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From the Superior General

Dear Sisters,

*At the beginning of this New Year, let us give thanks to God, the Lord of history and of our lives. We praise him with all our heart for all the benefits he has bestowed on us during the last year, in particular for the Chapter event that marked an uncharted track for our Institute. We welcome the New Year with joyful hope, entrusting ourselves to Mary, the Mother of God and of the whole human family, praying that 2008 will be for all a year of prosperity and peace. May it be a year in which Jesus, our Lord and Master, be better known, received and loved, because in him lies the future of every man and woman. In him the Father has blessed history, making of it the history of salvation. Days of grace are waiting for us, characterized in particular by two remarkable events which should offer us a precious impulse towards evangelization: **the year of St Paul** (June 2008-June 2009) and the **XII Synod of Bishops** on the theme: 'The Word of God in the life and in the mission of the Church.' that will take place in Rome from 5th to 26th October 2008.*

***The year of St Paul** stimulates our hearts to greater joy and a renewed desire to enter into a more profound relationship with St Paul, 'the Father of the Institute, the model of our life in Christ and the inspiration of [our] mission (Cons no. 3). Moreover, it is our desire that a closer encounter with this great Apostle should reinforce in everyone the passion of announcing the Gospel with courage and audacity in a society that needs values that revive hope and give to life a future for eternity. I am aware of the fact that you are already working with creativity and love in planning initiatives, preparing multi-medial publications that will make the thought and personality of St Paul better known.*

I invite you to intensify your commitment, but above all, to find time for reading and re-reading the letters of St Paul, and become familiar with them, so that we may acquire a Pauline identity as the Chapter Documents invite us (cf no. 11), leaving all things in order to know Christ and his mystery of love, and communicate his Gospel not only by word and through the various instruments [of the media] but with our very life, that is increasingly conformed to our Lord.

Like St Paul, we are called to allow the Holy Spirit to repeat in ourselves the same marvellous journey of grace worked in the Apostle by which he 'lives, thinks, operates, loves, wills [desires], prays, suffers, dies and resurrects in us' and in all men and women to whom we address our apostolate.

On 25th January 1957 Fr Alberione announced a Pauline year to commemorate the XIX centenary of the Letter of St Paul to the Romans, St Paul's masterpiece. The proposals suggested to the members of Pauline Family at that time, are also for us today a precious aid to live this new time of grace: gratitude to the Apostle for having watched over, guided, accompanied the Pauline Family; a commitment to know him, pray to him and love him in order to imitate his virtues; a desire to learn from him to be made all in all for the sake of the Gospel (cf 1Cor 9.19).

*The journey with St Paul opens our hearts to welcome the proposals of the **Synod on the Word**, which offers the opportunity to re-awaken in us the 'priority' aspect of our mission, indeed emphasized by the theme of the General Chapter. 'With St Paul and with the Church, we are indebted to the Gospel towards all' (Cons no. 18): the proclamation of the Word has always characterised the Pauline charism. Our first Sisters, with great faith and courage, started printing Gospels, Bibles and diffuse them with great sacrifices to visit families, schools, factories, etc...sustained by the desire that all might know the message of love of the Father.*

According to the Universal Biblical Alliance, in 2004 the Bible was translated wholly or partly in 2,355 languages; the languages in the world are 6,700 – of which 3,000 are principal languages. While a third of humanity has the possibility to read the word of

God, should they wish to, the remaining two-thirds are denied such a right. Furthermore, the great majority of humanity is illiterate. Our heart of apostle throbs before the fact that a good number of persons in the world do not have the possibility to partake of the bread of the Word; we also know that many, though having this Bread accessible to them, remain indifferent and do not make use of this Bread to give life to their existence, thus depriving themselves of the possibility of knowing and loving Christ.

Why not call to mind the love of Blessed James Alberione and of Maestra Thecla for the Holy Scriptures from which springs forth a creative and passionate biblical apostolate? Let us collaborate with the Church so that the aim of the Synod may be implemented: to extend and strengthen the encounter with the Word as a font of life; to propose to Christians and to all, the most convenient ways of listening to the Word of God and of speaking to him (cf Lineamenta Sinodo Parola n. 5).

Let us collaborate to disseminate the culture of hope in the world, the knowledge of God – through the diffusion of the Word – in the discovery of the heart of the good and merciful Father because, as Pope Benedict XVI reminds us in his last encyclical letter **Spe salvi**, the word ‘hope’ is ‘strictly connected with the word ‘faith’ (no. 1); it is a gift that changes the life of the one who receives it, as the experience of so many men and women saints demonstrates. The Pope also reminds us that the world needs God otherwise it remains deprived of hope and without hope. It needs to encounter Jesus who, ‘with his death on the Cross and his Resurrection, has revealed his Face to us, the face of a God so great in love as to communicate to us an uncrushable hope that not even death can break, because the life of the one who entrusts himself to this Father opens itself to the prospect of eternal beatitude’ (Angelus 02.12.07).

