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*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.
All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.
And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
John 1:1-3, 14*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2026

*To the Rogationists
and to the Family of the Rogate*

Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to reach out to you with this message as we once again draw near to the radiant mystery of Christmas. Each year the Church invites us to welcome, with renewed hearts, the gift of the *Word made flesh*. For us Rogationists, this event takes on an even deeper meaning: the Child of Bethlehem is He who “*deigned to dwell among us*”, and who asks us to pray and to cooperate so that the harvest of the Kingdom may have many holy laborers.

In this, we recognize the source of our vocation and the heart of the charism entrusted to us by Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia. The Incarnation of the Son is not only a mystery to be contemplated, but also a call to make our lives places of welcome, mercy, and pastoral dedication. Christmas reminds us that God enters history with the humility of a Child and entrusts His fragile yet powerful presence to our love.

In recent months I have had the joy of visiting several communities of the Congregation, meeting confreres passionately engaged in diverse apostolic services. I have witnessed the discreet fidelity of many religious who, often far from the spotlight, give their lives each day for the little ones, for the poor, and for vocations. This testimony is a precious gift for the whole Church and a reason for profound gratitude.

Christmas also calls us to renew our gaze on the world. The challenges confronting our societies—international conflicts, painful migrations, growing poverty, hidden loneliness—speak to the heart of the Rogationist. Wherever human dignity is wounded, prayer for vocations must also become concrete action: forming consciences, generating hope, accompanying restless youth, supporting families in difficulty, and building networks of solidarity.

We have received the gift of the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te* from the Holy Father Leo XIV. We must be grateful to the Lord for this great gift to the Church, to the world, and in particular to our Congregation, born and nurtured with the charism of the *Rogate* among the poor and for the poor. I urge you to read the Pope's Exhortation and to meditate upon it in the light of the example and teachings left to us by our holy Father Founder.

In recent months we have reached the halfway point of this six-year mandate. During the Conference of Superiors of Circumscriptions, held in São Paulo, Brazil, we began a process of discernment, as required by our Rule of Life, regarding the theme of the forthcoming 14th General Chapter. Together we shall make the appropriate choice as soon as possible.

At the same time, in agreement with our Sisters, the Daughters of Divine Zeal, and responding to the invitation of the Commission for Spiritual Animation, we have proposed a charismatic and spiritual journey beginning with Advent, leading toward the *Centenary Year of the Blessed Transitus of Saint Hannibal, June 1, 2026–2027*. The light of the Lord's Nativity will help us live this time as *kairos*, a manifestation of Christ of the *Rogate* within our history.

I therefore encourage you to make this Christmas a time of renewed apostolic zeal. Let the light of the Child lead you to gestures of reconciliation within the communities, to a more mature fraternity, and to a missionary openness that dares to embrace new paths. Our charism preserves its original vitality precisely when it is translated into works good works, education, hospitality, and proclamation.


To the lay members of the Family of the Rogate, I wish to address a special word. Your collaboration with the religious in works of charity, in educational centers, in vocational initiatives, and in parish life is an irreplaceable support for the Congregation. Continue to let the spirit of the *Rogate* shine forth in your families and environments, a spirit that teaches peace of heart, attentive listening to the Word, and concrete service to our neighbor, especially the poor and the needy.

As we contemplate the simple and silent ambiance of the nativity scene, we entrust to the Infant Jesus all our communities: the elderly and sick confreres, who sustain the life of the Congregation through their prayer; the young in formation, who represent the promise of our future; the missionaries who, across different continents, courageously bear witness to the power of the Gospel; and our educational and charitable works, which each day welcome and accompany the most vulnerable.

To all of you, beloved, I extend my most heartfelt wishes: may you live a Christmas filled with peace, joy, and renewed dedication to the Lord of the Harvest. May the New Year find you persevering in goodness, walking together, and ever more in love with the mission entrusted to us.

I commend each one of you to the tender protection of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, our Mother and Teacher, and to the intercession of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia, that he may continue to guide us in serving the Church through the charism and spirituality of the *Rogate*.

I greet you with affection in the Lord !


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