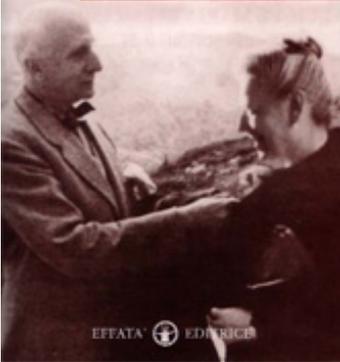


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On Oct. 21, Rome has been witness of an unprecedented event: three siblings will be present at the beatification of their parents, the first husband and wife to be raised together to the glory of the altars. The blessed are Luigi Beltrame Quattrocchi (1880-1951), and Maria Corsini (1884-1965), a Roman couple who made their ordinary married life extraordinary through love. A decree promulgated July 7 acknowledged the miracle which opened the way to their beatification, which fulfilled John Paul II's long-standing wish to offer the world an example of sanctity in marriage. Luigi Beltrame was a brilliant lawyer with a career that culminated in his appointment as assistant attorney general of the Italian State. He was a friend of many politicians of the post-war period, such as Alcide de Gasperi and Luigi Gedda, who worked for the rebirth of Italy after Mussolini's Fascism. Maria Corsini, who loved music and arts, was a writer on spirituality and education, and a member of several associations, including Women's Catholic Action. The couple had four children: Filippo (Father Tarcisio), born in 1906; Stefania (Sister Maria Cecilia), who was born in 1908 and died in 1993; Cesare (today, Father Paolino), born in 1909; and Enrichetta, the youngest, born in 1914 and still living in Rome. The Beltrames were a middle-class family open to the needs of all. During World War II their Roman apartment was a shelter for refugees. Their children recall that their parents led a simple life, like that of many married couples, but always characterized by a sense of the supernatural. "The aspect that characterized our family life was the atmosphere of normality that our parents created in the constant seeking of transcendental values," Father Tarcisio,

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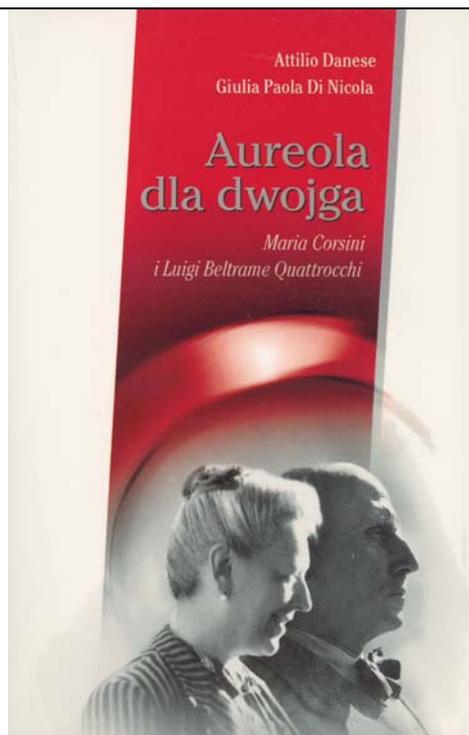
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"Niedawna refleksja Kościoła dokonała rewizji powszechnego przekonania o niższości powołania do małżeństwa wobec powołania do dziewictwa, interpretując je jako dwa uzupełniające się rodzaje jednego chrześcijańskiego powołania. Luigi i Maria ukazali możliwość połączenia ich w małżeństwie - najpierw przeżywanym w dążeniu obojga do tego, aby stać się jednym ciałem, a w końcu w akcie "porwania obojga ku Panu".

Luigi Accattoli