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Dear fraternity,

We are already immersed in the year 2021. Nothing has prevented us from living all that the reality of the birth of Jesus means in the history of humanity, in this common home and his desire for brotherhood with every human person. The reality of the pandemic has forced us to look for other celebratory expressions. The human person, his dignity and the project of universal brotherhood-sisterhood are always present. Let us take care of each other, with responsibility, freedom, creativity, affection, solidarity, humanity, this reality. **Let us always take care of our fraternal life**

At different times, we have had the joy of finding ourselves through technology that, in one way or another, is available to many of us. It has been a sharing of our lives. **Sharing, we take care of ourselves.**

We wish, whenever possible, during this year, to continue making these meetings a reality. In times of "non-pandemic" travel would have been, many times, impossible due to their costs, work time ... however now, this reality opens up other possibilities. **We would like, and we feel it would be fraternizing for all, to promote virtual encounters with the different expressions of our fraternal life:** In the usual meetings, - with the national teams of each country, - with the coordinators of areas of each continent, - with the advisers from each continent, - with employees, - with parents, wherever possible.

Let us put fraternity in everything we do, in this time that encompasses us all. In some way we are all invited to rediscover making the human being feel that we are there, with him, with her ... years ago, a letter that arrived, how much flavor of presence she had ... a phone call, how much closeness it generated to through the world of sounds ... a photograph, which worlds were present to us in seconds ... in these moments, our desire for fraternity cannot be truncated. Love, brotherhood, **is always creative.**

Let us make this same spirit a reality in our places of life, in **our meetings, assemblies, elections where they exist, spaces for formation, festive gatherings ...** May our fraternity project have the flavor of the gospel. May our lives be good news and spread the desire to live and take care of life.

These days, an article, written by Rosa Ramos, with this title: **Care. Giving-receiving it, humanizes-divinizes us, it was a gift.** When reading this: **"what we have to do is welcome, thank and trust that God is caring-caressing -through others and us-everyone in their frailties, of course also those who don't even suspect it"** ... we feel a very great relationship with what we want our life to be: **expression and experience of the God who cares for us in caring for one another as brothers.**

Let us continue the path of brotherhood. A big hug for every fraternist.

Sonia, Carmencita and Miguelangel

Core team.

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