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Thy Kingdom Come!

Solemnity of Pentecost 2025

Dear sisters and Lay Associates,

We have lived a rich and fruitful Easter season, together with the people of God and the entire human family. Rich in sincere faith, wonderful emotions, anxious expectations.

The memory of Easter morning is alive when Pope Francis appeared for the last time in the Central Lodge of Blessings of St. Peter's Basilica. With a feeble voice and a tired but serene look, he wished a crowded square a Happy Easter of the Risen Christ. The next morning he left, almost unexpectedly, leaving us a little bereaved and lost. The intermediate space that marked the passing of the Shepherd and the gift of the new successor of Peter, were moments of true tenderness, gratitude and affection. Ordinary people, consecrated persons, the poor, those far from the faith, each in their own personal way, wanted to let the world know that in those twelve years of his pontificate, they had been touched by the tenderness and mercy of God.

Then the cardinals, coming from different origins, which is an expression of the universality of the Church, paid homage to the processes initiated and inherited by the ministry of Francis, placing their gaze on the reality to which they referred and which questioned the Church. Thus, we found them in the Cenacle of the conclave where the Spirit spoke. White smoke! The door of the Central Lodge once again thrown open ... Pope Leo XIV looks at the immensity of the crowd, with moist eyes but with smile. *"Peace be with you all. May peace enter your hearts, your families, and all peoples: a disarmed and disarming peace, humble, which comes from God, who loves us all unconditionally"*. An appeal repeated with conviction, allowing it to resonate loudly among the faithful.

With this abundance of gifts and blessings, we celebrate today the Solemnity of Pentecost. Let us feel sent, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, to keep alive the torch of peace that a great number of men and women, religious and lay people, have kept alight throughout the history of the Church. This is the first great desire at the beginning of the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV: a united, missionary church; a church that builds bridges, a sign of unity and communion, *a leaven for a reconciled world*. This is the mission, which is born at Pentecost! I

am grateful to the Lord, who, also this year, on the missionary feast of Pentecost, gives me the joy of being able to send a small group of sisters to continue His mission:

Sr. Selva Rani Arockia Samy	from the province of Vijayawada	to the province of Camerun-Ciad
Sr. Paul Arockia Mary Arulanandam	from the province of Hyderabad	to the province of Papua New Guinea
Sr. Maria Phaomei	from the province of Siliguri	to the province of Italy
Sr. Merelyn Nuwet	from the province of Papua New Guinea	to the delegation Guinea Bissau

The destination of these sisters and the joy that springs from our heart revives in the young women of our Institute the desire and hope, to be able to leave for the mission. This charismatic trait of our Institute continues to shine, thanks to the courage and determination of the choices that all of us will be willing to make in view of this goal, as an apostolic Body.

Happy Solemnity of Pentecost!

With affection,

Sr. Antonella Tovaglieri
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