death our ancestor Adam, and in him all humanity. The information about the Chapter forms the mast of an unfurled sail. The sail represents a boat sailing on the waves of history, with winds sometimes favorable and at times contrary. But this wind may also be a sign of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Our Community is like an evangelical boat, one of many belonging to Christ, which the Lord sends to the other side of the world, while He is always ready to come to us, to silence the storm and calm the heart. The logo wants to remind us Resurrectionists of our beautiful vocation to be witnesses of the great love of God, with which He has loved each one of us. We are the Adam whom the Lord grabs by the wrist to revive that which was dead, so that we will never refuse his heart but rather penetrate it and begin anew to believe. The Resurrectionist boat sails on. After 180 years, we are still able to experience the same truth which transformed the lives of the first Resurrectionists who, after the example of the Elder Brother, knew that the Risen Lord’s witnesses must go as a community, bearing this testimony to the world they inhabit and co-create.

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