

FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

Ave Maria!

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Dear brothers and sisters of the Marian Movement of Priests,

In this Year of Mercy, Our Lady gives each one of us a specific mission: **“Be zealous in multiplying everywhere the Cenacles** of prayer which I have asked of you: among priests, among the faithful, and in families. In this way, you cooperate each day in the carrying out of my great **plan of salvation and mercy.**” (July 1, 1992, 474s)

Being zealous in spreading the Cenacles means doing more Cenacles, and doing them well, according to the simplicity of the MMP, in obedience to Mary Herself, and excluding all other messages “received from Heaven”, because today almost 9 out of 10 messages are not authentic. However, it isn’t sufficient to *do* Cenacles, we must **enter into the Cenacle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**: “Enter, all of you, into the new and spiritual cenacle of my Immaculate Heart to recollect yourselves in an intense and incessant prayer made with Me...” (May 22, 1996, 573k) And also, “Do not look at the results. My way of acting and of evaluating is so different from yours. You do not have to be numerous, but you must be holy.” (October 13, 1973, 20 b-c)

News

- In 2015, I was able to travel to the following countries: Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Santo Domingo, Haiti, Cuba, Honduras, San Salvador, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Mexico, Italy, France, Hungary, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the nation in front of it. I visited 105 cities, with 62 flights, and I presided 134 cenacles in which 2 Cardinals, 1 apostolic Nuncio, 25 Archbishops or Bishops, 840 priests and 90,000 faithful, including 500 major seminarians and 150 minor seminarians, took part. I also met 2 Cardinals, 19 Archbishops or Bishops, groups of priests, seminarians and religious, in order to introduce them to the Movement.
- In Collevallenza, at the Spiritual Exercises held in the form of a continuous Cenacle, 1 Cardinal, 6 Bishops, 250 priests and 50 faithful from the Movement took part.
- I would like to thank Fr. Geremia, the Assistant-Director of the MMP, for having visited Oceania during a month and a half (Australia, Fiji, Tonga, Solomon Islands and New Zealand), accompanied by Fr. Donal McIlraith, the director of the MMP for this Continent. Together they visited about twenty cities, with just as many flights, presiding over about thirty Cenacles, in which 1 Cardinal, 2 Archbishops or Bishops, about sixty priests and thousands of faithful participated. Moreover, Fr. Geremia conducted numerous regional Cenacles in Italy and two retreats for priests in Canada and the United States.

On behalf of Our Lady, I thank the numerous fervent directors and apostles of *Her* Movement.

- June 29, 2016 will mark the fifth anniversary of our dearest Fr. Gobbi’s departure for Heaven. His Beatification process will be able to begin, according to the laws of the Church, just as Benedict XVI had spontaneously declared when he was informed of his death, “he went straight to Heaven”. “We will be judged by our love” and Fr. Gobbi had a heart that loved. He had a heart that was formed by Our Lady, a simple heart and a loving heart. “With the act of your

consecration, she says on October 20, 1973 (22h), "...your capacity to love and to suffer will become extraordinarily more powerful, because you will feel, my son, as the Heart of your Mother feels!" "Everything must be done by you only out of love..." (March 20, 2988, 376, f).

- Don Stefano's biography was published in Italian in May 2015. Each country (or linguistic group) must prepare the translation on their own and then contact their local Pauline publishers for the edition in their language.

Spiritual Exercises 2016

As usual, the spiritual exercises will be held for the Bishops and Priests of the MMP in **Collevalenza, from Sunday evening June 26 to Saturday morning July 2**, at the Shrine of Merciful Love. Only a few faithful are allowed to participate, namely those who have a responsibility in the MMP. I invite all priests to bring their free intentions for Holy Mass, in order to offer brotherly assistance to those who have financial difficulties.

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Please note that in **2017**, our International Exercises will not be held in Collevalenza, but in **Fatima, from July 2 to 8**. Please sign up with Fr. Florio as soon as possible, because there are limited spaces available. Then, all the members of the Movement, Bishops, Priests and the faithful, from all over the world, are invited to participate in a world Cenacle on July 8, 2017 in Cova da Iria.

Cenacle Schedule 2016

From January 21 to February 28 I hope to visit: Bolivia, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Panama, Haiti;
from April 6 to May 13: Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Korea;
May 18 and 24-27: Italy; May 30 and June 11: Switzerland; in June: Belgium;
from August 16 to September 9: Ukraine, Russia, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic; from September 10 to November 10: Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi.

