Let us be renewed and transformed by **LOVE!**

Spiritual lines 2022/2023

The 2022/2023 spiritual lines are in continuity with those of the past year. The icon that illuminates the path is Chapter 12 of Letter to the Romans, it takes us again to the source of our Charisma.
Saint Paul indicates us how to live Charity concretely, building Christ´s body together.

Thus has **Mother Antonia lived, we will celebrate her 250th birth anniversary on June 12th, 2023.**

From the letter to the Romans, Chapter 12

1 And so, I beg you, brothers, by the mercy of God, that you offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, with the subservience of your mind.
2 And do not choose to be conformed to this age, but instead choose to be reformed in the newness of your mind, so that you may demonstrate what is the will of God: what is good, and what is well-pleasing, and what is perfect.

3 For I say, through the grace that has been given to me, to all who are among you: Taste no more than it is necessary to taste, but taste unto sobriety and just as God has distributed a share of the faith to each one.

4 For just as, within one body, we have many parts, though all the parts do not have the same role,

5 so also we, being many, are one body in Christ, and each one is a part, the one of the other.

6 And we each have different gifts, according to the grace that has been given to us: whether prophecy, in agreement with the reasonableness of faith;

7 or ministry, in ministering; or he who teaches, in doctrine;

8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, in simplicity; he who governs, in solicitude; he who shows mercy, in cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without falseness: hating evil, clinging to what is good,

10 loving one another with fraternal charity, surpassing one another in honor:

11 in solicitude, not lazy; in spirit, fervent; serving the Lord;

12 in hope, rejoicing; in tribulation, enduring; in prayer, ever-willing;

13 in the difficulties of the saints, sharing; in hospitality, attentive.

14 Bless those who are persecuting you: bless, and do not curse.

15 Rejoice with those who are rejoicing. Weep with those who are weeping.

16 Be of the same mind toward one another: not savoring what is exalted, but consenting in humility. Do not choose to seem wise to yourself.

17 Render to no one harm for harm. Provide good things, not only in the sight of God, but also in the sight of all men.

18 If it is possible, in so far as you are able, be at peace with all men.

19 Do not defend yourselves, dearest ones. Instead, step aside from wrath. For it is written: “Vengeance is mine. I shall give retribution, says the Lord.”

20 So if an enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For in doing so, you will heap burning coals upon his head.

21 Do not allow evil to prevail, instead prevail over evil by means of goodness.

In the school of the **Immaculate**, following **Mother Antonia's footsteps**…
WE COMMIT, AT PERSONAL LEVEL,

to let us be renewed and tranformed;

- *by Eucharist*

with a more asiduous participation in the holy Mass;

- *by the Word*
  with a special effort in reading every day Gospel;
- from Reconciliation's sacrament
  approaching ourselves to this Sacrament more frequently.

WE COMMIT OURSELVES AS A FAMILY, IN EACH OF OUR WORK POSITIONS, IN THE PARRISH…

- to defeat evil with good becoming peace workers
  - creating true relationships, based on respect
  - carrying a peace word, of union and love
  - being ready to be forgiving
  - ….
- being more friendly and hospitable

- giving our time
- searching for those who are alone, the old, the sick...
- .....

N. B.: these are only indications for the road, which every Group will develop and addapt to their needs, their actual situations.

First of all, we evangelize with our christian life testimony, lived coherently and faithfully.

To deepen:

- Giovanni Paolo II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 17 April 2003
- Benedetto XVI, *Sacramentum caritatis*, 22 February 2007
- Papa Francesco, *Aperuit illis*, 30 September 2019
- Papa Francesco, *Evangelii gaudium*, 24 November 2016
- Papa Francesco, *Christus vivit*, 25 March 2019
- Papa Francesco, *Desiderio desideravi*, 29 January 2022

Preparing ourselves for September's General Assembly, next year:
Every 25, beginning in Christmas,we'll have a special prayer, individual, or even better, in Group.