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CONGREGATION OF THE MISSIONARIES SONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (CMF)

General Prefecture of Youth and Vocations Ministry

****KEY INFORMATION ****

MATERIALS TO CELEBRATE CLARETIAN VOCATIONS DAY

Pastoral documents addressed to:

Major Superiors and YVM Referents of the CMF Congregation

Rome, 1 May 2026.

Dear Brother:

Please accept my fraternal greetings in the Heart of Mary.

To mark the celebration of Claretian Vocations Day, we are sharing with you the collection of materials TO CELEBRATE prepared to help YVM teams animate, pray and live this day in our communities, pastoral structures and Major Organisms. Under the motto A TREASURE TO SHARE, these pastoral leaflets aim to help us rediscover our own vocation as a gift from God, an experience of encounter, a shared journey and a mission offered with joy to others. It is a concrete way of responding to the call of the 26th General Chapter to open our communities to young people so that we may share our vocation and mission with them (cf. QC 67).

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude for the excellent response we are receiving from the YVM teams of the various Major Organisms of the Congregation — from provinces, delegations and missions alike — across the different continents. As you know, we are currently undertaking a preliminary phase of listening and dialogue regarding the YVM CMF formation proposal, following the publication of the Congregation's new Vocational Directory, A TREASURE TO SHARE. So far, we have already spoken with 23 of the Congregation's 34 YVM teams. This journey of encounter, listening and shared discernment fills us with hope and confirms the

importance of continuing to build together common criteria, languages and processes in the service of youth and vocations.

On this 1st of May, the feast of St Joseph the Worker and a day on which we recall the dignity of work, I wish to extend this gratitude to the daily, patient and often unspoken service you render on behalf of youth and vocations. This pastoral work, too, lived out with faith and perseverance, is a concrete way of caring for and sharing the treasure of vocation.

I sincerely thank you for your availability, your commitment and the mission that each of you is fostering in your own context. May this celebration help us to renew the joy of our Claretian vocation and to continue sharing, with creativity and hope, the treasure we have received.

May God bless you and accompany your apostolic commitment.

A fraternal embrace,

Bro. Carlos Verga, CMF
General prefecture of YVM CMF

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