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***“Entrusted in the Divine Providence, always standing and always moving forward!”***

***The Orionines, Pilgrims of Hope!***

At the beginning of a new year, the year of the Jubilee of Hope, let the words of our Founder resonate within us: ***“Entrusted in Divine the Providence, always standing and always moving forward!”*** (*Scritti* 72,44). These words are not just an invitation, but a deep call to embrace our mission as *“Pilgrims of Hope,”* guided by faith and trust in God, who never abandons us.

2025 opens as a “Holy Year,” a year of grace and renewal, a year that asks us to walk with steady steps, despite the difficulties of the journey.

**Always standing!** The strength to stand does not come from us, but from God. Standing means having the courage to face the present with faith, without yielding to fear or doubt. To benefactors, yesterday, and to us, today, Don Orione writes: *“Despite this desolating crisis, which afflicts all the countries of the world, we, even with so many works to carry on, thanks to the help that the Lord gives us and your generosity, are still standing and walking, walking without wavering, with determined steps.”*

**Always forward!** Christian hope is not static, but dynamic. It is pilgrim: it pushes us to move, to walk towards the Other and towards others, to build the Kingdom of God with concrete gestures of love and service. Being “pilgrims of hope” means accepting the challenge to move forward, with our gaze turned towards Christ, our goal and our companion of journey. Even among thorns and difficulties, our way is illuminated by the certainty that God supports us and that His Providence never leaves us alone.

**With haste!** Always standing and always moving forward, *“with haste”* (Lk 2:16). Pope Francis teaches us: *“With haste, then, let us set out to behold the Lord who is born for us, our hearts joyful and attentive, ready to meet him and then to bring hope to the way we live our daily lives. And this is our task: to bring hope into the different situations of life. For Christian hope is not a cinematic “happy ending” which we passively await, but rather, a promise, the Lord’s promise, to be welcomed here and now in our world of suffering and sighs. It is a summons not to tarry, to be kept back by our old habits, or to wallow in mediocrity or laziness. Hope calls us – as Saint Augustine would say – to be upset with things that are wrong and to find the courage to change them. Hope calls us to become pilgrims in search of truth, dreamers who never tire, women and men open to being challenged by God’s dream, which is of a new world where peace and justice reign.”* (Homily of December 24, 2024).

To live as Orionines the Jubilee of Hope, we must be tireless pilgrims, always on the move, dreamers who never give up, willing to be troubled by the dream of God. In 2025 we must be even bolder, more courageous, bold and courageous builders of hope.

Let us enter this new year with hearts full of gratitude, thankful for everything we experienced in 2024. We know that every event has been touched by the presence of God because nothing happens without His love, and every experience, even the most difficult one, can become an opportunity for growth, conversion, and greater trust in His Providence. Now let us sing the **Te Deum**, the hymn of thanksgiving and praise for the blessings received from God during the year that is coming to an end.

The Charismatic Family celebrated, from February 11 to November 20, the **Orionine Marian Year**, in response to what Don Orione once desired: *“Let the year be consecrated to Mater Dei and let a tender and filial devotion to the Madonna be intensified in us and in others, especially in the Confreres and employees.”* The event was originated from the fact that July 30 marked the centenary of the date on which Don Orione announced “Mater Dei” as the proper title of Marian devotion in the Little Work. The decision of the General Council to offer the image of “Mater Dei” to all Communities and to the Laity had a wonderful resonance. It was not only a visible sign of unity for the entire Family but also a living reminder of our spiritual identity and the ardent desire of our Founder to spread a tender devotion to the Most Holy Mary, Mother of Divine Providence, everywhere.

In devotion to the saints, God is glorified, for every saint is a living hymn to His greatness and His mercy. This is why we solemnly commemorated, in 2024, the **20th anniversary of the Canonization of Don Orione** (May 16), the **25th of the beatification of Blessed Francesco Drzewiecki** (June 12), and the **150th of the birth of Venerable Don Carlo Sterpi** (October 13), *“Men who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”* (Acts 15:26). These words from the Acts of the Apostles, applied by Saint John Paul II to Don Orione, can also be directed to our other saints. Each of them, in their life and particular mission conditions, “totally dedicated themselves to the cause of Christ and His Kingdom.”

