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Dear Sisters,

The health problem that has kept the whole world in a prolonged crisis is far from over. In this INFO we wanted to look ahead, imagining our mission after the pandemic. And although it is not easy to glimpse the time ahead, several sisters have given us some clues, which can help us to revitalize our mission by orienting the priorities of the Congregation from a reality that was not foreseen: the post-pandemic.

Some reflections point out that the distressing situation we have experienced has caused many to draw closer to God, to cultivate prayer, and to become aware of what is truly essential in life, by returning to the religion. So it is a good time to prepare ourselves to strengthen and renew evangelization, the explicit proclamation of Jesus and his message that always has an answer for the human difficulties that present themselves... Will our Eucharistic Adoration be able to acquire a deeper and more urgent meaning?

Others highlight the structural problems that have become visible in all countries, and the consequences of which will continue for years to come, with the pain and suffering that they bring with them. It will be time, then, to heighten the capacity to listen, to accompany hope and solidarity, to encourage the re-establishment of family relationships that have been damaged by confinement...

Ecology and the challenges it poses to the world also appears in these reflections, given the various reactions we have witnessed from nature over this time. Today there is a new urgency in that prayer we repeated so many times at Pentecost: Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face of the earth...

We have often wondered if we are learning the lesson. If the consequences of the pandemic will translate into lasting lessons that will move us to live differently. If awareness of the common good

will increase, if globalization will extend beyond trade relations, seeking global welfare for all peoples. If the experience of living globally can offer us an opportunity to make life better for all.

We can expect states to grow larger after this crisis that has hit the world so hard. We can expect them to rethink many things in the health and housing systems, in the right to work, to education, culture,... the growth in technology with its diverse applications, the scientific advances achieved in the accelerated search for a vaccine and medicine to attack the virus, are relevant aspects that can make humanity grow as a whole. That is our hope.

Meanwhile, it will be our turn to modestly accompany the usual underdogs, those impoverished by the pandemic, those who, once again, will be the last in line for the authorities to be concerned about, those affected by the pressure, the overcrowding, and the family relationships that become difficult when almost everything is missing. Our reparative spirituality urges us to always be close to the pain of the poor, the marginalized, and those who are neglected. To be present among those who need comfort, affection, shelter, bread,... And I have no doubt that is where we will be.

Affectionately,