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Christ's resurrection calls forth everywhere
seeds of a new world.
Even if they are cut back, they grow again,
for the resurrection is already secretly woven
into the fabric of history.
(*Evangelii Gaudium*, 278)

Dearest Sisters,

Following the days of the Passion, we now contemplate the blinding light of the Sun of Easter and joyfully celebrate the risen Christ, who ascends victoriously from the abyss of death. His light transfigures every reality; his vital energy penetrates the innermost fibers of our existence in the fragments of history. In the radiant light of Easter morning, we are called to walk “in newness of life” (Rm. 6:4); to be new persons who preserve in their hearts the amazement of an encounter that has transformed their lives (cf. Pope Francis).

In this Paschal climate, I want to ask all of you to pray in a special way for our upcoming *Seminar on Apostolic Mysticism*, which will be held in the St. Paul House in Rome from 29 April–9 May 2016. About 50 sisters, representing all our circumscriptions, will be participating in this event.


Taking as a starting point the wealth of reflections carried out in these years, we want to “rediscover in our apostolic mysticism the unifying power of our spirituality and the prophetic power of our mission.” In other words, we want to reaffirm with deeper awareness that only Christ the Master, Way, Truth and Life is the unifying center of our existence and that our intimate relationship with him nourishes our faith and gives birth to a fruitful apostolate.

Pope Francis encourages us, saying: “Jesus wants evangelizers who proclaim the Good News not only with words but above all by a life transfigured by God’s presence.... Spirit-filled evangelizers are evangelizers who pray and work.... Without prolonged moments of adoration, of prayerful encounter with the Word, of sincere conversation with the Lord, it can easily happen that our work becomes meaningless, we lose energy as a result of weariness and difficulties, and our fervor dies out” (EG 259, 262).

Let us prepare for this event by contemplating the beautiful and radiant face of the risen Christ so as to be filled by him and become “vessels” that revitalize the deserts of contemporary humanity, “channels of grace” that cause life to burst into bloom once again.

In him, living and glorious, I join the sisters of the General Government in offering you our warmest best wishes for a joyous Easter, overflowing with hope.

With deep affection,


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