

# COMPAGNIA DI MARIA ORVIETO

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## Intervención del Obispo de Orvieto Mons.Giovanni

### Obispo Scanavino

This afternoon we gather to celebrate a great occasion, not only that of the restoration of the beautiful chapel of San Lodovico, but also to give thanks to God for the great gift He has given us, and which we have not merited, the gift of a religious community of sisters who are open and welcoming. For some time now they have opened their doors to the young American university students of Gordon College. The community here has offered them such warm hospitality, that they feel at home as students, not only of art, but of the faith that is represented therein.

This welcome is a determinate factor in providing a space for a the deepening of Faith, Hope and finally the greatest of these virtues which is Charity.

Thanks to the openness of these sisters, the appropriate climate has been created in our city to initiate an ecumenical journey. I believe we have the necessary conditions in place to reflect deeply our faith together, in a most sincere fashion, because the starting point is friendship and love. This goes much farther than theological theory.

For this reason, we should truly give thanks to the Lord and be grateful to this group of sisters, the Company of Mary, who make possible the birth of such a beautiful and great thing as the growth of ecumenism.