Hope is the climate where we wish to live this new page of the Institute which the IX General Chapter has begun to write. The post-chapter animation is almost completed, and the **Chapter Document** was entrusted to each one of you. As I wrote in the presentation, the Document may be likened to ‘a mosaic of ideas, images and propositions’ but it answers as well a definite urgency of our Institute. We all thirst for what is essential, for integrity and for living our only objective: Jesus Christ and communicating his Word of life. This desire had been made manifest for a long time now and the two preceding General Chapters had traced for us a track towards this objective, decidedly inviting each one of us to centre our life in Jesus Master and in the Eucharist; to enter into his Easter mystery, in order to communicate to all, with our life and all means [of social communication], the novelty of the Gospel message.

Continuing the track – traced for us by the recent General Chapter – is a challenge to **invigorate faith**, by living in communion with the Holy Trinity in the style of St Paul: “It is a matter of emphasizing the principle on which our identity as consecrated Paulines is based: faith. To believe means to verify whether God holds first place in our life, whether he is our Father and whether, as individuals and as a community, we remain before him as daughters in his Son, embracing his free and creative love” (DC no. 7).

To face and accept this challenge is to transform our relationships and make our mission fruitful; it will lead us to live an evangelical lifestyle concerning authority and obedience. Opening ourselves to a filial relationship with the Father in faith leads us to implement in our daily life, choices of love and life, for our brothers and sisters to whom we are sent to communicate the joyful message of the God who loved us first.

Let us start the New Year with a deeper faith, entrusting once more our Institute, the Church and the world to Mary, Queen of Apostles and to St Paul the Apostle. Let us learn from them how to place our life at the total disposal of the Father, so that ‘the Word of God may spread rapidly and be glorified’ (2Thes 3.1); that new, un-hoped for horizons of truth and the meaning of life, may be opened to the men and women of our times, and that joy may permeate the world increasingly.

Affectionately,

Sr. M. Antonietta Bruscatto

The General Government



ACTIVITIES OF THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The members of our General Government have been spending a good period of their time in meetings reflecting on the situation of the Congregation, programming the activities according to the guidelines which emerged from the General Chapter, preparing their calendar as a government and responding to the different needs of the Congregation. Among these are the appointment of new governments of the different circumscriptions which follow.

Appointment of New Circumscription Governments

East African Delegation – Nigeria-Zambia

Kimani Sr Maria	Delegate Superior
Marcazzan Sr Teresa	Councilor
Swai Sr M. Theresia	Councilor
Mangie Sr Mary	Councilor

Province of Colombia - Ecuador

Rincon Sr Maria Nubia	Provincial Superior
Leon Ordonez Sr Stella	Councilor
Patiño Sr Martha Lucia	Councilor
Restrepo Sr Luz Mary del Socorro	Councilor
Veira Preciado Jenni del Socorro	Councilor

French Delegation

Zanello Sr Elisa	Delegate Superior
Sauro Sr M. Bernardetta	Councilor
Guignard Sr Eliane	Councilor

Canada Delegation

Salvador Sr Vanda	Delegate Superior
Lafontaine Sr Gisele	Councilor
Bolduc Sr Suzanne	Councilor

Meeting of the General Governments of the Pauline Family

The general governments of the Pauline Family will come together, as they have been doing every year, in order to consider issues of common interest. They will stay at the House of the Divine Master in Ariccia from the 7th to the 11th of January 2008. The theme for this year will be: **Pauline Formation: for a common starting point**. At the end of the meeting, they will put in writing a message addressed to the whole Pauline Family.

Religious Profession

Korea, Seoul Miari 25 January 2008

1. Kim Youn Hee – Gemma
2. Park Mi Seon – Rufina
3. Nam Bo Na – Bona
4. Park Ha Na – Maria

Pakistan, Lahore, 25 January 2008

1. Nazia Salamat
2. Robia James
3. Rebecca James.

The Circumscriptions



Argentina *Chaco prepares for Christmas*

To prepare them for the celebration of Christmas, the sisters of Resistencia are working with the less fortunate residents in the province who particularly need companionship and consolation. The Sisters believe that it is very important to listen to them in carrying out the Pauline mission. This will enable them to better advise the people and offer the appropriate book, poster or CD and to pray with them in the chapel adjacent to the media center. They spent the days of Advent organizing a special triduum of prayer and participation, while everyone busied themselves in collecting provisions, clothes and toys for the children of the region who live in precarious conditions. Other provinces also collaborated in improving the life of these simple people, who despite their simplicity demonstrate a great faith in the Lord and close family ties.

