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**Municipality of Olgiate Olona  
Press release of June 9, 2023**

**CEREMONY FOR THE 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PLANE CRASH OF 1959  
MONDAY JUNE 26, 2023, IN THE TOWN HALL OF OLGiate OLONA**

On Monday June 26, 2023, at 5.33 pm the community of Olgiate Olona will commemorate the 64th anniversary of the plane crash. The ceremony will take place in the town hall – where, 15 years ago, the presentation of the volume which reinvigorated the memory of the seventy immortal lives took place - and will begin with the reading of the names of those who on June 26, 1959, closed their earthly life on the ill-fated Trans World Airlines aircraft which took off from Milan-Malpensa airport.

The international prayer of suffrage (in Italian, English, French) will propose an excerpt from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, a poem by Pablo Neruda and the Ecumenical *Our Father*.

Following, the commemorative speech by mayor Giovanni Montano.

Then, the authors of the ten deserving works chosen from among the 72 written by the students of *Dante Alighieri* secondary school participating in the thirteenth edition of the educational project in memory of the plane crash - evaluated anonymously by a jury external to the school - will be awarded. They are, in alphabetical order (the title of the work in brackets): Bracaloni Camilla Nausica (*Il viaggio spezzato*), Corso Gaia (*L'anima vola*), De Paola Samuele (*Settanta vite perse in un secondo*), Della Torre Riccardo (*Lacrime*), Fontana Alice (*Ali spezzate*), Genellina Valentina Rosalinda (*Un segno indelebile*), Marrazzo Salvatore (*Sogni infranti*), Pascaneanu Francesca (*Settanta sorrisi*), Scelba Yara Paola (*Una normale giornata*), Volontè Alessio (*Di padre in figlio*).

The students authors of the deserving works have been invited with their parents to the ceremony of June 26th where they will be awarded with a certificate of merit; the authors of the best three works will read their own works and will receive a book coupon sponsored in 2023 by the relatives of Pietro Castelnovo, one of the seventy immortal lives.

Finally, some certificates of thanks will be awarded.

The texts of the prayer in suffrage and of the deserving works, and the images of the ceremony will be published on *OlgiateOlona26giugno1959.org* website which for ten years has perpetuated the memory of the fifth worst civil aviation disaster in Italy with the patronage of the Municipality of Olgiate Olona.

As always, on Monday June 26, 2023, floral tributes will be placed at the memorial monument in via 26 giugno street and on Maria Fermi Sacchetti's grave in the civic cemetery; at 17.33 the sound of the bell of the Prevostal church will commemorate the seventy immortal lives.

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