

Messages

Message of July 20

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

You have already had the opportunity to know many details about the trip I made during the past few weeks. I want to mention briefly one of the many reasons for my joy during those days.

In different countries, with different languages and customs, it has been wonderful to experience, once again, unity amid diversity.

The unity of the Work, as a participation in the unity of the entire Church, is based above all on the Eucharist and is expressed – it should be expressed – especially in fraternity. How forcefully Saint Josemaría exhorted us: “Love one another!” A love that consists in understanding, being genuinely interested in each person, praying for one another, and living a spirit of service. A unity that necessarily is open, which expands in apostolic zeal.

All this is a gift from God and also the responsibility of each and every one. And so often experiencing our own limitations, without becoming discouraged let us ask our Lady, Mother of Fair Love, that we may all say to our Lord: “You have enlarged my heart” (cf. *Ps* 119:32).

I also ask you to accompany me in your prayer when, in mid-August, I will go to be with your sisters and brothers in the Holy Land and I will have the joy of praying in those holy places.

Pamplona, 20 July 2022

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Message of August 12

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As we do every year, on August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, we will renew the consecration of the Work to the Most Sweet Heart of Mary, which our Father made in Loreto in 1951.

Following Saint Josemaría's example, let us keep very much alive our determination to care for the Work, in service of the Church and all mankind.

Therefore I invite you to renew your effective desires for holiness and apostolate, in response to God's grace. These desires are expressed in a daily, joyful and hope-filled fidelity, despite our personal limitations.

The Work is truly in the hands of each one of us. This is at the same time both a gift from God and our responsibility. As I told you several months ago, "with God's grace we will be able to build, through changing historical times, the continuity of the Work in fidelity to its origin. This is the essential continuity between past, present and future that is proper to a living reality" (Pastoral Letter, March 19, 2022). Let us renew these resolutions to be faithful and have recourse to Mary's motherly mediation.

Accompany me with your prayer on the trip I will be making to Jerusalem in a few days. And let us pray together for the intentions of the Holy Father, now especially for the upcoming consistory at the end of the month.

Rome, August 12, 2022

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Message of September 10

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

During the recent days spent in the Holy Land, I have kept you especially present in my prayer, knowing that I am also accompanied by yours. In each of those holy sites, I naturally imagined our Lord as being there and, at the same time, I remembered that He is always with us in each Tabernacle. I cannot resist writing these words of our Father, which we all know so well: "If the center around which your thoughts and hopes turn is