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Memory of Mary, Mother of the Church

*To the Brothers of the Institute of Charity and the Sisters of Providence,
to the ascribed members and consecrated ascribed,
to the Sisters of Our Lady of Usambara and the Fuente Real Family,
to lay people of our parish communities,
to the personnel, to the students and to the families of our schools and colleges,
to the alumni of our institutions,
to the Rosminians scholars and Rosminists, to all the devotees of Blessed Antonio Rosmini*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A greeting of peace and joy! I remember you with affection as I visit the families of our dear brothers in Vietnam with Fr. Fulgence Oisso and Scholastic Peter Khuong, who is coming to an end of his pastoral year. It is a beautiful opportunity to meet young people in the home parishes of our brothers, to celebrate Holy Mass together, to talk to them about Rosminian spirituality and our universal and baptismal vocation to holiness. In this pilgrimage we give and receive much friendship, closeness, hospitality, fraternity and prayer.

The Holy Father said to us on the eve of Pentecost: *Baptism and Confirmation, dear brothers and sisters, have united us to the transforming mission of Jesus, of making all things new, to the Kingdom of God. Just as love makes us familiar with the fragrance of a loved one, so tonight we recognise in one another the fragrance of Christ. It is a mystery that amazes us and makes us think. At Pentecost, Mary, the Apostles and disciples who were with them were invested with a Spirit of unity, which rooted their differences forever in the one Lord Jesus Christ. Not many missions, but one mission. Not introverted and quarrelsome, but extroverted and bright.* (Pope Leo XIV, June 7, 2025).

This is precisely so, and it leads us to understand, as the Pope reminds us, that *evangelisation is not a human conquest of the world, but the infinite grace that spreads from lives changed by the Kingdom of God. It is the way of the Beatitudes, a path that we walk together, stretched between the "already" and the "not yet", hungry and thirsty for justice, poor in spirit, merciful, meek, pure in heart, peacemakers. To follow Jesus on this path of His choice does not require powerful supporters, worldly compromises, emotional strategies. Evangelisation is the work of God and, if it sometimes passes through our persons, it is because of the bonds it makes possible.* (Pope Leo XIV, June 7, 2025).

With this letter I invite you to celebrate together with the whole Rosminian family the Novena to Blessed Antonio Rosmini, to prepare ourselves to live his feast on July 1st.

I also invite you to dedicate the month of July to pray for vocations in the Rosminian family: religious men and women, ascribed, and, priests. It is our vocational month that begins with the feast of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, our intercessor in heaven.

I am attaching to this letter the text of the Novena, with some proposals for celebration and prayer, being pilgrims of hope with the whole Church in this Holy Year 2025.

I am also attaching the prayer card for vocations, to be spread in our communities, parishes and schools. We want to be the promoters of the culture of vocations so that our boys and girls, adolescents and young people may receive the light of discernment from the Holy Spirit.

I would like to note that liturgically in this year's Novena, in addition to the great solemnities that characterise it - St. John the Baptist and the Apostles Peter and Paul - and in some nations the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, there is also the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus whose Jubilee – 350 years since the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and the revelations interpreted by her spiritual accompanist, San Claudio de la Colombière – ends on June 27. Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit nos* of last October, which some have defined as the spiritual synthesis of his Pontificate, offers us the starting point for reflection and prayer, the reading and meditation of which I cordially recommend to you. As we recall, the entire Institute of Charity consecrated itself to the Sacred Heart 102 years ago, in December 1922, thanks to the initiative of Fr. General Bernardino Balsari. A consecration that had been indicated to the whole Church by Pope Leo XIII who *invited us to consecrate ourselves to him and in his proposal united at the same time the invitation to union with Christ and admiration for the splendour of his infinite love* (cf. *Dilexit nos*, n. 79).

I also invite you to renew your prayers for Pope Leo, cordially accompanying the first steps of his Petrine ministry. By a delicate gesture of Providence our Scholastics and young coadjutors in Rome were given the grace to offer the liturgical service to the Holy Father precisely on the day of the Jubilee of the Holy See, on this Monday after Pentecost, dedicated to Mary Mother of the Church. It is a liturgical memorial established by Pope Francis in 2018 and solemnly celebrated for the first time in St. Peter's this year by Pope Leo. Being with the Pope on the day of the Jubilee of the Holy See is highly significant for us; Blessed Antonio Rosmini from a young age lived with the Church during the time of tribulation, the Napoleonic time with the kidnapping of Pius VII and the devastation of the Roman Curia and then the re-establishment of the Holy See with Pope Leo XII. We are also in communion with Blessed Antonio Rosmini as we live the Holy Year, which he experienced only once in 1825, precisely during the Pontificate of Leo XII.

Let us live together the Jubilee of hope in the interior pilgrimage of prayer: we have remembered you and we have prayed for everyone by crossing the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica



and during the Jubilee Mass celebrated on 17th May, in which the Provincial Fathers and the General Curia, the dearest Mother General and the General Council were present. The International Community, fathers and sisters representing the various areas of the Rosminian world, the General Coordinators of the Ascribed Members.

On February 20th, the first year of preparation for the anniversary of the foundation of the Institute began: we are pilgrims of hope with every baptised person, with the Pope, with Mary, with Blessed Antonio Rosmini. And this year we look to Rome as the city of our joy and our hope, to rediscover some sparks of the charism of charity. Let us pray that the Lord will give vocations to his Church through our communities, missionary disciples of his Love.

A final greeting with Pope's words, given during the radiant day of the beginning of his ministry: *Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. (...) With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity. Together, as one people, as fratelli tutti, let us walk towards God and love one another.* (Pope Leo XIV, May 18th, 2025).

From my heart, in His Heart, I bless you


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