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RE.: Communication

Dear Brothers,

On behalf of the General Government I wish to thank each of you for having accepted to add to your usual apostolic tasks also the availability to be part of the *Committee of Historical Research* that was appointed in the context of the triennial celebrations in view of the Jubilee of our Congregation in 2014. Particular thanks to Fr. Giancarlo Rocca for having been available to preside and coordinate the work of the Committee.

The objective that was fixed for the whole Congregation during this triennium and, as participation, to the whole Pauline Family, is to think and act regarding the various aspects of the Pauline charism with an outlook of “creative fidelity”. This methodology is essential to live the present of the charism inspired by Providence to the Blessed James Alberione and now entrusted to the care of all of us, uniting in a balanced way the meticulous historical research on the past and the creativity of feasible projects for the future.

Among the various projects that were proposed, the General Government entrusts to you:

1. The realization of a *Dictionary of the Pauline Family*, which should allow to fix, in a rigorous and documented way, the persons, the events, the apostolic and formative initiatives, the “abundant riches” poured out by God on the Founder, on the Society of St. Paul and on the whole Pauline Family, from the beginning to the present.
2. The *Coordination of the historical research*, to be made by each of the Circumscriptions that actually compose the Congregation.
3. The preparation of *historical aids* on some topics that will be object of particular reflection in this triennium in view of a revival of the Pauline charism.

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4. The care of the printing, in an edition conforming to the original, of the bulletin *Unione Cooperatori Buona Stampa*, from 1918 to 1929.
5. The preparation of a *historical catalogue* of our editions in Italy, exhaustive enough to the point that research and documentation would allow.
6. The historical advice, in case that a *documentary* on Fr. James Alberione, his thought and work, should be approved.
7. The collaboration with the Centre of Pauline Spirituality in view of the “realization of an updated *biographical volume* regarding the Founder and the Congregation, and a volume with ample photographic documentation”, as was requested by the IX General Chapter (*guideline 5.3.2*).

I wish to thank you right away for the work that you are called to accomplish at the benefit of the generations of the Congregation and of the whole Pauline Family.

May our Father Saint Paul and Blessed James Alberione inspire your choices for a “historical memory” that may be a source of creativity: the historical documentation is a solid rock on which we can lay with assurance and project ourselves into the future with richness.

Fraternally yours,



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