

Good evening, everyone: dear friends and dear family members who are always present.

In this encounter full of warmth and gratitude, I want to thank the authorities who, even after many years, never fail to be here.

I thank the Municipality of Milan, the Conservatory and Director Massimiliano Baggio for including us again in the "Milan is Memory" project.

This project is an extraordinary vehicle for preserving the memory of the most significant events in the history of Milan and beyond.

I also want to warmly welcome all the people who support us and express their closeness and trust with their presence.

Remembering is the task that falls upon each of us.

Ferruccio De Bortoli wrote that Linate 2001, with its 'Martyrs of Normality', is something that cannot be removed from Milan.

Historical memory must include what cannot be removed.

...It wasn't the fog's fault...Let's never forget that...

Now the time has come to collect memories through personal accounts, videos, and written documents to show how a tragedy can transform into something positive.

This will demonstrate our civil and dutiful commitment to the community and will ensure that the work of all these years can serve as a lesson for the future, to avoid repeating the same mistakes.

We have reached unexpected heights regarding flight safety, but we are not satisfied with this.

We now turn our attention to assisting victims and their families. It is something that is very close to our hearts.

We know very well that nothing helps to relieve certain pain, but solace, an attention to detail, efficiency, and prompt actions are fundamental.

Much of all this was missing at Linate that morning. There were no existing procedures for dealing with and resolving unusual situations during the complexities of an extremely grave event.

Our personal stories can help those people preparing to build support teams in similar situations.

Today, we also celebrate the National “Per Non Dimenticare” Day, dedicated to the victims of the Linate plane crash.

This is the second edition and the importance of this day is growing. The culture of transportation safety is more crucial than ever, given the tragic events that constantly remind us of the importance of this issue. In fact, we are moving towards a possible collaboration with the Transportation Authority.

I want to return to a topic that is particularly close to my heart: young people, who are our future.

We want to pass the baton to them and transmit strength, willpower, and a sense of duty and trust.

We have promoted the first edition of a degree award to be assigned to a graduate who, through his/her thesis, delves into the topic of emergency governance in the field of transportation in general.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that a podcast called "18 Seconds" has been created, directed by Elisabetta Francia with media partner Corriere della Sera.

"18 Seconds" is a podcast series of 4 episodes available at Corriere.it, on the Corriere news app, and on all the main streaming platforms.

The first episode was released on Friday and the others will be broadcast every Friday over the next three weeks.

In the foyer you'll find flyers with the Q-code to be able to download the app.

I want to conclude by wishing you a pleasant evening with a phrase of Saint Teresa of Calcutta:

“It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”

Thank you and enjoy the concert.