



SSP Commission for the Centenary

OBJECT: Letter to the Major Superiors in order to present the "Files for work and reflection" in preparation for the Centenary of 2014

Most kind Major Superiors,

the General Government, in the spirit of the *Guidelines* redacted by the Commission of the Society of Saint Paul for the Centenary, has felt the need to offer some stimuli to the Congregation that may make her commit and help her further during this first year.

Last October 11 it has asked the *SSP Commission for the Centenary*, the *Historical Commission for the Centenary* and the *Center of Pauline Spirituality* for the preparation of some files that in light of the theme of this year, "creative fidelity," and of the Alberionian booklet *Abundantes divitiae*, object of reflection illustrated by the Letter of the Superior General, may accompany in three stages the reflection of the Paulines.

In particular, the *Historical Commission* has been asked to present the theme historically: the contexts, the conditioning factors and the choices made by the Founder. The *Center of Pauline Spirituality* has been asked to develop the theme in the writings of the Founder, to better understand the Pauline "vocabulary." The *SSP Commission for the Centenary* has been asked to point out how the theme questions our life and spurs us to change.

Each of the three Pauline Organisms has therefore worked around three themes: ***Creative fidelity; We are born of the Eucharist; Study for the Paulines***, drawing up a file of reflection for a total of nine files that will be communicated three at a time and every two months by means of the site www.paulus.net starting Christmas of this year.

How are these files utilized?

The files are "material for thought," and can be read in parallel with the annual *Letter* of the Superior General. They can therefore be used individually or in community, on the level of Community or Circumscription. When inserted in a community meeting, they can become an object of reflection and debate. They can be made use of in a monthly retreat. It is above all the third file, the one redacted by the *SSP Commission for the Centenary*, that lays down questions and stimulates the discussion, while those of the *Historical Commission for the Centenary* and the *Center of Pauline Spirituality* help in putting in context the theme in historical ambience and in the thought of the Founder.

Nothing bars that dialog within the Congregation be favored and with the *SSP Commission for the Centenary*, even through the channels of the internet and that the reflection be of benefit to all Paulines.

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