*“Totally dedicated to the cause of Christ and His Kingdom”* was also **Don Roberto Arcángel Simionato**, the sixth successor of Don Orione, General Director from 1992 to 2004, who passed away on June 25 in Argentina, at the age of 81, 64 of profession, and 55 of priesthood. He led our family with wisdom and foresight during a time of great changes. That was the period of transition from the governance of Confreres who had lived with Don Orione to that of new generations, but also of opening up to new missions and finally collaborating with the laity. Providence had placed him alongside Don Masiero, preparing him to continue the work of renewal after the sudden passing of his predecessor. Don Roberto faced the challenges of the new millennium with wisdom and foresight, leaving us a spiritual and charismatic legacy deeply rooted in the heart of the Founder. His words, *“Being the Founder today,”* invite us to embody Don Orione in our time, making his teachings, his charity, and his spirit of total trust in Providence alive. Don Roberto reminded us that it is not just about venerating the Founder but being, here and now, credible witnesses of his charism. *“They will look at Him, they will look at us”*: with this powerful expression, Don Roberto calls us to the responsibility of being a reflection of the Founder and, through him, of Christ Himself. Those who observe our life and mission must be able to see in us the face of Don Orione's charity, a face that calls to hope, justice, and mercy.

It is important to remember that we celebrated the **100th anniversary of the Mass at the altar of Saint Louis**, in the Church of Saint Ignatius, since Don Orione made the vow to celebrate on the Liturgical Feast of Saint Louis Gonzaga, June 21, the 12 o'clock Mass.

Last May, we had the joy of celebrating the **90th anniversary of the founding of the Association of Ex Allievi of Don Orione**. The memory of that moment in Tortona still resonates in our hearts, renewing in everyone the sense of belonging to the great Charismatic Family desired by Don Orione and the deep bond of the “old students” with the Congregation.

Finally, among the memorable events of the year, I recall that we celebrated the **80th anniversary of the vow of the Madonnina** in Rome – Monte Mario. On June 1, in communion with the Church of Rome, we were at the feet of the Madonnina of Monte Mario to renew the vow for peace in the whole world.

With gratitude to Divine Providence, we celebrated on March 12 a moment of great significance for the Little Work of Divine Providence: **the restructuring of the “Mother of the Church” Delegation** and the establishment of three new Delegations: “Mary’s Immaculate Conception” (Philippines), “Our Lady of Good Health” (India), and “Our Lady of the Rosary” (Kenya). This was a concrete sign of the vocational and charismatic growth of the Congregation and represents a fundamental step to face the challenges of a constantly expanding missionary context. The “Mother of the Church” Delegation, established in 2006, had united different territorial and missionary realities, linked by the English language as a common bridge. Over time, this solution has favoured spiritual, vocational, and structural growth, especially in the Philippines, India, and Kenya. Thanks to the commitment of numerous Confreres, these missionary nations have grown and needed greater autonomy of governance. This now entails a more direct responsibility for the local Confreres, so that they may continue to faithfully follow the charism of Don Orione. The new Delegations are a sign of an organizational renewal aimed at supporting the mission and promoting greater representation in the decision-making processes of the Congregation. At the same time, the “Mother of the Church” Delegation has seen its headquarters moved to London, continuing its service for the territories of England-Ireland, the United States, and Jordan.

With immense joy, the creation of the new **Province “Marie, Mère de Dieu”** was announced, which includes the nations of Togo, Benin, and Cameroon, with headquarters in Lomé. This Province was born by carving out territories that previously belonged to the **“Notre Dame d’Afrique”** Province, which is now formed by the communities in Ivory Coast, Burkina Faso, and Morocco. This new restructuring also responded to the needs of a closer and more functional governance for both realities. It is an opportunity to strengthen the charismatic identity of our Religious Family, making the evangelizing mission and service to the people of God in Francophone Africa more incisive. Although the two provinces are now distinct, they are called to work together, as members of one body, united in spirit and mission. The words of Don Carlo Sterpi are still relevant and apply to all realities: “The Provinces must not be separate entities but form the Congregation.” Unity in diversity will be the strength that will allow both Provinces to thrive, collaborating in service, training, and promoting the Orionine charism.

