



## **Letter of the Superiors General**

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Dear sisters, dear brothers,

The feast of the Heart of Jesus, and of Mary his mother, are privileged moments to renew ourselves from within. To recreate what we do every day, filling it with newness, enthusiasm, passion... To bring our heart closer to the Heart of Jesus, and to learn there the utmost love, total self-giving, unending fidelity.

His human heart contains all the love of God which he revealed to us in his life. In these difficult times for the world, for the Church, for the poor, the elderly, the sad... God's Love urges us to multiply tangible gestures of mercy, solidarity and brotherhood with everyone. To realise the new initiatives that God's love and tenderness inspire in us. Nothing will be too much at a time like this.

The Heart of Jesus is the school where we learn to love. There is no need to go to classes, it is enough to take the Gospels and start reading them. There we meet a man who lived from the deep motions of the Spirit, from his interiority, from his Heart.

We are moved by his gaze, his tenderness, his gestures... We love his attitude, his closeness and his coherence... We are attracted by his words and his message... He seduces us...

There he is on the shore of the lake looking for friends among the fishermen who are at work. He looks at them, speaks to them... they leave everything and follow Him.

We met him many times on our way. Coming and going from village to village, while many people follow him. There he is a teacher, he teaches, educates, explains... with simple little stories that touch our souls. We read them over and over again to understand them well, and not to lose any of his teaching. We want to know where the magic of this man is, who is capable of transforming our feelings, changing our way of seeing and thinking and making us feel different... all of a sudden.

We find him healing the sick, the blind, the paralysed, the lepers. Everyone is, for Him, a person to be cared for, healed, loved... Or in the presence of the widow who lost her only son, and He was moved by her sadness and abandonment...

He is also at Cana in Galilee, sharing the joy of a bride and groom, with a new wine, which foreshadows the newness that He offers in abundance. Or on a remote road, sharing the bread that multiplies in his hands and with his faith in the provident love of God his father.



We continue to read on. There is always more and more. We contemplate his mercy, his attitude with the sinful woman, with Zacchaeus, with the rich young man... we are overwhelmed by his noble sentiments, his courage and clarity with the Pharisees... his wisdom, freedom, firmness,...

In the school of the Heart of Jesus, something happens inside us that transforms our hearts, we are left with a thirst to know and to love him more and it makes us better people. More available to love and to serve our brothers and sisters.

Let us approach Jesus with the attention and tenderness of his mother Mary. Let us have the same sentiments that Mary had in her heart when she saw and heard her son Jesus: surprise, admiration, fear, incomprehension, trust, abandonment, surrender ...

Let us repeat once more over these days: "Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours".

We wish you a happy feast of the Sacred Heart.

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