

**Hour of Adoration
Concluding the Centenary of Foundation
of the Pauline Family**

Guide: With this hour of adoration, we bring to a conclusion this special year in which we came to grasp more profoundly our reality as sons and daughters of Blessed James Alberione. The “Visit” is a characteristic feature of the Pauline Family—an element that unifies us as communicators of Jesus Christ, Way, Truth and Life, to the world.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by a hymn

Guide: Looking back over our 100-year history, we thank God for the journey carried out by Blessed James Alberione and the Pauline Family.

First Lector: *A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy* (Dt. 8:2-5, 11)

Second Lector: *From a homily of St. John Paul II* (27 April 2003):

Blessed James Alberione felt the need to make Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, known “to all the people of our time with the means of our time,” as he liked to say. He was inspired by the Apostle Paul, whom he described as a “theologian and architect of the Church,” remaining ever docile and faithful to the Magisterium of the Successor of Peter, a “beacon” of truth in a world that is so often devoid of sound spiritual references. “May there be a group of saints to use these means,” this apostle of the new times was in the habit of repeating.

What a formidable heritage he left his religious family! May his spiritual sons and daughters keep intact the spirit of their origins so as to respond adequately to the needs of evangelization in the contemporary world.

Time of silence and adoration

Psalm 18 (vv. 31-36)

God’s way is unerring;
the Lord’s promise is tried and true;
he is a shield for all who trust in him.

Truly, who is God except the Lord;
who but our God is the rock?

This God who girded me with might,
kept my way unerring;

who made my feet swift as a deer's,
set me safe on the heights;
who trained my hands for war,
my arms to bend even a bow of bronze.
You have given me your protecting shield;
your right hand has upheld me;
you stooped to make me great.
Glory...

Guide: Over the past hundred years, by the grace of God and guided by the teachings of Blessed James Alberione, we grew to be a “numerous Family,” a “letter of God” for the people of today.

First Lector: *A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians* (2 Co. 3:2-6)

Second Lector: In his audience with the Pauline Family on 28 June 1969, Blessed Paul VI said:

Here before us is the Pious Society of St. Paul of Alba. The spontaneous question arises: How has the Pious Society of St. Paul managed to accomplish so much in such a noteworthy way and in so short a time?

We owe the building of your monumental Institute to your Founder, our dear and venerated Fr. James Alberione. In the name of Christ, we thank and bless him.

Here he is, humble, silent, tireless, ever vigilant, always recollected in his thoughts, which run from prayer to work, ever intent on scrutinizing the “signs of the times,” that is to say, the most inspired ways of reaching souls. Our Fr. Alberione has given the Church new ways of expressing herself in the modern world, with modern means.

Permit the Pope, dear Fr. Alberione, to rejoice in this long, faithful and tireless effort and the fruits it has produced for the glory of God and the good of the Church. Permit your children to rejoice with us and tell you today, perhaps as never before, of their affection and their promise to persevere in this work.

Guide: In the light of the words of the Apostle Paul and those of Blessed Paul VI, let us re-examine the way we are witnessing to and proclaiming the message entrusted to us, and our way of being “Paul alive today” in the Church and society.

Time of silence and examination of conscience

Plea for forgiveness by means of an appropriate hymn

Alleluia, alleluia
It is not you who chose me but I who chose you to go out and bear fruit.
Alleluia

First Lector: *A reading from the Gospel according to Mark* (Mk. 16:15-20)

Renewal of the vows

Or:

Intercessory Prayers for the recipients of our apostolate

Or:

Intercessory Prayers for the unity of the Pauline Family in its convergent apostolates

Guide: Let us renew the pact that Blessed James Alberione made with the Divine Master.

The Pact (either prayed or sung)

Final hymn to accompany the return of the Blessed Sacrament to the Tabernacle