In 2024, we also promoted the establishment of the **Missionary Region “Nossa Senhora da Natividade,”** based in Maputo, Mozambique. Since 2003, when the mission in Maputo began, Providence has operated abundantly in that region: the number of religious, houses, and mission activities is growing, demonstrating the vitality of the charism in the Mozambican context. The entity “Missionary Region” is not provided for in our Constitutions, but it was resorted to for better apostolic and charismatic coordination of a mission located on the African continent but dependent on a provincial government based on another continent. In this case, there has been no change in the status of the religious who remain members of the “Nossa Senhora da Anunciação” Province.

One task of the General Council in 2024 was **to renew the appointments of the Provincial Superiors of the Provinces** "Mother of Divine Providence" (Rome), "Madonna of Częstochowa" (Warsaw), "Notre Dame d'Afrique" (Bonoua), "Marie, Mère de Dieu" (Lomé), of the Vice-Province "Nuestra Señora del Pilar" (Madrid) and of the delegations of "Mother of the Church", Madagascar, Philippines, India, and Kenya, and their Councils. For the other provinces of the Congregation – "Nuestra Señora de la Guardia" (Buenos Aires), "Nossa Senhora de Fátima" (Brasília), "Nossa Senhora da Anunciação" (São Paulo) and the Delegation "Nuestra Señora del Carmen" (Santiago de Chile) – the appointments had already been made by the end of 2023. They began their service on January 1, 2024.

In a year full of significance for the Orionine Family, **the establishment of the Paterno in Tortona as the "International House of Orion Formation"** was announced. The decision to enhance the Paterno as a formation centre was strongly desired by the 15th General Chapter, which called for the development of a meaningful project to keep alive the memory of the beginnings of the Little Work and to nurture attachment to the Founder and the charism. The Mother House on Via Emilia 63, historically the residence of Don Orione since 1904, will thus continue to be a vibrant heart for the Congregation and for the entire Orionine Family. The Paterno hosts a resident community with a threefold objective: care of the House (to maintain and preserve the historicity and spirituality of the place); welcoming pilgrims and visitors (to promote knowledge of the House and the Orionine charism); and Formation (to offer formation initiatives for religious, sisters and laypeople of the Orionine Family). The "Paterno di Tortona" project represents a return to the roots, a place where the holiness of Don Orione took shape and where many children of the Little Work found inspiration to consecrate themselves definitively to the Lord "in the footsteps of Saint Luigi Orione."

We celebrated and thanked the Lord for the **80th anniversary of the establishment of the Little Work of Divine Providence as a Congregation of pontifical right** (January 24); the **100th anniversary of the opening of the Piccolo Cottolengo Genovese** in the Marassi neighbourhood of Genova (March 19); the **100th anniversary of the inauguration of the Antonian Work of Calabria**, in Reggio Calabria (June 13); the **100th anniversary of the opening of the "Casa da Divina Providencia"** in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (August 1); the **90th anniversary of Don Orione's departure for the second missionary journey in Latin America** (September 24); and the **90th anniversary of Don Orione's arrival in Buenos Aires** to participate in the celebrations of the XXXII Eucharistic Congress (October 9).

**The Canonical Visits in 2024** touched the Community of Boston (United States), the Vice Province "Nuestra Señora del Pilar" (Spain and Venezuela), the Delegation "Marie Reine de Madagascar," and the Province "Marie Mère de Dieu" (Togo, Benin, and Cameroon). It was always very pleasant to see the return of the general councillors from these Visits. They were full of hope and joy, recalling to my memory that passage from the Gospel of Luke: "The seventy-two disciples returned with joy" (Lk 10:17). They, too, sent to meet communities, listen, and confirm the charism embodied in different realities, returned enriched by the experience. This return was always celebrated in the Council with gratitude and joy. The joy of the Gospel, as Pope Francis reminds us, does not derive so much from results, but from the encounter with the Lord who also works in our human fragilities. Thus, upon returning, one feels encouraged to continue the mission with enthusiasm and hope, certain that the Lord accompanies us.

