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THE HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY HAVE DESIGNS OF MERCY UPON HUMANITY:

LET US BE APOSTLES OF THEIR TRIUMPH

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Proclamation, Theme and Logo of the Year 2016-2017 to the Family of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Dear Family,

Today our year, “*Witnesses and Missionaries of Mercy*” concludes even though we find ourselves in the heart of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy proclaimed by our Holy Father Francis and which will conclude on the day of the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016.... What a beautiful direction of God through the hands of Our Lady who called us to open fountains of mercy in the grottos of our world, preceding with our year the proclamation of the Jubilee of Mercy. The Marian charism always precedes the Petrine principle with its maternal intuition. We give so much thanks to the Merciful Jesus and Our Lady of Lourdes, for teaching us to create, generate, give birth to so many works of love and mercy that were realized as a Family during this Year. Above all, I give thanks to the “little finger of Our Lady” for opening our eyes and pointing out to us grottos in our contemporary world that needed our gaze to be able to respond with gestures of love, with concrete gestures born from the creativity that only love can inspire and that only love can make fecund.

How many campaigns of love were born in this year, many visible and others not so visible, but which were open fountains of mercy in the deserts, in the sufferings, in the aridity of the lives of so many brothers and sisters. These campaigns taught us that with a little effort the great suffering of many of our brothers and sisters can be alleviated a little.... They taught us that we only need to open the eyes of our hearts a little to be able to see how everything around us needs a little of our sacrifices and our time.... They taught us to see that love has no limits, and as such, the works inspired in love attain a potency beyond the smallness of what is done. These campaigns opened our hearts to think more about others than about ourselves, and that is always a great triumph, for the opposite of the civilization of love is the sickness of self-referentiality that is so rooted in our time and in our own hearts. The triumph of love will always be the triumph of the potency and fecundity of love that is stronger than death, than selfishness, than jealousy, than laziness, than the deserts, than indifferences, than scarceness, than sickness, than hunger, than the sword, than the passing powers of evil....for this reason St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans chapter 8: “*For I am convinced that nothing, nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*”

Having concluded this year is a great gift and at the same time a great responsibility. We should ask ourselves with seriousness and honesty, if we have participated with all our hearts in all the campaigns of Mercy that the Lord inspired for our family. Have the scales fallen from our eyes so that we are able to see with greater clarity the call to give ourselves to the mission of building a culture of the good in our environments and in the world? Have we continued with our patterns of thought and sentiments in which the “I” continues to be a predominant factor? Have I learned to see more the needs of others, to be more merciful, thus taking the opportunity of the grace of such a singular year in the history of the Church and of humanity...in our history? Have I

given my time, my talents, my hands and my feet, to go to the existential peripheries of humanity and to take Jesus there and alleviate human suffering? Have I kept and assimilated in my heart all the teachings and works that are given constantly and in abundance in our spiritual family? Do I treasure the sacrifice of so many within and outside the Family who offer their sufferings for the growth in holiness and fecundity of this spiritual family? Dear Family, these are a few questions, but I believe that they are very necessary, for every year builds a spiritual building that the Lord has entrusted to us to build: a home, a school, and a path of holiness for many and for all vocations in the life of the Church. Every year places an important brick for the new year that is proclaimed... but if we don't live the present year with ardor and with our whole hearts, the next will require much more ardor and will require that we live it with greater strength and with our whole heart so that it can give the fruit that the Lord tries to give us freely, because he needs us to fulfill his designs. The fact that the Two hearts need us to realize their designs of mercy for humanity causes a great joy in my heart, and at the same time, an immense responsibility; I could say that I feel a little, very little, of what Jacinta, Francisco and Lucia felt when the angel told them in 1916: “*What are you doing? Pray! Pray much! The hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy upon you. Offer constant prayers and sacrifices to the Almighty!*”

We are halfway through this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.... And we are about to begin another year.... that should continue the grace of this Jubilee, but at the same time, unite us to the grace that I could perceive before the image of Our Lady in Fatima that Her Immaculate Heart wanted to give us. One night, while we prayed the Rosary all together and some members of the Family were assigned to pray some mysteries, I received a luminous intuition from the hands of Our Lady about what our next year should be and all that it would bring with it. The proclamation of our year always takes place on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and we begin to live it on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. Suddenly I understood that the Jubilee Year of Mercy of the Heart of Christ and the preparation for the Centenary year of the Apparitions of Fatima were united before the eyes of the whole Church and our eyes. Meaning, this new year lies between the Two hearts, the Merciful Heart and the Immaculate Heart.... Before the great call to be ardent and intrepid Apostles to realize their designs of Mercy that they have upon humanity in these moments that are so critical and dangerous for souls and for the whole world... and at the same time, the great call to be Apostles of that Triumph announced in Fatima... “*In the end My Immaculate Heart will Triumph*”... and this triumph gives birth to the triumph of the Heart of Christ.

