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Dear confreres,

“Lord, I want to give you thanks and sing to you, I will bless the Name of the Lord” (Sir 51,12) Yes! Let us continue to give thanks to the Lord, especially in this day of the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for all the marvels He is accomplishing in our Community. Especially, because He is opening the doors to extend the geographic horizon of our mission.

Effectively, the Lord is guiding us in order to begin a new stage of growth for our Society. This time, He is giving us the possibility of realizing our apostolic mission in Indonesia and Vietnam.

As I informed you in my letter of the 10th of May, our contact with Indonesia began in May 2011 with Msgr Hieronymus Bumbun, OFM Cap, Archbishop of Pontianak and founder of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles of this country, to whom we gave the authorization to use our name. With Vietnam, we began the communication in July 2012, with Father Martin Hoang Xuan Nguyen, co-founder of the Community *Word of God*, through Brother Van Danh Nguyen.

Since then, with the consent of the General Council, we are continuing the communication with these two communities. With them, we experienced extraordinary moments, when, with Fr. Edward Przygocki, we visited them last March and April.

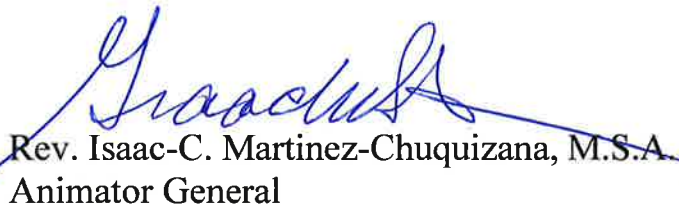
After our visit, Msgr Bumbun and Father Hoang asked for their integration into our Society. Our answer was based on the principles that we agreed to begin to take steps for their integration. For this, we consulted a canon lawyer, Father Francis Morrissey, OMI and at the level of communities, concerning the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles of Indonesia, the Superior General of the Franciscan Capucins, Rev. Fr. Mauro Jöhri, OFM Cap, and concerning the

Community *Word of God*, the Abbot of the Cistercian Monastery of Rougemont (Canada) Dom Raphaël Bouchard, O cist.

The two groups that are Associations of the faithful have expressed their intention of accepting fully our charism, mission and spirituality. For this, it is necessary to organize the procedure by which they will be integrated into our Society such as the formation, the status of definitive members (priests and brothers), the temporary members, the novices and postulants, the Apostolates, the finances, the government structures.

This is why, in reminding you that *“our apostolic mission places us at the service of the Church’s mission, particularly in regions where there is a lack of priests and apostolic workers to insure the establishment and growth of God’s Kingdom...”* (Const. art. 4), I am asking you to send us your comments, suggestions and recommendations, so that we may answer in an appropriate manner the call that the Lord is giving us to extend our missionary field.

Asking the Lord to guide us according to His will, and in awaiting your comments, I remain united in the Lord Jesus.



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