This year we also continued to formulate a **monthly prayer intention** that was common for the entire Congregation. It was always introduced with the words: "*Through the intercession of Saint Luigi Orione...*", reminding us that our Holy Founder guides and inspires us to live faithfully the call to holiness. Each month a specific theme was proposed to orient our hearts and our supplication. I invite you all to participate in this initiative, which will continue in 2025.

I feel the duty and satisfaction to express gratitude for the **work done by the General Councillors**, who with generosity and zeal have supported the guidance of our Congregation. Thanks to Don Maurizio, Don Fernando, P. Pierre, Don Fausto, and Don Walter. Each of them, with their own characteristics and gifts, has offered a unique contribution, putting themselves at the service of the collegiality of the Council with a spirit of unity and fidelity to our mission. Grateful for their service, I ask the Lord to continue to bless them and guide their work for the good of the Congregation and the mission entrusted to us.

I also wish to express sincere thanks to **the "stable" members of the General Curia Community**. The opportunity to work for the Congregation and to meet brothers in different parts of the Orionine world has been made possible by the constant support we have received at home. Our Community has always offered us help and support, from small things like obtaining visas for travel, to deeper and more fraternal aspects, those that cannot be easily measured, but that fill the heart with joy. Returning home and receiving a warm welcome is a wonderful experience that we immensely appreciate.

After sharing so many joyful news that testify to the vitality of our Orionine Family, I must give you one less happy. I refer to the **closure of the Novitiate in Velletri**, belonging to the Province "Mother of Divine Providence" (Rome). It is a situation that urges us to deep reflection and renewed commitment in prayer for vocations. The Novitiate in Velletri has been closed, and no reopening is foreseen in another Italian location. This is a signal that cannot leave us indifferent. Although painful in itself, it must represent an opportunity to look forward with hope and faith, trusting in the Providence that never abandons us. The closure of a House that has welcomed young people in vocational discernment and in the first steps of Orionine religious consecration for years strongly reminds us, as I said, of the urgency to pray for vocations, so that the seed of the Orionine charism continues to sprout in these lands and bear fruit. The departure of the novitiate from Velletri is nonetheless an opportunity for a new beginning for the Villa Borgia house, an opportunity to renew our commitment to witness the charity of Christ and to sow good.

Dear ones, let us enter the new year with hearts full of gratitude and hope. We are called to be builders of a brighter future, witnesses of the strength of a charity that never gives up. As Don Orione taught us, our service to others, especially to the weakest, is the most concrete way to make God present in the world. Let us entrust the year 2025 to divine Providence, certain that every step taken in faith will be a step towards the fulfilment of God's plan of love for us. **Always standing, always moving forward, pilgrims of hope, trusting in Divine Providence!**

In continuity with the path traced by the 15th General Chapter, the year 2025 will be marked by an event of fundamental importance for the Congregation: **the realization of the General Assembly for Verification**. This moment, provided by the Norms, represents a privileged opportunity to evaluate the implementation of the chapter provisions and to relaunch their fulfilment with renewed enthusiasm. The Assembly will take place from

**October 24 to November 1, 2025**, at the "Solaz de María" House in Argentina. It will be the culmination of a journey that will involve all religious communities, provinces, vice-provinces, and delegations. The preparatory phase, which includes Provincial, Vice-Provincial, and Delegation Assemblies, will be fundamental to gather reflections and experiences matured at the local level, thus offering a valuable contribution to discernment and rediscovery of the values that the Chapter has indicated as a guide to *"Throw ourselves into the fire of new times."*

It is a significant coincidence that we are called to verify the state of our life and our actions in a jubilee year dedicated to hope. The journey that will lead us to Buenos Aires must not be a simple travel, but a true pilgrimage of hope inspired by the style of synodality. It would be easy to fall into the temptation of a dispassionate analysis that verifies the state of affairs but without proposing changes, improvements, new initiatives, just as it would be easy to fall into the temptation of pessimism of those who adapt to things that do not work. Let us encourage each other on this journey of faith.

