



ON THE 3RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ELECTION OF FATHER VALDIR JOSÉ DE CASTRO
GREETINGS OF THE WHOLE PAULINE FAMILY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

grace to you and peace to all in Christ, our Master and Lord.

We are halfway through the journey of service to the Congregation by our Superior General, Father Valdir José De Castro, which began on 4 February 2015. To him we convey our best wishes and those of the entire Pauline Family. We are grateful to the Lord for his presence among us as a guide and centre of unity and we are also grateful to Father Valdir who, despite many difficulties of our time, never loses serenity, hope and joy.

Looking at these past three years, we seem to be able to identify some guidelines on which he insists in his work of animation to the Congregation and the Pauline Family.

The first, it seems to us, is that of **creating and initiating conversion processes** starting with people, communities and structures. His annual letters aimed at restoring and inflating all the wheels of the Pauline cart, together with the letters sent to each Circumscription, testify to this commitment.

The second is the constant commitment **to create convergence on the Gospel**, on Christ our Master, Way, Truth and Life which is the main commitment of our life.

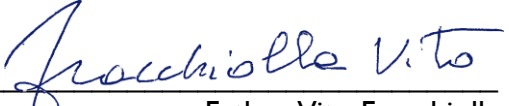
Then, lastly, that of **creating unity in the diversity** of gifts, of personal life experiences.

Even if we have to live together and face the present fragility, our gaze strains forward with trust and hope in the One who has called us, in the conviction that «everything contributes to the good of those who love God» (Rm 8,28).

Dear Brothers and Sisters, let us continue to support our Superior General with constant prayer and fraternal closeness so that the spirit of communion will always circulate among us, which will make us say with St. John Chrysostom: «Where I am, there you are also. Where you are, I am there, too».

Thank you Father Valdir and we wish you all the best.

Rome, 3 February 2018


Father Vito Fracchiolla
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