Our New Year:

In Fatima, Our Mother was placing in our hands, in an almost imperceptible way as She works....the responsibility to fulfill the calls pronounced almost 100 years ago, but very rarely listened to and obeyed. We cannot forget that in these calls we can find essential elements of our charism.... She herself, by giving birth to

our Family, sought apostles of the Triumph of Her Heart and of the Heart of Her Son. And at drawing close to the Centenary of her apparitions and of her calls to humanity, she wanted us to actualize these calls, asking a loving and obedient response from us just as the little shepherds responded. We know that history can be changed, radically changed, with the powerful weapons that Our Lady places in our hands. We cannot avoid contemplating the fact that I received Jesus' petition at Paray le Monial, when he asked me for the lay branch of the Apostles of the Two Hearts, on May 13, 1999. With great joy and responsible ardor, I proclaim for the whole Family of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the Year: *"THE TWO HEARTS HAVE DESIGNS OF MERCY UPON HUMANITY: LET US BE APOSTLES OF THEIR TRIUMPH!"*

It is the Hearts of Jesus and Mary who ask us to be Their Apostles to promote, establish and expand their reign in each heart and in the whole world. We could say that They call us to be Apostles of Their love, apostles of peace, apostles of mercy, apostles of prayer, apostles of the Holy Rosary, Apostles of the reparation and consolation of Their Hearts, Apostles of Eucharistic Adoration, Apostles of Confession, Apostles of penance and sacrifices for the conversion of humanity and our own; Apostles of love and fidelity to the Church; Apostles of the power of intercession, Apostles, evangelizers and missionaries...who are disposed to climb into the boat wherever it takes us to go out into the deep. In a singular way, I would like to mention, that to be Apostles of Their Triumph is to be untiring Apostles of Consecration to the Two Hearts... Every person, every family, every group, every mission, every institution, every profession, every city, every parish, every nation...everything should be consecrated to Their Hearts so as to unleash the forces and fecundity of good upon our world. We have to consecrate everything that is part of our contemporary history, to give space and freedom to the triumph of the Two hearts, which will bring an era of peace and will build the civilization of love.

This Triumph is not something automatic, nor sudden...it is built progressively with prayer, sacrifices, penance, daily conversion, Eucharistic Adoration, reparation, the prayer of the Holy Rosary so much asked for by Our Lady, and with an ardent apostolic mission. But each mission, each prayer, each fasting, each sacrifice and each Rosary...go making space for Their triumph. As we respond to difficulties and sufferings, as we make them into offerings of love for the good of others, all this advances and promotes the triumph. What the Two Hearts are asking of us this year, in a singular way, is that we make everything that is in our hands cooperate in the realization of the designs of mercy and to be Apostles in this historic moment of Their Triumph upon humanity.

We know that we live in very difficult times, defined by Cardinal Wojtyla during his visit to the United States in 1976 and that today are considered one of his prophecies: *"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has ever experienced. I do not think that the wide circle of the American Society, or the whole wide circle of the Christian Community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the anti-church, between the gospel and the anti-gospel, between Christ and the antichrist. The confrontation lies within the plans of Divine Providence. It is, therefore, in God's Plan, and it must be a trial which the Church must take up, and face courageously..."*

We are all aware that we live in this prophecy.... Better said that it is being realized in our historic moment and that we are a part of it... that it is up to us to listen to the calls of Our Lady to resist the forces of evil that have so much affected our souls, our families, our Church, our young people and children; the social, educational, economic, and political structures and systems.... Yes, Family, from our littleness, it is up to us to take our place in history as Apostles of Our Lady, to reveal that it is not evil that has the last word, but rather the force and power of good and of love that we are called to live and spread with apostolic zeal and with the testimony of our life as Apostles of the Two hearts.

