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To the MM.RR. Superiors
of the Rogationist Circumscriptions
and to the Rogationist Religious Communities
THEIR RESIDENCES

Dearest Confreres,

I have the joy of informing you that on October 22, Card. Angelo De Donatis, Vicar General of Pope Francis for the Diocese of Rome, signed and published the Edict by which he initiated the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Father Pantaleone Palma.

We all know the story of Father Pantaleone. His spiritual depth, matured in so many years alongside our Holy Founder, was manifested above all in the period of his imprisonment at the *Scala Santa (Holy Stairs)*. He himself defined it as a time of grace, and those who had the opportunity to meet him - bishops, priests, religious and lay people - did not hesitate to consider him a "Saint".

The reputation of his holiness, despite the "condemnation of memory" (*damnatio memoriae*), has been constant among Rogationists, Daughters of Divine Zeal, and lay people.

For several years, we have been engaged in collecting all the documentation available in various archives, which has allowed us to draw up a very comprehensive Documented Biography, useful for knowing not only the story of the Servant of God but also the history of the Congregation itself, from the demise of Saint Hannibal to the death of Father Palma. We plan to publish it as soon as possible in order to offer everyone the possibility of knowing the life and works of the "first and principal collaborator of the Father and Founder".

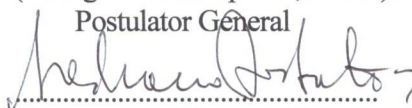
On the basis of the reputation of sanctity and historical research, the Postulator presented to Card. Vicar the "Supplice Libello" for the opening of the diocesan inquiry.

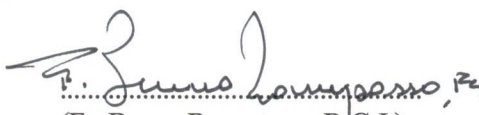
The Cardinal, having heard the opinion of the Bishops of Lazio, published the Edict that I enclose, inviting "each and every one of the faithful to communicate directly to us or to send to the Diocesan Tribunal of the Vicariate of Rome all information from which we can in some way infer elements favorable or contrary to the claim of sanctity of the said Servant of God".

Let us praise and bless the Lord, invoke the intercession of the Servant of God, make him known among the faithful and pray for his canonization, if it is in accordance with the will of God. Above all, let us imitate him in his heroic fidelity and obedience to the Church and in his love for the Work of Saint Hannibal.

I greet you with affection in the Lord.


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(Fr. Agostino Zamperini, R.C.J.)
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