

Father who are good, we thank you for calling us to follow Don Orione in this Family whose fruitful history is to be continued; a history full of your graces and your love.

Fifty years ago you inspired our fathers to leave for Africa to announce the Gospel of charity.

We wish to go back there now to celebrate what has been achieved in your name, and above all to find again that inspiration which prompted our missionaries to accomplish, with generosity and wisdom, prophetic works of charity.

May your Spirit guide our brothers gathered for the General Assembly of Verification that, animated by the same fervour, they may set forth anew and with enthusiasm the Chapter's proposals, to uphold Your work throughout our Congregation. Mary Most Holy, Mother of Divine Providence, direct this meeting and inspire us all to always see Your Son in the poor and suffering.

San Luigi Orione, whose heart knew no bounds, give us a big heart to bring Christ to the ends of the world. Amen.