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from the General Council of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit
on the jubilee year of our centennial celebration
Recalling our past and celebrating with hope for the future

«It was Jesus who made it happen»
Fr. Felix of Jesus Rougier

This is a message

To all who will participate in this celebration
To the whole Family of the Cross
To all with whom we work
To all our families, our friends and benefactors

Dear brothers and sisters

May the Holy Spirit in this Advent season increase the thirst for God in you, and deepen the desire to bring the Gospel to the ends of the earth

Within a year, on December 25th of 2014, our community of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit will celebrate our one hundredth anniversary of life in the Church. In order to prepare for this anniversary we will celebrate a Jubilee year starting on Christmas Day this year.

The Constitutions of the Missionaries tell us: “Father Félix de Jesús Rougier listened in obedience to a special divine call and he founded our Congregation under the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 25th, 1914, on the Tepeyac hill in Mexico City. We are one of the five Works of the Cross. They who were brought into life in the Church through Mrs. Concepción Cabrera de Armida. These works were approved by the Apostolic See thanks to the pastoral zeal of the Most Rev. Ramón Ibarra Gonzalez, first Archbishop of Puebla”.

We are part of the larger Family of the Cross. Along with 17 other religious institutions we live this spirituality and we bring to others the spirit of Christ - Priest and Victim.

At present, we are 329 Missionaries of the Holy Spirit worldwide. We have 50 communities in 6 different countries.

The reason for this writing is twofold: first we want to thank all of you from the bottom of our heart for all that you have done for us so far. Second, we want to invite you to walk along with us through this Jubilee Year.

We invite you to join us in giving thanks to God the Father for all the gifts He has given to our Congregation and to every Missionary of the Holy Spirit during the last one hundred years. We want to acknowledge all the graces that, through us, God has given to the Church and to the world. At the same time please accompany us as we ask for forgiveness of our sins and shortcomings.

Pray that this Jubilee Year shall be a privileged moment for us to discern the will of God, to renew our consecration and to deepen the understanding of our charism. We want to strengthen the bonds of our brotherhood and commit ourselves with creative fidelity to our congregational mission.

We ask for a special blessing for this centennial. May the Holy Spirit abundantly anoint our Institute with holy and abundant vocations, so that we can continue to bring the Holy Spirit and his kingdom into the hearts of our families and of our society.

We wanted to share this news with you, because, in one way or another, you are part of our history. You have been on the road with us and helped us get to this point. Certainly you are the reason for our existence in the Church. We were not born as a Congregation for ourselves, but we are here to bring to you the good news of the salvation through Jesus Christ.

Last but not least, we send this message, because we want you to continue to be at our side and help us to build up God's priestly people, to walk the walk of holiness and to live our commitment with those who are in need.

May this time of Advent and Christmas be a time to grow in our love of God. May his love move us to work for a better and more just world, and may we all recognize each other as His sons and daughters and therefore as brothers and sisters in Christ.

You are in our prayers

Most reverend Fernando Torre, MSpS
and his council.