

SETTANTA VITE IMMORTALI



Olgiate Olona - 26 giugno



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

La memoria del 26 giugno 1959 perpetuata dai giovani olgiatesi.

Il progetto didattico 2010-2025 e gli elaborati meritevoli premiati

(trans. The memory of June 26, 1959, perpetuated by the young people of Olgiate Olona. The educational project 2010-2025 and the worthy awarded works)

Olgiate Olona Town hall – June 26, 2025

The educational project in memory of June 26, 1959, has reached its fifteenth edition: it was implemented since the 2009/2010 school year with the students of *Dante Alighieri* school and proposes this message to the younger generations: solidarity breaks down all barriers, including those of space and time, and encourages us to live in the present, drawing from the past the values with which to build the future. First of all, for the educational project, the commemorative events were awarded in 2011 with the medal of the President of the Italian Republic. To the teachers of the school - invited today - the thanks of the Municipal Administration and mine, your applause.

The educational project - suspended due to the pandemic in the 2020/2021 school year - has so far involved 1.416 students (now aged between 14 and 28), has awarded 140 worthy works written by 144 authors, has distributed 39 book vouchers, and has awarded 5 special awards.

The literary and human heritage of high quality and profound value constituted by the worthy works awarded in the first fifteen editions of the educational project is collected in the book *La memoria del 26 giugno 1959 perpetuata dai giovani olgiatesi. Il progetto didattico 2010-2025 e gli elaborati meritevoli premiati*. The curator who financed its printing pays homage to those present today.

The book is a choral work, without introduction and glosses: the content and value speak for themselves. The writings of the 144 young students (97 females and 47 males) - whose names are on the tableau displayed here - speak for themselves: by remembering the seventy immortal lives, they learned to love life.

This book celebrates life that continues even and despite death.

These kids have grown up: some rewarded for the excellent results achieved by graduating or getting a degree and others not; some are already married; I know from a dad that one of them has already visited 80 countries in the world for work. For these children of Olgiate Olona, your applause.

This book celebrates life that continues even and despite death. And I dedicated it to one of the sons of Olgiate Olona whose writing is not in the book: five days before attending the educational project, on February 5, 2011, Thomas Billiani reached seventy immortal lives in the Hereafter. Thomas protects the protagonists of the educational project: its creator, the third-grade students and the teachers who participate in the initiative.

Mr. Alberto Colombo