

MESSAGE OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF BLESSED JAMES ALBERIONE

Dearest Brothers,

With joy, we celebrate today the liturgical Feast of our Founder, Blessed James Alberione. This date takes on a special significance this year, because we are starting the Biblical Year of the Pauline Family that will extend until 26 November 2021.

Let us remember that the Biblical Year takes place especially on the occasion of the commemoration of the birth into heaven of two great lovers of the Word of God, who are important references for us “apostles of communication”: the 1600 years of the death of St. Jerome (30 September 420) and the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Blessed James Alberione (26 November 1971), which we will celebrate next year.

Today, we are the ones called to love and pray the Word, to live it and to proclaim it following the example of these two great figures of the Church. The theme of the Biblical Year, “That the Word of the Lord may speed forward” (2 Thes 3:1), becomes a real challenge especially when we consider the difficult times we live in due to the pandemic.

Certainly, all of our circumscriptions, in synodality with the Pauline Family present in the territory, have already done their planning. In this perspective, may the Word be the light of our journey, from the point of view of the Pauline charism, that is, in communion with the Church and with the world in its concrete reality, with all people, using all languages that today’s man uses and understands.

In particular, in this celebration of the Feast of Blessed James Alberione, we remember the members of the Pauline Family and many other people around the world who have been victims of Covid-19 and also of the infected who seek healing.

To all, happy Feast of Blessed Alberione and a Biblical Year with much fruit. The grace and peace of Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life – the Word made flesh – be with you always!

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Fraternally,

  
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