



"He that abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; because apart from me you can do nothing. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask what you wish and you will get it." (Jn 15: 5,7)

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Dear Sisters:

With great pleasure I address all of you desiring that this year we will continue to receive with an open heart everything that the Lord is giving us so that the will of God is always fulfilled in our lives.

I know that you have already received the guidelines of the Community Study that we have prepared for 2017. Since it is the last year of this six-year term, I want to emphasize that you take it with interest, that you don't take it for granted but consider it as a community study that will help us, in every way, to grow, to be more aware of the actuality that the religious life is lived and especially for us who have the experience of "interculturality" and "multiculturalism" since our birth as a Congregation.

Being human and limited as we are, problems continue to arise in this intercultural and multicultural reality, problems that no one wants, but differences of culture, education and character manifest wherever there is a coexistence with such characteristics. Faced with this reality we have to be very sincere, to admit that we all have to strive to overcome the differences that exist and which we are going to see through this study and our own personal experience.

We can not close ourselves in our way of thinking and acting, we can not think that I have the total reason, we can not marginalize and leave behind anybody in our journey and much less our own sisters of the community or of the Institute.

We have prepared the study for this year in a simpler way so that you can all participate and cooperate in everything that, according to the theme, we must avoid or promote. We hope and trust in the efforts of each and every one so that through this Study we can overcome barriers or small problems that arise, most of all, for lack of putting ourselves "in the shoes" of the other sister.

We put everything in the hands of our Mother Mary so that she may accompany us and guide us so that we may be docile in overcoming the difficulties and, like her, there is always a FIAT to fulfill the Will of the Father.

A fraternal greeting,

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