



Rome, 25 October 2020  
*Solemnity of Jesus Christ, Divine Master*

Dearest sisters and young women in formation,

On the day on which we celebrate the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, Divine Master, let us welcome once again with marvel and gratitude the most precious good that Blessed James Alberione passed on to us: “I have neither silver nor gold, but I give you what I have: Jesus Christ, Way, Truth and Life” (CISP 63). And let us contemplate that admirable synthesis contained in the icon the Founder consigned to the Pauline Family: *Jesus standing on the world with the open Book in his hands*, in the attitude of an itinerant teacher whose “teacher’s chair” is the roads along which he walks, pouring out his blessings.

Jesus, the Master to whom we listen, is also the *Way* to pursue: “...from behind, a voice shall sound in your ears: ‘this is the way; walk in it,’ when you would turn to the right or to the left” (Is. 30:21). He is the *Way* to follow in order to come to know the *Truth* revealed in him and receive *Life* in the Father.

To travel this *Way* means to become “women of the Way,” who learn from the Master how to listen, communicate, pray, serve, dream...so as *to get to our feet* every day and *set out* with him, fortified by his *promise*, accompanying life, sustaining hope, becoming a sign of unity. Because to travel the Way is always an experience of communion.

In this time, so unique because of the Covid-19 pandemic, which has forced human beings all over the globe to alter the rhythm of their daily lives in often unusual ways, we are concretely living the “beatitude” so dear to us: “Blessed are the walkers of God, who in the mystic silence of the convent study the paths of the world and then travel them to reach souls.” Our prayer, sharing and communal searching have given rise to new modes of missionary action, new opportunities to sow the Word.

May the Spirit, who has inspired so much passionate creativity, enable the life of the Master to grow in us *so that we might be, along with him, way, truth and life for our brothers and sisters* (cf. Const. 7), witnessing to the Good News of his love and infinite mercy. Only those who allow themselves to be transformed by this love can help to heal our wounded societies and bring to fulfillment a social justice that does not exclude anyone, as well as a fraternal spirit that is truly open to all—a hope expressed by Pope Francis in his recent encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*.

With profound affection, in communion of faith and hope.

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