



**Commemoration of 52nd anniversary
plane crash of Olgiate Olona of June 26, 1959**

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I strongly believe in the importance of memory and solidarity, but since 2008 I have always wondered for the sake and with humility: are all efforts made for honoring the seventy immortal lives of June 26, 1959 and their loved ones really useful for Olgiate Olona and its people?

I answered "yes" when I saw the people of Olgiate Olona and many others attending the ceremonies of presentation of the books dedicated to the plane crash. I answered "yes" when I saw many people affectively bonded to the seventy immortal lives on June 26, 2009, on the day of 50th anniversary. I answered "yes" when I saw the "Ape" car, tangible and movable sign of solidarity. I answered "yes" when I saw the relatives of the victims coming to Olgiate Olona at other times during the year too. I answered "yes" when I saw the attention of the students in eighth grade during the conversation in the classroom and when I read their works. I answered "yes" when I saw that the President of the Italian Republic, symbol of Italy united for 150 years, gave his medal for the commemoration of 2011 and for what the community of Olgiate Olona is doing for honoring the memory of June 26, 1959.

Now I am sure: the essential that we are allowed to do, what we have done and what we will do - pray, honoring the seventy immortal lives and their loved ones with our memory and with acts of solidarity – is really useful for the community of Olgiate Olona.