Return to Rosario

The sisters of Argentina fulfilled their dream of returning to the city of Rosario. They recently inaugurated the *Paulinas* media center, under the management of lay employees. The premises is beautiful, spacious and bright. Father Fabián presented the new Pauline presence in the name of the Bishop in simple and pastoral words: "The center is a space for evangelization, a place where the Word of God is planted in the hearts of the people who visit it". Sr. Ana Maria Killing, provincial Superior, greeted everyone with the words of Blessed Alberione: "The book center is a temple; the book seller is a preacher. The fruits are light, holiness and joy in Christ Jesus and in Christian life."



Other news arrived from Añatuya. The collaborators were invited to join in the prayer of adoration to get them involved in vocational ministry and participate in the Pauline charism. From September on, the communitarian hour of adoration (from 15,30 to 16,30) was opened to the laity who extended the prayer of the community by continuing in groups until 18:30 pm. The participants expressed their happiness for this opportunity to pray in a recollected atmosphere where they can joyfully converse with the Lord.

Brazil *Project Pauline Cooperators*

An enthusiastic commitment to the Project Pauline Cooperators begun this year in Brazil. Sisters of the different communities in the country are identifying the lay persons who feel the call to live the Pauline vocation in a deeper way within their professional life. In her presentation of the Project, Sr. M. Antonieta Bruscato remembers that "from the very beginning of the Pauline Family, Fr. Alberione considered the laity indispensable to the realization of its mission. In fact, he thought of them as "family" and kept them informed about the progress and problems of his foundation, involving them in its apostolic and spiritual ideal." The Pauline Cooperators are lay faithful whom the Spirit calls to participate in the foundational plan of Blessed Alberione. They collaborate with the other Insti-

tutes of the Pauline Family with whom they live and work, in communion of spirit and initiatives. A good number of lay men and women are already undergoing a formative journey in becoming Pauline Cooperators in Brazil, collaborating in the mission of the FSPs in many and varied ways. In Sao Luis do Maranao, Northeast of Brazil, a group of Cooperators worked side by side with the sisters during the Book Fair.

They made their services available in the later hours of the night when people, free from the commitments of their every day job could visit the Fair with more calm. The Sisters of São Luis write: "It was a genuine and precious collaboration which helped us save extra hours on the job. And it also gave a sense of satisfaction to the collaborators who, in spite of the fatigue, are themselves very happy in experiencing the wealth that the Pauline mission offers, and to be in contact with a crowd of visitors in the *Paulinas* stand searching for a book, a DVD, a message of hope, or the renewal of one's spirit".



Bolivia ***Biblical initiatives***

The sisters of La Paz are carrying out some Biblical initiatives, both from the book center and in collaboration with other institutes, for a prayerful reading of the Word of God, aimed at helping persons get a better understanding of its content and to put it into practice. In one of the encounters a Methodist biblical scholar also introduced an intercultural method of reading the Bible.

In the province of Santa Cruz, Vallegrande a Bible week was held in collaboration with the Redemptorist Fathers. There were numerous initiatives of reflecting on the Word together with the people in order to diffuse, deepen and pray the Word of God, particularly the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. A youth vigil was held one evening with the participation of 180 young people. The families expressed extraordinary gratitude because this is the first time they were visited by Sisters. Our sisters felt like the Daughters of Saint Paul of the first hour who like Paul went from city to city announcing the Gospel.

Korea ***More Young People***

Five new aspirants entered in the month of November. One of them comes from the United States and has been in communication with the person in charge of pastoral work for vocations through the Internet. After exchanging several emails, at least once a week, she followed the advise to go back to Korea in order to see how the Paulines live there. She has now entered as an aspirant and began her formative journey. More strongly than ever, the sisters of Korea feel the necessity of having an lively and continuous contact with young people through the internet. For this reason they have started, aside from the vocational website, www.fsp.or.kr/youth/youthforum.php, some personal miniblogs of the sisters working for vocations through which they meet and exchange messages with young people. May this initiative bear fruit with the help of God.



The Philippines

Biblical Course and formation to values

Together with the head of the Biblical Commission of the Archdiocese of Cebu and a Pauline Cooperator, Sr. Rica Dalaguit gave a 3-day Basic Bible Seminar to 350 participants all involved in pastoral work as Eucharistic ministers and catechists in Argao, Cebu. They were joined by 15 postulants from the Congregation of the Society of Peace. Sr. Rica also gave value formation seminars to the employees of the Visayan Electric Company of Cebu with three other members of the Association of the Pauline Cooperators. The program included team building, communication processes and human relations. Positive feedback from the participants encouraged other members of the Association of Pauline Cooperators to collaborate in similar initiatives and to accompany them with prayer.

