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**“May everything be new, everything be holy for the new year:
hearts and voices and works”**

At the beginning of a new year, it is Don Orione himself who invites: “May everything be new! Nova sint omnia! May everything be renewed in us, in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.” In 2024, in the light of the “Mater Dei”, the Sons of Divine Providence want to renew their journey, their style and their charismatic commitment to reach the last and embrace everyone as the Founder did.

“I’ve come to give you Happy New Year; Happy End and Happy New Year!” These are words that Don Orione pronounced on the night of December 31st, 1938, at the Sanctuary of Tortona. I too come with the same purpose.

It is the Father who gives us the meaning of this moment of passage: “We sang the Te Deum, the hymn of thanksgiving for all the benefits received from the hand of God, during this year that is about to set. How many benefits, I would say, of material order. How many graces and benefits of moral and spiritual order. How many benefits each of us has received in particular. (...) It was our duty today to give thanks to God and before this day passes, each of us we must think of the particular graces received and elevate the spirit to God and thank God. And the last thought, as the last beat of this night [December 31st], may it be a thought to God and a heartbeat of love for God; and may waking up tomorrow morning be a word of blessing and praise to the Lord.”

With these feelings, in the way that Don Orione taught us, let us turn our gaze to the year that is ending.

We especially thank Divine Providence for opening **the way to Morocco** through the invitation of the Archbishop of Rabat, Cardinal Cristobal Lopez Romero. In this new African nation of the Orionine constellation, we are present for a mission of exploration with the two first missionaries of the Province “Notre Dame d’Afrique”: Fr. Claude Michel Goua and Fr. Anthime Kaboré. Let us ask the Lord for the grace of being able to send new members to form an international religious community. In 2024? Let us pray. In addition to the new opening in Morocco, **two new Communities** were opened in the Province: Glazoué (Benin) and Gouméré (Ivory Coast). Instead, in the Province “Nossa Senhora de Fátima (North Brazil) the **Community of Balsas** was officially opened, in the diocese where our Mgr. Enemésio Angelo Lazzaris carried out his episcopal ministry.

We also thank the Lord for having made the **General Canonical Visitation** in a large part of the Congregation: in the Provinces “Nuestra Señora de la Guardia” (Argentina - Paraguay and Uruguay), “Nossa Senhora de Fátima” (North Brazil) and “Nossa Senhora da

Anunciação” (Brasile Sud e Mozambico); in the Delegation “Nuestra Señora del Carmen” (Cile) and in the Delegation “Mother of the Church” (Philippines – India – Kenya – Jordan – England and Ireland; only the community of Boston, USA, is missing).

It is also our duty to thank for the realization of the **Latin American Interprovincial Forum** on the New Styles, Forms and Frontiers of Charity (Sao Paulo, April 26th-30th); of the **Missionary Forum for the Province “Notre Dame d’Afrique”** (October 19th-21st) and the **Conference of Orionine Study Groups** with the theme “The Church’s synodality and the Orionine charism” (June 5th-9th).

Among the festive celebrations we held in 2023, I recall the importance given, on February 7th, to the **centenary of the letter to the confreres of the Rafat Community** in Palestine. For its content and the references to holiness of life it seemed to us a very timely letter. We then celebrated the sanctity of Blessed Ricardo Gil Barcelon in his **150th year of birth** and, particularly in the Hermitage, the **950th anniversary of the birth of Saint Albert the Abbot**.

Another centenary event that we recalled took place in Zdunska Wola for the **orionine presence in Poland**. In this country Don Orione’s love became history. The main celebration took place on May 27th, but the festivities continued throughout the year in local realities. As a gift for this date, the General Council, on behalf of the Family, has donated the original painting of the 150th of the birth of Don Orione that will be exhibited in the charity work of Wolomin, who takes care of the fragile life.

Another significant date that we celebrated in a particular way was the **10th anniversary of the Pontificate of Pope Francis** (March 13th). On this occasion we recalled, once again, how much our Founder wanted us on the front line to implement the papal program. In addition to this, in this year, Pope Francis has surprised us by expressing his appreciation for our charism by saying to the Superiors General FDP and PSMC: “*You have a very important charism!*” (November 23rd).