The Italian regional Cenacles:

14 April	Umbria: Collevalenza, Shrine of Merciful Love.
15 April	Abruzzo: Isola del Gran Sasso, Church of St. Gabriel dell'Addolorata.
25 April	Veneto: Padova, Church of the Sacred Heart.
13 May	Lombardy: Caravaggio, Santa Maria del Fonte Caravaggio.
13 May	Puglia: Lucera, Church of Saint Pius X.
18 May	Emilia Romagna: Bologna, Church of the Sacred Heart.
24 May	Liguria: La Spezia, Church of St. Michael the Archangel.
25 May	Tuscany: Florence, Basilica SS. Annunziata.
26 May	Campania: Pompeii. Church of the Sacred Heart.
27 May	Lazio: Rome, Basilica of St. Anastasia.
28 May	Lombardy/Veneto: Desenzano/Rivoltella, Church of St. Blase.
9 June	Marche: Loreto, Shrine of Madonna di Loreto.

Meditation

2016 is the Year of Mercy: humanity has drifted so far away from the Father, that only a great act of Mercy can raise it up, “only an intervention from on high (...) can give reason to hope for a brighter future” (St. John Paul II, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 40).

“This is the time when I want to pour out the mercy of my Immaculate Heart upon all my children, to save them through my motherly love which always understands, helps and pardons. I want to act through you, O priests especially chosen by me.” (November 9, 1975, 86, g-h)

“And then, **through you**, my great plan of love can be accomplished for the triumph of my Immaculate Heart, which is the triumph of the merciful love of God in the world.” (July 29, 1979, 179, k). What must we do? Cenacles and adoration. “Multiply everywhere cenacles of prayer to compel the mercy of God to descend, as a dew, on the immense desert of this world. And prepare yourselves to see that which human eyes have never before seen.” (January 1, 1981, 219, h) “At the hour when all will seem lost, all will be saved through the merciful love of the Father, which will be made visible through the greatest **manifestation of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.**” (December 8, 1980, 216, e).

2016 also marks **the hundredth anniversary of the coming of the Angel of Portugal**, “the Angel of Peace”, who taught the three children of Fatima **two prayers of reparative adoration** to the Eucharistic Jesus, “this prayer was taught for these times of yours” (August 8, 1986, 330, v-w), a time of apostasy from the Eucharistic faith, which therefore asks for reparation. I invite each member of the MMP to learn these two prayers by heart and to recite them daily.

“Let us take the time to kneel before Jesus present in the Eucharist, **in order to make reparation by our faith and love for the acts of carelessness and neglect, and even the insults which our Savior must endure** in many parts of the world.” St. John Paul II, *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, 18.

The fourth point of the text from December 31, 1992 (485, g) deals with the Mystery of the Eucharist in the mystery of the “end of the times”. Reference is made to Deut. 9 – which Jesus himself recommends reading (Mt 24:15) -, together with 2 Thess 2, in order to understand today what “the abomination of desolation” means, also called “the horrible sacrilege”. We do not know when this will happen. It is described in this way: “by accepting the Protestant doctrine, people will hold that the Mass is not a sacrifice but only a sacred meal, that is to say, a remembrance of that which Jesus did at his Last Supper. And thus, the celebration of Holy Mass will be suppressed. In this abolition of the daily Sacrifice consists the horrible sacrilege...” Do not assume that this substitution of the holy Mass is very evident: the denial of the real Presence and of the sacrificial dimension of the Mass are carried out in an ambiguous way. In this case, ecumenism would no longer be a value, but a pretext for destroying the faith – a false ecumenism, cf. October 27, 1986, 337e.

“**Today it is necessary to shed greater light upon the value of Holy Mass as a Sacrifice**” (July 5, 1984, 291, i), instead of shedding greater light upon the value of Holy Mass as a meal. Once again, let us recall St. John Paul II in *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 10: “**At times one encounters an extremely reductive understanding of the Eucharistic mystery. Stripped of its sacrificial meaning, it is celebrated as if it were simply a fraternal banquet.**”

Lastly, this short phrase is of utmost importance: it denounces “**the horrible sacrilege**” of the end of **the times**, a tactic of false ecumenism, in bringing together a great brotherhood (very much extolled by the media), but at the price of **apostasy from the Truth of the Eucharistic Jesus** (cf. CCC 675). In these times, “**having a clear faith** based on the Creed of the Church” in the Eucharistic Jesus could be “labelled as fundamentalism” (cf. Cardinal Ratzinger, April 18, 2005).

