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SUPERIOR GENERAL

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To all the Confreres of the Congregation of the Mission

Dear Confreres,

May the grace and peace of Jesus be always with us!

With deep gratitude to the Lord, we come to the end of the Jubilee of the Fourth Centenary of the Foundation of the Congregation of the Mission (1625–2025). It has been a time of praise, of living memory, and of renewal of our spirituality and charism, involving our communities throughout the world in prayer, celebrations, reflections, and concrete acts of service to the poor.

The closing of the Jubilee is not the end of an experience, but the beginning of a new time of creative fidelity. The Fourth Centenary has reminded us from where we come, what graces we have received, and what responsibilities we are called to bear in today's world.

Our gratitude now becomes a commitment: to return to our sources, to serve with humility, to evangelize with boldness, to love the poor with the heart of Jesus!

On 17 April 2026, we will officially conclude the Jubilee of the Fourth Centenary of the Foundation of the Congregation of the Mission.

Some provinces, vice-provinces, and regions already have chosen other dates for the conclusion of the Fourth Centenary of the Foundation of the Little Company.

I hope that every province, vice-province, region, and international mission, even if it has celebrated already the closing of the Fourth Centenary of the Foundation on another date, will organize a celebration on **17 April 2026**, a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of Vincentian spirituality and charism, a simple act of charity toward the local poor, a time of fraternal sharing

and reflection on the Jubilee Year. For this reason, you will receive a prayer aid in the coming months.

I invite the Visitors, Regional Superiors, and Superiors of International Missions to celebrate a Eucharist of thanksgiving involving the Vincentian Family present in the various realities.

Together with the Assistants General and members of the General Curia, I will celebrate the closing of the Fourth Centenary in Kota Batu (Indonesia) on the occasion of the meeting of the Conference of Visitors with the members of their respective Councils, Provincial Secretaries, Provincial Treasurers, and heads of communication offices in Asia and the Pacific.

We are concluding the Jubilee of the Fourth Centenary, but we are not closing the book of our history; we are simply turning the page. The next page is already ready: 2026. Four hundred years ago, on 24 April 1626, the Archbishop of Paris, Jean-François de Gondi, approved the Congregation of the Mission, and on 4 September of the same year, before a notary, the first three companions signed the act of aggregation to the nascent Congregation: Antoine Portail, François du Coudray, and Jean de La Salle. On the same day and before the same notary, Saint Vincent signed the act of renunciation of all his paternal goods.

If 1625 was the beginning of the Congregation, 1626 was the ecclesial confirmation that gave it stability, identity, and mission. Therefore, the end of the Jubilee immediately becomes an invitation to continue, with renewed gratitude, in the footsteps of our Founder.

In communion with all the members of the Little Company throughout the world, we continue to praise the Lord and renew our “Here I am, send me!”

Your brother in Saint Vincent,

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