In June we celebrated the **first year of the 15th General Chapter** with a video conference with the Provincial Superiors and Delegates, especially so as not to forget the guidelines and decisions of the Chapter. At that moment we also thanked the Lord for the realization of the **General Chapter of the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity** (May 7th-28th) with the election of **Mother Alicja Kedziora** as Superior General.

Among the missionary events of the year 2023 is to be highlighted the **delivery of the Parish of “San Pierre Claver” of Bonoua** (Ivory Coast) to the Diocese, and the taking charge of the new Parish of “Mary, Mother of Divine Providence” in the outskirts of Bonoua. On a Sunday – October 15th - the Congregation was able to pronounce the expression “Mission accomplished!” and, on the following Sunday - October 22nd - “It is urgent to leave” for a new mission.

We must thank the Lord for the realization of the “**Week of the Orionine Charismatic Family**” (November 19th-25th); an event destined to be repeated every year to increase our awareness of belonging to a great Family and to promote knowledge of the specific vocation of the various branches that compose it.

It is significant to conclude the list of some important events of the Congregation for our thanksgiving to the Lord, referring to the **appointment of the new Provincial Councils for Latin America** which will take office on January 1st, 2024, expiring on December 31st, 2026. Significant because the appointment, which took place in 2023, is expected to take effect during the year 2024 and followings.

Finally, we can say with the Founder about the year that ends, looking at what has been achieved: *“Oh, how wonderful are the ways of God! We are useless servants: we trust in You, O Lord!”*. Then, looking forward to the future, to the coming year, we must say with him: *“If it is done, it is all Jesus will do; we are useless servants!”*

Let us return to the evening of December 31st, 1938, at the Sanctuary of Tortona. After having given the reasons for the Te Deum, for the hymn of thanksgiving and praise to the Lord, Don Orione, in view of the year that was about to begin, asks: *“We must invoke the Holy Spirit... to fill us with heavenly blessings, to fill our souls with the abundance of his gifts, to stir up our souls.”* And joining the common feeling he also says: *“New year, new life!”* To then qualify this wish with a call to renewal in the holiness of life: *“New Year and a life according to the spirit of the Lord, a life as a good religious, a good and pious cleric, a good and pious religious.”*

The reflection continues and deepens further with a reference to a liturgical custom of his time that made sing on the first day of the new year an ancient Eucharistic hymn. Don Orione takes up a part of the hymn again to recall the novelty of life: *“Tomorrow the Church will tell us in her Liturgy: «Nova sint omnia! Hearts, voices and works». Let us renew ourselves totally! May everything be new! «Nova sint omnia!».* May everything be renewed in us, in the spirit of Jesus Christ. *“Et corda”: first of all the hearts and we must with the prophet David repeat: «cor mundum crea in me, Deus».* Sanctify the affections of the heart. *“Et voces”: that is, the word. This gift of the word must serve us to magnify God and to thank and praise and bless him. But the love of God is proved by works: “et opera”. They are the works that testify to the love of God, to the faithfulness to God.”*

So that *“everything may be new, everything may be holy for the new year: hearts and voices and works”*, Don Orione devotedly resorts to the intercession of Our Lady involving us all in the hope of a vital and authentic transformation: *“Let us invoke the Blessed Virgin, our heavenly founder, so that she may help us to magnify and bless God and so that she may obtain for us the grace of beginning the new year with a life according to God. May she preserve us from every affection, I say not only human, but that may the Lord, through the heavenly intercession of Our Lady, extinguish in us every inclination, every affection of earthly smell, of sentimentality, of attack on the vain and fleeting things of this world; and may he obtain for me and for you and for everyone and especially for our brothers and sisters of faith and of ideals, of vocation, of apostolate, may he obtain for me and for you that spirit that makes of me and of you the servants of Jesus and of the Church. So that our life may burn with love for God and for men and women and shine and do good and be light not only to our steps, but also to the steps of those who are and will be entrusted to us”* (cf. Parola IX, 510-512).

The Marian invocation of Don Orione gives me the opportunity to announce an event for the new year 2024 and a decision taken within the meeting of the Councils of the Orionine Charismatic Family.

