



Office of the President

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Dear Companions and Collaborators in the Mission of Christ:

Happy Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola!

This year's feast of the founder of the Society of Jesus occurs in the midst of many events in the Society, the Church and the world. As a global apostolic body, we are in the third year of the implementation of the Universal Apostolic Preferences. The Ignatian Year is unfolding with a variety of initiatives and activities aimed at renewing the life-mission of Jesuits and partners across the globe. Several provinces are either preparing for or have already held their congregation ahead of the 71st Congregation of Procurators. In the universal Church, Pope Francis has announced the process leading to the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops themed: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

We cannot forget to mention the ongoing coronavirus crisis which inflicts pain on so many lives and disrupts the livelihoods of populations across the world. May God grant eternal repose to all those who have succumbed to the virus.

Despite the challenges posed by a global health crisis, the events and activities that I mentioned above are a reminder that the Society is a living body in a living Church. The actions of the Holy Spirit continue to imbue and renew our world with the presence and grace of God, albeit imperceptibly at times.

Pope Francis encourages us to respond to the crises and challenges, opportunities and promises of these times with creativity, audacity and hope. As we remember and celebrate the life of our founder, may God open our eyes to see all things new in Christ; may God renew these graces in us and deepen our desire to be ever-more faithful servants of Christ's mission.

Yours in Christ's mission,

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