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**Superiors of Circumscriptions  
and Directors General of the Apostolate**

Subject: **Editorial theme for 2020.**

Dear Brothers,

Herewith I am happy to present to you the editorial theme for the year 2020, addressed to the entire Congregation, as is requested by our «*Editorial guidelines: identity, contents, and interlocutors of the Pauline apostolate*», in paragraph 6.3.4. Reflecting with the General Council, after having heard the opinion of the CTIA, I have chosen the theme "YOUTH", one of the realities taken seriously into consideration by the Church in recent years, especially on the occasion of the Synod of Bishops on Young People - celebrated last October in Vatican City - and which continues to be very relevant and significant.

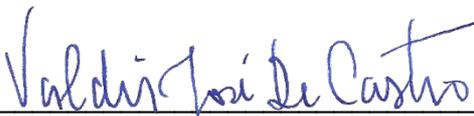
We are well aware that it is not enough to have in our hands or in our distribution centres/book centres the Final Document of the Synod and the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis *Christus vivit*. As "Pauline Editors", inspired by the contents of these documents, we must give due attention to young people, starting with their multiple existential and cultural realities, be it through the contents of our publications or be it through various promotional events in our various apostolic undertakings: International Centre for Family Studies (CISF), Biblical Centres, Cultural Centres, Pauline Centres of Studies in Communication...

With regard to the contents and events, I wish to underline that they can be done in two areas. The first area refers to young people as recipients and interlocutors of our message. In this sense, to speak "with" them it is necessary to use their language, be it for bringing to them the Gospel and human values or be it for involving them in the work of evangelization. In a particular way, for a very warm and cordial relationship with the young people, it is necessary to enter incisively into the digital environment which is the public square where they spend much of their time and meet one another easily (cfr. *Christus vivit*, n. 87). The other area is with regard to the issues "concerning" young people, addressed to all those who work with young people or accompany them in the process of their formation, growth and vocational discernment.

Dear Brothers, it seems to me that it is our duty to ask ourselves if we are aware of the apostolic commitment that we have towards our young people and to see what we have done so far, how much do we really listen to their voices and what more can we do for them as they are the present and the future of humanity. In this perspective, we count on everyone to work together to respond to this challenge and to give concrete expressions to the guidelines that we receive from the CTIA regarding this theme.

May Jesus Master, the eternally young, give us a heart capable of loving and growing in sensitivity to the needs of our interlocutors without ever forgetting the youth.

Fraternally,



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