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**WITH HOPE**

**DURING THE TIME OF THE**

**PANDEMIC**



CASA GENERALIZIA DELLA CONGREGAZIONE  
DI GESÙ-MARIA

Rome,  
31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

**TO ALL THE RELIGIOUS OF THE CONGREGATION AND COMPANIONS IN MISSION.**

My dear Sisters and Companions in Mission,

Greetings from Rome.

Let me begin with a familiar story from Tony De Mello.

Once upon a time, a monk in his travels found a precious stone and kept it. One day he met a traveler, and when he opened his provisions with him, the traveler saw the pearl and asked the monk to give it to him. The monk did so readily. The traveler departed overjoyed with the unexpected gift of the precious stone that was enough to give him wealth and security for the rest of his life. However, a few days later he came in search of the monk, found him, gave him back the stone and entreated him: 'Now give me something much more precious than this stone, valuable as it is. Give me that which enabled you to give it to me.'

This is the Ignatian indifference we are called to aspire – an equanimity of soul, which is the fruit of the discernment of spirits and freedom from disordered attachments.

We could ask ourselves:

- What is the precious stone that I cling to, what am I afraid to give up?
- Where or what is God calling or inviting me to?
- How can I/we respond to the cries of today's world?



May Mary our dear Mother, through the intercession of St. Ignatius grant us the gift of indifference, to surrender all that we have and possess, with great liberty and inner joy, so as to '*go to the peripheries*' and '*beyond our own boundaries*' (#3 and # 4 JM Preferences), to sow the seeds of our charism and to bear fruit in many parts of the world.

A Very Happy Feast from all of us.

M<sup>a</sup> Carmen RJM, Alejandra RJM, Encarna RJM, Nuria RJM, Shanty RJM

Monica Joseph RJM  
General superior

Dear AFJM:

We are all living a strange time, different from the one we have known up until now, because a virus has decided to be the protagonist of our lives, becoming the center of attention and of our conversation, causing great harm and loss of human lives, which we regret. It is a sad moment, but we, united in the Charism of Saint Claudine, have to be strong, be encouraged, have the capacity of overcoming and of accepting and find in everything that happens keys of hope. Certainly, it is hard but God is at our side.

This bulletin only intends to be a means of being close to the feeling of the AFJM during this time of the pandemic, of how it is lived and how, in spite of everything, the bonds of union and closeness to one another are not lost but rather become stronger with greater intensity and in another way. The new technology has facilitated communication and the prayer of each day has given the Word of the Gospel a new understanding.

My words therefore, can only be those of gratitude to all of you, a united family in difficult moments together with all the religious who are at our side. Thank you very much for everything you shared.

It is a great joy to communicate to you that Sister Alejandra Diaz is our new companion on the journey, as the religious responsible at international level of AFJM named by the General Government, and to whom with great joy, I give the floor.

Consuelo Mengual (Layperson responsible at International level of AFJM)

Dear members of the AFJM:

I am very happy to journey together with you.

Sister Monica and all the members of the General Council want to be close to you, accompanying you in your desire to make Jesus and Mary known and loved in today's world, and to enrich ourselves mutually in the updating of the Charism of Claudine.

Humanity and our 'common House' need the gift that Claudine left us, and we have before us a beautiful Project that will help us to extend our life and our mission.

I am sure I am going to learn very much from you and from Consuelo.

That during this hard time for the whole world we can feel the consoling presence of God our Father who invites us to act fraternally especially toward those who suffer most.

With affection, Maria Alejandra Diaz, RJM

# AFRICA

We begin a new year full of activities, with many projects, including the visit to every family of the Delegation of Africa. However, with the arrival of Covid19, we saw that our projects were paralyzed. Even if the pandemic has distanced us, limiting us to stay, each one at home, it has made us more charitable, closer to one another, because each one has received the responsibility of praying for one of the members and to be close to him. We transmit and communicate the news and information to all. This experience has helped us to grow spiritually... the African solidarity. In this context, we have also felt happy to unite ourselves, with great joy, to the family of Bitam (Gabon) for the celebration of the Sacraments of a member of the group and of her daughter. We could breathe joy, peace and love!

