

The liturgical season of Christmas is ending. I suggest you ask our Lord that, as a result of contemplating the mystery of a Child who is God and who has been “born for us” (*Is* 9:5), our desire shown in deeds to live for others may, with his grace, grow stronger.

As you know, in this new year that is beginning, the extraordinary General Congress will take place to study – as the Pope has requested – opportune changes in the Statutes of the Prelature. I now inform you that it will take place during Easter week, from 12 to 16 April.

Naturally, these must be changes that do not affect anything essential to the Work, just as Saint Josemaría has transmitted it to us. Rather it is a question, as the Holy Father has indicated, of protecting, safeguarding, the charism (*Ad charisma tuendum*).

I asked all of you to send me any suggestions you considered appropriate regarding the Statutes, in light of what the Pope had indicated. Although (since it is a technical juridical document) many of you will not have sent suggestions, quite a few have arrived so far. I also receive every day (and we should give a lot of thanks to God for this) news of your desires to be faithful and to continue being very united in carrying out Opus Dei in these circumstances.

Now all these suggestions will be put in order, to prepare the material that will be presented for the study and approval of the Congress. Afterwards, the result will be sent to the Holy See.

I am counting on your prayers to complete this work in the best possible way.

Rome, January 7, 2023

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Message of March 6

My dear children: may Jesus watch over my daughters and sons for me!

Two years have gone by since I asked you to pray for a project to better spur forward and coordinate the apostolic undertakings of the Prelature.

During this time, I have kept you informed about the progress of this project. Now I would like to update you about the most recent developments.

In the last few months, three new regions have been established in Europe as a result of the territorial reorganization of this continent: North West Europe in April 2022 (comprising the former regions of Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Scandinavia); Central Europe in December 2022 (from the former regions of Austria, Germany, and Switzerland); and the region of France and Belgium, on February 14th. In addition, after months of study, the forthcoming restructuring of some regions in Asia has already been announced to the circumscriptions concerned.

I continue to rely on your prayers for this project and for the preparations for the Extraordinary General Congress, which will take place very soon.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is very near. Let us entrust all these intentions to his intercession before the Lord.

Rome, March 6, 2023

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Message of March 30, on the Occasion of the Next General Congress

My dear children: may Jesus watch over my daughters and sons for me!

As you know, during Easter week the Extraordinary General Congress will take place to adapt the Statutes of the Prelature to the *motu proprio Ad charisma tuendum*. I am very grateful for your contribution during these past months, with your prayer for this work, and also with your preparation and sending of the many suggestions that have been received. I ask you to continue praying for the preparation and efforts of this General Congress, and for its outcome, which must help us to renew our desire to carry out Opus Dei, in the service of God and the Church throughout the world.