The event originates from the fact that the next July 30th, 2024, will be the centenary of the date on which Don Orione announced the “Mater Dei” as the title of Our Lady for the Little Work: *“Our Congregation wants to be and is all of Mary. (...) And why? Because She is the Teotókos, the Deipara, the Mater Dei, the Immaculate Mother of God. Here, then, is our task: to associate Mary with Jesus Christ in every religious act and to confess the divinity of Him (...). We want to always confess, even in the worship of Mary, the divinity of Jesus Christ, as our heart, our mind and our faith believes, loves and adores him (...). After so many years of praying, I came to the decision to venerate Our Lady in our houses with the title of Mother of God. (...) This I would like: we must get used to seeing, in the bosom of Mary, Jesus. (...) We want Our Lady with Jesus, we want Our Lady with Jesus-God. Mary is the Mother of God!”*. (cf. *Scritti* 56,215-221).

To celebrate, therefore, this important centenary, the General Councils of the Sons of Divine Providence and the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity, together with the General Superiors of the Orione Secular Institute, the Mary of Nazareth Institute and Orionine Lay Movement have decided for the whole Charismatic Family the realization of a

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from February 11th to November 20th, 2024, in response to what was once desired by Don Orione: *“Let the year be consecrated to the Mater Dei and may it be intensified in us and in others, especially in the Brothers and employees, a tender and filial devotion to Our Lady.”* For that occasion, he gave a precise indication in the charity and youth pastoral: *“Study with each individual Director the possibility that each House may open, infra-annum, a festive Oratory as an institution that commemorates the centenary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Mater Dei.”*

I therefore ask the Provincial Superiors, Vice Provincial and Delegates to commit themselves and to motivate especially the Directors of Communities, the Parish Priests and the Rectors of the Shrines, to the realization of this Marian event. The first thing to do is always to make the Marian cult more intense and lived, especially in the light of the Marian theology of Don Orione, deepening its knowledge among the religious but also in the people. Then, start or strengthen some charitable work or activity in the line of what the Founder suggested: an Oratory? Moreover, the Marian Year can put us, more intensely, in communion with the desire of the Holy Father Pope Francis, to dedicate the previous year to the Jubilee 2025 as “Year of Prayer”.

The General Curia has already taken steps to realize a sign of communion with the desires and gestures of the Founder. It is known that after the announcement of 1924, Don Orione took care to provide the Houses of the Congregation, even abroad, reproductions of the picture of the Mater Dei. Then, the General Council took it as a task to renew this gesture of the Father and has already authorized the printing of the images of the Mater Dei for the whole Charismatic Family. Soon they will arrive at the headquarters of the Province or Delegation for local distribution.

I ask you to welcome this gesture of the General Council as done by Don Orione himself: *“I have brought you an image of the Mater Dei that I give you as a reminder... and I ask you to spread it among souls and inculcate its devotion in the hearts of those who are in our Houses and to open them to the most tender and filial devotion to Mary Most Holy, venerated under the greatest and sweetest title of Mother of God. I beg you very much to make it the widest spread to increase everywhere devotion and love for Our Lady in the spirit that you know is proper to the Congregation (...). We wanted to adopt the title of Mater Dei because in this title there is everything. She is Virgo Potens, because she is Mater Dei; she is Mater Amabilis, because she is Mater Dei; she is Salus infirmorum, she is Refugium peccatorum, because she is Mater Dei; and everything, I repeat with joy, comes from there”* (August 15th, 1929).

Holding in our hands the image, we can all join in communion to officially enthrone the picture in the religious houses and in those of our laity on May 16th, 2024, when we will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Louis Orion. And then, *“Forward in the name of Mary, invoked under the title of Mater Dei! Let us walk with Our Lady, let us walk in her immaculate light and we will follow the path marked by Providence!”*

Under the protection of Mater Dei, we want to put three important initiatives planned for next year:

1 Paterno Project: in the light of the requests of the General Chapter, to organize a “far-sighted project for the enhancement of the Paterno of Tortona”, it is planned to establish in that charismatic place, from August 29th, an international community, with members able to carry on the “Orionine Formation House” for the whole Congregation.

2 Forum on Formation: it has been organized to be the formative event of the six-year period to involve all the confreres in place of the “Conference on Formation” that usually gathered only some formators. In 2024 a local stage is scheduled where each religious will receive the texts of four Lectio Orionine, every two or three months, for personal reflection, which will be followed from time to time by a meeting of community sharing that must have an immediate impact on community life, questioning whether the Community is a reality of ongoing formation, and what to do to make it more authentically orionine. Other stages - provincial and congregational - are planned in the following years.