United to all of you, the AFJM Africa, with love,

Jeanne Martine Toukam, rjm.  
Responsible for AFJM of Africa





# C FELIXSTOWE – ENGLAND

We share our photos of the Felixstowe AFJM Retreat.

Good wishes everyone











**"Keep hope, let yourself be surprised by God and live with joy"**





# ARGENTINA-URUGUAY



## ASJM AT HOME – 2020

**A project of the Association Family of Jesus and Mary Argentina-Uruguay for all the large Family of Jesus and Mary with the objective of favoring “spaces for the experience and the encounter with God”, according to the JM Preferences.**

In March of this year, when the lock down had been decreed because of the Pandemic, we launched the “HOLY WEEK AT HOME”.

The Proposal was to send, every day of the Holy Week, a proposal to pray, meditate, celebrate and share together, centering ourselves on the Gospel of the day and our JM spirituality, in the light of the Charism of Claudine. The invitation was that each one, from her home, alone or with the persons with whom she lives, could carry out the activity proposed and share it with her ASJM Group.

In this way, we could experience that we were all together celebrating the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus.

We received a response that over-flowed our expectations. Not only from the ASJM Groups, but also from many persons linked to JM who joined us.



During Easter time, we invited to solidarity, through the preparation and giving of straps, and we continued with the proposal of shared prayer, now centered on Sundays and the important feasts: Our Lady of Lujan, Patroness of Argentina, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Patroness of the JM Province of Argentina–Uruguay, and we concluded with the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We called this stage “HOLY SPIRIT, COME!”





# BOLIVIA

From Santa Cruz - Bolivia, we unite in prayer with all the AFJM groups,, in the world, which at present find themselves at a moment of opening the heart to Jesus and Mary.

We want to share with you that on the initiative of the young people we had meetings via Zoom, from where came the idea of M. Frances Sequeria to begin a group of MEJ with children from 3 to 11 years of age from the School of Cardinal Cushing.

This, with the objective that the children be FRIENDS OF JESUS and be like him. In every meeting, we are characterized by the theme, Soldiers of Jesus.

The children are divided into three groups, it takes place on the first Saturday of every month via Zoom, the animators receive more than one hundred children, who anxiously wait to be able to share on themes such as the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Corpus Christi, the Virgin Mary, among others.

Every child also has a notebook, where daily, they register their actions with happy or sad little faces and in the meeting, they share their experiences.

We thank God for allowing us to share and enrich the hearts of the little ones and fill their lives with love.

With love and many blessings for all in the AFJM

MARIA IRENE HUARACHICAUTIN

SANTA CRUZ –BOLIVIA

COLEGIO CARDENAL CUSHING – JESUS-MARIA



Photo of prayer with children from 3 to 5 years

EJEMPLO			
	MAYANA	TARDE	TOTAL
<b>05 DE JUNIO LUNES</b>			
Actos Buenos	😊😊	😊😊😊😊	5
Actos Malos	😞😞😞😞	😞😞😞😞	8
<b>06 DE JUNIO MARTES</b>			
Actos Buenos	😊		
Actos Malos	😊		
<b>07 DE JUNIO MIERCOLES</b>			
Actos Buenos	😊		
Actos Malos	😊		
<b>08 DE JUNIO JUEVES</b>			
Actos Buenos	😊		
Actos Malos	😊		

Photo of the faces they carry out according to the actions they carry out during the day



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**Thank you very much for the prayers...**

**The members of the Family JM we have tried to connect ourselves via Zoom... and also with other young people from other departments who have invited me to participate in their meetings (Santa Cruz and Oruro). It was very beautiful to participate in their prayer and especially to listen to them... the lived experience of each one, truly, how Good God is for allowing me to participate in these encounters...**

**In Bolivia in the city of El Alto, people are very poor and they are not taking good care of their health.**

**We are trying to help the families, which have greater need, as far as we are able.**

**May our Good God bless you and may our Mother protect you from every harm.**

**United in JM and in prayer**

**Dionicia, RJM**

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I am Sister Silvia, I thank wholeheartedly for the details with all the Family of Jesus and Mary. You have already passed through what we are passing now. It is very hard to see every day, persons close to us, die. We continue to be in a rigid lock down, up to July 10. Nevertheless, we hope in God, that sooner or later, this sanitary crisis will end.