In the ecclesial context, the year will be decidedly characterized by the celebration of the **Jubilee of Hope**, an extraordinary event for the Church and a special occasion for us orionines, as we celebrate the centenary of the Jubilee intensely experienced by Don Orione in 1925. The call to our Founder urges us to immerse ourselves in the spirituality with which he lived the Holy Year, making an intense experience of grace and conversion, rediscovering our charism and the gift of our vocation.

There are three main Orionine events to which we are invited:

1. Jubilee of the Young Orionines which will be realized in two phases/stages: in Tortona from 19 to 27 July and in Rome, in communion with the Universal Church, from 28 July to 3 August. Organizer: Secretariat of the Youth-Vocation Pastoral.
2. Jubilee of the Confreres who celebrate their anniversaries in pilgrimage to Tortona and Rome: from 20 to 30 August, coinciding with the Feast of Our Lady of the Guard in Tortona, will take place the meeting of members of the Charismatic Family who celebrate a jubilee in 2025. Especially the confreres who have not yet had the opportunity to know our "holy land" and who will celebrate a jubilee of consecrated or priestly life will be invited.
3. Jubilee of the Charismatic Orionine Family, which will be held in Rome from 21 to 23 November, with the theme: "100 years after the Jubilee of Don Orione (1925), the Jubilee of the Charismatic Orionine Family (2025)".

These are our special intentions for next year. Looking back to the year 2024, I offer you further reasons to thank the Lord. Here they are:

**In the year 2024, 25 religious received the sacred order of the priesthood:** Daiston JOHN (19/01); Edgar DE JESUS MELO (27/01); Michel Raj MOYSAN (23/05); Naveen Kumar PAMISHETTY (11/06); Austine Namusende MUTESHI (13/06); Samwel MUTUA MUTHOKA (13/06); Martin KAMAU NJUNG'E (13/06); Cristian Sergiu ANDRIES (24/06); Abbe Sidoine Evrard AMON (06/07); Victorien Yersogbé-Inonfo DABIRÉ (06/07); Tigassé Patrice NAGIABOU (06/07); Namwinsoou Raymond SOMÉ (06/07); Kouami Mawuli Gilbert AGBOLAN (03/08); Yaovi Mawuko Jean de Dieu AYEDJE (03/08); Dandy DELA CRUZ (08/08); Bryan A. ATULI (08/08); Henrique FORTES DE ALMEIDA FRANCIONI GAMA (17/08); Humberto José RUIZ DIAZ RIVEROS (07/09); Herintsoa Jacques ANDRINIAINA (28/09); Stanislas Romain

Olnst RAKOTOROALAHY (28/09); Jacques Rodin RAMAMONJISOA (28/09); Jean Claude Etienne RANDRIAMBOLATINASOA (28/09); Donnat Gatien Emmanuel RASALAMA (28/09); Sérgio Natalicio DOS SANTOS (30/11); Adriano José GOMES PEREIRA (14/12).

**23 Religious received the sacred order of deaconate:** Yerogbè-Inonfo Victorien DABIRÉ (20/01); Humberto José RUIZ DIAZ RIVEROS (11/02); Sérgio Natalicio DOS SANTOS (09/03); Junior SILVA DE ALENCAR (09/03); Adriano José GOMES PEREIRA (09/03); Renato RIBEIRO DA COSTA (09/03); Grzegorz Marek GICALA (18/05); Przemyslaw PIECHOWSKI (18/05); Diego DE LIMA DIAZ (29/07); Stéphan Jean Guy RANDRIANJAKARIVO (08/12); John Carl Angelo SARIO (08/12); Carvil Franck KANGA (08/12); Olivier Laridja KOMBATÉ (08/12); Evans Ombongi NYABUTO (08/12); Horacio Manuel Berque CHICO (14/12); Jacques Hèzouwé AGAO (14/12); Hilaire Mbégna ALOU (14/12); Frédéric Yina KETAWA (14/12); Patrice Kinansoa LARE DAMGOBINE (14/12); Jean Paul Marie Boukaré SAWADOGO (14/12); Dritan BOKA (14/12); Kenneth PINEDA (20/12); Harrison Nyaga KARIUKI (20/12).

