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## Words in poetry by Alberto Colombo before the Commemoration of June 26, 2015

### 26 GIUGNO A OLGiate OLONA (June 26 in Olgiate Olona)

At three quarters of the twentieth century,  
the pietas of a patient grandmother  
educated her grandson, with simplicity,  
to the memory of June 26, 1959:  
fatal but providential tragedy,  
which by saving Olgiate Olona  
made the spirit of seventy lives immortal.

Half a century after that disaster,  
that son of the people and Olgiate Olona  
dared to join out of pietas  
the sky and the earth of those who suffered and now remember.  
Distances filled, wounds soothed,  
eternal rest and resignation  
comfort and seal the memory.

Generation after generation,  
for those who learn and sow the pietas  
the memory of June 26, 1959, means  
gestural words and deafening silences,  
memories relived and History evoked.  
Memory is heritage and practice,  
immortal life is the reason for everything.

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