

Rome, 20 August 2022

Dear Brothers,

To celebrate the 108<sup>th</sup> year of the foundation of the Society of Saint Paul and the beginning of the Pauline Family is to celebrate the gift of life. In humble beginnings, we immediately find the seed that generated institutions and apostolates that over time have given substance to that “come to me” that illuminated the life of the young James Alberione. Many years have passed, yet we carry in our hearts the joy of the gift received, that of being apostles today like St Paul, chosen and sent to be Pauline “editors”, or apostles like Mary Queen of the Apostles, she who gave the world the Saviour. This expression is part of what the chapter confreres have chosen as a goal for the next six years, it is what the Spirit has suggested to us to give continuity to what Blessed Alberione has received from God and given to us as an inheritance.

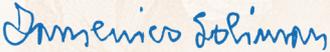
We are aware that it is necessary to live in dialogue with the world which is continuously involved in a process of “metamorphosis” – also due to the pandemic, wars, economic and food crises – and that today it is time to carry out our mission as “artisans of communion”, so that the joy that is the encounter with Jesus, with the Gospel, may reach the humanity of this age.

The basic challenge for everyone is to allow ourselves to be transformed in the way of thinking, of living, of being apostles, as Saint Paul reminds us (Rm 12:2). Yes, to be creative also in our mission there is a need for apostles with a mind and heart open to welcoming the brother and the voice of the Spirit who, in harmony with the Church, invites us to take care of today’s humanity, ever more passionate about the charismatic heritage and the deepening of the new apostolic frontiers.

Finally, we recall that today – *ad experimentum* and for a duration of five years – the new Statute of the Association of Pauline Cooperators comes into force. It will be a journey that will also see our Circumscriptions committed to revive together the same Pauline mission.

A joyful commemoration to all!

Fraternally,



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Superior General