

In the name of the General Superiors of the Pauline Family

Today we feel more intensely our being as Family, a Family which sorrow makes even more united, more in mutual agreement, more fraternal.

In the name of the superior generals of the PF, Sr. M. Regina, Sr. Marta, Sr. Marina, I want to express to all of you, our Pauline brothers, our most affectionate closeness. We gather around you, in this moment full of God's mystery, to tell you that we love you, to wish for you that after the moment of natural sense of loss, hope may flower again.

“The hand of God” that has guided the Founder, that has guided in the years the entire Pauline Family, continues to support our Congregations.

And precisely Fr. Sassi, who compared the Pauline charism *to a sail always unfurled to the wind of the Spirit*, will obtain for us from the Lord the gift to “always strain forward, following the steps of Paul and of Fr. Alberione,” sure of the promises of God.

We say thanks to Fr. Silvio, for his always solicitous attention toward our Congregations.

For having reaffirmed countless times the value of the “wonderful Pauline Family,” always emphasizing that our unity in diversity is a wealth, a talent to make fruitful for evangelization.

We say thanks to Fr. Silvio because he has invited us to climb the sycamore tree from where we can see far, from where we can widen the horizons of our daily life to make us aware that the Pauline charism is “young” and carries in itself a future hope.

Thanks, Fr. Silvio, because you have always pointed out for us Saint Paul and to him you have entrusted us with true apostolic passion.

Thanks, because you have been a very dear brother, a faithful heir of Fr. Alberione, a devoted son of the Church, a Pauline “doc.”

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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