

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL



Dear Apostles of the Cross:

In this Year of the Faith, I ask the Holy Spirit to touch your ears and your heart, so that, as the Virgin Mary did, you can welcome the Word of God, and hasten to serve others.

What a Joy to contact you through this magazine Apostle of the Cross! I thank our Triune God for calling you, me, and many others to follow Jesus Christ, priest and victim, in the Works of the Cross and to “extend the kingdom of the Holy Spirit”¹ in our hearts, families and society.

To extend his kingdom, the Holy Spirit sends us out to build the Priestly People, to encourage the pursuit of holiness, and to promote a commitment to solidarity.

The Second Vatican Council reminds us that the Church is a Priestly People (LG 10), gathered in the unity of the Trinity, comprising various members (laity, consecrated persons and ordained ministers), whose missions is to bring the salvation of Jesus Christ to today’s world –a word that is violent, individualistic, sad, outraged, materialistic, and far from God.

The theme of this issue of our magazine is the construction of the Priestly People. As Apostles of the Cross, we build up the Priestly People with our own relationship with God, our community life and our apostolic commitment to society and to the Church².

I ask the Holy Spirit to revitalize our priesthood, received with baptism, and to prompt you to build up the Priestly People. Ask that for me, as well. Then we will achieve the burning desire of Conchita, our spiritual mother:

“Jesus, Savior of all people, save them!”

Receive my affection and prayer for you. Your brother and server,

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¹ Apostleship of the Cross, *Bylaws* (1998), 21, 29, 39...

² These three elements are essential for the identity of the Apostleship of the Cross. Essential also are: an integral formation, organization, relationship and leadership, and expansion and growth.