



110 *years of foundation*
20 August 1914 20 August 2024

Dear brothers,

110 years have passed since the day of our birth. It may seem like a lot. In reality we are only at the beginning of a long journey that Fr. James Alberione, moved by the Spirit, has undertaken with some young people, looking with faith to the future, to the “new century”.

In 1914, there were other challenges and opportunities for the Church in the desire to announce Christ. Today, with Pope Francis, we carry in our hearts a fragile and contradictory humanity which seeks to change, often without a true compass other than that of the market and of the economy. Modern communication itself adapts to the interests of a few, while the algorithms guide the decisions of many people.

Yet these 110 years of history and Pauline apostolate are a legacy that makes us raise our gaze and be participants in the events of our humanity. Today, like yesterday, there is a need for courage, to dedicate oneself to a mission that identifies communication as the process that leads to change, to a “metamorphosis” of history, to a passage that for Saint Paul goes from the “old man” to the “new man”. Communication not only as a language, but above all as an encounter between us and with Jesus, Way, Truth and Life.

The Centenary of the biblical apostolate that we are celebrating this year allows us to revive the most genuine sense of our vocation. In fact, we are apostles like Saint Paul and Blessed Alberione and as we give Jesus, the Word of the Father, we participate in that meeting which transforms and heals every wound of humanity.

So, as the First Master underlines, «an apostle is one who prays, one who speaks, one who acts, one who suffers, one who loves, one who believes, one who hopes. But he is also very much an apostle who writes, who imprints, who spreads the Word of God» (*The Publishing Apostolate*, 5).

Let us walk with hope and together we praise the Trinity for the gift of Pauline life.

Domenico Soliman
Father Domenico Soliman
Superior General