



COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS REWARDED IN 2011 WITH THE MEDAL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC

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OLGIATE OLONA, THE 61st ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLANE CRASH IS ESSENTIAL: MEMORY AND SOLIDARITY TO HONOR HISTORY AND RESPECT THE PRESENT

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Olgiate Olona, the 61st anniversary of the plane crash of June 26, 1959, will be essential: no public ceremony, signs of memory and solidarity to honor History (the plane crash and its protagonists) and to respect the present (communities and individuals affected by the pandemic). The decision has been taken by the Municipality upon the proposal of the promoting staff of the commemorative events which explain: the present moment indicates the essentiality of existence and the priorities of public life, and the memory of the past is alive first of all in people and in physical signs, and then also in external gestures.

On Friday June 26, 2020, floral tributes will be laid at the memorial monument (whose area is taken care of by the Civil Protection) and on Maria Fermi Sacchetti's grave at the cemetery; at 17.33, the bell tolling of the Prevostal church will remember the seventy immortal lives.

On Friday June 26, 2020, the website *OlgiateOlona26giugno1959.org* – memory of the plane crash since 2013 with the patronage of the Municipality – will publish Mayor Giovanni Montano's speech, the text of international prayer in suffrage, the texts and classification of the most deserving works of the students in the eighth grade of Dante Alighieri school, produced with the 11th edition of the educational project in memory of june 26, 1959 (the project was performed before the outbreak of the pandemic).

In 2019/2020 school year, all the students in the eighth grade have been involved in the educational project (1.110 students involved so far). The jury outside the school has chosen and evaluated the ten most deserving works among the 100 ones submitted as always anonymously, and the school Director Maria Alberta Vignati has communicated the identity of their authors.

The authors of the deserving works and their parents will be invited at the awards ceremony on a date to be established: all will be rewarded with a certificate of merit, and the authors of the best three works will receive a book coupon sponsored in 2020 by *Assistenza e sicurezza* of Fabio Casarotto.

The promoting staff of the commemorative events of June 26, 1959