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Dear Sisters and Laity co-responsible in the Cabrini mission,

May the Peace and Love of God be with you!

On the occasion of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I write to thank you for your life commitment, in the style of Jesus, to the strengthening of the Cabrini missionary identity in the world.

As consecrated Sisters in religious life, as lay people co-responsible in the Cabrini mission, we have received from St. Frances Xavier Cabrini the legacy of **evangelization, as bearers of Christ's love to the world.**

We live in an age of suffering: with wars and weapons of all kinds, defenses that divide people, generating a world that lacks universal brotherhood. The consequences affect millions of people living in poverty, in situations of forced migration, in existential and social vulnerability, and in so many other life-destroying situations. In this concrete reality, the cry emerges for a life of dignity for all human beings.

Pope Francis, in one of his speeches, points to the practice of making room: "**Less of me, more of others**". I believe that to build a global, ecclesial and inclusive community, we need a continuous transformation of mind, heart and attitudes. According to the Pope "*... what is needed from everyone is that exercise we could call "making room". Everyone pulls his or her "ego" back a little bit, and this allows the other person to live. Yet for this to happen, the foundation of the community needs to be the ethic of the "gift", so that the inspiring horizon of the XVIth General Chapter of the Institute of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus becomes a reality.*

The reality of today's world, and the words of Pope Francis, challenge us to move forward, as pilgrims of hope toward fraternal communion in our daily lives. Fraternal communion is not uniformity but a communion of thoughts, feelings and actions for the common good. Without this dynamic, we will be far from the mission of Jesus.

This feast is an occasion to thank God for all the graces received in our Institute, and an opportunity to reflect on how we are living, personally and in community, according to the 'style' of Jesus.

A question for reflection: what moves our lives?

For Mother Cabrini, Jesus was the center of her life and the source of grace for the foundation of the Institute. In intimate union with Jesus, in prayer and discernment, she animated various missionary activities in the world and, in everything, she said, "All for the greater glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

With joy, I transcribe Mother Cabrini's words for the month of June.

The favored month of June is here in which we all, near and far, united in heart and animated by the same faith and trust, honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus [...]. This is the month of love; love ought to transform us all. What are the necessary means of acquiring this joyous transformation? 1) approach the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a spirit of humility and confidence; 2) allow grace to act in us.

(S. F. X.Cabrini.. *To the Ends of the Earth.* p. 107)

I ask the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the grace of His merciful love so that we may walk together, in co-responsibility, to witness to the world that we are pilgrims and bearers of love and hope.

Happy Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus!

With affection, I assure you of my prayers.



Sr. Maria Eliane Azevedo da Silva, MSC
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