Certainly, the adoration of the Eucharistic Jesus flourishes everywhere in the Church: “while many churches are being closed, many tabernacles are being opened”, before a “small remnant” of adorers, who cling to the **true faith**.

“Above all, I ask you, my beloved ones, to be zealous in your priestly ministry, persevering in prayer, **ardent in love for the Eucharistic Jesus, who must become the centre of your apostolate and the great love of your life**, open to the needs of the poor, of the humble, of the little ones, and, above all, of my children who live in the darkness of paganism...” (October 31, 1996, 583g)

“The poor you will always have with you; but you will not always have me.” (Mt 26:11)

The real Poor one is Jesus abandoned by his own in the **churches stripped of His Presence**. “Love is not loved... Jesus loves you, and, in the Eucharist, throbs with love for you, and you leave Him alone, abandoned, surrounded by a great void and so much unbelief. Never before as in these stormy times is it so true that Love is not loved.” (September 11, 1988, 388, j-k). Why is the tabernacle now often found outside the church, and why is it so little surrounded by flowers, lights and everything that might be used to express Faith in His Real Presence?

Could it be because “look, my betrayer is at hand”? (Mt 26:46). If this is true, then it is not time to ask: “who is it?”, but – just as Jesus says at this time: “Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test.” (Mt 26:41). “Watch and pray” especially before the Eucharistic Jesus.

Let us recall the “three loves” of Don Bosco’s dream: the Pope (cf. July 13, 1978, 156, h-k), Mary our Mother, and the Eucharistic Jesus. We have the privilege and responsibility of belonging to the MMP in order to listen to Mary’s voice and follow her.

Let us also recall the three main Eucharistic messages in the Blue Book: August 8, 1986; August 21, 1987; March 31, 1988.

We mustn’t claim to identify the false prophet of Revelation 13:11. We must “pray, suffer, offer and **be silent...**” like Jesus on the Cross (March 24 1978, 151, d); being silent includes blogs, social networks and emails (cf. March 25, 1979, 173, q-r). “I did not send these prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.” Jer. 23:21, mentioned by St. John of the Cross, *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, 3, 31, 2-3; St. James and St. John, carried away by their zeal, still didn’t belong to the Spirit of Jesus (Lk 9:54-55).

Let us watch and pray, gathered in Cenacles with Mary, **following Mary**, not walking in front of Her. We are living in a time of darkness. “If I have told you that, **in the greatest darkness, the light will come to you from my Immaculate Heart**, I have wanted in this way to inform you that, **at the decisive moments, I myself will suggest everything to you. I will tell you whom you must follow in order to be faithful to the Vicar of my Son Jesus** and to my Church. I will confirm you in what you must say to remain in the truth. I will point out to you those whom you ought to fear and what roads you can follow to avoid dangers, while, for him whom I will lead up Calvary to be immolated, I myself will arrange everything beforehand.”(December 8, 1977, 140 n-p) “**If they do not accustom themselves now to seek Me alone, to listen to Me alone, and to entrust themselves to Me alone, how are they going to find Me at the moment of the great tempest when everything will be plunged in darkness? Let them accustom themselves as of now to see Me as the light of their every action!**”(Feb. 10, 1974, 37g)

Let us be practical: is anyone perhaps currently asking us, in our ministry, to commit acts of profanation against the Eucharistic Jesus? Only on the day in which the abomination becomes evident in the acts we would be asked to perform, then yes, we should be brave and speak without fear, to the point of becoming “martyrs of Jesus present in the Eucharist” (July 13, 1978, 156n). However, for the time being, apostasy seems to be latent. “**In appearance, everything remains calm...**”(Sept. 6, 1986, 332 g)

“My secret concerns the Church. In the Church, the great apostasy, which will spread throughout the whole world, will be brought to its completion; the schism will take place through a general alienation from the Gospel and from the **true faith**.” (March 11, 1995, 539, h-i) In fact, we have the grace of remaining in **the true faith**, but unfortunately there is a faith which could have the appearance of faith, but which is **a false faith**! Cf. CCC 675-677.

“*You will be persecuted*. It will even be that **those who oppose you, who calumniate you, who despise you, who push you aside and who persecute you will believe that they are doing something pleasing to the Heavenly Father and even to Me, your Immaculate Mother**. This forms part of the tenebrous time in which you are living. Because you are now entering into the most painful and dark phase of the purification, and soon **the Church will be shaken by a terrible persecution, a new persecution, such as has hitherto been unknown**.” (November 12, 1988, 393, g-h).