3 Restructuring of some realities of the Congregation: the possibility of creating new delegations within the Delegation “Mother of the Church” is being discerned, taking into account in particular the growth in the number of personnel and structures of some regions such as India, Kenya and the Philippines; moreover, a decision will be taken and reflected on which configuration may be more suitable for the “Notre Dame d’Afrique” Province, which has a good number of religious and is present in 6 nations (Ivory Coast, Togo, Burkina Faso, Benin, Cameroon and Morocco).

In addition to this, we will celebrate: 80th anniversary of the erection of the Little Work of Divine Providence into a Congregation of Pontifical Right (January 24th); 100 years of the opening of the Piccolo Cottolengo Genovese in the Marassi district in Genoa (March 19th); 90 years of the foundation of the Association of Ex-Allievi (May 27th); 100 years of the inauguration of the Opera Antoniana delle Calabrie, in Reggio Calabria (June 13th); 100 years

of the first time Don Orione celebrated in the Church of Sant'Ignazio on the altar of San Luigi Gonzaga (21 June); 100 years of the opening of the "Casa da Divina Providencia" in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (August 1st); 90 years from Don Orione's departure for the second missionary journey to Latin America (September 24th); 90th anniversary of Don Orione's arrival in Buenos Aires to participate in the celebrations of the XXXII Eucharistic Congress (October 9th).

These are especially our intentions for next year. But as I look back to the year 2023, I offer you more reasons to thank the Lord. Here they are:

24 Religious received the sacred order of the presbyterate: André SABINO (04/02); Antero Jr MEJOS CISNEROS (16/02); Peter Karanja KINYANJUI (23/03); Arvind XAXA (23/05); Silviu DUMEA (25/06); Koutouan Affoh Dorgelès DJONGON (01/07); Zan Christian Auriol ZAMBI (01/07); Bibi Jean Pierre ATSIN (01/07); Denis Franck ATALE (01/07); Georges Adewalé Alamu ADEGBITÉ (01/07); Giuseppe MALTESE (05/07); Dissirima Judicael KALEMAO (08/07); Hodabalo Aton Sylvain PATAWANA (08/07); Essognozam Geoffroy LIMDEYOU (08/07); Inocencio Francisco COEINE (29/07); Paulino do Constancio N SECANE (29/07); Aderito Tomé ALFEU (29/07); Bereddy Vijaybal REDDY (08/08); José Antonio OGARDO ODQUIN (24/08); Nestor Jr TAROY (24/08); Rey Jones GUANZON SEDARIA (24/08); Christopher RAYMOND (01/09); Lucas ALVES FERNANDES (07/10); José Renato MARTINS DA COSTA (08/12).

31 Religious received the sacred order of the diaconate: Christopher RAYMOND (01/01); Bereddy Vijaybal REDDY (01/01); José Antonio OGARDO ODQUIN (01/01); Vijaya Bhaskar MADHAANU (01/01); Georges Adewalé Alamu ADEGBITE (01/01); Celio RIBEIRO DA SILVA LAIGNER (11/03); Edgar DE JESUS MELO (11/03); Lucas ALVES FERNANDES (11/03); José Renato MARTINS DA COSTA (11/03); Daiston JOHN (15/07); Austine Namusende MUTESHI (03/11); Samwel MUTUA MUTHOKA (03/11); Martin KAMAU NJUNG'E (03/11); Michel Raj MOYSAN (20/11); Naveen Kumar PAMISHETTY (20/11); Navin KERKETTA (20/11); Rimish PANNA (20/11); Bryan A. ATULI (12/11); Dandy DELA CRUZ (08/12); Cristian Sergiu ANDRIES (08/12); Kouami Mawuli Gilbert AGBOLAN (09/12); Abbe Sidoine Evrard AMON (09/12); Yaovi Mawuko Jean de Dieu AYEDJE (09/12); Tigassé Patrice NAGIABOU (09/12); Namwinsoou Raymond SOMÉ (09/12); Herintsoa Jacques ANDRINIAINA (10/12); Stanislas Romain Olnt RAKOTOROALAHY (10/12); Jacques Rodin RAMAMONJISOA (10/12); Jean Claude Etienne RANDRIAMBOLATINASOA (10/12); Donnat Gatien Emmanuel RASALAMA (10/12); Henrique FORTES DE ALMEIDA FRANCONI GAMA (16/12).

