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Fraternal greetings

To: The Rogationist Associations
The Laity of the Family of the Rogate
Cc: The Superiors of the Rogationist
Circumscriptions

Dearest brothers and sisters,

With pleasure, I had the opportunity to meet some of you, on the occasion of my first visits of the Congregation. I wish to reach out to you all, as much as possible, in order to express the closeness, esteem and affection of the Congregation for each of you.

These sentiments came out repeatedly in our XII General Chapter and have been widely taken into account in the document it has produced, "Seeing the crowds, he had compassion and said, 'Rogate' - Our charismatic identity in today's challenges", which I am forwarding to you together with this letter.

Among other things, the document reminds us, "The charismatic family 'includes a number of Institutes which identify with the same charism, and especially lay faithful who feel called, precisely as lay persons, to share in the same charismatic reality' (Pope Francis). Rogationists, Daughters of Divine Zeal, Missionaries of the Rogate and lay people who share the spirituality and mission, we are called to be ever more aware of this reality and to promote it through common formative journeys and apostolic initiatives" (n. 76).

This invitation is very important to tread the "common formative journeys and apostolic initiatives". I recognize that for some time now, you are trying to make progress in this area. As I express my gratitude to the General Councilor, Fr. Matteo Sanavio, for the animation and zeal that he has put into such service in the past six years, I am confident that Fr. Gilson L. Maia, the General Councilor who has assumed his role in this field of apostolate, will continue with the same commitment.


Walking together means concretely forming oneself together and working together, sharing the zeal, the toil and the responsibilities.

I assure you the full support of the General Government, and I am confident that the local governments will do the same. Moreover, I express my willingness to be present, if possible, to your meetings through the coordination with your local officials.

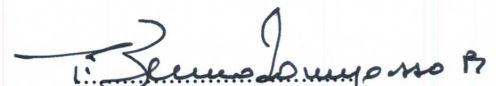
I express my best wishes for a holy Lenten journey while at the same time sending you my best regards.


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(Fr. L. Gilson Maia, R.C.J.)

Councilor General for the Laity


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(Fr. Fortunato Siciliano, R.C.J.)
Secretary General




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(Fr. Bruno Rampazzo, R.C.F.)
Superior General