History belongs to God, but we know that it is written with the choices of men and women, young people and children... with the choices of heroic love or with choices contrary to love. We have seen in Fatima, with those small little shepherds that before the invitation of Our Lady to offer themselves to realize Their designs, with the courage of love and with determination of character they said: Yes, we want to! Our Lady appears to ask us to do everything possible to write luminous chapters of the history in the midst of dark events and such evident threats that surround us. Pope Benedict XVI told us: *"History, in fact, is not in the hands of the powers of darkness, chance or human decisions alone. When evil energy that we see is unleashed, when Satan vehemently bursts in, when a multitude of scourges and ills surface, the Lord, the supreme arbiter of historical events, arises."*

It is precisely because of the fact that history is in the hands of God who is Merciful and in the maternal hands of Mary, that John Paul II decided to publish the third part of the secret of Fatima at the beginning of the Third Millennium, revealing by doing so that the history of the XX century, tragically marked by great and terrible evils, was confronted beforehand by the Merciful love of the Heart of Jesus and the Maternal Heart of Mary. The Two hearts have designs of Mercy upon humanity, the Angel of Fatima said to the little shepherds in the spring of 1916 and these designs can only be realized with our cooperation to produce Their Kingdom of love in many hearts and in the whole world. *We must be ardent and intrepid apostles of the Triumph of the Two Hearts.*

St. John Paul II taught us to trust *"in the power of the love of the Merciful heart of Christ, because I am convinced that in the end only this love will be victorious and that the maternal force that impels it and prepares for these triumphs is the Immaculate Heart of Mary."* He told us: *"The Victory, if it comes, will come through Mary. Christ will reign through Her because He wants all the victories of the Church in the modern world and in the world of the future to always be united to Her."*

St. Maximilian Kolbe exhorts us: *"We have to win the whole world and every soul, now and in the future until the end of time for the Immaculate and through her, for the Heart of Jesus."* I would like, dear Family, you to hear these words with the same love and ardor with which St. Maximilian said them. We should do everything possible so that many hearts may know the love of the Two Hearts and that there may be a profound transformation of our consciences, so that the good may triumph over evil, light over darkness, generous and sincere love over selfishness; and so that truth may conquer lies. So that we can form with our family extended in many places, *"a city of the Immaculate,"* and thus we can realize the dream of St. Maximilian.

Our Family should grow before anything in holiness, but also, to be able to better function as a "city" it should grow in commitment, fidelity, membership, expansion and constant participation. St. Maximilian yearned that "in every country there should be a City of the Immaculate." It is our task to build it with a serious commitment. The Cenacles, dear Family, are a simple but incredibly powerful way of touching souls, of bringing them to the Heart of Christ through the Heart of Mary. It is also an immense way of touching the world, around 160 countries connect on Friday... and how much I would desire to see the sisters with all the Apostles serving and doing this ministry we have had for 23 years, one of the strongest oars that advances the reign of the Two Hearts.

Apostles of the Triumph formed in the Heart of Mary and totally Consecrated to Her

St. Louis de Montfort describes these Apostles formed by Our Lady to realize the designs of the Heart of Christ and of Her Heart in the following way in his Treatise on True Devotion: "To Our Lady has been entrusted the formation of a humble and valiant army, of apostles and ardent witnesses of Christ and His Gospel in these times. It has been entrusted to Her to form apostles who should have the dispositions of an army that fights with the weapons of

God like Ephesians 6 describes for us. These children, servants, and apostles of Our Lady, Her messengers, Her children, who have received Her, like St. John, into “their home”, into Her Heart, and who sit at Her feet, in the School where they learn to be apostles, faithful servants of Christ and His Church. These “slaves of love”, who have freely chosen to be “Hers”, totally hers, and through Her, Jesus’...These children of Mary, who with filial love have consecrated themselves to Her, will be, according to how St. Louis describes them:

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- they will experience the power of the humility of Mary, of the purity of Mary, her abnegation...they will see Her triumphs over their tribulations
- They will be like a flaming fire, will enkindle everywhere the fires of divine love. They will become, in Mary's powerful hands, like sharp arrows, with which she will transfix the enemies of God..
- They will bring the sweet fragrance of Jesus by the testimony of their lives.
- They will be like thunder-clouds flying through the air at the slightest breath of the Holy Spirit. Attached to nothing, surprised at nothing, troubled at nothing.
- They will shower down the rain of God's word and of eternal life. They will pierce through and through with the two-edged sword of God's Word.
- They will conquer the devil and his followers with the power of their holiness.
- They will receive eloquence and strength to work wonders; they will not depend on worldly things, nor worldly powers, they will sleep without silver or gold.
- They will leave behind them nothing but the gold of love.
- They will point out the narrow way to God in pure truth according to the holy Gospel and they will be witnesses of the Splendor of the Truth of the Magisterium of the Church.
- They will have the two-edged sword of the word of God in their mouths.
- They will have the blood-stained standard of the Cross on their shoulders. They will carry the crucifix in their right hand and the rosary in their left, and the holy names of Jesus and Mary on their heart. The simplicity and self-sacrifice of Jesus will be reflected in their whole behaviour.

