

Vatican, October 8, 1998

+ Dear Father General:

Together we give thanks not only for twenty years of my Pontificate, but also for these "thirty-four years", of which the "Disciple" speaks in his letter, possibly making his self-appraisal too severe.

I am very grateful to your entire Congregation for this wonderful gift of the Jubilee Holy Masses and Communion. Sincerely God reward you!

May these days of your stay, Father, in Ukraine blossom with God's graces for that part of the Church.

With my heartfelt blessing for you, Father General, and the entire Congregation of Marian Fathers,