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Dear Pauline Cooperators, brothers and sisters in the Pauline Family,

today, filled with gratitude for the "dies natalis" of the Society of Saint Paul and of our Family, was deemed the most suitable time to present you with the new draft of the Statute of the Association of Pauline Cooperators, which is approved "ad experimentum" for a period of five years.

Together with the entire Church, we are living in a time of rediscovery and deepening of synodality, calls, convocations, becoming community, being sent on mission in the multiplicity of gifts, of vocations and ministries. The goal of this new Statute is to express this reality. For the rest, it is well known to us that Blessed James Alberione, in founding the Pauline Family, always believed strongly that the collaboration between laity and religous is indispensable, and he reminded us continually that the journey toward unity is never finished and requires the involvement and dedication of each member, even when our limitations and insufficiencies slow the progress.

The Statute is, thus, an opportunity to become more aware of the identity of the laitycooperators who, within the Pauline Family, have the gift of a vocation and mission that is always relevant in the Church: «Enkindle the flame of the love of God in every soul and throughout the world... collaborate... to spread the Gospel to the furthest corner of the earth, and therefore to enkindle in the minds of the people the light of faith and the fire of love» (CP, p. 209).

With this new Statute begins the process of unity and reorganization of all of the Cooperators of the Pauline Family, an ulterior stimulus for the entire Pauline Family.

In these pages, the Pauline Cooperators can find a clear vision of their charismatic roots, greater strength and courage to "wake up the world with the power of the Gospel".

We entrust to you the Statute, the result of long hours of communion, and now – step by step – may it become an instrument of unity and sharing of the Pauline life spread throughout the world.

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