



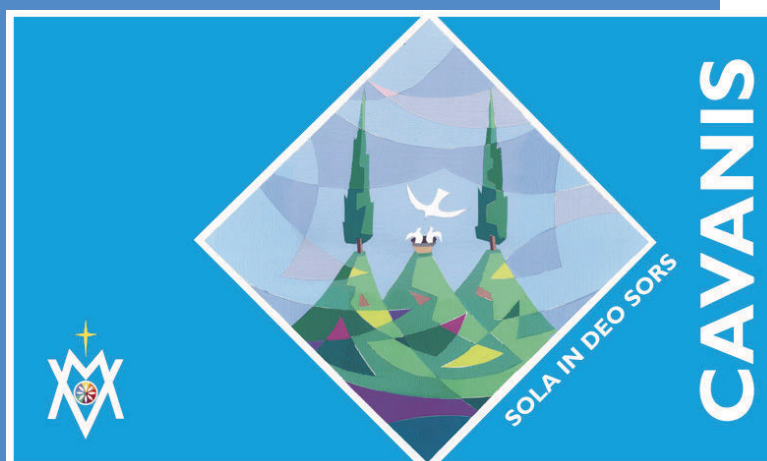
INVISIBLE MONASTERY

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Dear friends,

I imagine that my emotion is also that of all those who participated in the days of formation experienced in Sacred Heart House from July 11 to 14 and culminating with the General Assembly of our FLC. Of those days we are left not only with the memory of many moments of enthusiasm, friendship and prayer, but also - and above all! - the concrete fruit of a renewed awareness of our belonging and of the deep bond that unites us to the beloved Congregation of the Schools of Charity with which we aspire to drink from the springs of the founders' charism. Of course, we are also clear about the difficulties we will have to face; nothing is taken for granted and the path ahead will have to be faced step by step and planned day by day. We are greatly helped by that word of the prophet Joel, which accompanied us with its light and strength in the days of our associational commitment and guided us to feel sustained and accompanied by God's providential tenderness and love. I take this opportunity to thank all of you for the affection and friendship you have shown me and to greet the friends of the new coordination and service

group in force for the next triennium (July 2024 - July 2027): Maria Grazia Di Pasquale, Elisabetta Mura and Alessandro Strusi. To them I assure, as much as necessary, my support and contribution to ensure a transition under the banner of continuity, but they certainly need everyone's prayers and help. The first exercise of Charity, in this new course, will have to express itself precisely in this



common commitment of ours. I now invite you to renew the invisible bonds of communion, as we are wont to do every second of the month, precisely by listening again to the word of Joel (to which I referred earlier) and making our own the attitude of the founders in their strenuous journey of holiness, discipleship and mission: SOLA IN DEO SORS!

Massimo Mazzuco – Coordinatore FLC uscente



From the book of the Prophet Joel (2, 21- 27)

Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.



From the letters of Fr. Anthony and Fr. Mark CAVANIS Founders of the Congregation of the Schools of Charity - Cavanis Institute, edited by Fr. Ugo Del Debbio C.S.C:

As for you, I cannot express the joy you brought me in the excellent sentiments you expressed to me in your paper. Persevere, O dearest one, on this road, that in this way you will attract greater and greater heavenly blessings upon you and upon the Work, and you will dispose yourself to become one of those workers of which he has need in such poverty of subjects and in such expansion that promises. You are but one: but you already know that when one is in the hand of God, he can do great things. You see the example of just three, who count the Work presently, how they are able with divine help to support two houses. The workers diminished and the harvest increased. What does this mean? That the Lord wants to make use of a few to do great things. So, give thanks to him, since you are among these few, and you are expecting precisely for these greater aids and more copious blessings, and thus a richer reward in heaven. (PAA. III, 437).