

can help us to recall that "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts" (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 235). Unity is a more important value than so many other things, precisely because it is a condition for life.

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## Message of February 14

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

During the past year, I have asked you on several occasions to pray for the plan to reorganize the territory of some regions, so that better coordination may give rise to a renewed apostolic impulse. In fact, in the monthly intention that began last October 2 and that will last the whole year, I suggested that you contribute to this project by transforming every moment of your life into prayer. Now, as we approach the midpoint of this year, it may be a good opportunity to rekindle this intention.

As you know, the Pope was happy to learn about this initiative, as it will enable more people to dispense with organizational work and "get out on the street" more, making the spirit of the Work directly present with their personal apostolate in their family and professional settings. This plan is not without its difficulties; let us feel that, in this effort too, the Work is in our hands. Thanks to the communion of saints, we are all working in the same task to serve God and our fellow men and women.

Today marks a new anniversary of the founding of the Women's Section and of the Priestly Society of the Holy Cross. Let us live this feast – and every day – with a spirit of thanksgiving that leads us to remember continually that everything good comes to us from God, often through others, and especially in the Work, through the fidelity of Saint Josemaría.

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## Message of February 26, on the Occasion of the Pope's Call to Prayer and Fasting for Peace

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

Faced with the new war in Europe, let us unite ourselves wholeheartedly to the Pope's invitation to respond to violence with prayer and fasting. In addition to the day of fasting for peace that we will observe on 2 March, let us, with the confidence that comes from being his children, continue imploring God frequently every day for the gift of peace.