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## Dear Brethren,

it is a few months that I do not send you any news. The reason is that we had a very difficult time in both our families. Besides the common difficulties all of us face every week, my wife Cristina's father - Mr. Giuseppe Marino - passed away at the end of November 2010 after four years of intense suffering. Besides heart's problems, he had his leg amputated in August 2008. As for Cristina's mom, she began to show signs of dementia and parkinson already 12 years ago, and now is confined to a Christian Elderly Home in Rome.

On Monday January 10th my own dad died in the Lord, after having fought cancer for about two years. My dad was the deacon of the church and a very active man. Now all us feel deeply the loss, especially my mom - Ivana - with who he was married



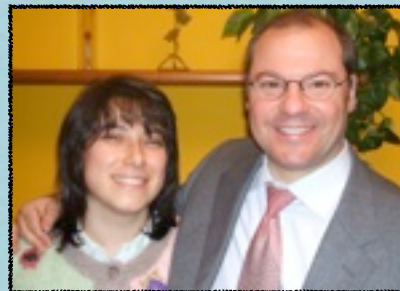
We are grateful because our parents were godly Christians and in spite of their weaknesses and sufferings we rejoiced with them to the very end in the hope of the glory of God. On the Lord's Day before my dad's departure about a dozen of us celebrated the Lord's

Supper with my mom at the Hospice where he entered five weeks earlier. We were all very moved to see my dad waking up a little bit as he heard the hymn we were singing. God has blessed us indeed!

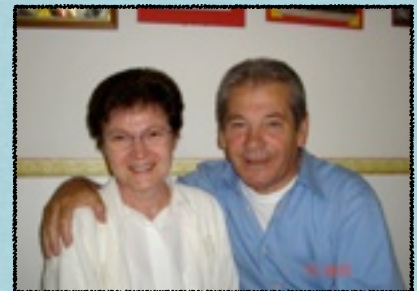
Warmly in the bonds of grace,  
Pastor Andrea Ferrari.



CRISTINA'S DAD AFTER THE AMPUTATION HOLDING LISA'S HAND.



MYSELF AND CRISTINA.



MY DAD GIUSEPPE AND MY MOM IVANA.

## THE BUILDING

As we were going through all of this, our church continued its life and ministry. In the last few weeks we painted and made a few adjustments in our building. We cleaned and painted the walls anew and we bought some new furniture : a new pulpit, a table for the Lord's Supper and a baptismal font.

We rejoiced to see our building ready for the baptism of little Giulia on Sunday March 27th. Giulia had been waiting a little so that we might have the new font. As we baptized Giulia, rejoicing with her parents Sabino and Alisia, as a church we were comforted after the departure of our deacon Giuseppe Ferrari, being reminded that God's promises are made to generation after generation.



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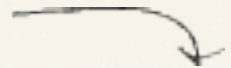


## GIULIA



After the administration of the sacrament we enjoyed some refreshment.

# Prayer requests



It is with joy that I close this newsletter mentioning that we have a number of new people attending regularly our worship services. In fact, at the end of the month we'll

receive a new family into the fellowship of the church. But this will be the subject of the next newsletter.

The grace of God be with you.

1. Mrs. Ivana Ferrari, the widowed wife of deacon Giuseppe Ferrari

2. Our growth in grace

3. Our growth in number

4. Our Pastor Andrea Ferrari

5. The Consistory

6. The need for a new deacon

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