I embrace you with the desire to continue being united in spite of distance,

Silvia, RJM

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**Here in Cochabamba (Bolivia), we have a small group, but it functions well.**

We used to meet once a month and shared on some passage of the Bible or of the Congregation and our life. We have a commitment to hand in every time we meet a certain amount of money, which at the end of the year is used for a solidarity purpose. Even though not as an activity of the group, some of the members have been going to a center for catechism to the migrants. Now during the pandemic each one is staying at home. We communicate by telephone, and for those who have WhatsApp. We have sent them a copy of the Memorial, the oldest document of the Congregation, so that you can read it little by little and comment on it when we meet again. Dr. Eleuterio Sánchez, member of the group, is a doctor who works in a faraway place out in the country, and he tells us that the peasants who live in houses, which are separated one from the other and have there all they need in food, etc, do not have to go out to the city and so there is no contagion of the virus. However, in other places it is very sad to watch on TV or listen to the difficulties in which many families live. There is much contagion. Several persons have been found dead on the street. The hospitals are full, and this even here in our city. Some of those who are infected are persons close to us whom we know. Some have recovered and are cured; others are struggling trying to be cured and others have died.

All the members of the group are well and healthy, thank God; we pray for those who suffer materially and spiritually (Sickness, nourishment, economy, dead, etc.) We wish all the groups health, peace, and trust knowing that God is close to them.



# CUBA

## Sharing AFJM at the level of the Congregation

This time of lock down has been surprising and of mixed feelings: fear, sadness, pain, suffering, anguish because of the situation being lived at personal, family, social and world level. It has also been a favorable time of being closer to all by prayer and reflection. This has helped to be more conscious or aware of the passing of the Lord in our personal history and of changing our way of thinking, feeling, acting.

The telephone has been a resource to be in contact and to be interested for each family; the majority are elderly of the third age,

Habana, Cuba, June 30, 2020

### NOTE:

Here in Habana we still have NOT passed the first phase, we continue to stay inside the house; (only we in the capital city, for all other Provinces are already in the first phase).





# IRLANDA

Greetings from the AFJM Ireland. We feel very much in solidarity with you all since the Covid-19 lockdown in March. However, we have been able to keep in touch with one another by phone and, in June, a small number met in the convent garden. As all of our members are over 70yrs, we are more confined. None of the group contracted the virus, TG.

We are united with you all in thought and prayer.

Best wishes,  
AFJM Ireland.



# WITNESS TERESA TRALLERO

I would have many sheets to fill about these long days of LOCK DOWN, but what my feeling tells me, together with what God is whispering to me in the heart is a NEW experience as if he was speaking to the whole of humanity and was telling us: STOP, REST, CALM DOWN, DISCOVER, WEEP, LAUGH, DO NOT SPEAK, LISTEN IN THE INTIMACY OF YOUR HEART. The experience of the human being so small before the pandemic threatened by something unknown but makes us greatly afraid. The Lord tells us, Grow in humility, in generosity, in fraternity, in justice, be brothers and sisters, leave ambition aside, look at the other one and recreate the Beatitudes. Let us discover God. "Something new is being born" the Novelty is: ***a new way of living. Will we be capable?***

M<sup>a</sup> Teresa Trallero.

