



Rome, 20 August 2023

Dear brothers,

I join you with joy to commemorate with you the 109th year of the foundation of our Congregation and the beginnings of the Pauline Family. Remembering this date is going to the origin of our life and of all that Blessed James Alberione began, moved by the Spirit and by love for humanity in need of Jesus Way, Truth, and Life.

Our anniversary comes not long after the conclusion of the WYD in Lisbon, a Church event where young people were the protagonists. Of course, not only those who participated, but every young person, even those who are at the beginning of the vocational journey in our Circumscriptions. Looking at them we see the signs of hope that God gives us, that hope that during the Assemblies and Provincial Chapters we glimpsed and shared with new projects, all oriented towards being apostles today like Saint Paul, like Primo Maestro and the many Pauline confreres who have preceded us. In this regard Pope Francis, again in Lisbon, in his meeting with the Bishops and other representatives of ecclesial life, expressed himself thus: "Let us allow Jesus to get into the boat again, with the excitement of the beginnings, an excitement that must be regained, reborn and re-edited." How familiar this verb is to us – "edit" – and how much it speaks of the identity and of our apostolate and of the Postulants who will begin the International Novitiate today.

Once again, the Lord repeats to us: "Do not be afraid, I am with you." All together, young and older, let us never tire of reaching out to humanity – especially with the new languages of communication – so that Christ may be all in all.

Happy celebration everyone!

Faternally,

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