This is the time for the power of darkness (Lk 22:53). “These are the times when the faithful followers of the Lamb will be subjected to marginalization, to persecutions, to prison and to death. **These are therefore the times of your constancy**. Here must appear the constancy of the saints.” (August 15, 1989, 409, g-i and Rev. 14).

“I have much more to tell you [with regard to this], but you cannot bear it now.” (Jn 16:12) “The moments which are approaching are more serious than you can possibly imagine. And so I want to prepare you so that at the opportune moment you will all be ready.” (May 20, 1974, 47, h) “Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand: for it will not be you who are speaking but the Holy Spirit.” (cf. Lk 21:14 and Mk 13:11)

An unprecedented schism... A brother will believe he is honouring God and Our Lady Herself by persecuting his brother, for example by accusing him of “fundamentalism”. In this regard, let us pray the Holy Spirit to help us discern between what belongs to the *foundations* of faith, and what is only supplemental, and can be changed, in order not to be scandalized by secondary things. Before the “secret Sanhedrin” (April 17, 1981, 224, f) of the “dictatorship of relativism” which no longer tolerates **the certainty of faith**, let us ask for the grace to be able to bear witness or remain silent at the right time: to bear witness in order to defend what is truly fundamental, and be silent otherwise.

The **certainty of faith** doesn’t derive from human opinion, but from the Holy Spirit. It is “bearing witness to Jesus” (Rev 12:17), that is, faith in Jesus from within with the witness of the Holy Spirit in our hearts (Jn 14:17). And little by little He will introduce us “to all Truth” (Jn 16:13), which we don’t have the strength to bear now, by means of a gentle and extraordinary light which comes from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, **in the intimacy of our intense prayer**. And it is then that we will bear witness.

Deut 9 speaks about a period of three and a half years, and it seems that this time span must be interpreted literally as now, as the time of the antichrist. Of course, we don’t know when these three and a half years will begin, but it can be easily deduced that it has to do with the time of his short-lived triumph, preceding his defeat, which will take place with the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the advent of Jesus in Glory (Rev 19:11). Let us hope that the times will be shortened, as Jesus promised (Mt 24:22; cf. the entire message of September 29, 1995).

For this reason, even though the times of the horrible sacrilege are drawing nearer, it can also be said that they will last a short time, and consequently, the more painful and tenebrous the times become, the more our hope, instead of being shaken, is strengthened! Let us read the wonderful message given on March 9, 1979 (179): “your liberation is near!” (=Lk 21:28).

In the light of faith, we know that discouragement is a weapon Satan uses to paralyze us. “My Adversary desires to bring you to lack of confidence, to discouragement (...), to bring you to this paralysis of mind...” (July 8, 1977, 128, c-e) Never allow yourselves to get discouraged because of the catastrophes of the times! In the midst of the “woes”, in the words of the Book of Revelation (Rev 8:13), in Chapter 11, the “two witnesses” go out now and always before the world, to bear witness, even though they encounter general contradiction. These “two witnesses” are the “apostles of the last times”, gathered in “Cenacles”, in order to be filled with the Holy Spirit, in order to go out now and always to announce “the joy of the Gospel” to humanity which has once again become pagan.

For this reason as well, Satan is furious (Rev 12:12), because he knows, even better than we do, that “he has little time left” and that “in the end, the Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph!” “A prophetic triumph”, Benedict XVI said on May 12, 2010 in Fatima. I like to think that this “end” may just be the end of these three and a half years... However, it remains a mystery.

In any case, as of now, “**our victory is our faith**” (1Jn 5:4). Preserving our faith in Jesus and God’s commandments, as the descendants of the Woman clothed with the Sun (Rev 12:17). Preserving our faith and traditions. Nothing is more simple... and nothing is more difficult in these times of the great decisive apocalyptic battle.

“**When the Son of Man returns, will He still find faith on earth?**” ...

Yes, Jesus, Mary replies, when you return, you will still find faith on earth: “the little flock, reunited **in the prayer of the Cenacles** and watchful in expectation - the flock gathered together and formed by Me to ever preserve **the true faith** (...), in all those who will have **consecrated themselves to Me**, allowing themselves to be gathered together in the heavenly garden of my Immaculate Heart”. (March 13, 1990, 420, i-j). These are the perfect adorers of the Eucharist, who Our Lady Herself has formed and guarded in littleness, trust and perseverance, in order to receive Jesus at His glorious Return, which will glorify His Real Presence and will make all things new.

“Yes, I am coming soon!” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev 22:20)

I hope that this letter will be carefully meditated upon. I thank you for your prayers, which help me and which I am in need of, and I assure you of my prayers.

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