**17 young Religious have made perpetual profession:** Kenneth PINEDA (09/03); Anthony Kanyingi KAHONGE (09/03); Harrison Nyaga KARIUKI (09/03); John Carl Angelo SARIO (10/03); Carvil Franck KANGA (10/03); Olivier Laridja KOMBATÉ (10/03); Evans Ombongi NYABUTO (10/03); Diego DE LIMA DIAZ (05/05); Horacio Manuel Berque CHICO (29/08); Jacques Hèzouwé AGAO (29/08); Hilaire Mbégna ALOU (29/08); Frédéric Yina KETAWA (29/08); Patrice Kinansoa LARE DAMGOBINE (29/08); Jean Paul Marie Boukaré SAWADOGO (29/08); Jaider Geraldo DE ASSIS JUNIOR (09/11); Anilson ALVES DE OLIVEIRA (09/11); Stéphan Jean Guy RANDRIANJAKARIVO (07/12).

**29 young people have issued their first profession:** Aladion SILVA DA SILVA (12/01/); Jefferson Aladi FREITAS MESSIAS (12/01); Valdeni CARVALHO SOUSA (12/01); Fagner PEREIRA DA SILVA (12/01); Harmon BECK (15/08); Kishore BEERA (15/08); Nithish Raj PASALA (15/08); Mohan SOBHASUNDAR (15/08); Jeronimo LUKAYA (15/08); Felix MULATI (15/08); Clement Daru Bande MANGU (15/08); Dominic D. Clarito RODRIGO (15/08); Désiré Bérenger Moké EHOUMAN (08/09); Auguste Barkwendé OUEDRAOGO (08/09); Apollinaire SAGNAN (08/09); Côme Damien SAMBAR (08/09); Eric Yaovi Agbessi ZANOUE (08/09); José Da Graça Armindo INGUANE (08/09); Paulino BIZAIDE ZIBOPE (08/09); Edouard BERESOAIE (08/09); Reinaldo Tomás LOIS FLORENÇA (08/09); Pasquale MARINO (08/09); Miguel Angel ROJAS VALDIVIA (08/09); Germino ROSA ANDRADE (08/09); Jean Norbert RATSIAMIDY (08/09); Yoliola Romuald RANDRIAMAHERIHASINA (08/09); Flavier Tolojanahary RANDRIANANTEHERANA (08/09); Jean Estel Mamitiana RANAIVOSON (08/09); Jean Victor RANDRIANANTENAINA (08/09).

**Currently there are 38 novices in the Congregation.**

**During this year 11 Confreres passed away:** Sac. Luigi BATTISTOTTI (06/01); Sac. Massimiliano BATTISTELLA (14/01); Sac. Andriamahandry Heritiana Nicolas RASOAMIARAMANANA (23/03); Sac. Giacomo DEFRANCESCO (04/05); Sac. Roberto Arcángel SIMIONATO (25/06); Sac. Ettore PARAVANI (02/07); Fr. Gerardo PEREIRA (11/07); Fr. Emmanuel Madjoulibane HOGRA (01/09); Sac. Grzegorz SZMYT (11/10); Sac. Gino MARCHESANI (23/12); Sac. Pietro FERRINI (29/12).

**Eight Little Missionary Sisters of Charity passed away:** Suor MARIA CLARA (04/01); Suor MARIA RAIMUNDA (19/01); Suor MARIA EUGENIA de la Inmaculada Coceptión, Sacramentina (04/02); Suor MARIA TARCISIA (05/07); Suor MARIA ARACELI (25/07); Suor MARIA ANTONIA (01/08); Suor MARIA LUISA (29/10); Suor MARIA IRENA (29/10).

