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To the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi

My dear sisters,

I hope that you are all well. The second session of the Extraordinary General Assembly of Regnum Christi began on November 27, 2018. We received from Rev. José Rodríguez Carballo the decree of canonical establishment for the Society of Apostolic Life of the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi.

As I communicated to you on November 27th, the news of the canonical establishment fills us with joy and comes at a providential time. On December 8th, we will begin the Jubilee Year in preparation for the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the first consecrated women of Regnum Christi - Margarita Estrada, Graciela and Guadalupe Magaña and then Patricia Bannon and Fatima Portillo, who joined shortly after.

I would like this gratitude in our hearts to define this Jubilee Year and renew in us the awareness of being bearers of a charism that transcends us. We are called to transmit this charism and put it at the service of the world and the Church. As the theme of this Jubilee Year, I propose this phrase of Ezekiel: "I will put my spirit in you, and you will live again" (Ez 37:14). Let us reflect more deeply on this during the year.

Commemorating

We remember our beginnings and the faith of our first sisters. We thank them in a special way for their generous response to what God was asking of them in that moment, and for making a leap of faith without having clear what would come later. We thank them for having persevered until today, and teaching us the essentials of our vocation through their lived testimony.

This is also a special occasion to recall our history: the beginnings, years of growth, moments of purification, and the recent process of renewal, which we continue to live. We also remember all those who have been part of our history: those among us, those who have gone to the Father's house and those who have followed other paths. Our prayers go out to them in gratitude for their struggles, their sincere search for God, their hard work and generous dedication. I would also like to take this opportunity to

give special thanks to each of our sisters who founded in different countries and cities, and to those who started sections and works of apostolate.

A Jubilee Year also affords the opportunity to ask for forgiveness to those who throughout our history have been hurt, either because we didn't know how to value the richness of personal contribution within diversity, or we didn't truly listen or show understanding in difficult moments, sometimes making mistakes in our formation process. I apologize for anything that may have caused suffering. Words alone cannot heal these wounds, but I would like them to be an expression of the prayer I make to Christ through "whose wounds we have been healed". I pray that their pain may be eased and that a path of reconciliation may open up before them.

Our history is also part of the history of Regnum Christi. God has wanted to give us a common charism, which we have shared with the Legionaries of Christ, the Lay Consecrated Men and the lay members of the Movement. Each one in their specific vocation, accompany us in our mission and on this journey to holiness as we deepen our understanding of our identity. We have suffered together, sometimes even hurting each other. We have learned from each other and have received the grace to ask for and receive forgiveness, and to continue collaborating in this common mission. We thank everyone for their support, their prayers and their closeness in the most difficult moments of our institutional history. Everything we have lived and all the people who are part of this history, have made it possible for our consecration in Regnum Christi to be what it is today.

In particular, we recognize and esteem the role that the Legion has played since the beginning of our history and throughout these 50 years. I would like to convey my gratitude and recognition for the great good they have done for us. Alongside them and all the members of the Regnum Christi family, we want to continue collaborating together to make the Kingdom of Christ present in our world.

A Horizon of Hope

Today we live a particular moment of grace, growth and deepening of our identity as a branch within Regnum Christi. We are living a specific moment of discernment and projection into the future. We begin to glimpse the great scope of our apostolic horizon at the service of the Church and the world. We place ourselves in God's hands so that he may continue guiding us and showing us his will.

We are aware that we have, and will always have, great challenges on this path. We want to live them as opportunities to continue growing in love for our vocation, and to offer an increasingly firm and mature response to what God calls us to.

Celebrating

This joy and gratitude we feel should also be manifested externally. May the celebrations of this Jubilee Year, in preparation for the 50th anniversary, reflect the work that God is doing in the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi.

Last year I wrote a letter to the territorial directors, which we published in the biannual Bulletin of December 2017, which read: "I ask each of the territorial directors to discern the best ways to organize the celebration of the 50th anniversary at the territorial level, witnessing to the renewal that we have been experiencing, the strengthening of our identity and our deepening sense of Church, with a spirit of austerity. We will also promote some initiatives on the general government level. "(Cf. Prot. DG CRC 2113/2017).

Therefore, in addition to the territorial initiatives, I propose the following at a general level:

• I would like to suggest that the Mass of December 8, 2018, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, be prepared and lived with the awareness of beginning our Jubilee Year.
• I also propose that, each community choose an act of piety which they pray together on the 8th of each month, or define some other way to thank God and celebrate in community.
• To end the Jubilee, we will unite wherever we are, to renew devotionally our vows during the Mass of December 8, 2019.

I hope that other initiatives will also emerge at the local and territorial levels that will help us celebrate this Jubilee with simplicity, humility, gratitude, reconciliation and hope.

Let us pray for one another and for all members of Regnum Christi, that this Jubilee Year will help us to renew our love for our vocation and mission.

Affectionately yours in Christ and the Movement,

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