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To the Most Rev. Superiors
of the Rogationist Circumscriptions
and To the Rogationist Communities
c.c. To the Family of the Rogate

Dearest Confreres,

In this last part of the Year of Consecrated Life, we are also nearing the end of the Liturgical Year and the opening the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. These are indeed moments of grace that call us to live in the Church and with the Church our choice of joyful and prophetic witness in the consecration and mission that we have received. Pope Francis invites us to broaden our horizons, to meet people and respond to the expectations of our brothers who are suffering and those who are seeking the Lord.

The Holy Father, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2015, also reminds us that “the missionary dimension, which belongs to the very nature of the Church, is also *intrinsic to all forms of consecrated life*, and cannot be neglected without detracting from and disfiguring its charism”.

Our religious Family has its missionary history for over half a century. This dimension, which belongs to us as Christians and as consecrated, has been also codified in our rules, and has its own particular expression in our Rogationist Mission Day, which aims to be a valuable occasion to rediscover the “holy ideal” of the mission as an expression of our charism.¹

For a better promotion of our missionary animation and activities, last year we promulgated the *Orientative Guidelines for the Rogationist Missionary Animation*² with the new *Indications for the Managements of the Central Missionary Office* and of the *Rogationist Mission Day*; a good instrument to help us grow in our missionary awareness.

In this perspective, I invite you to look forward to the next Rogationist Mission Day 2016.

This annual event aims to revive our missionary awareness and at the same time calls us to a concrete gesture of solidarity and generosity towards some areas of our Congregation where there are particular needs. For next year we are invited to focus our attention to the new Rogationist presence in the Parish of Kitiwum (Diocese of Kumbo), northwest of Cameroon.

¹ Cf. Constitutions, 72; Norms, 107.

² November 11, 2014, prot. n. 306/14.

As we commemorate this year the 15th anniversary of the arrival of the first Rogationists in this African country (28 November 2000), we welcome with joy the first fruits of our apostolate in this land in the person of the first four Cameroonian priests. We thank God for this marvelous gift of his love and allow ourselves to be led by Him on the paths of the missions, especially where there is greater and more urgent need of evangelical laborers for the harvest.

Our Confreres who arrived in the parish of Kitiwum on July 1, 2014, were immediately confronted with a situation of human and social poverty and need of help. They were particularly moved by the state of degradation of the educational facilities in the parochial schools and realized the severity of the problem, since it could jeopardize the education of numerous children in the area. The Primary schools of Kitiwum and Takui have deteriorated over time and parts of which are no longer usable. They need a structural rehabilitation and renovation that the local population is unable to provide for lack of economic means.

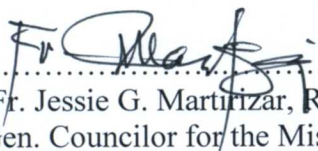
Hence, in answer to the request of the Confreres in Cameroon and of the St. Joseph Quasi-Province (Africa), with the next **Rogationist Mission Day 2016** we want to promote and support the **“Project Kitiwum”**, in order to raise funds for the **Renovation of the primary schools in Kitiwum and Takui (Cameroon)**.

This project is necessary than ever so as to ensure the fundamental rights to education of children in this territory that is being compromised due extreme poverty.

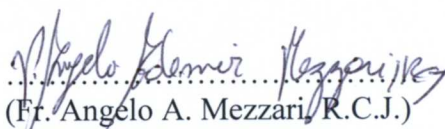
I invite you, therefore, to know the project and to promote it so that through our Rogationist Mission Day we could be able to give back the smile and hope to the people in the Parish of Kitiwum.

Let us entrust the success of the Rogationist Mission Day 2016 to the Divine Superiors, through the intercession of our Founder, St. Hannibal Mary.

With this wish, I greet you with affection in the Lord.


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