



Message for the Centenary of the Pauline Cooperators

«May the Lord bless you and keep you. May he let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May he look upon you kindly and give you peace!».

As we celebrate the XXXIV Meeting of the General Governments of the Pauline Family, our thoughts turn to each of you as the celebration of the Centenary of foundation of the Association of Pauline Cooperators approaches.

Through this letter, we hope you will feel us close to you and that you will also feel the esteem that the whole Pauline Family has for your Association. May the celebration of this *year of grace* lead to a relaunching and consolidation of both the identity and mission of the Cooperators.

With gratitude, we look back on the past and with boldness we strain toward the future. The challenge that we want to face with you in this time is that of moving ahead as the Pauline Family, united in spirit and aware of the abundant wealth the Lord has poured out upon us—wealth that we hope will have a greater impact and broader radius on the whole people of God.

In celebrating this Centenary, whose program will be communicated to you in the near future by the Inter-congregational Commission set up to coordinate it, we want to invite you to ensure that all the events scheduled will not be self-referential, that is to say, that they not be directed only to the Pauline Family, but also directed to externs so as to help them get to know the treasures entrusted by the Church to this Association.

May the Lord accompany us and unite us always more closely on our journey as the Pauline Family during this Centenary Year, in the spirit of our father St. Paul and under the protection of Blessed James Alberione.

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**THE PARTICIPANTS
IN THE XXXIV MEETING OF THE
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