

## FINAL MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters,

We share with you the joy we have experienced during these days. In our meeting as members of the *International Secretariat for Vocation Promotion and Formation* (SIF), we have gathered to reflect, analyse and give new impulse to formation and vocation promotion.

It is our desire to join forces, to work as a team in order to share experiences, joys, and difficulties in the formation apostolate of the younger generations. Integral formation is now a cause for concern for the whole Church and not just for us.

Our charism is alive! For this, we thank the Lord for the gift of vocations in many of our Circumscriptions. It is a sign of God's blessing to His Church through our Congregation. We encourage all the Circumscriptions not "to be deprived of hope", as Pope Francis says, but to find new ways to search and promote vocations.

In these days of study and analysis of the various realities of the Pauline world, it emerged that **formation of formators** is a challenge for the present and future of the Society of St. Paul. As an International Secretariat, we want to take this challenge at heart for the sake of our mission by not failing in our specific contribution.

The digital continent opens new and unprecedented frontiers for our evangelization. We are confident that new generations will "rewrite" with originality our charism in this environment for a new digital humanism.

We thank the Paulines all over the world who, despite various commitments, carry passionately and devotedly this apostolate and are capable of generating existential questions, thanks to their experience.

We are convinced that the first form of "credible" vocation promotion is our own person through authentic and joyful testimony of our own Pauline consecration.

New nations are waiting to know our mission! We are not afraid to go out to make the beauty of the Alberionian charism known throughout the world. We need new apostles for our time.

We thank each one of you for your prayers and we entrust ourselves to the intercession of St. Paul the Apostle and Mary, Queen of Apostles, to strain forward in "creative fidelity".

*SIF Members*