30 young Religious have made their perpetual profession: Austine Namusende MUTESHI (12/03); Samwel MUTUA MUTHOKA (12/03); Martin KAMAU NJUNG'E (12/03); Dandy DELA CRUZ (12/03); Cristian Sergiu ANDRIES (12/03); Henrique FORTES DE ALMEIDA FRANCONI GAMA (12/03); Dritan BOKA (12/03); Yerogbè-Inonfo Victorien DABIRÉ (12/03); George GOMES AMARANTE (18/03); Humberto José RUIZ DIAZ RIVEROS (06/08); Michel Raj MOYSAN (22/08); Naveen Kumar PAMISHETTY (22/08); Navin KERKETTA (22/08); Rimish PANNA (22/08); Kouami Mawuli Gilbert AGBOLAN (29/08); Abbe Sidoine Evrard AMON (29/08); Yaovi Mawuko Jean de Dieu AYEDJE (29/08); Tigassé Patrice NAGIABOU (29/08); Namwinsoou Raymond SOMÉ (29/08); Grzegorz Marek GICALA (09/09); Przemyslaw PIECHOWSKI (09/09); Herintsoa Jacques ANDRINIAINA (09/12); Stanislas Romain Olnt RAKOTOROALAHY (09/12); Jacques Rodin RAMAMONJISOA (09/12); Jean Claude Etienne RANDRIAMBOLATINASOA (09/12); Donnat Gatien Emmanuel RASALAMA (09/12); Adriano José Gomes Pereira (04/11); Sérgio Natalício dos Santos (04/11); Júnior Silva Alencar (04/11); Renato Ribeiro da Costa (04/11).

42 young people made their first profession: Valdir Junio SANTOS SILVA (12/01); Thiago MORAES TANNUS (12/01); Sinneony SILVA OLIVEIRA (12/01); Marcos PINHEIRO FREIRES (12/01); Manoel VARELA DE SOUZA (12/01); Leandro BERNARDES BRAU (12/01); Ivanilson FIRMINO DOS SANTOS (12/01); Guilherme Felipe SANTOS ROCHA (12/01); Felipe BRAU ALVARENGA (12/01); Carlos Henrique DA LUZ (12/01); Diego GONÇALVES (12/01); Jonathan ANDRÉ (12/01); Ruan ROSSO CORRÊA (12/01); Birendra CHHATIA (15/08); Mark Anthony REBULADO (15/08); Joseph Melchior MKWE (15/08); Kennedy Ngahu WANJIRA (15/08); Benjamin LITUNDAH (15/08); Ricky Boy SERNAL (15/08); Raymand AROCKIASAMY (15/08); Indraprakash NAYAK (15/08); Sugandar AROCKIASAMY (15/08); Peter THUKU (15/08); Prabhat DUNG DUNG (15/08); Moffat OKINDO (15/08); Adjobi Evans Emmanuel ALLE (08/09); Agossou Henri Joël ASSOUAN (08/09); Madjonga Sylvain BADOUEMA (08/09); Séma Nestor BAGDGOU (08/09); Mahugnon Hyacinthe DOSSOU (08/09); Fatto Toussaint KOFFI (08/09); Aye Ange Stéphane VAHYÉ (05/08/09); Alide Betinho Da Rainha ALFREDO (08/09); Belito Arcângelo Amade CAVACHA (08/09); Carlitos CHABANE (08/09); Dominic MALICKI (08/09); Wojciech KRUCZYNSKI (08/09); Bartosz USZYNSKI (08/09); Tolojanahary Etienne RANDRIAMASIVOLA (08/09); Fetra Léopold RANDRIANASOLO (08/09); Toky Jean Christian RAKOTOARISOA (08/09); Francisco Lucien HERINIAINA (08/09).

Currently there are 32 novices in the Congregation.

