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Rev. Sr Laura Giroto, FMA  
Many years' Director,  
ECC-Catholic Diocese of Aidgrat  
Kidanemehret Mission,  
Adwa, Tigray  
Ethiopia.

Dear Dott.Carlo Farne,  
Dear Rev.Sr Laura Giroto,  
Dear esteemed Members and Benefactors of Charity Amici di Adwa,

**May the grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit be with you (cf.2 Tim. 1:2).**

I am deeply honored to have received a personal invitation from Mr President on behalf of the Association Amici di Adwa to partake in the joyous celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of your remarkable service of love and solidarity. Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances in my Diocese, not unknown to you, I am unable to physically attend. However, please know that my heart is filled with immense gratitude and joy for the monumental achievement of your mission in serving children, women, and all the poor communities through the dedicated efforts of Kidane Mihret School, Hospital, and associated social works in and around Adwa in my Diocese.

On behalf of Rev. Sr. Laura and the Salesian Sisters', myself, and our Diocese, I extend our deepest appreciation for your unwavering support and collaboration in being a pillar of strength for our dear Rev. Sr. Laura Giroto and her Religious Congregation Daughters of Mary help of Christians (Salesian Sisters) in the development of our Adwa Mission. Your contributions have been instrumental in bringing about positive change and impacting the lives of so many.

**I remember, 15 years ago celebrating with you in Cento, a splendid evening of 10 years of a very successful partnership, a strong spirit of human solidarity which demonstrates a particular North-South link. Also now, at your celebration of 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of same service, I wish to reiterate once again, that "we are deeply grateful for your sharing of, not only material blessings, but also the remarkable human aspect, between these two deeply cultured peoples of Italy and Ethiopia".**

Today, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Amici di Adwa Association, coincides with the date of my priestly ordination 44 years ago, and we have celebrated Holy Mass of Gratitude here in our Cathedral for the intention of all the deceased and living members and benefactors of "Amici di Adwa".

Wishing you, Amici di Adwa, many blessings of our loving God for your 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, urging you to continue pursuing kindness and compassion, inspiring others with your dedication and passion.



+ Abune Tesfaselassie Medhin  
Bishop of Adigrat Eparchy