***Introduction***

***- Sacred Heart of Jesus -***

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, one of the deepest lived devotions in our Congregation, convokes us today in this Eucharistic Celebration.

For our Founders and First Sisters, Jesus Christ was “the starting point of their vocation, the way to follow in their self-giving, and the goal to reach in the joyous exercise of Charity”. So, in His Heart, they found the clearer expression how they way of loving had to be.

A Congregation as ours, in which Charity of its origin, “the reason for its existence, its specific character, its apostolic mission and the end toward which it is directed”, had to be anchored, from its very beginnings, in the Heart of Jesus.

“Pilot” of our Congregation, as Mother Pabla usually said, Whom we can hope everything, the Heart of Jesus continues accompanying our journey of Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne, especially towards the celebration of the 31st General Chapter, in our desire of being in the world the compassionate and merciful heartbeat of God’s Love.

Nobody has loved as Him. Only with the eyes fixed in His Heart, allowing His Love to renew us, we can learn how to love like Him.

We join together today in thanksgiving prayer to God because we are called to live within the same Heart of the Lord Jesus; to learn how to love from Him; and to surrender and to serve our Sisters and brethren in totality, as our Founders did, “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

***Prayer of the Faithful***

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* We pray for Pope Leo, Bishops, Priests and Deacons. May they continue accompanying the People of God in their compassionate involvement in the reality and in the building of a more fraternal society. LET US PRAY
* We pray for peace. May the efforts for searching ways of dialogue and encounter do not stop. We pray for so many countries and societies punished by any kind of violence. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who suffer from sickness. For the refugee and immigrant people. For those who lack bread, house and job. For those affected by injustice and corruption. We pray for those people who are the heartbeat of God in these or other situations of pain and hopelessness. LET US PRAY
* We pray for our Charismatic Family walking towards the 31st General Chapter. May we continue learning from the Lord Jesus how to love, and may we find our rest in Him. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the people who feel called to religious, priestly and missionary life. May, in their trustful answer, they always know of God’s fidelity and fortitude. LET US PRAY
* We pray for all the Sisters, benefactors, collaborators, family members and friends who already enjoy God’s Presence, and who keep on accompanying our congregational journey. LET US PRAY
* We pray for each one of us, gathered in this Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May His heartbeat continue making possible for us to embody his Love and his Mercy in the world. LET US PRAY

***Liturgy of the Hours***

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The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the spiritual foundations of our Congregation, which wants to walk being Charity, drinking from the unique source of God’s Love, being in the world heartbeat of His compassionate and merciful Heart.

So, we say that the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the “pilot” of our Congregation, and we know, as Mother Pabla usually said, that we can hope everything from Him.

May we continue learning from the Lord Jesus to be moved with compassion in our daily journey, to involve ourselves with compassion in the reality, to remain in Love, being Universal Charity, chiefly to the poorest and neediest, through the practice of Hospitality to the point of heroism.

**Petition**

Jesus, Lord and centre of our life,

may we love you with our whole heart, make of Charity our root and our foundation, and surrender ourselves to our Sisters and brethren “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.