

Rome, November 16, 2008
Remembrance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy
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Dear Father Superior:

As previously announced, we will solemnly close the Year of Thanksgivings for the Beatification of our Founder on December 7-8, 2008, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, and we will enter the Jubilee Year of the 100th Anniversary of the Renewal and Reform of our Congregation.

In the Church's history every jubilee is prepared for by Divine Providence. Those words of John Paul II, from his Apostolic Letter *Tertio millennio adveniente* (No. 17) refer us to the biblical tradition of the holy years and connected with them particular actions of God. These words inspired the General Government to prepare for this Jubilee a program of reflection and celebrations embracing the entire Congregation. This program is attached to this letter. The Director of the Institute of Marian History and Spirituality, Fr. Janusz Kumala, MIC, took this work upon himself, for which I extend to him my gratitude. The program of celebrations is intended to help us to praise the Lord for the gift of renewal and reform, to beg His forgiveness for our unfaithful deeds, and to renew our zeal in the life for God and the Church.

For this reason, I ask you, Dear Father Superior, to gather your confreres for the solemn Vespers on the eve of the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. or on the very day of our patronal solemnity. With those Vespers we will close the Year of Thanksgivings for the Beatification of our Father Founder and will enter the Jubilee Year. Shortly I will send out a Circular Letter to be read aloud during the Vespers along with the prayer for fruitful fulfillment of the Jubilee of the 100th Anniversary of Renewal and Reform of our Congregation.

I also ask you, Dear Father, to present the program of celebrations to all your confreres during a house meeting and to make arrangements for instituting this program in your own community.

I send you my best greetings and I will pray to the Lord for the grace of the fruitful experience of the Jubilee Year for you personally and your entire community.

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