Rome, July 24, 2022

Greetings from the XIII General Chapter

To: the Rogationist Confreres

the Sisters Daughters of Divine Zeal

the Family of the Rogate

Dearly beloved,

As we come to the conclusion of the XIII General Chapter of the Congregation and are about to leave this Rogate Spirituality Center in Morlupo, our thoughts go out to you to share our feelings in fraternal communion.

During these twenty days, we met together in moments of prayer or while working in the assembly hall or in commissions or conversing in the park, echoing the theme of Chapter that we in the Congregation have given ourselves "Rogationist Religious Life Today: unity, sharing, and coordination".

We visibly perceived the development of our Religious Family, considering that we came together from the Philippines, Congo, Italy, Brazil, Cameroon, Argentina, Slovakia, India, Rwanda, and the United States. In being together, we did not feel at all the distances of our countries of origin. We can say that it was a time of work, with the discomfort of the heat, but spent in serene and joyful fraternity.

The shared glance at the Congregation, while it allowed us to bless the Lord for the good we are able to do in our apostolate, made us aware of our limitations and the many difficulties, and all the more so of the need we have to revive in us the flame of the Rogate that Father Hannibal passed on to us, in order to grow in this apostolic zeal and "walk together".

Pope Francis reminded us of this in his message to our Chapter:

"So many in the world are still waiting to know Jesus and his Gospel: there is a need to create fraternity and collaboration to proclaim with joy that Jesus is the Savior of all. Therefore, involve also the lay faithful, sharing with them the spiritual and cultural inheritance received as a gift from the Founder: together with them, seek new ways of closeness, promoting simplicity as a form of sharing. Each one of you, knows well, however, that in order to fruitfully carry out the Gospel proclamation as Apostles of the Rogate, it is first of all necessary to cultivate constant contact with Christ in intense and fervent prayer."

Moved by a lively sense of belonging, in our Communities, in our Circumscription, we walk together with those who have been called to the service of the fraternity and with the whole Rogate Family.

We hope that this work of ours, which we tried to convey in the Chapter Document, will be welcomed first of all by each of us, and thus each one making ownership of the document.

Let us remain united, under the kind gaze of the Divine Superiors, and may the intercession of our Founder, St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, impart this gift to us.

With fraternal affection

The XIII General Chapter