



3 February 2016

Dear brothers and sisters, cordial greetings from the General House!

The 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 marks the first anniversary of the election of Father Valdir José De Castro as Superior General of the Society of St. Paul. A year has now passed since his election, which we all took as a sign from above for a renewal of our Congregation and as an encouragement to journey confidently in the footsteps of our Blessed Founder in the spirit of the Apostle Paul. Let us nourish the feelings of gratitude and esteem for Father Valdir, who is guiding us as “father and shepherd” towards an audacious and generous missionary thrust and towards a more evangelical manner of living our human relationships and to our witnessing as consecrated persons in the world of communication.

I would like to invite all of you and all the members of the Pauline Family to offer special prayers for him and for his intentions, especially those which he carries in heart for our Congregation and for our Family. May the Divine Master grant him good health, wisdom and love, not separated by evangelical *parresia*, in order to accomplish his precious mission among us.

May God’s “abundant riches of grace” be upon all of you, in Christ our Risen Master and Lord, so that we may strain ahead with our Superior General into the future, under the maternal gaze of Mary, Queen of Apostles, and with the zeal of the Apostle Paul as modelled for us by Blessed James Alberione.

With fraternal and sincere best wishes,

  
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Vicar General of the Society of St. Paul