

*«Do not say: “we always did like this”.
With the passing of years, it is necessary to adapt ourselves
to the conditions of the time in which we live».*

Blessed James Alberione

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The ability to read the “signs of the times”, with respect to evangelization, was one of the characteristics of our Founder, Blessed James Alberione, whose Feast we Paulines celebrate on this day, together with the Pauline Family and with the whole Church. The commemoration of the 45th anniversary of his passing to eternity is an opportune time for us to ponder if we have succeeded, like him, to read the signs of the times, that is, if we are sensitive and attentive to the facts, events, behaviours, relationships and the needs which characterize our age.

Among the signs of the times, which Blessed Alberione became aware of in the last century, is the evangelizing dynamism of the instruments of social communication. Particularly, in our context of the effective use of the forms of media, we need to perceive the changing developments brought about by digital technologies and the arrival of the ‘network-society’ and of the global culture affecting communication, our relationships, our workplace, our perception of science, of education and the way we live our faith. To what extent all these are affecting our “Pauline” way of life and apostolate?

As we celebrate the Feast of Blessed James Alberione, we renew our commitment to live and proclaim Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life, in the footsteps of St Paul and to be attentive to the signs of the times. By doing this, we will give the Gospel to the men and women of today, using the means and languages of today, giving adequate responses to real situations and needs of the world. May God’s love and mercy accompany us in this journey!



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