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**To the Superiors of Circumscriptions  
and to the Directors General of the Apostolate**

**Subject: Chosen Editorial Theme for 2019.**

Dear Brothers,

The document «*Editorial guidelines. Identity, content and interlocutors of the Pauline apostolate*», as soon as it was approved by the General Government, besides reconfirming and updating the three specific and determining areas of our apostolic mission, namely the Bible, family and communication, asks that «*a specific theme will be added annually to these three main thematic areas, inspired by the major contemporary problems and in harmony with the journey of the universal Church. This theme will be suggested, adequately in advance, by the Superior General and will have to guide initiatives and projects at national and international levels*» (cf. 6.3.4).

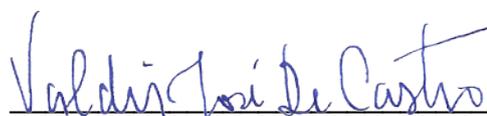
After reflecting during the last meeting of the General Council on this provision, I am communicating that the theme chosen for the year 2019 is “the care of the common home”, inspired by the Encyclical *Laudato si'* and also motivated by the next Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region, which will take place in Rome in October 2019, in the light of the theme: «*The Amazon: New paths for the Church and for integral ecology*». As the Preparatory Document of this event states, «*the reflections of the Special Synod go beyond the strictly ecclesial-Amazonian sphere, because it focuses on the universal Church, as well as on the future of the entire planet*».

Faced with this challenge of the evangelizing mission of the Church, aware of the importance of the media and digital networks in this process, we Paulines cannot remain indifferent, considering that «*the destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us men and women, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended from various forms of debasement*» (*Laudato si'*, no. 5).

Through our apostolate we can and we want to make our contribution to sensitizing the men and women of today on the preservation of our “common home”, through editorial contents (books, periodicals, music, video, internet...) and also by organizing debates and conferences in our centres of studies in communication, in cultural centres, in bookshops, as well as in our own communities, where it is possible, always connecting the theme of ecology with communication, naturally, within the apostolic project of the Circumscription.

May Jesus Master, through the intercession of the Apostle Paul, bless you all!

Faternally,

  
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