50 year presence in Cagayan de Oro

The community of Cagayan de Oro celebrated their Golden Jubilee on 11 November 2007 with the Eucharistic celebration presided by the Archbishop and 10 priests concelebrating. During the homily, Monsignor Ledesma thanked the Lord for the presence of the Daughters of St. Paul in the Archdiocese and all their apostolic initiatives in order to diffuse the Word of God. He renewed his request addressed to the provincial Superior for a Daughter of St. Paul to work in the Archdiocesan Center of Communication. He also encouraged the laity to help the sisters so that the Word of God may reach all.



India

Communication Sunday

The World Day of Communications, which is celebrated in November in India, was organized by SIGNIS and the Episcopal Commission of western Bengal in the Diocese of Calcutta on the proposed theme: *The Media and Children, a challenge for education*. They spoke about the growth of the Communications Day through the years, beginning in 1966 and considered some points like:

- * Children exposed to the media without guidance
- * The media still not an integral part of our communication system
- * Formation to the media still lacking
- * Negative influence of violence in the media
- * Media as a gift of God

Those who work in the Church and the field of education were encouraged to use the media in order to diffuse the Word of God. The sharing was open to the participants who enriched the encounter with their suggestions. The Daughters of St. Paul contributed in enhancing the program with a power point presentation on the said theme.

Kenya

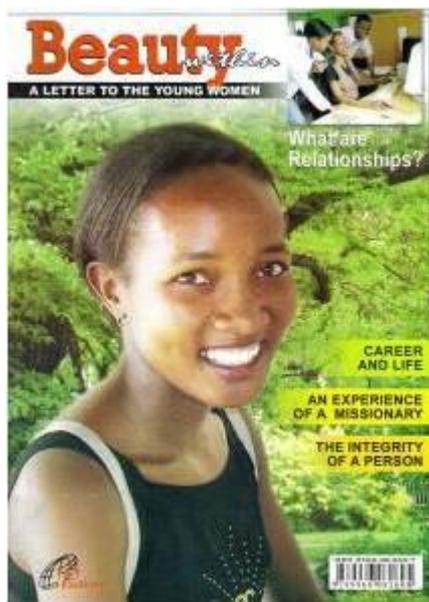
A Magazine for Youth

The Pastoral Workers for Vocation who gathered for an encounter in Nairobi in July 2006 reflected a lot on the situation of young people in Africa/Madagascar. Many youth today are confused and they do not have sufficient help in discovering human and Christian values on which to build their life.

For this reason the vocation animators felt the necessity of preparing a study aid that is new, attractive and interactive. They studied the most appropriate approach in order to realize it. They now have the joy of offering the Africans and Malagasy youth the first edition of the Magazine "Beauty Within" – A Letter to Young Women.

As a start, they will release two issues a year, then three, four... and later on they hope to have a beautiful monthly magazine for young people.

The magazine was prepared and edited by the junior professed sisters who are undergoing their theological studies, with the help of Sr Teresa Marcazan, director of the Paulines Publications Africa, and the suggestions of the sisters of the community.



Pakistan

Launch of New Urdu Bible

The 9th edition of the Urdu Bible was launched solemnly in the Catholic churches of Pakistan. Published by the Bible Society in Korea, it is a modern edition of the 1999 text. The Daughters of Saint Paul collaborated with the Biblical Commission of Pakistan in promoting and diffusing the new Bible. With appropriate animations in the parishes and several ecclesial encounters, they encouraged the people to obtain a copy of the Bible reminding them that the Word of God always offers a message of life and hope. With great enthusiasm and apostolic passion they have covered hundreds of kilometers in order to reach the greatest number of the faithful.

The Lord has generously rewarded them in sending new vocations: in autumn six young people from the Punjab, aged 17 to 19, entered the Lahore community. They have begun their formation and are trying to understand better the mission and charism of the Daughters of St. Paul. We entrust them to the prayers of all the sisters.