# MEXICO-CUBA

## Days of Reflection

These days of chaos in the world, have been days of uncertainty, of anguish, of sadness and there have been losses. However, this is a pause in the accelerated way; now is the moment to thank for all we have. Distance is not limitation, for the moment of connecting virtually, as Family of Jesus and Mary, and of praying for all the people suffering from this terrible sickness; for the families, for those who left. I thank because I always felt accompanied by messages and prayers. Thank you for those moments, which seem something small but which filled my heart with peace and love, even in spite of the distance. Thank you Family of Jesus and Mary for accompanying me today and always. Always in my heart!

Ma. De Lourdes Delgado Camacho

AFJM CLAUDINA THÉVENET

MÉXICO-CUBA

In one's own experience, live the reality that is ours today everything turning around COVID-19.

See it and keep it far...

See it and keep it close...

You think that it will never arrive and suddenly you live it close to you, so close and living it before the death of a dear one because of this situation. It is a great pain or sorrow in our life, but you cannot remain there. Continue going ahead and learn from what you have lived.

A great sorrow shared with an excellent and large family, my Family of Jesus and Mary, always accompanied by Saint Claudine Thévenet.

Norma Villagomez.

AFJM CLAUDINA THÉVENET

MÉXICO-CUBA

CIUDAD DE MÉXICO







SEAN POR SIEMPRE  
ALABADOS JESÚS Y MARIA



*Yo soy tu buen Pastor*

¿A TU LADO MARCHO DELANTE, VIGILO DESDE ATRÁS REVISO  
EL HORIZONTE  
ÓN DE PASTOR TE DA TRANQUILIDAD, VAS ACOMPAÑ@D@ SIEMPRE  
DE MIBONDAD

*Unidas en Oración, como Gran  
Familia*

*Junio 15, 20.*



**RUEGA POR NOSOTROS!**

María en tus manos dejamos  
nuestras intenciones



**MOMENTO DE ORACIÓN**

En honor a nuestros seres queridos

19 DE MAYO 2020 • 5 P.M. •

**Ruega por nosotros**

Como recuerdo agradecido  
oramos por tantas personas  
fallecidas a causa de la  
COVID-19

Mayo 26, 2020



**YO ME SIENTO MUY CONTENTA Y  
ORGULLOSA DE SER PARTE DE  
FAMILIA AFJM LAICOS , EN CADA  
REUNIÓN ME ALIMENTAN EL ALMA .  
NOSOTRAS APRENDEMOS Y  
CONOCEMOS EL CARISMA Y LA  
GRATITUD DE SANTA CLAUDINA ,  
COMO UNA FRASE TAN PROFUNDA  
“CUAN BUENO ES DIOS” .  
QUIERO DAR GRACIAS A CADA UNA  
DE NUESTRAS MADRES QUE CON  
SUS ORACIONES NOS DAN  
FORTALEZA Y NOS ABRAZAN A  
DISTANCIA.  
QUIERO SEGUIR CONOCIENDO A  
DIOS , DEJÁNDOME GUIAR POR LAS  
MADRES CON EL CARISMA CON EL  
QUE NOS ENSEÑAN**

**MIS SENTIMIENTOS EN AFJM**

**#jesusymaríaencasa**



FAMILIA CUAN BUENOS ES  
DIOS MUCHAS GRACIAS !!  
-DELFINA ALEJANDRO P.

# LAHORE - PAKISTAN

The pandemic has affected all walks of life and has also awakened us to reflect on ourselves to act on our Lord's mission to serve others. While taking all precautions, we distributed ration bags to the needy and affected families, especially those who are jobless. We are also in prayer for everyone that with our Lord's divine grace, may we safely pass through this difficult time.

Shahzad Masih and Members  
AFJM Lahore Pakistan











# PUNE - INDIA

## 1. Dear Sisters and friends.

During the lockdown, I have been regularly attending Holy Mass, other spiritual programs hosted by the Bombay Archdiocese, which spiritually enriched me. My brother who lives in Bahrain was tested positive for the coronavirus and had to be quarantined away from his wife and two children as they were tested negative for the virus. I was filled with tremendous anxiety and worry but Sr. Bernard D'souza RJM in charge of our unit was my strength as I contacted her and various priests requesting prayers for my brother who is now well. This incident brought my family closer to our Lord and our Mother Mary.

