



Rome, 18 January 2016
Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

To All the Circumscription Governments
of the Pauline Family

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With the experience of mercy lived on the occasion of the Meetings of the General Governments of the Pauline Family (cf. *Final Message*) still fresh within us, we want to share with you the joy of our communion and above all our ardent desire that the Family project entrusted to us by the Founder might become an always more concrete and tangible reality.

In the light of the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* and of the Jubilee of Mercy, we came to understand the need to adopt a new mentality and rise above the problems and stresses of the past, complicated perhaps by indifference and individualism. Some of the pleas for forgiveness that we formulated together in small groups during the penitential service we celebrated at Ariccia had the flavor of prophecy and aptly expressed our desire to overcome our self-sufficiency, shorten distances and continue our journey in truth, mutual trust and concord.

We think it would be very meaningful if our various circumscription governments could meet together for a time of reflection and exchange of ideas and prepare to celebrate the Jubilee.

As a concrete sign of our yearning to be and to fully feel that we are indeed a Family, we propose that on **30 June 2016 all the members of the Pauline Family pass together through one of the Doors of Mercy**. In Rome, our passage through the Jubilee Door of the Basilica of St. Paul has already been programmed for the afternoon of 30 June 2016.

Due to the world's time zones, we are sure that there will be groups of Pauline Family members passing through holy doors throughout the day, experiencing during this holy pilgrimage the grace of mercy and the joy of communion and regeneration.

We hope that the renewed hope that blossomed in our hearts will expand to our circumscriptions and communities and also involve our Aggregated Institutes and Pauline Cooperators. In the certitude that the Lord always precedes us with his love (EG 24), we hope that everyone will wholeheartedly welcome the prophetic gift poured out by the Spirit on Fr. Alberione—a precious heritage for all of us and an invitation to enter into the “river of joy” that is the source of every evangelizing action.

With profound affection,


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