

My dear children: may Jesus watch over my daughters and sons for me!

During the recent days spent in the Holy Land, I have kept you especially present in my prayer, knowing that I am also accompanied by yours. In each of those holy sites, I naturally imagined our Lord as being there and, at the same time, I remembered that He is always with us in each Tabernacle. I cannot resist writing these words of our Father, which we all know so well: “If the center around which your thoughts and hopes turn is the Tabernacle, then, my child, how abundant the fruits of your sanctity and apostolate will be!” (*The Forge*, no. 835). Let us try, day by day, to make them our life.

Continue praying for the task the Pope has entrusted to us to adapt the Statutes of the Work to what is indicated in the Motu proprio *Ad charisma tuendum*. We have already started to study – in the General Council and the Central Advisory – the best way to carry it out.

On the 15th we will remember the election of Blessed Alvaro. Let us turn to his intercession and try to imitate his fidelity, as Saint Josemaría advised us.

Your Father blesses you with all his affection,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leonardo". The script is cursive and fluid.

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