Il Presidente Nazionale

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To Members of the National Council To Members of the Regional Council To Coordinators of Groups and Communities To Coordinators of Groups in formation To Spiritual Advisors THEIR OFFICES

CIRCULAR LETTER

PLEASE READ WITH ATTENTION AND SHARE WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP

«How I long to find words to encourage a season of evangelization with greater fervor, joyful, generous, with boldness, full of endless love and contagious to our lives! Yet I realize that no words of encouragement will be enough unless the fire of the Holy Spirit burns in our hearts. I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I pray that he comes to renew, to stir up to give a new impulse to the Church, going out of itself boldly to evangelize all peoples».

POPE FRANCIS

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION "EVANGELII GAUDIUM", n. 261.

Dearest sisters and brothers in the Lord,

Great joy permeates my soul, accompanied by profound gratitude to the Lord from the National Service Committee and the National Council: **POPE FRANCIS will be with us at the next XXXVII National Convocation – Rome, Olympic Stadium, June, 1-2, 2014.**

The news is now official, communicated to me yesterday by the Vatican Secretariat of State. News, following the publication of the precious post Synod Exhortation "Evangelii Gaudium" – from which I have quoted at the beginning of this letter – which marks unequivocally the "pastoral conversion" of our Movement in "missionary" spirit, that is, a new charismatic lead role for a "new evangelization".

The presence of Pope Francis in our midst, at a Convocation of our Movement, will be a historic fact, unprecedented in our worldwide history. It happens in the year in which, transferring our ecclesial event from the fair grounds of Rimini to the Stadium of Rome, we want to underline the will to support the Holy Father in his work of "ecclesial renewal", by placing our spiritual experience all the more at the heart of the Church and at the service of the world, as a "living and lived sign" from the most intimate expectations manifested by the Holy Father for this time of ours, starting from the indications that the Holy Father has eloquently expressed in the "Evangelii Gaudium" itself.

Will we be worthy of such grace, of so much trust, of such boldness? Surely the Spirit will sustain us if we are able to remain humble. The work which awaits us, to the glory of God, will be great, complex and challenging, in as much as this extraordinary Convocation will be completely different from the others and will need the capability of welcoming many novelties which will inevitably come up and a collaborative attitude in facing the challenges. No one can exclude himself. Everyone will have to play her or his part.

Right away the organizational machine has been put in motion with the competent Authorities (CONI – the sporting body, the Vicariate of Rome, the Municipality of Rome), after having studied in these last few months the feasibility of such an event, which we would like to be well attended, with the participation of thousands of persons!

It's time to "bring onto the battle field" the intercessors, the adorers, the children and the sick with their prayers specially pleasing to the Father! And its time for Leaders of the Movement, at all levels, to give their best efforts and with perseverance to make of the next Convocation an unforgettable pentecostal Event (we will be in Rome during the days of the Pentecost Novena), inviting and accompanying to the Olympic Stadium a great number of persons!

Please take note of some precious information with regard to the **XXXVII National Convocation**:

- **PLACE:** Rome, Olympic Stadium, June, 1 2, 2014 (we are working on a plan so as to begin at 11.00 a.m. on Sunday, June 1st and to conclude at 6.30 p.m. on Monday, June 2; final timings will be defined in our next communication).
- **THEME:** «Repent! Believe! Receive the Holy Spirit!» (cf Acts 2, 38-40).
- PROGRAM: (confirmed, other speakers will follow): POPE FRANCIS, CARD. ANGELO COMASTRI, Vicar of the Holy Father for Vatican City; CARD. AGOSTINO VALLINI, Vicar of the Pope for the Diocese of Roma; FR. RANIERO CANTALAMESSA, Preacher to the Papal Household; SR. BRIEGE MCKENNA, Ministry of healing; RALPH MARTIN, Ministry of preaching; PATTY GALLAGHER MANSFIELD, Ministry of Intercession; MICHELLE MORAN, President ICCRS, SALVATORE MARTINEZ, President RnS. We are working hard to organize the Meeting for children, in an area within the Stadium.
- **HOSPITALITY:** We are working so that the various housing amenities can welcome us; we have made contact with places with 7.000 rooms, for a total of over 14.000 beds; we are hoping to receive confirmation for other beds. For most of the Hotels, currently available, the **last date for confirming the booking is January 31, 2014.** Please feel free to do your own bookings, without going through our *call center*, but please pay attention to the conditions proposed.
- **INFORMATION AND BOOKING:** From **Tuesday, January 7, 2014**, from Monday to Friday, from 09.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 2.00 to 5.30 p.m. our *call center* will be operative for Hotel and Pass bookings. By then we should be able to give definite information on hotel prices and the different categories. We are working to obtain some kind of reduction for families.

The *call center* can be reached at the following numbers:

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A special "Organizing committee" will be meeting in Rome over the next few days to work with the National Service Committee in preparation for the Event.

You can follow updates on our website (www.rns-italia.it).

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President