Mrs. Leticia Vaz.

St. Anne's Mumbai AFJM Group.

## 2. Greetings from Juliana, Pune, India.

The lockdown experience has been one of its kind. For the first time in history, we were locked in our own homes. With no visitors and nowhere to go, we were kind of lost. But as we lost ourselves we found Jesus and experienced Him more closely than ever before.

Our families united in praying the online Rosary everyday from near and far. That kept us connected and gave us courage to know we were just a thought away.

It was the time when the news showed death figures in France and Italy soaring higher and higher. Having an opportunity to attend the Symposium in







A Zoom Meeting was held on June 28 2020 at 4.30 p.m. with each group representative along with Sister in charge of Pune Province AFJM Group. It was a good effort made to be connected digitally for the first time, after a long time. Great was the excitement!

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# ROME – ITALY

## NEWS FROM THE AFJM OF ROME Via Flaminia

On Tuesday March 3, was held the last meeting before the pandemic

The theme was the PREFERENCES, the document of the 37th General Chapter, given for all the Family of “Jesus and Mary”.



Chapel of the JM Institute  
Via Flaminia, Rome

Among other things, we proposed to meet spiritually at noon, to recite the HAIL MARY.

During the time of the pandemic, we all had to observe the lock down and remain at home. We communicated by E-Mail and some, more directly by telephone,

We informed the AFJM that on Pentecost Day, all the Congregation would meet in a VIRTUAL PRAYER, thanks to the new technology.

In the Chapel of the Institute, the Religious pray all morning, before the Blessed Sacrament exposed. Here we send you a photo.



# SPAIN, BARCELONA, SAN ANDRÉS

In our group, we have not seen one another since February, even if we have been in continuous contact by telephone, WhatsApp or E-mail. We have been united and concerned and praying for the persons of the group who contracted the virus.

We have read with interest the documents and news received from the FJM. It has been a time of reflection, spiritual strengthening and of profound sisterhood.

I want you to know that we decided to give to Caritas the money of the fees of the group, which has not been used during this year. The persons who already collaborated with Caritas have continued faithfully to do it.

Greetings.

Ana Maria Bars Salgado

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In reality, we have all lived this completely new and unexpected experience.

These past months have been months full of uncertainty and of suffering, especially in our Infirmaries.

With our group of San Andres, we have maintained continuous contact through E-Mail and WhatsApp. We have not been able to carry out any activity as programmed for the third quarter of the year.

Thank God, those in the lock down because of the virus have been able to overcome this trial and we have not had to suffer the loss of any member. We hope that you all will be able to undertake once again the different encounters of the year; to enter in the "new normality".

Have a nice Summer, with my great and grateful Greetings,

Joaquina-María r.JM.

Through the communication received, I could summarize the feeling of the majority as follows:

- To live the present more consciously, the "today" that it is ours to live.
- To value what the great gift of freedom supposes or means.
- To value and be grateful for the gift of life, health, human relationships, work, occupation, the joy received from the contact with nature.

# ACTIVITIES OF THE AFJM BEFORE THE PANDEMIC



Trusting God is having the certainty that He has everything under control, and that even if the situation seems adverse, in the end everything will be for our good.



# Reflections on the AFJM Project in Canada

Here we present the first work that we have lived as members of the AFJM in relation to the Charism.

I share this with you since we have lived it with great renewed enthusiasm received from Saint Claudine and the lived experience of JM reflected in its preferences. Above all, in the knowledge or movement of going deeper into her Charism, and in our desire to be similar to our Foundress. There is the impression that this community is being founded under her look continually updating itself. This pedagogy allows us to accept what a Charism is and to become familiar to its action in our daily life.

We are grateful for receiving us under her creative look of love and goodness, which allows us to advance in the knowledge of our God so concerned for our world.

I am adding the document of Consuelo Mengal as a beginning reading of our search and I attach textually the result of the sharing of the members.

