



*Letter from the members of the Commission for the promotion of the charism
to all the members of the Institute.*

Dear Brothers,

Five months after our last communication, I wish to inform you about some activities and a few projects of our commission. We do so at the beginning of this month, as we recall a few community events: on the 16th of May, the 150th anniversary of the death of Brother Xavier; on the 16th, the 120th anniversary of the approbation of our Institute as a Congregation of Pontifical Right; on the 30th, the 185th anniversary of the death of our founder.

First of all with great joy we announce that with the appointment of Brother Antonio López as coordinator of the francophone North-South conference, the membership of our commission is now complete.

Among the projects that we presented to you in our December 1st letter, there was the one concerning the creation of a Webpage on the “Charism of the Founder”. Today this project is taking shape. The name chosen is CIVAC (International Virtual Centre André Coindre).

CIVAC will be able to be consulted on three distinct webpages, one in English, another one in Spanish and a third one in French. Each language group will present its material not only for its own use but for the use of the other language groups. The webpage in English will be hosted in the United States and will be developed by Brother Ivy Leblanc; the Spanish webpage will be hosted in Spain with Brother Eusebio Calvo as coordinator; the French webpage will be hosted in the Institute’s website in Rome - in the near future hosted in Brazil-. Brothers André Laflamme and Léon Lussier in collaboration with Marthial Ndour (Sénégal) and Antonio López (Oceania) will coordinate the activities. Work has already begun on the different sites and we will inform you as to when you will be able to visit these sites. CIVAC will be open to suggestions and collaborators. Those who will wish to propose and submit documents will need to get in touch with one of the coordinators of each language group.

Faithful to the superior general’s wish expressed in his letter on the 150th anniversary of Brother Xavier’s death, we encourage you to celebrate this anniversary. Each one of us should make his own the words of Brother Xavier: “I always had in mind the instructions of our founding Father. I wanted to save his work whatever the cost.” The commission has forwarded material to the entities to celebrate this event. We thank Brother Conrad Pelletier for the prayers he prepared for May 11th.

Our commission wants to work in communion with the commission of the Venerable Brother Polycarp. Thus, we have invited Brother Conrad to take part in our next meeting which will be held in Rome from December 2 to December 4, 2011.

During the month of July, in Lyon, a session will be held for brothers and collaborators from the English speaking entities.

Receive our fraternal greetings. We remain at your disposal.

Bros. Antonio López, Eusebio Calvo, Ivy Leblanc, Marthial Ndour, Ramón Luis García

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