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## TO ALL THE SISTERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND LAITY OF SAINT ANNE FAMILY

This Congregation of Charity elects... in particular, Parents and defense advocates, and patrons of the Sisterhood, Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, who strove so hard to help those in need.

- Const. 1805, Ch. 1st (2) -

In the wrinkles on the faces of the elderly men and women, the hopes of a lifetime can be read.

They are signs of blessing, of work, of a life that is offered and a hope that is lived.

- Pope Francis -

Dear Sisters and Laity of Saint Anne Family:

Our family is filled with a festive atmosphere, a feast that unites us in a shared feeling and celebration.

We honour our patrons, Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Virgin Mary and the patrons of grandparents. We celebrate the faith and hope they nurtured within their family. They lived with deep faith and trust in God's promises. The future of a people, of all humanity, was built in their family.

Saints Joachim and Anne passed on their life experiences and wisdom to their daughter, enabling Mary to welcome the Son of God into her womb and offer Him to the world. Like Mary, let us continue to welcome and learn from them, allowing them to be a source of inspiration for us—a model of surrender, trust, and profound faith in the God of life.

Late Pope Benedict XVI stated, "Grandparents are custodians and often witnesses of life's fundamental values." May this feast day inspire us, both individually and as a community, to appreciate the elderly as a valuable gift in our communities, families, our tasks, and our surroundings.

As the late Pope Francis reminded us, "To advance toward the future, the past is necessary." I believe that there is more communion, communication, and connection between generations than we can ever imagine. We are all part of a greater whole, which

unites us with humanity—those of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

On behalf of all the members of the Chapter (Sisters and Laity), I extend our best wishes for a joyful feast of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim. May this celebration enhance and strengthen our bonds, and foster a warm atmosphere of "family in celebration."

As we continue our work in Chapter, we do so in an atmosphere of prayer, inner silence, and the presence of the Spirit that surrounds us and keeps us serene and hopeful. We recognize that God is always with us.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your congratulations, prayerful wishes, and for all the signs of love, closeness, and appreciation that you have shown us over the past days, both to the previous and current governing teams.

A warm embrace to each one of you, along with our prayers.

H. Corwell Mora

Sr. Gray Fosen

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**Important note:** On July 24, 25, and 26, at 7:00 p.m., we will celebrate the Eucharistic celebrations of the Triduum in honour of our Patron Saints in the Chapel of our General House. All those who wish and are able to join us will be very welcome.

The Eucharistic celebration on the 26<sup>th</sup> will be broadcast on Facebook *Hcsa Cgeneral* and YouTube *Consejo General HCSA*.