## 1- Family spirit: The Charism

The Charism is grace: a grace for the Church and for the world. This Charism is a human face, a community face; it is updated by a life style, which is called, like Saint Claudine, to reflect the goodness of God in our society and our communities. The credibility of the Charism is judged by the capacity of generating life and life in abundance, not only in the world through our apostolate, but also in our communities by sharing the mission, Laity and Religious, making today, a reality the road traced by Saint Claudine.

In these communities of life and faith, we learn to love Jesus and Mary feeling that we are one family, sharing and accompanying our joys and sufferings, as well as that of the persons around us. We feel that the Charism has strengthened and consolidated our faith, our hope and our charity. It has given us a profound filial and fraternal sense, which has made us more sensitive to the needs, and has urged us to work in the service and surrender to the mission, united to the Religious in their humane Projects, accompanying, educating, curing, healing and giving dignity to our lives since we are also persons who suffer.

We desire to continue as persons being sent to be witnesses of the Love of God in our realities, which are close to us – family, work, neighborhood, as leaven, salt and light.

The Bicentenary has celebrated Claudine, women of faith, pardon and communion and now, as Sister Monica Joseph, RJM told us, “We desire to continue our journey with Claudine, with hope as an apostolic family. The flame of the Charism is in our hands, it belongs to them, it belongs to me, it belongs to us. It is our treasure but also our responsibility for the future generations, so that our world will be better. We know we can count on you to nourish this sacred fire”.

**Objective 1:** Recognize that the Charism helps us to grow in faith, makes us feel that we are a family, offers us a spirituality, which models or shapes us in a way of being, in the world.

**Lines of action:**

- To grow in the knowledge of the life of Saint Claudine and of her way of living the Gospel.

Questions of Louise and the responses of her members:

**a) What is a Charism for you?**

**A charism is:**

- A gift from God, which is greater than oneself.
- Something accepted.
- Something, which is acquired, that one has the obligation to develop it, to share, and which demands will.
- Something like an attitude shown in a person that makes her attractive, loving, and that one is happy to listen to her, to know her, to imitate her.
- The goodness of heart
- A unique and exceptional way of being, of living which has influence
- Something, which comes from the Spirit and gives wings, places one on the way,
- Something of which we are the instruments
- Something, which creates bonds, attracts others, inspires trust.
- The expression of qualities, of gifts that a person has.
- The whole values or virtues that mark a person or a group and is reflected in their behavior, their attitude.
- Something, which one feels like an interior peace.
- Something, which creates light, makes one feel well, joy.
- What is transparent from the interior, what is indwelling, without the need of speaking, of words.

**b) How would you call that of Saint Claudine?**

Goodness/ Charity/ Pardon/ Sharing/ Love/ Peace/ Gift of self/ Acceptance/ Openness to others/ Altruism/ Attention to others/ Joy of living/ Respect/ Availability/ Mercy/ Absolute Trust in the will of God/Obedience/ Solid Faith/ Woman sustained by God/ Transparency of the Love of God.

**Has it happened to you that in your daily life the Charism of Saint Claudine has helped you to find *the good life in you... around you?***

• **In you.**

- When I pray to Claudine every day to ask for her help, it does me good.
- When my father was hospitalized that, I asked Mother Claudine that he could have a room, and it was granted,
- When a prayer meeting is prepared for a group or a celebration in the comment of the Prayer that helps me to be humble to listen to myself, of what is happening interiorly.

- This is seen in my pastoral educational work, in the education to young people, of children, in the groups to which I belong, when I accompany and when I am available.
- Frequently when I educate my children, I would take the model in the form of doing of Mother Claudine, in the education that she gave to the children who were under her care and I asked for her help, her patience and goodness. This gave me peace, strength and trust.
- When I help my parents, brothers, and sisters during sickness.
- When I help others, when I renew my hope, when I give joy to others, and when I work in favor of justice.
- When my son had difficulties I entrusted him to Saint Claudine.
- When I help my sons.
- When I pardoned or forgave.
- When I help others, when I love them and have compassion.
- When I work as a Volunteer, when I am altruist.
- When I accept what Jesus asks me, it fills me with joy, and the weight disappears.
- When I think on the charism of Goodness and Mercy of Claudine which has been transmitted through her daughters (the Religious), it has helped me very much up until now, in my daily life.

