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**CIRCUMSCRIPTION SUPERIORS
AND DIRECTORS GENERAL OF APOSTOLATE**

Subject: Editorial Theme chosen for the year 2021

Dear Brothers,

I am writing to inform you of the editorial theme chosen for the year 2021 which, as required by the document “*Editorial guidelines: identity, content and interlocutors of Pauline apostolate*” in paragraph 6.3.4, must be inspired by the major and current issues and be in harmony with the journey of the universal Church.

In our reflection within the General Council, and after having listened to the opinion of the CTIA, we considered that the theme should emphasize the Biblical Year of the Pauline Family - which we will celebrate from 26 November 2020 to 26 November 2021 -, but situated in the historical and social context marked by the Covid-19 pandemic which we are experiencing.

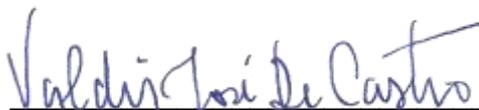
In this perspective, we have chosen the theme: **“THE WORD OF GOD: LIGHT FOR A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY”**. The proposal is, therefore, to promote publications, materials, initiatives, events inspired by the Word of God, which may bring courage and Christian hope especially to those who suffer from the pandemic.

The words of Pope Francis, pronounced during the homily of the Easter Vigil of this year, can be a source of inspiration for us when he, referring to the commitment of the Church with the Easter proclamation, makes the following exhortation: «*The proclamation of hope should not be confined to our sacred precincts, but should be brought to everyone. Because everyone needs to be heartened and, if we who have touched “the Word of life” (1 Jn 1,1), do not do it, who will do it? How beautiful it is to be Christians who console, who bear the burdens of others, who encourage: heralds of life in time of death!*».

Through the means of our apostolate, in the culture of communication, we are also called to be, with the whole Church, heralds of life in a time of death, bringing light where there is darkness. We shall do so by witnessing and spreading the Word, in the spirit of the apostle Paul and as interpreted it by our Founder, Blessed James Alberione.

May Jesus Master, Light of the World, guide us towards this goal.

Fraternally yours,



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