To remember our deceased brothers and sisters, we return again to Don Orione on the night of December 31st, 1938: *“Let us recall with our thoughts and with our memories the whole of this year that is about to end and think, in a special way, of the gift of life that God, in his mercy, has preserved for us while how many, perhaps even our relatives and loved ones, have passed from this life to eternity! We are still here: we have the gift of life that God has saved us for his goodness, as Don Simonelli well said this evening; he has preserved it by creating it for us, I would say, at every moment.”*

During this year 14 Brothers passed away: Sac. Alojzy Jacob MAKÓWKA (20/02); Sac. Andrea Giuseppe SCAGLIA (26/02); Sac. Antonio JERANÓ (18/03); Sac. Manuel Daniel Gustavo RUIZ (07/04); Sac. Luciano MOLTENI (10/04); Sac. Carmine PERROTTA (31/05); Sac. Stefan SZCZYGIELSKI (05/06); Sac. Giuseppe RIGO (22/06); Sac. Settimo DE MARTIN (22/06); Sac. Márcio LOPES VIEIRA (05/07); Sac. Leonard PAWLAK (19/07); Sac. Juan Carlos ESPARZA (26/07); Fr. Edmund KUNCE (12/09); Sac. Aldo VITI (18/12).

14 Little Missionary Sisters of Charity passed away: Suor MARIA ADELINA (06/02); Suor MARÍA VERÓNICA (13/02); Suor MARIA LELIA (16/03); Suor MARIA GABRIELLA dell’Addolorata, sacramentina (13/04); Suor MARIA ELODIA (15/04); Suor AVE MARIA (09/06); Suor MARIA HELENA (18/06); Suor MARIA TERESA (18/06); Suor MARIA VITÓRIA (19/06); Suor MARIA DE ITATÍ (08/08); Suor MARIA VIRTUOSA (30/08); Suor MARIA PIERINA (03/10); Suor MARIA VIRGINIA (31/10); Suor Maria Floriana (28/12).

Two ISO sisters passed away: ANEDDA Anna (25/06) e FERNÁNDEZ Martha Liliána (22/07).

Several relatives passed away, including the FATHER of: Sac. Modeste RABEMANANTSOA (20/01); Sac. Antônio SOARES DE ARAÚJO (24/04); Sac. Gilberto Patricio PAEZ SOTO

(18/05); Sac. Frédéric Mamisoa RAMANANDAFY (11/06); Sac. Atalmir Gabriel Jonas DA SILVA (07/08); Sac. Antero Jr. MEJOS CISNEROS (28/08).

The MOTHER of: Sac. Zenildo ROSA (30/01); Fr. Marco GNALI (pre-morto) (19/02); Sac. James Njoroge WAITUIKA (01/03); Ch. Reynato II DOMINGUEZ (31/03); Sac. Marcelo Daniel BOSCHI (03/06); Sac. José NOLETO DE SOUSA (23/08); Sac. Pierre Togaba KOTAMBA (23/08); Sac. Vincenzo MARCHETTI (28/08); Sac. Alessandro D'ACUNTO (04/09); Sac. Miguel DUARTE GOIS (16/11); Sac. Joël Solimba BADJALA (24/11).

The BROTHER of: Sac. Vittorio QUARANTA (05/01); Sac. Domenico CRUCITTI (25/01); Sac. Antônio de Pádua LOPES FERREIRA (03/04); Sac. Carmelo DI GREGORIO (premorto) (21/05); Vesc. Raymond AHOUA (03/07); Sac. Marius BROYO (18/10); Ch. Patrice Damgobine LARE (16/11); Sac. Joseph M. KOUA (04/12); Sac. Agostino e Severino CASARIN (11/12).

The SISTER of: Sac. Joseph OLLANLO (06/03); Sac. Pascal MONSSO (22/03); Sac. Natale LUCIDI (02/07); Sac. Aderito Tomé ALFEU (20/10); Sac. Vincenzo ALESIANI (10/11); Ch. Antônio Guilherme SOUSA DA COSTA (19/11); Vesc. José Carlos DOS SANTOS (23/11) (Pre-morto); Sac. Jean Marie KABOUA (24/12).

I conclude by making my own the same words of Don Orione: *“I renew my good wishes for a Happy New Year and may the New Year be filled with all the graces and blessings of God. May the Lord especially grant me and you a blessing as a pledge of the one we hope will be eternally common to me and to you in heaven!”*

On behalf of the entire General Council and the members of the Community of the General Curia, I wish you a happy New Year. *Hail Mary and forward!*

P. Tarcisio Vieira - Don Maurizio Macchi - P. Fernando Fornerod

P. Assamouan Pierre Kouassi - Don Fausto Franceschi - Don Walter Groppello