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Christ light in our darkness

Dear missionary children and adolescents,
dear animators, religious and priests,
dear Diocesan Directors and National Directors
greetings from Rome!

We have already completed half of our Lenten journey. It is a favorable time to rediscover our relationship with the Lord, the centrality of Jesus, Son of God, in our lives and our belonging to the universal Church through prayer, fasting and charity.

This Lent is also a favorable time to rediscover the foundation of our being missionary: prayer as the first missionary action - as Pope Francis often says - because it is from prayer that every proposal of our animation and formation originates. Today we have the opportunity to fortify our commitment in prayer.

Let us continue to be united in daily prayer, in our family and our religious communities, especially through the missionary Rosary, offering spiritual support to our brothers and sisters in every continent and every country. Let us ask our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of the Apostles, to intercede for us with God to end this pandemic soon.

With the prayer of the missionary Rosary we extend our loving care to every man, woman and child in every part of the world, without distinction or preference. And in this actual situation the Church *"granting plenary indulgences to the faithful suffering from the Covid-19 virus, commonly known as coronavirus, as well as to healthcare workers, family members and **all those who in any capacity, including through prayer, care for them.**"* (Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary issued on 20 March 2020)

On the example of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus, we fulfill our mission and with her we say: "in the heart of the Church I will be love".

May the Lord enlighten our hearts and minds and make us steadfast in faith, hope, and charity!

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