

Holy Easter 2012



To the Rogationists

the Daughters of Divine Zeal

the Rogationist Missionaries

the Lay people of the Family of Rogate

*Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body".*

*And he took a cup, and when had given thanks He gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I shall not drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom" (Mt. 26, 26-29).*

Dearest,

The liturgical period of Lent that we are living is a renewed gift of the Lord which we are called to welcome with a grateful heart of his children. Particularly, we are accompanied by the sacred Liturgy which, day after day, helps us to look at the Lord's Easter and to walk with Jesus towards Jerusalem.

"Lord, Holy Father, - we pray in these days - each year you give your faithful this joyful season to prepare and to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our Father, and of a heart willing to serve to our neighbor. As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, you bring the image of your Son to perfection within us".

In his Lenten message the Holy Father reminded us that "once again Lent offers us the opportunity to reflect on charity, the heart of Christian life. In fact this is the proper time so that, with the help of the Word of God and the Sacraments, we may renew our personal and community journey of faith. It is a way marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fast, while waiting for living the joy of Easter.

Benedict XVI offers us precious indications to live Easter: that is a moment of intense communion with the Lord Jesus in a particular way, in the paschal supper, and to question ourselves about the fraternal communion that he left us as a testament before going back to his Father.

The love of the Father, which in Jesus is manifested in an eminent way above all in his paschal immolation, commit us to live in communion among us in the concreteness of



the daily relationships. In this way *"let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"* (Hebrew 10,24).

We have been reminded about all this with great evidence by the Apostle Paul: *"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread"* (1 Cor. 10, 16-17).

The Eucharistic year that we celebrate, in the jubilee anniversary of July 1<sup>st</sup>, has brought us also to make memory, during the past days, on the solemnity of St. Joseph, of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of foundation of the Daughters of Divine Zeal. All our realities, our charism and mission have their origin from the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, who deigned to come and live among us.

Kneeling in front of Jesus, particularly on Holy Thursday, we will recall the promise that Father Hannibal wants us to declare: *"Where all the more I will unite myself to this Divine Heart in order to be never separated, it will be the Most Holy Eucharistic Communion. Then I will say: Jesus is all mine, and I am all of Jesus. Tenui eum, nec dimittam (Ct 3,4). I will try to live by the life of the Most Holy Heart of Jesus"*.

Dearest Confreres and Sisters, while we commemorate these important moments in the life of the Pious Work, we draw new light to our journey so that, every day more and more we start our journey again with renewed fervor.

Our Father Founder, by passing on to us his strong personal experience, invites us to *"live by the life of the Most Holy Heart of Jesus"*, while we receive him in sacrament within us.

Then we will be filled with his inner sorrows, his compassion for the souls, tired and overburdened like sheep without a shepherd. Then our heart, our existence will be moved by the zeal for the salvation of the brothers and sisters, specially the poor and the children.

During this Eucharistic Year, in our Communities we stopped more frequently in adoration in front of Jesus in Sacrament, and in this way we have revived also our fraternal communion.

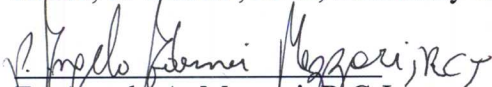
Dear Sisters and Confreres, Rogationist Missionaries, lay men and women of the Family of the Rogate, we invite you to live more intensely by the Eucharistic piety these coming months towards the conclusion of the Eucharistic year. The Daughters of Divine Zeal, particularly, by mandate of the Chapter, will continue with an ever growing commitment to ask workers for the harvest of the souls in the international perpetual adoration.

Let us find the way so that this experience of grace may not remain like a dear remembrance but continue, and, according to the tradition received from our Saint Founder, the years in front of us may be Eucharistic years.

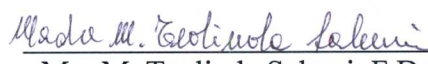
Let us be guided by the Immaculate Virgin, our Divine Superior, who has kept with ineffable love Jesus her Son, Word of the Father incarnated for our love.

This is the best Easter wish which we address to you and entrust you all to the blessing of the Divine Superiors, through the intercession of our Saint Founder.

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