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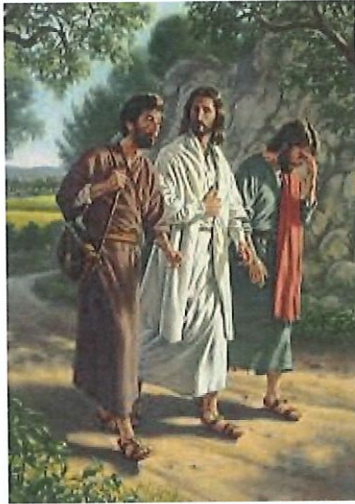
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“Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, “What are you discussing as you walk along?” They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?” (Luke 24: 13-18)

The Lord is Risen! Alleluia!

To the Rogationists
and to the Family of the Rogate

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Risen One comes to meet us this year along the road, just as He did with the two disciples on their way to Emmaus. In that journey marked by disappointment and disorientation, Jesus does not appear with the dazzling light of a theophany, but as a fellow traveler who listens, questions, and ultimately warms the heart.

We live in a time that bears many similarities to that evening walk toward Emmaus. The challenges of the contemporary world—social crises, the wounds inflicted upon peace, and the fatigue we often feel in our works—could easily lead us to walk with downcast faces.

Yet, Easter reminds us that reality is never only what appears to our weary eyes. Just as the disciples did not immediately recognize the Master, so too are we called to an added measure of faith, that we may perceive the signs of His presence woven into the fabric of our daily history. The reality of the present moment, with all its complexities, is the theological locus where the Lord asks us to proclaim and to exercise the Rogate: the prayer that becomes flesh, the intercession that becomes closeness.

Our Paschal journey takes on an even deeper meaning as we turn our gaze toward the 1st of June 1927. We are drawing near to the Centenary of the Blessed Transit of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia.

Father Hannibal lived his Paschal Mystery by offering his entire self for the Rogate. For him, death was not a sunset but the dawn of a charism entrusted to us so that it might continue to radiate light throughout the world. To celebrate this centenary is not an exercise in nostalgic remembrance, but an invitation to “break the bread” of the charism with the same ardor as the Founder. He, like the disciples of Emmaus, allowed the Word of the Rogate to burn within his heart until it became a total gift for the little ones and the poor.

Within this horizon lies the preparation for our upcoming XIV General Chapter. If Emmaus is the place of recognition, the Chapter must be for us the place of discernment and new beginning.

We are aware that the fruitful outcome of the Capitular Assembly will depend in part on its careful preparation, carried out in a spirit of trust, hope, and committed participation.

In this shared journey, we stand close to the Quasi-Province of Saint Joseph and the Province of Saint Matthew, who receive an additional stimulus as they enter a necessary path of remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the presence of the Congregation in Rwanda and in the Philippines, respectively.

Together, we are called to ask ourselves: *“What are the harvests of today that await laborers? How can we make the Rogate a living response to the loneliness of the twenty-first century?”* The General Chapter, and these special Anniversaries, will not be merely a series of juridical or celebratory obligations, but a moment of grace in which, gathered around the same bread, we shall be called to renew our missionary zeal. Like the two disciples who, after recognizing the Lord, “set out at once,” so must the Congregation feel compelled to go forth toward the existential peripheries, bearing the proclamation that the Lord of the harvest is alive and at work among us.

Let us look ahead with hearts that burn and feet ready to walk.

Dearest brothers and sisters, the wish I extend to each of you is that you may live this Easter not as spectators, but as protagonists of an encounter that transforms. Let us listen to the Word: Let the Lord explain the Scriptures to us, that our doubts may be transformed into certainties.

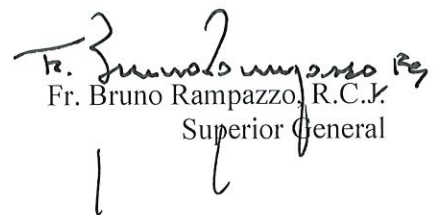
Let us break the Bread: Let us rediscover in the Eucharist and in fraternal life the strength not to yield to the shadows of the world.

Let us proclaim the Rogate: With the joy of witnesses, let us return to Jerusalem—to our communities and our missions—to say: *“Truly, the Lord is Risen!”*

May Saint Hannibal Mary, who contemplated the Face of the Lord in the poor and the suffering, intercede for us and accompany us on this path of grace toward the Chapter and the Centenary.

To all of you and to your families, a holy and radiant Easter!

I entrust these greetings to the intercessions of the Most Holy Virgin, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, and of Saint Joseph, to Saint Hannibal and of our Holy Protectors, as I greet you all with affection in the Lord.


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