- **Around me**

- When I saw someone defend another person who was living intimidation.
- When I saw the auxiliary nurses treat their patients with respect-
- When I saw the children visit their elderly relatives.
- When our children helped us during the time of sickness and were present in an extraordinary manner for us.
- When I saw the JM Religious visit the sick and took time to listen to them.
- When I saw the Religious accompany some persons in the car when they needed it.
- When I look at the sun set.
- When I see the empathy of persons in tragic moments.
- When we meet and we help one another and in this way, friendship is developed.
- When I see the goodness in the persons of a group.
- When my son did his work by himself, now he is happier and accepts himself as he is.
- When I see the persons in our group who radiate goodness and trust in the Spirit.
- When I received many signs of love in the funeral of my father.
- When I see persons who trust in life.
- When I see that the person who need help are helped
- When I see persons who love their neighbor as themselves.
- When I needed to trust and someone took the time to listen to me.
- When I saw the patience of the persons who accompany the children in Pastoral Ministry.
- When I collaborated in the groups of Scouts and "Jannettes", etc.
- When I see persons leave their ego aside and become instruments of God.
- When I see all those volunteers who exercise goodness in hospitals and in centers of elderly persons.



- When I become aware that the qualities of our good Mother Claudine are the same that Jesus lived.
- The persons who even if they are in mourning, give themselves generously day after day, to comfort and sustain.
- The persons who work because they love their neighbor and they never refuse anything asked of them.
- The persons who give themselves completely for the opening of the Chapel.
- The persons who write words of consolation and full of love to encourage, to congratulate, or greet.
- The persons who pray for those who need it.

A look, after the encounter, at what has been lived to assimilate the discoveries of last month.

- A- Which are some **elements of our last encounter repeated** after a month, since we met? What have you kept from this encounter?
- B- Did **these elements sustain your desire** (have given you more pleasure, encouragement) of living and knowing more this **force of life of the FJM?**

- Now we understand better what the word “Charism” means.
- It has made us become aware, that each one, has a different Charism-
- This changed my look. My way of looking at others goes beyond; I look at them without judging. We are all children of God; I see more rapidly the good side of persons.
- It leads me even more to look at the greatness of the souls of the persons whom we meet.
- The beauty of others is more visible.
- We should not compare one another. Each one contributes something particular.
- Be aware that we all have a different Charism. This makes me know that it is important to listen to whom we are, of what others are as well. This helps discernment, which is an essential element to live in truth.
- The Charism of each one makes a group diverse and at the same time, it complements.
- The talents and qualities of each one constitute the strength of the group.
- The force of the life of the FJM has its roots in the Charism of Claudine Thévenet of which, we members of the JM family, benefit by grace, and gives us the joy of living and propagating the goodness and the mercy of God in our daily life, around us in the world.
- This allows us to synchronize our qualities to the Charism of Saint Claudine and in this way be able to be amazed at the greatness of our Creator.

Praised forever be Jesus and Mary!

# AFJM COLOMBIA FAMILY CONGRESS

On the 25 and 26 of January, the V Congress of the Family of Jesus and Mary of Colombia took place in the city of Medellin. Thank God for we were fortunate to encounter one another again, as a Family of Jesus and Mary, to reflect and to transcend in our proposals of being Leaven, Salt and Light; living our Charism and advancing in our gtrat objective of making Jesus and Mary known and loved.

By means of prayer and reflection, we sought and found the guidance necessary so that our encounter would be wonderful and full of great results, directed by the greatness of God. To know the life and work of women and men full of courage helped us quite a bit. The expectations were fulfilled completely. How good God is in permitting us to meet as sisters and brothers and come out renewed in the proposal to serve and to love more every day.

