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Dear brothers,

The joy of celebrating the Feast of Blessed James Alberione helps us to give new impetus to the same mission that the Spirit has entrusted to him for our time. While the "world is in profound metamorphosis," in radical change, while we too live the longing to reach humanity in the light of the apostle Paul, we glimpse in our Founder a father who has generated a Family of apostles and a multitude of apostolates. Communication is truly a vital force that asks us to go outside of ourselves, to nourish the "culture of encounter," because on the digital roads – and of artificial intelligence – there lives a humanity that has rooted in itself the desire for a life in fullness and of the encounter with Jesus Way, Truth and Life.

In the 60 years of the Conciliar Decree *Inter mirifica* (4 December 1963), we see – in the words of Primo Maestro – the attestation that "*Pauline activity is declared apostolate, alongside oral preaching*," a true "metamorphosis" of the evangelizing action of the Church. And this encourages us to live our mission with intensity, with a grateful heart, with a creativity that overcomes our shyness in giving life to courageous initiatives for the Gospel.

Let us walk supported by faith in the Master and nourished by the Bread of life and by brotherhood. And may the example of holiness of Blessed James Alberione help us to welcome that path of transformation that modern communication also asks of us, a transformation which, in reality, is an explicit invitation to let ourselves be conformed to Christ, he who made everything new.

Fraternally,

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