



COMMISSIONE PER IL  
CENTENARIO DELLA FONDAZIONE

Rome, 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2011

To the PROVINCIAL and REGIONAL Superiors

In view of the start, on 20 August of this month, of the Triennium of preparation for the Centennial of foundation of our Congregation, a “NOTE”, in attachment, is being sent, with the hope that it would be useful for the said event.

Be reminded, moreover, to proceed, as mentioned earlier, according to the indications of the Superior General, with the nomination of a CONTACT PERSON for every Province or Region assigned to maintain a stable contact with this Commission.

In thanking for your kind attention, I am pleased to take this occasion to send my cordial fraternal greetings

most devotedly

Don Alberto Fusi  
*President*

## A NOTE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE START OF THE TRIENNIUM OF PREPARATION AT THE CENTENARY OF FOUNDATION (1914-2014)

On 20 August of this month, with the Eucharistic Celebration presided by the Superior General, Fr Silvio Sassi, at the sanctuary Queen of the Apostles in Rome at 17, will start, in our Congregation and in the entire Pauline Family, the **Triennium of preparation at the Centenary of foundation of the Society of Saint Paul** (1914-2014).

Related to this the Provincial and Regional Superiors are invited to give proper indications so that, possibly in all the Houses, a **celebrative moment** would be programmed for the start of the Triennium. Such could be prepared by a **group**, including the various components of the Pauline Family, in every Circumscription and presided by the CONTACT PERSON before this Commission promoted by the General Government.

\* In case of the **Eucharistic Celebration** it is suggested the use, by choosing, between the **formulary** of the memorial of **Saint Bernard** (in August 1924 the same Father Alberione explained the reason for which he had chosen the memorial of Saint Bernard in giving the “official” start of his work in the bulletin of *Unione Cooperatori Buona Stampa.*), and that of **Thanksgiving** existing in the section of the Masses “for various circumstances” of the Roman Missal (it is advised to use the second of the two prayers proposed as Collect, on Prayer over the Gifts, After Communion and the Common Preface IV) and that of the **Mass of Saint Paul Apostle** which could be taken from the section of the Votive Masses. The **Biblical Readings** can be taken from those suitable to give to the celebration the tone of praise and of thanksgiving proper to the first year of the **Triennium**. For the **Homily** it is good to take some points, starting from the biblical verses proclaimed, from the first **annual letter** prepared by the Superior General entitled: “*Abundantes Divitiae Gratiae Suae*. Rekindle the gift that you have received. Creative fidelity to a hundred years of the Pauline charism.” In consideration of the festive character of the Celebration, it is good, immediately after the penitential act, to intone the song of “Glory to God”.

\* In case one would opt for the **Eucharistic Adoration** it will be conducted according to the scheme as laid-out in the special liturgical book *Holy Communion and Devotion to the Eucharistic Mystery Outside Mass* (1979). The **Biblical Readings** will be chosen according to the criteria followed for the Eucharistic Celebration. It is good moreover to read a section taken from the writing *Abundantes Divitiae Gratiae Suae* of Father Alberione or from the aforementioned letter of the Superior General. The **invocations** and the **songs** will be chosen from those in use in our Congregation.

\* It is also advised to give importance, in our Chapels of our Houses, to the **image of Saint Paul or of our Blessed Founder**, before which will be placed a **votive candle at the start of every year of the Triennium** and lighted by one who presides in the Celebration at the beginning of the Mass or of the Eucharistic Adoration. The candle can be substituted by another symbol more adapted to the various sensibilities and religious cultures.