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## Dear Brothers,

On this day, on which we commemorate 106 years since the foundation of the Society of Saint Paul and the beginning of the Pauline Family, we thank God especially for the abundant riches of grace poured out on this history. Trusting in the Lord, who is beside us tells us: «Courage, it is I, do not be afraid» (Mt 14:27), we ask him for the necessary strength to face with wisdom and creativity the challenges of life and the Pauline mission in this troubled time due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

At the same time, we look to the future with hope and try to prepare well for the XI General Chapter, whose logo will be officially published today with the provocative appeal:

**«Let yourselves be transformed by renewing your way of thinking» (Rm 12:2)** Called to be artisans of communion to prophetically announce the joy of the Gospel in the culture of communication.

In the light of the Word of God and the Eucharist, let us make this journey together! Happy feast and always strain forward in the footsteps of St. Paul and Blessed James Alberione! Fraternally,

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