

Dear Brothers,

On the 107<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation of the Society of Saint Paul – and the beginning of the Pauline Family –, I send each of you, also in the name of the General Government, my fraternal greetings and best wishes.

It is with joy that we commemorate this long journey, thanking the Lord above all for having called our Founder, Blessed James Alberione — whose 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his departure to the Father we will celebrate on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November! — to this stupendous adventure of proclaiming Jesus Master Way, Truth and Life by all means, especially the fastest and the most effective.

Now it is up to us to give continuity to this story, to announce Christ to the people of today through the "charism of communication", even in the midst of the troubled world situation in which we live, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The theme of the Biblical Year of the Pauline Family in progress, "so that the Word of the Lord may speed forward" (2Ts 3:1), may inspire us not to stop. Despite the difficulties, we continue to give witness to the Word and to discover the opportunities that this time offers us, to announce it with audacity and creativity, as Saint Paul would do if he lived today, remembering the words of our Founder: "Whoever carries out the apostolate of the editions must hold the Scripture in due honor, be inspired by it and imitate it".

Happy Feast everyone!

Fraternally,

Father Valdin José De Castro Superior General