20 August 2019

Dear Brothers,

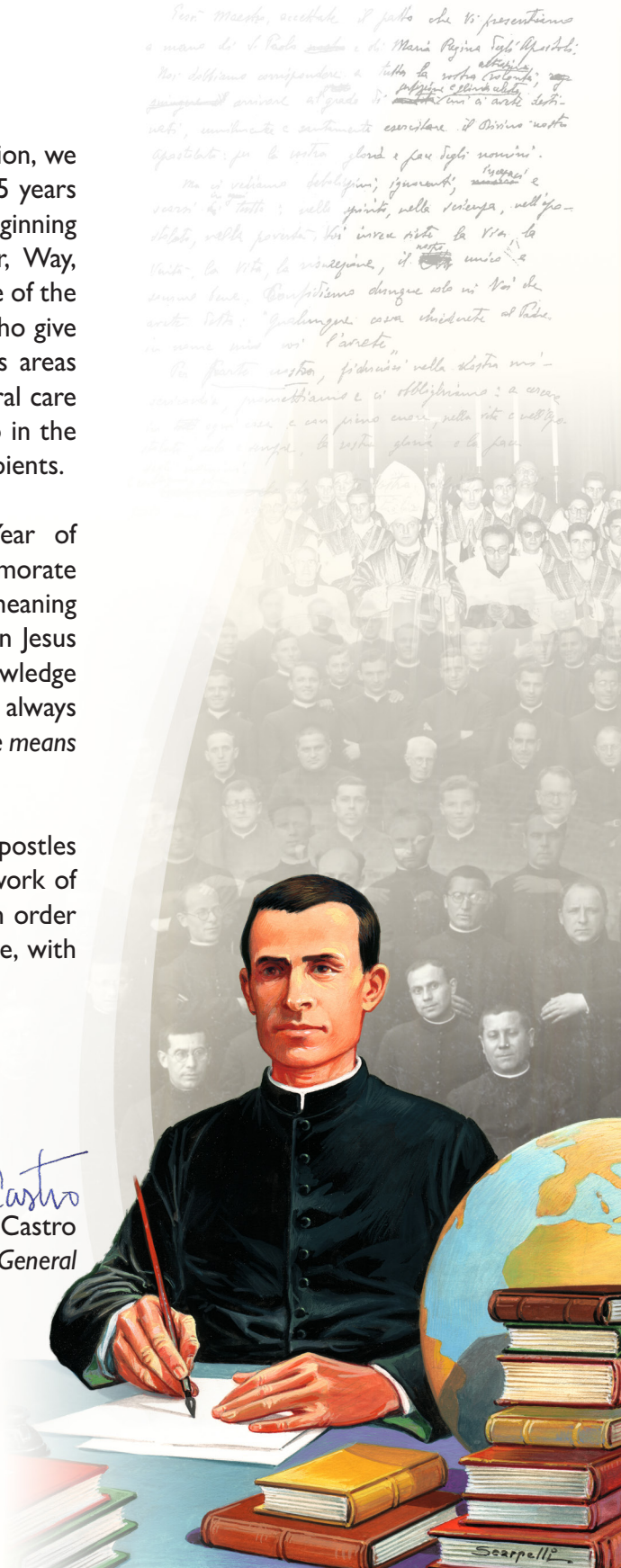
In the joy of evangelizing in the culture of communication, we wish to celebrate, with gratitude to the Lord, the 105 years of foundation of the Society of Saint Paul and the beginning of the Pauline Family. We thank Him – the "Master, Way, Truth and Life" – for all the graces received: for the life of the Paulines who preceded us in the mission, for those who give themselves today to the Congregation in the various areas (in the service of authority, in formation, in the pastoral care of vocations, in the various apostolic sectors and also in the apostolate of suffering), for our interlocutors and recipients.

Celebrating the institutional anniversary in the Year of Vocation of the Pauline Family, in which we also commemorate the hundred years of the "Pact", gives a very special meaning to this anniversary, that leads us to renew our faith in Jesus the Master, as our Founder used to do, with the knowledge that, despite our inconsistencies and weaknesses, He is always beside us to give us *«good spirit, grace, knowledge and the means of doing good»*.

Through the intercession of the Queen of the Apostles and of the Apostle St Paul, let us go forward in the work of evangelization, trying to read the signs of the times in order to give the Gospel to the men and women of our time, with the languages of today.

Happy commemoration to all!

Fraternally,

Valdir José De Castro

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