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To All the Missionaries of Mercy

From the Vatican, December 7, 2016

Prot. N. NE/672/2016/P

Dear Missionary of Mercy,

On October 13, in anticipation of the conclusion of the Extraordinary Holy Year, I had written to all of the Missionaries of Mercy in order to thank them for their dedicated service during the Jubilee and to remind them that the faculties granted them would cease with the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica.

However, Pope Francis, in the light of the many spiritual blessings arising from the ministry of the Missionaries, has decided that this sign of divine mercy is to remain in the Church until further notice. Thus, in the Apostolic Letter *Misericordia et Misera*, which he gave to the Church on November 20 at the conclusion of the solemn Mass for the closing of the Holy Door of St. Peter's, the Holy Father states: "This extraordinary ministry does not end with the closing of the Holy Door. I wish it to continue until further notice as a concrete sign that the grace of the Jubilee remains alive and effective the world over." (*M.M.*, 9).

Therefore, I would ask you to consider, in consultation with your Ordinary, whether you wish to continue as a Missionary of Mercy. Please communicate your decision, be it either affirmative or negative, by electronic mail to this Pontifical Council (missionariesofmercy@pcpne.va) no later than **December 31, 2016**. **In this communication, in the case of an affirmative decision, you must state explicitly that you have discussed the matter with your Ordinary and that he is in agreement that you should continue in this extraordinary Ministry.** In this case you will receive a new Decree confirming the faculties already granted.

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In the meantime, I would remind you that the faculties granted to you are still valid and I would encourage you to continue in this important service that is so dear to the Holy Father.

May I this opportunity to extend to you my gratitude and my best wishes in the Lord for the upcoming holy days, as I remain

Yours Sincerely in Christ,

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✠ Rino Fisichella

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