St. Louis de Montfort tells us: Such are the great men who are to come. By the will of God Mary is to prepare them to extend His Kingdom...to obtain the triumph of the Immaculate Heart as the smooth, short, perfect and sure way to obtain the Triumph and the Reign of the Heart of Christ. These children of the Blessed Virgin Mary, these hearts, these apostles, are those who will cooperate with Her and in Her service, so that in the end Her Immaculate Heart may triumph. But, when and how will this happen?... Only God knows! *When will that day come "when God's Mother is enthroned in men's hearts as Queen, subjecting them to the dominion of her great and princely Son? When will souls breathe Mary as the body breathes air?" When that time comes wonderful things will happen on earth. The Holy Spirit, finding his dear Spouse present again in souls, will come down into them with great power. He will fill them with his gifts, especially wisdom, by which they will produce wonders of grace.* My friend, when will that happy time come, that age of Mary, when many souls, chosen by Mary and given her by the most High God, will hide themselves completely in the depths of her soul, *becoming living copies of her, loving and glorifying Jesus?* That day will dawn only when the devotion I teach is understood and put into practice. *"Lord, that your kingdom may come, may the reign of Mary come!"*

- This prophecy is being fulfilled, all of us, dear Family, our Marian charism at the service of the Kingdom of Christ and of the Church, we are a living prophecy, a realized dream of St. Louis Marie

A Year to Listen and to Respond to the calls of Our Lady to be formed into these apostles and to actively promote the Triumph of the Two Hearts in many hearts.

In Fatima, Our Lady with her maternal pedagogy and in a very simple way, built a formative plan for us to bring it to life, and thus to become these apostles that she needs so much. “Do not be afraid, My Heart will be your refuge and the sure path that will lead you to God,” she told Sr. Lucia. There, we can encounter the first project of her words:

- To enter into Her Heart through Consecration. Consecration as a sure remedy for the evils of our time and to place ourselves under Her maternal protection
- To teach us to live as Apostles disposed to everything that she needs of us... Are you disposed to offer yourselves?
- The path of sincere conversion to stop offending God
- The life of prayer and listening to the Word of God
- The daily prayer of the Holy Rosary and promoting groups who pray it, it is a powerful weapon for the victories of Heaven
- Offer sacrifices and difficulties for the salvation of those who do not know the love of God
- Awareness of the need for reparation and consolation, to cover a multitude of sins
- Zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters who live in the kingdom of darkness
- Love and constant prayer for the Church and the Holy Father
- To make up for those who do not love, believe, or adore (in Spanish, to believe is repeated here)
- To guard the family amidst the great battles it will face
- To live in intimacy and for the glory of the Blessed Trinity



My dear Family...Let's get to work. We have much to do take the Kingdom of the Two Hearts to many places and hearts.... Each one must receive this call with personal responsibility and make of this mission a great goal for your daily life. As a Family, the Two Hearts will show us what they desire of us and I expect the active cooperation of each and every one. For now, let us begin to live the 12 calls of Our Lady of Fatima that I summarized in this image and that become a kind of plan of life for this year. Also, let us dispose ourselves to promote the visit of the pilgrim images to many homes that need it and to promote consecration in all of our missions. The first place where we should share this gift that we have received with such a transcendental year as this one, will be at the Great Vigil, where I expect everyone, showing that the Two Hearts reign in our hearts and in our Family.

With our gaze set on the love of Their Hearts, we say to them like the little shepherds: Yes, we want to!!!! Let us not forget that Our Lady of Fatima made a promise, that has been progressively realized: In the end, My Immaculate Heart will Triumph.... This triumph is fully united to the triumph of Divine Mercy.... For this reason, in the plans of Divine Providence, that four year is like a link that unites these two great graces: the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (the Heart of Christ) and the Centenary of the apparitions of Fatima (Immaculate Heart).... And before such an immense call and gift, we can only respond with generosity and

intrepidity: Yes, we want to be Apostles of the Triumph of the Merciful Heart and of the Immaculate Heart. *May the Two Hearts reign in our hearts and in the whole world!*

St. John Paul II, pray for us
St. Maria Faustina, pray for us
St. Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us
St. Margaret Mary, pray for us
Blesseds Jacinta and Francisco, pray for us
Servant of God, Lucia dos Santos, pray for us

With my maternal blessing,

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