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News from our Pilgrimage without border

1. Greetings my brothers, pilgrims without borders

To you who still feel in your hearts the fire of your first being sent out as a missionary in the Company of Mary. To you who have managed to surpass the barriers imposed by COVID-19 and to continue to evangelize with new means of communication. To you who, in these difficult times, formulate acts of mercy and solidarity with those who are suffering. To you who bring a word of consolation to those who are discouraged. To you who, despite today's challenges, continue to invent new missionary projects. It is to you Montfort Missionaries that I send this message.

2. Receive this “News from our pilgrimage without borders”

I come to present you with a little notebook that is like a “log”, gathering the remembrances of our missionary acts in the course of these three last years. It is not a notebook of the General Administration. It is our log book, since all of you, from the least to the highest degree, you have collaborated in editing it. It related the echoes of our missionary activities in which you are all involved. Whether you work in formation, in the animation of works or parishes, on the administrative level, in the governance of our entities, whatever the nature of your present service in the midst of the Congregation might be, you are all on mission, considering that the mission is the horizon of our challenges of the General Chapter 2017.

More than the remembrance of what has been realized in the course of these last three years, this “notebook of news” invites us to become aware that we are all responsible for the future of the Company of Mary.

3. For the entire Company of Mary

I humbly ask all the superiors of all the entities to use every means available so that this “pilgrimage notebook” might reach each confrere. The news shared are not inventions of the General Administration, but rather a portrait of who we are today as the Company of Mary present on the five continents of the world. This is not a document sent to be read and studied only by the superiors and council members of the Entities, but it is destined for the entire Company of Mary.

4. What we expect

As you will notice, it is not merely a memoire created to be read passively; it is also and especially a first draft that each one must continue to write in his language, his culture and at the heart of his mission, which must create an active reading, triggering in each of us the desire to share his points of views, his opinions and experiences. That is why we await the

reactions and commentaries of everyone. How do we react to what is shared in this document? What is the Entity's reaction to the "CONVICTIONS"? Do they help us to become aware that we can only move ahead as a Congregation in the measure that we do it in a synodal manner?

In the perspective of preparation for the EGC of 2021, we hope to tackle certain specific themes such as "FORMATION" and "FINANCES", fruit of the preceding consultations. It is not necessary to submit a written report of what has been discussed and gathered at the level of the Entities. It belongs to each superior to decide the appropriate methodology to gather the opinions of each confrere in his entity. The synthesis will be shared in a Zoom meeting between the superiors and members of the council of the entity if possible, with the General Council.

5. Exchange by means of videoconference Zoom

We propose to organize four Zoom meetings, two in French and two in English. We will submit to you a proposal for a calendar which would permit the participation of all the Entities, most evidently while taking into account the differences of language and times zones. Each meeting will have a moderator. Given that the meetings will be virtual, we ask that the superior of each entity assure, over and above, that his entity possesses a reliable internet system. Clearly, we know that in certain countries the internet system is weak, but we presuppose that if the entity takes the necessary means, it is really strongly possible to lessen this challenge.

In addition to the "Booklet of News", we send you in annex the list of the groups of countries for these virtual meetings. If you have any objections as to the arrangement of the groups, please let us know about it.

6. Final Salutations

Dear brothers, let us hold on to the enthusiasm and hope of the mission. Know that we are near to each one of you, especially in these difficult times. May Saint Louis Marie de Montfort and Blessed Marie Louise of Jesus continue to be our inspiration. Gazing at their life, their struggles, their trust in the Holy Spirit and their love for the Virgin Mary, let us be infused with their very own dynamism as founders, and let us also dare to cast our nets and move out to deeper waters.

The mission continues.



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