



Today, Friday, November 8, 2019 day 38 in our countdown of 100 days leading to the celebration of Gianna Gobbi's Centenary.

On Fridays during this countdown we are sharing pearls of Gianna's joy from Sofia Cavalletti. Today we share a reflection from Sofia found in *Religiosis Potential of the Child*. Thank you, Sofia!

If we were to better clarify the nature of the stimulus humankind receives from wonder, perhaps we could compare it to a magnet. The nature of wonder is not a force that pushes us passively from behind; it is situated ahead of us and attracts us with irresistible force toward the object of our astonishment; it makes us advance toward it, filled with enchantment.

Wonder is a dynamic value; nevertheless, it does not drive us to activism but draws us to activity, to an activity we do as persons immersed in the contemplation of something that exceeds us. Maybe the particularity of wonder is that we find activity and contemplation inseparably blended within it. " a religious respect – in front of the manifestation of the miracle of life, in all its forms. *Religiosis Potential of the Child* page 107