Czech Republic

Formative Encounter

The sisters of Prague invited Father Amedeo Cencini, a Canossian priest and psychologist of international repute, to hold two encounters on 5-7 November. The first one was held during the annual formation meeting of youth animators, organized by the Pastoral Youth Commission of the Episcopal Conference. The chosen theme was: *Five verbs of vocational pedagogy*. The day after, Fr. Cencini met religious men and women, developing the topic: *Consecrated life today, from crisis to renewal*. The encounter began with the celebration of Holy Mass, then after a short interval, he gave the first conference. After lunch Fr Cencini completed his talk, in order to give the participants the possibility to raise questions or to ask for clarifications. In spite of the difficulty inherent to simultaneous translation from Italian to Czech, there was great participation. The participants also showed great appreciation for the book exhibit, especially for the books written by Fr. Cencini which have been translated into the Czech language by our publishing house.

Romania

Bucharest Book Center is 10 years old

On 26 November, day dedicated to the memory of Blessed Alberione, the Paulines of Bucharest had the great joy of celebrating 10 years of the opening of the Book Center. The celebration of their 10th anniversary was crowned by the well-attended launch of the

VD *Paul from Tarsus to the world* (Paul din lumea Tars în întreg). The figure of the Apostle Paul was the focal point of an interesting round table discussion held at the book center after some lively moments of recollection and prayer. The Archbishop of Bucharest, representatives of the MDV films who dubbed the DVD into the Romanian language, and Alexandru Nechifor, a young orthodox student of the National University of plastic art presented their interventions. The quality presentations were greatly appreciated for their pastoral, professional and artistic aspect.



The laity, friends, collaborators, acquaintances, both catholic and orthodox participated in this special ecumenical event. From this new apostolic initiative, the Paulines of Bucharest are planning to offer a series of Biblical and cultural animations on Saint Paul, the Apostle of hope and ecumenism, in view of the Pauline year 2008-2009.

Russia **Non-Fiction Book Fair**

The sisters participated in the 9th "Non-fiction" Book Fair, one of the main international fairs of Moscow, from 28 November to 2 December. It was an important date for all the literary editors in the Russian language. For this occasion, the Sisters shared with the Franciscan publishing house a medium-sized stall in order to provide more prominence to both publishing houses. It was interesting to see people stopping by and giving some comments: a good number already knew our book center, others came near because they were interested in Gregorian chant or some videos.



A free bookmark advertising the website www.paoline.ru and the media center was distributed to everyone. The fair was also an occasion to introduce the latest editions of our publishing house: the new translation "in current language" of the *Confessions of Saint Augustine* and "*Remember and Tell the Gospel of Mark*" by Silvano Fausti, sj. Other two new titles that were presented are the DVD of the documentary on the *Vatican Museums* and "*In the Footsteps of Christ*".

The sisters of Moscow will also participate in another Book Fair with a religious character in Saint Petersburg from the 6 to 9 December.

United States **Jessie McAnse Prize**

The National Telemedia Council in Madison, Wisconsin, has conferred the McAnse prize this year to Sr. Rose Pacatte. This prize is given for individual contribution to the field of media literacy, over a long sustained period of time of at least 10 years and whose contribution exemplifies high principles and dedication.

Sr Rose Pacatte was given recognition for her remarkable contribution in developing Media awareness and Media study through the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Los Angeles.

SAL: Formation of lay collaborators

In these past months, Sr. Elide Pulita, coordinator of SAL (Bogota), dedicated herself in a particular way to the professional and apostolic formation of the sisters and lay collaborators. The first encounter was held in Lima, Perú (July 2007). This was followed in *Puerto Rico* (October 2007) with a group of lay professionals who hold important responsibilities in various social and ecclesial areas, and have collaborated with the Paulines for various years. A few of them work on the website. Some of the topics discussed were: vocation, spirituality, mission and the important role of lay collaborators in the Pauline charism.



In Puerto Rico there was an encounter for the formation of both the sisters and lay collaborators of the 2 book centers of the island. It highlighted the role of the laity and their participation in the apostolic and spiritual values of the charism. Together they attempted to identify techniques that would improve their service in the book.

In the *Dominican Republic* (October 2007), the Paulines from the cities of Santo Domingo and Santiago de los Caballeros, held a formative encounter with their lay collaborators to share with them the motivations and the meaning of the Pauline mission, and to further progress their apostolic service in the book center.

Everywhere, the lay collaborators expressed their vision of the Pauline apostolate with freedom and responsibility, their hopes and proposals for an improved ministry. They also suggested useful points for an ongoing formation plan.

