

Rome, 25 August 2003

TO ALL CONFRERES OF THE CONGREGATION

Dearest Brothers,

It is with real pleasure that I send each one of you a copy of the paper, fruit of the Study Group assigned by the General Government to reflect on *“The Pauline’s identity in its dual expression: Priest/Disciple.”*

Even from the General Introduction it is affirmed that these pages do not constitute a new document, but rather a working paper. In fact, the various modules that I entrust to you are intended to stimulate and help individuals and communities in the reflection on their own identity as Paulines. This reflection is necessary as ever, either for the breadth and the peculiarity of our charism – to be studied ever more deeply – either for the demands that the actual times impose on this charism handed down to us for a specific service to the contemporary society.

It is not a finished study, but it is just about started. I wish, therefore, that you experience the need for a broader and clearer treatment of some themes, and that you may discover deficiencies in some aspects that you hold important and not dealt with in any of the modules. Hence, each one of us is invited to submit our own contributions in order to enrich, clarify, correct – as the case may be – and to bring to application the various themes. The observations and contributions are to be sent to the two General Councilors, coordinators of the work: they shall take care of rendering the new lights available to the entire Congregation. You can write to one of the following addresses: galaviz@stpauls.it; chessa@stpauls.it; information.service@stpauls.it.

Efforts were made to translate the content to all the languages spoken in the Congregation (till now only the Japanese translation is lacking). In the different translations you will be able to identify some vagueness that you are asked to report. I am convinced that the task of offering to you the modules in the various languages shall augment the usefulness of the same modules that I am entrusting to your hands on a time that is particularly propitious: the period after the Beatification of our dear Founder and preceding the next General Chapter of the Congregation.

While I entrust this work to the Queen of the Apostles, I extend to you my greetings, with fraternal affection.


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