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“For God so loved the world...” (Jn 3:16)

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today we join the whole Church, enlightened and inflamed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, in celebrating the Feast of the Holy Trinity - that is, the mystery of the living God, One and Triune, unity in diversity, revealed in Jesus Christ as a communion of Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; love in relationship, given reciprocally and communicated to the world.

It is one of the most “cherished” liturgical feasts because it invites us to turn our gaze toward the Origin of all that exists and, at the same time, to look towards and strive for the Goal. The Trinity is an unfathomable, immeasurable mystery... and yet it is inscribed and imprinted within us, His human creatures, with whom God has chosen to share His very essence, creating us in His image and likeness.

The Origin, what we already are from the beginning ... (Gen. 1:26–27): beings fundamentally made for relationship, conceived and loved by God to enter into a history of communion with Him, with others, and with creation¹. “Magnificent Humanity!” as Pope Leo XIV has called it.

The Goal towards which we journey in the concrete reality of our daily lives. The Trinity whose life we make flesh to the extent that we realize, through our fraternal life in community, that ‘communion of life and mission’ which makes us one Family (cf. Const. 36). Trinity whose traits we take on when, with esteem and kindness, we take care of one another, cherishing our diversity, the unique gift with which each person enriches the common good (cf. Const. 32).

The Goal towards which we journey in the reality of our daily lives: the Trinity whose life we embody to the extent that, through our fraternal life in community, we realize that “communion of life and mission” which makes us one Family (cf. Constitutions 36). The Trinity whose features we take on when, with esteem and goodwill, we take responsibility for one another, caring for our diversity, the unique gift through which each person enriches the common good (cf. Constitutions 32).

The Trinity whom we make visible through our lives dedicated to proclaiming God’s desire and plan: a Family of children and brothers and sisters saved by love (cf. Constitutions 13).

With St. Catherine of Siena, we exclaim: “*O Eternal Trinity! You are a bottomless sea in which, the more I sink, the more I find You; and the more I find You, the more I still seek You.*”

¹ Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIV, NO. 50



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Of you one can never say: 'Enough!' The soul that is satisfied in Your depths desires You without ceasing, for it continually longs to see light in Your light." (D 167).

And so, we continue seeking His light in His light ... As we contemplate the mystery of the Trinity in today's world, it becomes clear to us that interculturality is both a gift and a call from God for our time. It confirms us on the path that the General Chapter has indicated to us as the Family of Mother Géline, journeying through history alongside so many other brothers and sisters. Allow me to share a few reflections on this "journey²."

It is important to realize that interculturality is not simply a social trend or a strategy for institutional survival. It is a call that arises precisely from that constitutive "tension" between what we already are and what we are called to become as humanity.

It is a call in favor of life in its fullness, asking us to see and welcome as a gift the diversity of cultures, nationalities, genders, generations, races, religious traditions, and to ensure that the dignity and rights of every person are respected and promoted, so that life may truly be for all.

What does interculturality imply for consecrated life? It is a transformative call that affects all its dimensions: vows, prayer, community life, mission, leadership, and both initial and ongoing formation. Do we see it? Do we feel it? Do we embrace it?

The Holy Spirit, who is constantly creating something "new" among us, challenges us to find better ways of loving, caring, listening, and calling one another together. Only together can we discern and participate in this new life that the Spirit is bringing forth.

To move steadily towards this reality, certain fundamental attitudes are needed:

A willingness to take risks: Going beyond what has been done and known until now, moving from the comfort zone into the growth zone. **A conviction of interdependence:** Firmly believing that everyone is necessary for the Kingdom of God. **Lifelong learning:** Developing our capacities and opening ourselves to the spiritual dimension of encountering other cultures. **Conversion:** Being willing to let go of ways of being and acting that no longer serve us and that limit the possibilities we have together.

What is at stake? Everything. What is possible? Everything. Our call is to the depths of God. And the depths of God lead us to the depths of humanity and of God's creation.

When we seek to love in breadth and depth, and intentionally and persistently practice this way of loving, we will slowly but surely become intercultural communities. This will undoubtedly benefit our Family. Yet it is not simply for ourselves, but so that the search for

To delve deeper into these topics, I recommend reading: *Engaging our Diversity*, Schroeder-Cimperman (SVD); *Differently One. Reflection on interculturality in fraternal life*, Emma Comino, Effatá ed.



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life may reach and flourish all around us. What will it cost us? Everything. What will it give us? Everything. The Kingdom of God, here and now.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Always attentive to the gifts and calls through which the Holy Trinity invites us to participate in His life and dynamism, I would like to share some news from our Family and confidently entrust it to your prayers:

A religious Congregation founded in Italy, the Congregation of Union of Dominican Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas³, has asked us to undertake a common journey of listening, mutual acquaintance, and discernment that could lead to the Fusion of their Congregation with ours. Let us pray that the Spirit may guide us in this discernment so that we may accomplish what is in accordance with His loving plan for both religious families.

We give thanks to God for: Mr. Frantz and Mrs. Céline Cazako, and Mrs. M. Claude Velaïdon, Mrs. Evelyne Martias and Mrs. Eliane Urcel, who have long journeyed alongside our sisters in Guadeloupe and have asked to become part of our Family as Lay Associates.

From 10 September to 10 November, a formation and exchange meeting will take place for sisters who have been admitted to Perpetual vows or who have made their Perpetual vows in recent years, following in the footsteps of St. Dominic, St. Catherine and Mother Gerine. Three sisters from the Uganda Delegation will take part in this gathering: Sr. M. Veronica Babirye, Sr. M. Joy Thungu and Sr. M. Beatrice Ntegeka, who will take their Perpetual vows on 8 August; three sisters from Nigeria: Sr. M. Chioma Ezumezu, Sr. M. Anthonia Adoghe and Sr. M. Cynthia Agbor, who will take their Perpetual vows on 15 August; and two sisters from Pakistan, who have already taken their Perpetual vows: Sr. M. Sabita Tariq and Sr. M. Raheela Patras.

With great anticipation and a desire to continue walking in synodality, and already looking towards the next General Chapter, the Sisters of the General Government are organizing the next Extended Council meeting, which will take place in Rome from 16 to 26 January 2027. We ask the Provincials and Delegates, together with their respective Councils, and the Prioresses of the communities directly dependent on the General Government to reserve and schedule those dates.

Dear all, amid the tensions our world is experiencing and conscious of our own fragilities, we can perceive the movement of life within our religious Family during this period: Assemblies, a Provincial Chapter, Professions, Lay commitments, visits to the various Entities, mission

³ They are currently present in Italy with ten communities and in the Central African Republic with one community, which is a formation house. <https://www.domenicanesantommaso.org/>



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work with young people... In all these things, let us allow the Holy Trinity, who invites us to participate in His “transforming dance,” to manifest in and through us the power of love that guides history toward its fullness.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be!

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A fraternal embrace,

Rome, May 31, 2026 (*Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*)

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