CALLED TO ETERNAL LIFE

Daughters of St. Paul

- Sr. M. Innocenza Benedetta Cellini, age 89 - 23.10.2007 Rome AP, Italy
- Sr. Clotilde Alfonsina Vedovello, age 94 - 28.10.2007 Rome AP, Italy
- Sr. M. Assunta Anna Marta Carducci, age 81 - 04.11.2007 Albano TM, Italy
- Sr. Luisa Gemma Toninello, age 90 - 05.11.2007 Albano TM, Italy
- Sr. Michael Elizabeth Sisko, age 77 - 30.11.2007 Boston, USA
- Sr. Maria Gloria Hounau, age 85 - 03.12.2007 Rome AP, Italy
- Sr. M. Agostina Carmela Pellachin, age 95 - 09.12.2007 Alba, Italy
- Sr. M. Natalia Maria Anna Bonifacio, age 88 - 09.12.2007 Albano TM, Italy

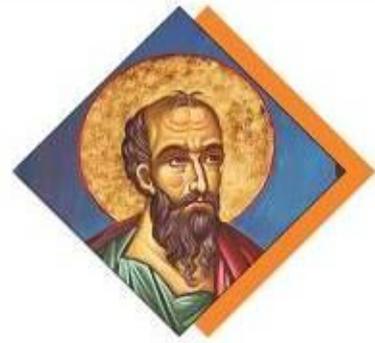
Parents of our Sisters

- Sr. Marta Barros (Father, Hilton) of the community of Malabo, Equatorial Guinea
- Sr. M. Fidelis Saba (Father, Giovanni) of the community of Nairobi, Kenya
- Sr. Maristella Mizumoto (Mother, Maria) of the community of Tokyo-T, Japan
- Sr. Adelia Rech (Father, Laudelino) of the community of Vitoria, Brazil
- Sr. Marina Vadakapuracal (Father, Varghese) of the community of Bangalore, India
- Sr. Maria Fasano (Mother, Dorotea) of the community of Salerno, Italy
- Sr. M. Agnes Yamanaka (Mother, Ayako) of the community of Nagoya, Japan
- Sr. Laura Muraro (Mother, Carmela) of the community of Rome DM, Italy
- Sr. M. Lucia e M. Antonietta Pintore (Father, Antonio) of the community of Rome P, Italy
- Sr. Proserfina Foronda (Father, Melencio) at home, Philippines
- Sr. Veronica, sr. Lisseth and Sr. Carolina De Sousa Rodriguez (Mother, Zenaida), Venezuela
- Sr Anne Kabura Kiragu (Father Raphael) of the community of Nairobi, Kenya

Pauline Family

- Sr. M. Leonina Dorotea Dogliani pdm, age 92 - 04.11.2007 Sanfrè, Italy
- Sr. M. Franca Santa Maria Stella Fanelli pdm, age 88 - 14.11.2007 Rome
- Don Rosario F. Piergiuliano Esposito ssp, age 86 - 23.11.2007 Rome, Italy

The Pauline Family



THE LOGO OF THE PAULINE YEAR

The following is Fr. Silvio Sassi's explanation of the logo for the Pauline Year which Sr. M. Antonietta Bruscatto already sent to the Circumscriptions, reminding each one of the commitments suggested by the Holy Father of promoting initiatives, in every part of the world, to celebrate the apostle Paul and to remember his figure and his teachings. It is an invitation to be creative and dynamic in celebrating this wonderful ecclesial event, and to visit the website www.annopaolino.org that the Basilica of Saint Paul in Rome has launched in order to propose ideas and itineraries in living this jubilee event.

Here's how Don Silvio writes:

The logo chosen in common accord between the Society of St Paul and the Daughters of St Paul to characterise every initiative realised during the **Pauline Year** (28 June 2008 – 29 June 2009) is a visible synthesis of the specific contribution which Paulines intend to offer to the mobilization of all the ecclesial community. The text "Pauline Year 2008-2009" is the anchor that guides the interpretation of the lines and colors utilized.

The writing speaks of the event itself, but at the same time encapsulates the interpretation that history is an encounter between time that passes and Providence: it is enough to think of ways of dating in times past: "Year of the Lord" following the date. The adjective "Pauline" is strictly bound to St Paul, thus to an spiritual and eternal dimension.

The logo of the **Society of St Paul** is the possible encounter between a broken straight line (in black) and an oblique line, almost spiral (in red), marked by the text "St Paul". The logo of the **Daughters of St Paul** is the coming together of a stylized representation of the world (world map with parallels, in black) and of the initial capital letter P of the world "Pauline" (in red).



The logo of the **Pauline Year** takes the lines and colors of two diverse logos engraving in them a dynamism that recalls either the form of the earth or the attempt of the coming together of the colors black and red through an allusion of the strength of circularity that creates the conditions for a major involvement.

The call to the forms and colors of the two logos is completed by the warmth of a line ideally circular, yellow in color, that goes around the earth. The line is composed of small distinct segments that alludes to the apostolic journeys of St Paul and to the products of a technology always most specialized which circumvents the earth.

