

Invitation by Olgiate Olona mayor to the ceremony of presentation of website www.OlgiateOlona26giugno1959.org

Olgiate Olona, February 2013

Dear friends,

over the past five years the municipal Administration and the people of Olgiate Olona have revived and sealed the desire of the community and individuals to perpetuate the memory of the plane crash of June 26, 1959.

The commemoration of June 26 is among the meaningful events taking place in Olgiate Olona, and other milestones are the books about the disaster, the fiftieth anniversary of 2009, the ceremony of June 2011 in which new bonds with the relatives of victims of Milan-Linate air disaster have been created. The "Ape" car "*in memory of seventy immortal lives*" - donated to "Massimo Carletti" cooperative of solidarity – "flies" through the streets of our town, the educational project addressed to students of "Dante Alighieri" first degree secondary school of Olgiate Olona has been developed since 2010 with satisfactory results, in 2011 the President of the Italian Republic rewarded with his medal the commemorative events for their high value and meaning.

Thus, the memory of June 26, 1959 links the past with the present and the future, it turns into knowledge which will preserve long-lasting memories of those life stories, it makes immortal those seventy lives whose earthly body fell to the ground but whose spirit immediately rose in the sky of Olgiate Olona. And the memory is guided by the love for life, the creative breath that is not broken by death.

I am honored to announce to all of you – relatives, volunteers of Olgiate Olona, cooperators, technical sponsors, manpower, jounalists, photoreporters, students of finalist works - you who have engaged yourself in keeping the memory of this event alive, that spirit and commitment so far in place have created a tool that perpetuates the memory of website Iune 26, 1959 in way accessible from anywhere: the а www.OlgiateOlona26giugno1959.org created by Nicola Puddu with the cooperation of Alberto Colombo and some relatives of the seventy immortal lives.

This website is the result of several months of preparation, it is rich in documents, images, witness and is available in two languages (Italian and English). This website contains and updates all the knowledge about the plane crash of Olgiate Olona, it is a

summary of to-date unpublished data and retraces the commemorative events of June 26, 1959.

The website www.OlgiateOlona26giugno1959.org will be presented during the ceremony in the town hall of Olgiate Olona on SATURDAY MARCH 23, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. and will be online by Monday March 25, 2013.

I warmly thank you.

Yours sincerely,

archt. Giorgio Volpi Olgiate Olona mayor