



Rome, 1 June 2024  
Solemnity of Saint Hannibal

Prot. no. 141/2024-en  
RE: International Year of the Rogate Youth

To the Rev. Superiors  
of the Rogationist Circumscriptions  
To the Rev. Superiors  
of the Circumscriptions and FDZ Zones  
To the Rogationist Missionaries  
To the Associated Laity RCJ FDZ  
THEIR HEADQUARTERS

Dear brothers and sisters,

On the day in which we, as Family of the Rogate, celebrate the solemnity of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, and in the journey we are making toward the 100th anniversary of his blessed transitus to Heaven, we would like to inform you that we have jointly agreed to offer to our beloved Founder the International Year of the Rogate Youth - 2025, with a gathering in Rome of the various participants from all our Circumscriptions and Zones. All young people of the Family of the Rogate are invited to participate in this great event.

**Theme** chosen for this is: "**Young people, pilgrims of hope, in the harvest of the Lord.**"

**Biblical illumination:** "**Jesus drew near and walked with them**" (Lk 24:15b).

**Banner phrase:** "**Year of the Rogate Youth.**"

The **official prayer** and **logo** are attached to this letter.

The official opening of the Year of Youth will be January 31, 2025 - Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, in Messina, at the Basilica Sanctuary of the Evangelical Rogation - St. Anthony. The Year of the Rogate Youth will close on January 31, 2026 - Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, with a celebration in Rome. It is also planned to have a youth meeting in Rome for the Jubilee from July 28 to August 3, 2025. They will be hosted in the school of the Daughters of Divine Zeal on Circonvallazione Appia and in the oratories of our parishes in Rome. We ask each

Circumscription, Zone, and the parishes where we work, to let the youth participate in this great event and have them register, in time at the link:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/it/carta-del-pellegrino/case-accoglienza.html>

Some operational proposals that can be organized at the international level:

- International online meeting in preparation for the pilgrimage to Rome for the Youth Jubilee (for young FDZ sisters and young RCJ priests) on March 16, 2025.
- International online meetings of Rogate youth.

Each Circumscription and/or Zone is invited to possibly choose a more suitable date for their area for the beginning of the Year of the Rogate Youth in their Circumscription, organize the calendar of various initiatives and the closing date. Particularly for Circumscriptions and Zones outside Italy, it would be good to identify some young people so that they can participate in the gathering in Rome.

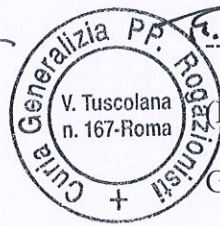
We are confident that Father Hannibal from heaven desires bless and accompany the International Year of the Rogate Youth. The youth of the Rogate, who intend to follow the path of Father Hannibal, will be able to experience a celebration where everyone will express the joy of belonging to this great Family and meet together, coming from the different countries where we are present.

With the hope that the Divine Superiors will bless this sign of unity of the Family of the Rogate and accompany our journey, we greet you with affection in the Lord.

*Madre Maria Eli Milanez*

(Mother Maria Eli Milanez, FDZ)

Gen. Sup.



*Fr. Bruno Rampazzo, RCJ*

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## Prayer

Lord Jesus, as you did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus,  
accompany us on our journey,  
as pilgrims of hope in your harvest.  
Turn your gaze to all young people.  
Fill our hearts with the joy of working in your vineyard.

We entrust to you our family,  
that living according to the Gospel,  
it may be an example to us its children  
and help us to respond generously to God's plan for us.  
Inspired by the same zeal and love of St. Hannibal,  
our father and founder,  
we ask for his intercession  
that we may be true witnesses of the Resurrection and missionary disciples  
who joyfully proclaim that Jesus is the Lord of life.

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother,  
accompany us on our journey to the celebration of the  
of the Jubilee and the Year of the Rogate Youth.