With this visible synthesis, Paulines, want to participate in the celebration of the universal apostolic dynamism of Paul (yellow line) with the specific charism of communication that, through time, is represented by the lines, straight and round, and by the colors red and black.



Communications

SEEKING THE TRUTH IN ORDER TO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS

'What is truth?' This is Pilate's question to Jesus who declares: '... I came to bear witness to the truth' (Jn 18:37-38). But Pilate did not wait for a reply, thus depriving us of the definition of truth that we all seek and which becomes always more difficult to know. The theme chosen by Pope Benedict XVI for the 42nd World Communications Day 2008 is objective truth and how it is presented [to us] today. It is a call or invitation, 'To seek the Truth in order to share it with others.' The message which is to be published at the end of January will definitely offer us precious stimuli and indeed insights into the service of truth.

Today, truth is oftentimes ill-treated and presented to us in a guise extremely difficult to recognize. Moreover, our age is characterised by an explosion of science technology which in turn generates a mindset of the efficiency of truth. The proliferation of ideologies which take partial truths as absolutes or as simple aspects of truth exasperates the notion of truth and presents diverse images that are oftentimes distorted.

Above all, it is important to understand the meaning of the word 'truth'. According to the philosopher Emanuele Severino, to establish the meaning of this word [truth] constitutes the most extraordinary adventure that man has ever accomplished. 'Before conquering the planets, before conquering the centre of the earth, before dominating civilization, it is necessary to embark on an adventure consisting of the knowledge of something that cannot be absolutely denied.' Above all, let us think of what the Greeks evoked: that truth as being absolutely *undeniable*, but undeniable in such a way that neither changes in time nor mutations in culture; neither men nor the gods may change it. Not even an omnipotent God could change the essence of truth.'

Where do we seek truth? First of all, we should seek truth within ourselves, in our life; by seeking truth we discover the profound significance of our own being. This quest, however, involves the fatigue of a long journey in order to arrive and knock at the door of truth and have a clearer insight into and discover that it has always been within us –if we only knew how to interrogate ourselves without falsehood and distortion.

For the believer, truth is not assimilated into a simple concept or a philosophical vision of life, but it is incarnate, and therefore directly represented by a *person*: Jesus Christ. In him, the truth-fidelity of God is made present in a more eminent manner. Jesus 'full of grace and of truth' (Jn 1.14); 'is a witness to the truth' (Jn 18.37); 'in him is truth' (Eph 4.21); he himself is Truth' (Jn 14.6).

Jesus, the living Word and fullness of truth, is the new, supreme and last promise given by God to man: to cultivate inner truth, hence, to give meaning to his life.

In the historical development of truth, brought about by structural symbols and, prior to understanding cultural development, Christ is the firm anchor, the whole truth that liberates and sanctifies the man who is open and ready to listen to and adhere to faith that makes him capable of treading the path to truth and communicating truth in charity. Through the word, truth crosses both space and time; likewise it is present, persuasive and operational.

To be human and creative of a humanising community, communication should take place in truth: it should be a gift and a sharing of truth – far beyond any form of manipulation. The word that is faithful to the truth which is in us and finds its more authentic inspiration in Christ, offers us the unexplored possibilities, laden with promises, for the sharing of truth, human and Christian growth in all aspects of our living, of our communicating and of our loving.

Sr M. Agnes Quaglino

Studies and new Editions



Formation and Prayer in the History of the Daughters of St. Paul

In introducing these memoirs of Sr Concettina Borgogno, Sr Antonietta Bruscatto writes that they constitute a precious conclusion to: *"The Daughters of Saint Paul. Notes for a History"*, by Sr Antonietta Martini and it puts together the legal and historical documentation.

Sr. Concettina who was in charge of the formation of postulants since 1933, narrates a stretch of this history, which refers to formation and prayer. Her experience is transformed by a constant remembrance of what the Founder said, taught, established, and what the Prima Maestra transmitted in fidelity, that the members lived with dedication filled with faith, love and enthusiasm.

Reading these pages is like entering the salvation history that God gradually built on the response of many young lives that matured day after day, becoming themselves this history. It doesn't lack anecdotes, oddities, notes of humor which give the content the taste of genuineness, and experiences lived in simplicity and joy.

It therefore seemed opportune to reprint these memoirs (already published as booklets in 1996) and put them at the disposition of all the sisters. The elderly sisters will find confirmation of how they themselves have lived. The young ones will have a way of learning more about the charism of the Daughters of Saint Paul in its historical development.

