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MESSAGE OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL FEAST OF THE HEART OF MARY

Dear brothers,

As *pilgrims of hope* journeying together amid progress, innovations, changes, conflicts, war, and destruction, we draw strength from the heart of Mary who could sing “magnificat” from the depth of her heart. This song was born of her interior life rooted in God’s promises and open to His Spirit.

On this feast of our identity, I invite you to contemplate her Heart—her interior where divine love became flesh. From her we learn to live and love from within, to find courage in uncertainty, and to rejoice in littleness. Our Founder was deeply attuned to this mystery; it made him the missionary he became. As sons of her Heart, may our inner lives be centered in Christ, open to the Spirit, and expansive in love.

Mary’s contemplative heart saw both the downfall of the proud and the rising of the lowly when God reigns. Let us, too, learn to see the world—not through the lens of power, position, or possessions, but through the gaze of God who lifts the humble and fills the hungry with good things.

Mary teaches us that our true worth is not measured by human standards but revealed in the gaze of God. *‘He has looked upon the lowliness of his servant...’*—and that look changed everything.

We, too, are called to find meaning in the faithful living of our Claretian vocation, in communion with the great chain of holy witnesses in the Church and in our Congregation throughout history. In a world that has become the playground of those who wield powerful weapons and control vital resources, it can be difficult to keep hope alive. Yet precisely in this wounded world, we are called to be signs of hope—through our fraternal life, our closeness to the poor, and our unwavering commitment to peace, justice, and the care of our common home.

The Magnificat calls us to deep conversion: from ego to humble service, from entitlement to gratitude, from self-reliance to trusting surrender, and from self-promotion to genuine solidarity.

May this feast renew in us the desire to be true *pilgrims of hope*, wherever we are sent.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, lead us to salvation.

In Corde Matris,



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