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TO THE CIRCUMSCRIPTION SUPERIORS
TO THE DIRECTORS GENERAL OF THE APOSTOLATE

Their Seats

Subject: **Convocation of the 2nd International Seminar of Pauline Publishers**
(Ariccia 16-21 October 2017)

Dear Brothers,

The General Objective and the 1st Priority in the area of the Apostolate in the Final Document of the X General Chapter invite us to creatively renew our apostolic action and missionary impetus. Specifically, the operative guideline I.1.2 asks the General Government, through the International Technical Committee for the Apostolate (CTIA), to develop the document *Editorial guidelines, contents, recipients of the Pauline Apostolate*.

In the current process of renewal, it is essential to understand where the publishing world is going today, especially the religious one, considering the presence of digital technologies. Here is, therefore, the urgency of placing our apostolate in today's society in the light of the theological-apostolic significance attributed to our Founder, and to dwell on an important aspect of our mission as Single Editor.

Considering this task, we have decided, after reflecting in the General Council, to realize next October the 2nd *International Seminar of Pauline Publishers*, an updated version of the one celebrated in 1988. This seminar will permit to know and address the new challenges that present themselves to our mission in rapidly evolving communication contexts and, above all, to provide the necessary elements for the General Government, assisted by the CTIA, to update the document *Editorial guidelines, contents, recipients of the Pauline Apostolate* published

in 2005. It will be fundamental, therefore, to rediscover both our *identity* as Pauline Publishers and *how* we think of implementing the mission that results from a hyper mediated world.

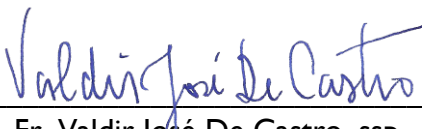
With this, therefore, **I officially convene the 2nd International Seminar of Pauline Publishers to be held in Ariccia from 16 to 21 October 2017, to which all the Directors General of the Apostolate and all the Editorial Directors are to participate.**

To enrich this moment of reflection and deepening of our identity and mission, we will also invite other Paulines and some members of the Pauline Family involved in the editorial area. In the coming days, the Executive Committee – consisting of Brother Darlei Zanon, Fr. Jose Pottayil, Fr. Celso Godilano, Fr. Stefano Stimamiglio and Fr. Paulo Bazaglia – will send the practical instructions, the list of invited members, the program and some reference texts, heartily inviting you to read them, as a preparation for the Seminar. With a solid good preparation, this event will certainly have more consistency and will lead to very significant and profound results, helping us to redefine both the profile of the Pauline Publishers and the content and the privileged forms of our apostolate for both the present and the future.

Let us entrust then our Seminar to Jesus Master, the Way, the Truth and the Life, so that we can, in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, move forward with decisive steps in evangelization in the light of our charism.

Wishing all the best to everyone, I greet you fraternally in the peace of the Risen Christ!




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