



PONTIFICIUM CONSILIUM  
DE NOVA EVANGELIZATIONE  
PROMOVENDA

*Praeses*

From the Vatican, March 7, 2019

Prot. N. NE/229/2019/P

Dear Missionary of Mercy:

Lent, which is about to begin, is for the whole Church a time favorable for conversion, a propitious moment to welcome the renewing grace of the Sacrament of Penance and to walk resolutely towards Easter in order to live the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. For the Missionaries of Mercy, this time can mean an opportunity to pay special attention to confessions, preaching and the works of mercy.

It is up to each Missionary, in fact, to make themselves available to their Bishops, undertaking the most appropriate initiatives to give the faithful a renewed experience of the merciful love of God given to us in Christ. In this regard, I remind you that the "**24 Hours for the Lord**" initiative, desired by the Holy Father, becomes a valuable opportunity to implement your ministry. I am sure that creativity and dedication will not be lacking in this commitment, especially during this time of Lent.

I also take this opportunity to remind you that this Pontifical Council hopes, wherever possible, that all Missionaries of Mercy organize themselves in order to hold congresses or encounters, possibly with a national character. These encounters can become real occasions for discussion, prayer and discernment on the most appropriate ways to develop their particular ministry in the specific ecclesial and social reality of each country. Finally, I would like you to know, in advance, that the Holy Father intends to meet again all the Missionaries of Mercy in Rome in the year 2020, on a date to be determined.

With the wish of a holy and fruitful Lent and thanking you sincerely for your continuous commitment, I send you my best regards.

  
✠ Rino Fisichella

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To all Missionaries of Mercy  
IN THEIR RESPECTIVE TERRITORIES