**Six consecrated women of the Secular Institutes passed away:** Sig.ra Antonella SIMONETTA (ISMdN) (10/03); Sig.ra Anna Maria GRECO (Aggregata ISO) (20/03); Sig.ra Norma Beatriz

GIMÉNEZ (ISO) (14/04); Sig.ra Aparecida SOARES (ISO) (02/07); Sig.ra Efigenia DA SILVA (ISO) (15/08); Sig.ra Maria DA PENHA GASPAR (ISO) (19/10).

**Several relatives passed away, including the FATHER of:** Sac. Roberto FILIPPINI (07/01) ; Sac. Pablo ALMADA (10/03); Diac. Yaovi Mawuko Jean de Dieu AYEDJE (25/04) ; Sac. Peter Wambulwa WAKOBA (04/06); Sac. Federico CATTARELLI (08/06); Ch. Kodjovi Mawulolo Basile AMLANOU (15/06); Diac. Naveen KERKETTA (31/07); Sac. Rafael DUNO (09/09); Sac. Fernando GUEVARA (06/10).

**The MOTHER of:** Sac. Josimar Felipe DA SILVA (10/01); Ch. Júnior SILVA DE ALENCAR (02/02); Sac. Kevin KRAHIBOUÉ (15/04); Sac. Emilio VALENTE (01/05); Sac. Benjamin B. GORE (02/05); Sac. Esteban ESQUIVEL (premorto) (28/06) ; Sac. Joseph Dankoule SOULIBE (08/07); Sac. Andriamahandry Heritiana Nicolas RASOAMIARAMANANA (14/08) (pre-morto); Sac. Giampiero CONGIU (09/09); Sac. Sergio Felipe VALENZUELA RAMOS (13/09); Sac. Adrien Nogbou KOFFI (20/12); Diac. Franck Carvil KANGA (26/12).

**The BROTHER of:** Sac. Angelo FALARDI (16/02) (premorto); Sac. Giacomo VALENZA (19/02); Sac. Tarcisio VIEIRA (29/02); Sac. Otaviano RIBEIRA DE ALMEIDA (28/03); Sac. Antonio MUSSI (03/04); Sac. Geoffroy E. LIMDEYOU (02/05); Sac. Joseph S. OLLANLO (14/05); Sac. Roberto SIMIONATO (21/05); Sac. Stefan BULAI (28/05); Sac. Domenico PUCINISCHI (30/05); Sac. Flavio PELOSO (31/07); Fr. José ALMIRON (26/08); Sac. Francisco de Assis SILVA ALFENAS (09/09); Ch. Toussaint Fatto KOFFI (19/09); Sac. José Ribamar DA SILVA (01/10); Sac. Pasqualino CAREDDU (15/10); Sac. Bruno FRAULIN (25/10); Vesc. Raymond AHOUA (29/10); Sac. Vito MANDARANO (31/10); Sac. Giuseppe BON SANTO (04/11); Sac. Leszek LROMKA (09/11); Sac. Bienvenido SOSA TORRES (13/11); Sac. Geraldo GONÇALO SILVA (07/12).

**The SISTER of:** Sac. Franco GERALI (21/01); Sac. Cristiano Aparecido DOS SANTOS (30/01); Sac. Graziano DE COL (14/02); Sac. Natale LUCIDI (09/05); Sac. Sergio JIMENEZ (16/06); Sac. Ramon PADILLA ROSIN (13/09); Sac. Pablo SALVATIERRA AGUERRI (17/09).

