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Subject: United in prayer in the time of the Covid-19 pandemic

To: The Most Rev. Superiors
of the Rogationist Circumscriptions
and the Religious Communities

Dear Confreres,

For some weeks now, we have been living with a certain anxiety and alarm for the news that comes to us continuously about the trend of the coronavirus that initially affected China, at the moment Italy and Europe in a particular way, and continues to spread to most of the countries of the world, which has led to the declaration of the World Health Organization that we are now dealing with a pandemic.

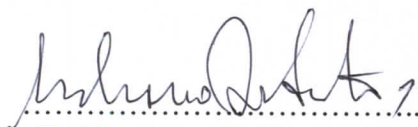
Our sensitivity as children of Father Hannibal leads us in these circumstances to refer to faith and prayer, first in suffrage of the deceased, and then in support for those afflicted by the illness and their families, as well as the health professionals everywhere who are working devotedly with admirable availability and sacrifice.

We are called to find in faith the strength to go forward so as to instill trust and hope in those who are close to us, in our life and in our apostolate; in trusting in the closeness of God, our Father, confident that this storm will pass, probably leaving us some positive teaching.

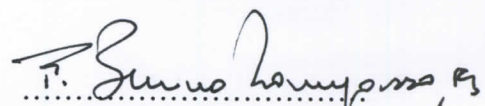
Together with the recourse to the protection of the Lord, we must take particular care to dutifully accept the indications that come to us from civil and religious authorities, regarding the various preventive measures and behaviors to avoid contagion, considering them a serious duty for one's personal good and for the good of one's brothers and sisters.

We live in suffering also because of the limitations in religious celebrations with the faithful, which this pandemic has brought in our daily rhythms, at this time in Italy, but also from this we must learn lessons because this lack can lead us to appreciate their beauty and wealth. For our part, we are trying to make best arrangements, according to our own possibilities.

With the invitation to remain united among us, imploring the protection of Divine Superiors, through the intercession of our heavenly protectors and of our holy Founder, I greet you with affection in the Lord.


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