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Subject: Family of the Rogate Mission Day 2026

To: the Reverend Superiors
of the Rogationist Circumscriptions
the Reverend Superiors
of the FDZ Circumscriptions and Zones
the Councilors and the Laity
THEIR ADDRESSES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we journey toward the centenary of the blessed *transitus* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, we, the Rogationists and the Daughters of Divine Zeal, have agreed to celebrate the Missionary Days of 2026 and 2027 together. We will contribute jointly to solidarity projects. The year 2026 will be dedicated to a project of the Daughters of Divine Zeal and the year 2027 to a project of the Rogationists.

Undoubtedly, the work we must promote annually on the Mission Day and beyond it is the missionary awareness of all of us. We must become more aware every day that, by the grace of baptism and even more so by religious or priestly consecration, each of us is called to the mission of bearing witness to and proclaiming the Gospel of the Lord. Therefore, we must support the missionaries who work on the front lines with prayer and other means at our disposal.

The Pastoral Constitution of Vatican II, *Gaudium et spes*, gave us this important invitation: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ. Indeed, nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts.” (n. 1).

On the one hand, the critical issues that have become more acute in today's world, for various reasons, and on the other hand, the grace of the Jubilee challenge us to accept the Church's invitation and become “Messengers of Hope Among the Peoples.”¹

Our hope is in the Name of the Lord. We can rest firmly on Him: “May we too feel inspired to set out in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus to become, with Him and in Him, signs and messengers of hope for all, in every place and circumstance

¹ The theme given by Pope Francis in his Message for World Mission Day 2025.

that God has granted us to live. May all the baptized, as missionary disciples of Christ, make his hope shine forth in every corner of the earth!”²

In his first greeting to the Church and the World immediately after his election, Pope Leo echoed Pope Francis with words of exhortation and encouragement: “God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! All of us are in God’s hands. So, let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another other! We are followers of Christ. Christ goes before us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him as the bridge that can lead us to God and His love.”³

Our missionary spirit is derived from charity and God's love for each of us. This love makes us brothers and sisters. It is nourished by daily contact with the Lord and is made concretely in solidarity.

This is the basis for the solidarity project that the Daughters of Divine Zeal intend to carry out in Kupang, Indonesia, entitled “Hope.”

The project aims to address emerging needs in the area, particularly among children, young people, and the most vulnerable, to create a better, more hopeful future.

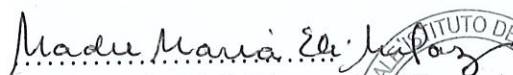
The project aims to construct a shelter and multipurpose hall to promote evangelization and human development.

For years, the Daughters of Divine Zeal have carried out various religious and charitable activities at their House in Kupang, including operating a nursery school, providing catechesis for neighborhood children and youth, animating parish liturgies, offering vocational ministry, and visiting families and the elderly.

The “Hope” social work project, which includes a reception house and multipurpose hall, will enable the Daughters of Divine Zeal to optimize their commitment to social promotion and evangelization. This project will provide special care for children and young people in suitable facilities, following in the footsteps of the Founder, St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia.

We urge our Confreres and Co-sisters, the Missionaries of the Rogate, the Lay Associations of the Family of the Rogate, and our community's lay collaborators to rekindle their missionary spirit. Begin with prayers of support for those working on the front lines to make them feel our closeness. Also, promote solidarity among your acquaintances to help realize this important project.

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


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² Pope Francis, Message for World Mission Day 2025, n. 1.

³ Pope Leo XIV, first “Urbi et Orbi” Blessing of the Holy Father Leo XIV, St. Peter’s Square, May 8, 2025.