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## Memorial of the Claretian Martyrs

Dear brothers,

On 1st February, our Congregation gathers in memory and gratitude before the witness of our martyrs. Whether we are living through demanding trials or walking in a time of relative calm, their memory invites each of us to return to the foundations of our vocation. The martyrs remind us that missionary life is always a journey of trust, shaped day by day by small acts of fidelity.

In moments of trial, our martyrs drew strength from what had long sustained their inner life. They lived deeply rooted in the Heart of Mary, where they learned a faith that listens, receives, and remains faithful without conditions. From Mary, they learned their *fiat*—not spoken only at the end, but lived silently in surrender and trust long before the final hour came.

They also kept their eyes fixed on St. Anthony Mary Claret. His burning love for Christ and the mission had formed their desires and sharpened their courage. In the Founder, they saw a life given without reserve, and in his spirit, they found the freedom to offer themselves fully. United to Mary and Claret, their final yes was the culmination of their “fiat” of the first profession.

Many of us today carry different burdens: fragile communities, diminishing numbers, limited resources, weariness of heart, tensions in fraternity, or the solitude of mission far from familiar supports. Others may not feel these pressures sharply at this moment, yet are called to remain watchful and rooted. The martyrs teach us that fidelity is built before the trial arrives—through prayer, fraternity, and daily perseverance.

As we celebrate the memory of our brother martyrs, we ask for the grace to share their spirit. May the Heart of Mary shape our trust, may the zeal of Claret renew our courage, and may we continue to walk together as brothers, faithful to the mission entrusted to us, one day at a time.

Fraternally in CM

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