



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

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENT AWARD CEREMONY OF THE DESERVING WORKS OF 2020

Town hall of Olgiate Olona - November 27, 2021

February 2020. There has been an educational project on the plane crash of June 26, 1959 for ten years: a disaster of the distant past that saved Olgiate Olona.

Suddenly, just a moment after the conclusion of the project, a disaster happens into the present, even in Olgiate Olona: it upsets and changes everyday personal and community life.

Since then, the pandemic has marked the studies of those 100 children of Olgiate Olona and millions of others.

The pandemic also caused two June 26th without ceremony and one year without the educational project.

The pandemic has taken away our serenity, moments of sharing, smiles and hugs; unfortunately, it has stolen some friends loved by us and by the seventy immortal lives.

But in the present disaster the community of Olgiate Olona still shines for solidarity, and the journey of memory in the sign of June 26, 1959, has never stopped.

Life goes on and that journey of memory goes on today looking to the future: it cannot be otherwise, because since 2009 we have chosen to make it walk first and foremost with the legs of the new generations whose talents and faith in life exude in the awarded deserving works.

On behalf of the promoting staff of the commemorative events, thanks to the Municipal administration, thanks to the Mayor and the councilor at Educational Services, thanks to the students and their families, thanks to the teachers, the directors, the deputy, the technical staff of *Beato Contardo Ferrini* institute and of *Dante Alighieri* school, the staff of the Municipality, the sponsors who offered the book-coupons.

«Finally we are able to reward them!» This is how almost all the parents of the children who wrote the deserving works of 2020 commented while receiving the invitation for this ceremony.

These certificates of merit and these book-coupons have waited too many months for this day on my desk.

Long last!

Life goes on and staying alive is not just about surviving.

To you guys and all of us: good life!

*dr. Alberto Colombo*