Motivated by our Preferences, in the style of Saint Claudine, we seek to take hope to the most vulnerable; we will get out of our existential peripheries to go to the peripheries of the brother in need, of the one who has no voice, of the one who suffers, of the one enslaved by a ·modern· world, we get out with the commitment to support and pray to God for the new vocations. God is good and merciful, and will listen to us and through him everything will be renewed; and He will be with each one of us until the end of the world.

With love,

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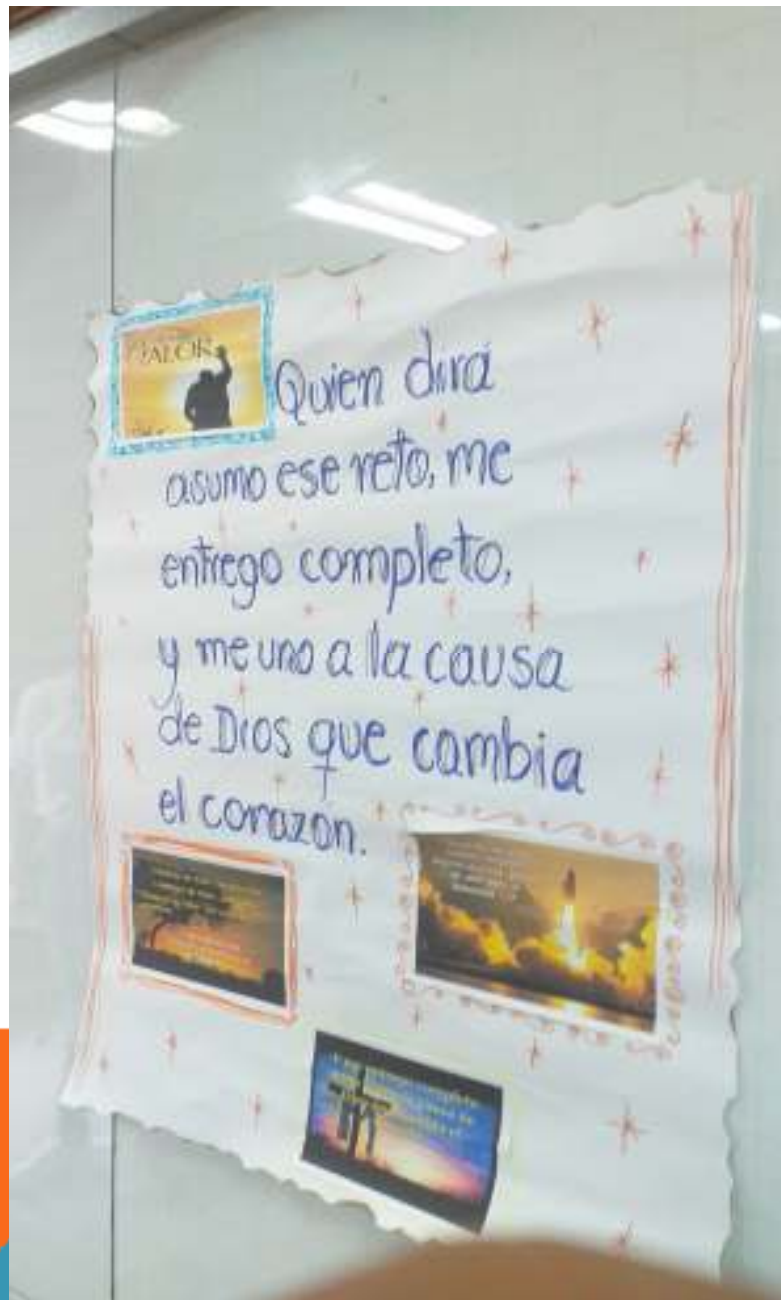




















“What we need is not a  
victory, but an  
improvement”

Maxime Rovère

**Much spirit, much courage!**