In this Year of the Jubilee of Hope, inspired by the life and teachings of Saint Louis Orione, we are called to live and witness concretely to hope, making it visible in our lives and mission. This is not an abstract ideal, but a concrete path that requires personal and community commitment. We live the **Jubilee as pilgrims of hope**, with trust in Providence and the will to bring Christ to others. Let us make hope visible through concrete gestures, prayer, and fraternal communion. For the new year, we make our own the motto of Don Orione: "**Entrusted in the Divine Providence, always standing and always moving forward!**". How? Here are some principles to be put into practice and some suggestions for personal and community engagement:

**- To have confidence in Providence:** it means recognizing that God is present in every circumstance, guiding us even in difficult moments.

*Personal commitment:* Every day of the new year, we renew an act of abandonment in the hands of God, as Don Orione taught us, with a simple prayer. For example: "Lord, everything is in your hands, I trust in you!"

*Community commitment:* We value the moments of community discernment (meetings, community days, Permanent Formation Cards...) to read the signs of Providence in our life as a Community.



**- Be visible signs of hope:** Hope is witnessed with concrete gestures of charity and closeness.

*Personal commitment:* We dedicate time to the poor, the sick, and those in difficulty, offering opportunities for listening and comfort.

*Community commitment:* We organize concrete actions that make visible the Christian hope, such as moments of prayer or events of charity and solidarity.

**- Cultivating a spirituality of hope:** Hope is born and nourished in prayer and in the relationship with God.

*Personal commitment:* We insert specific moments of prayer for the Jubilee of Hope, such as a time of personal Eucharistic adoration or the Rosary.

*Community commitment:* In the moments of common prayer, we insert some reflections and testimonies on the theme of hope.

**- Promoting hope in young people:** Accompanying young people means sowing hope for the future of the Church and the Congregation.

*Personal commitment:* Let us commit ourselves to the vocational accompaniment of young people; when there is a chance, we formulate the invitation "Come and serve the Lord with us!".

*Community commitment:* We carry out youth activities related to the Jubilee, such as pilgrimages or service and volunteer initiatives.

**- Building hope in the community:** Hope is built through authentic relationships and a fraternal environment so that our community is liveable and meaningful.

*Personal commitment:* We promote dialogue, understanding, and forgiveness, avoiding grievances and divisions.

*Community Engagement:* We dedicate moments of community review to see how we live hope among ourselves.

**- Evangelize with hope:** Announcing the Gospel with joy and trust is an act of hope.

*Personal commitment:* We renew our style of evangelization, witnessing to hope with deeds and words. We critically evaluate our homilies and reflections proposed to the people so that they may be bearers of hope.

*Community commitment:* We carry out an extraordinary mission during the Jubilee year, bringing the Gospel to existential peripheries.

**- To be formed to live and transmit hope:** Continuous formation helps us to root hope in faith.

*Personal commitment:* We actively participate in the training events proposed by the Province/Delegation and the Congregation.

*Community commitment:* We dedicate communal moments to reflect on the Orionine charism in the light of hope.

**- Pray for vocations:** Vocations are signs of hope for the Congregation.

*Personal commitment:* We pray daily for vocations, offering our difficulties and joys for this intention.

*Community commitment:* We organize moments of vocational prayer, involving lay people and young people.

**- Bring hope to the existential peripheries:** Hope must be brought to the margins of society, where despair reigns.

*Personal commitment:* We dedicate time to migrants, elderly people alone, prisoners, showing them the mercy of God.

*Community engagement:* We take initiatives that respond to the concrete needs of the suburbs where we are present.

**- To entrust oneself to the Mater Dei:** Mary, Mother of Hope, is a guide and model on our journey.

*Personal commitment:* We renew our devotion to Mary with daily acts of prayer such as the Angelus or the Rosary.

*Community commitment:* We organize Marian pilgrimages to entrust the jubilee year to Her.

Dear Confreres and members of the Charismatic Family, with Don Orione, "Let us throw ourselves into the fire of new times", that is, into the "fire" of the new year 2025 and become pilgrims and builders of hope, living with faith the Jubilee of Hope.

***"Entrusted in the Divine Providence, always standing and always moving forward!"***: "standing" is an invitation not to be discouraged in the face of difficulties; "forward" means always trying to accomplish God's will with boldness and courage, without ever stopping.

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

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