In the first part, sr. Concettina recalls her experiences: vocation work, initial formation, formation to the religious life. In the second part she describes the Pauline method and the practices of prayer which sustained the spiritual growth of every Daughter of Saint Paul: the Holy Mass, the Visit, meditation, the examination conscience, the sacramental – the weekly, monthly and annual practices of piety.

The narration mirrors the characteristics of the time, and the same elements, which today are outdated, acquire a particular light which help us to situate our history of salvation in its context and thus understand it better.

Sr Concettina Borgogno (1914-2003) wrote: "My goal is to make known how with much love, dedication and determination, the Founder and the Prima Maestra guided and supported our first steps in formation and in the application of the Way, Truth and Life method in our practices of piety, the method that constitutes our beautiful color which we must conserve intact in the Church.

Diploma in journalism

The sisters of the Congo/Ivory Coast Delegation are committed to prepare themselves professionally for the Pauline mission. Among them is Sr. Musenga Aimée, of Kinshasa, who while working in the audiovisual sector, attended an academic year at the school of journalism and has attained the title of journalist.

Sr. Aimée is grateful to the Lord who has granted her the grace of combining study and apostolate. She also thanks the Superiors and the sisters who accompanied and encouraged her in a particular way during this year.



From the Church and World



The Encyclical on Hope

The press has given great significance to the publication of the new Encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI, signed on the 30th of November 2007. We quote here a short comment of theologian Monsignor Bruno Forte: "It will not be the lack of references of ethical relativism that will save humanity, but hope accepted as a gift from on high and lived out daily through acts of love, faith and solidarity towards one's neighbor, and confidence in the fidelity of God... In this encyclical, Pope Benedict XVI offers a historical analysis of the concept of hope in simple language, even with necessarily complex passages, and using vivid examples. In particular, the Pope highlights the good news of hope as a gift from God and is the beginning of eternal life within us – has in the modern age been transformed into an infinite confidence in the possibilities of man. Redemption as a gift from God has been converted to emancipation, the work of man who acts alone... This program has been proven false: the great liberation stories, that is modern ideologies, have produced an enormous cumulus of violence and pain." Just because we have crossed modernity, he explains, "There are two ingrained convictions in anyone who accepts the challenge to think deeply about our time, like Benedict XVI. First, one cannot live without a great vision and sense of hope, which motivates one's actions and sustains faith. Second, we cannot acquire it – it is given as gift. The source of the gift is God." the archbishop repeated, "who is the foundation of the hope that does not disappoint."

International conference on Theology and cinema

The theology and film conference was held in Barcelona from 15-17 November with the presence of experts in spirituality and film. Prof. Lloyd Baugh of the Pontifical Gregorian University introduced the methodology for a theological reading of cinema. There was also a round table discussion on "God and the directors". The conference was an important occasion for university professors to encounter professionals of cinemas who ensure the presence of spiritual values in film. At the same time, it was a privileged moment for the formation of pastoral workers, professors of religion, cultural animators and entertainers. In fact, cinematography offers many opportunities to ask oneself about God, for evangelization and for dialogue with a more and more globalized culture.

Evangelization through mass media in China

News report from the Catholic community of Bel He, has inaugurated the 4th Seminar of the Friends of Faith from 17-19 November, on the topic "Evangelization with the mass media". More than 40 clergymen, religious and laity from 22 parishes of 11 provinces participated in the encounter. During the talks they shared the favorable results of evangelization through the internet, the newspaper and the parochial bulletin carried out by basic ecclesial communities. Even calendars and little statues are useful means of communication especially for children. A lay faithful affirmed, "The Internet and the pen are both useful means to fulfill the mandate of Christ to bring the good news to all."

Evangelizing through the Internet: the experience of Solomon religious

Having confidence in the web and new technologies and, at the same time, evangelizing, showing an open and cordial presence, relating with the people, explaining that to be a Christian in the third millennium means using the means of the current culture, and taking an active part in society. This was the experience of religious men and women in the Solomon Islands who recently participated in a hands-on seminar held in an Internet cafe situated in the central public square of Honiara, capital of the archipelago. The seminar explained how new technologies can be useful in pastoral work, in the interaction between distant religious communities, in the coordination of projects, and in the relations between the community and local associations in civil society.

Internet: the "sixth power"

According to the recently concluded Lab Forum in Milan, the latest data show that approximately 24 million Italians use the Internet regularly. Cyberspace assumes an ever more important role in communication, challenging the classic models of communication and marketing and transforming them into a mass media. Marketing and communication managers of 11 companies that operate in Italy participated in the Forum together with those responsible for advertising so as to better understand how the web is evolving. They examined the opportunities offered by the new and interactive digital media and the possibilities it presents to those who know how to make use of it.