

Message from the Prelate (10 October 2017)

The recent feasts on the 2nd and 6th of October, anniversaries of the founding of the Work and of Saint Josemaria's canonization, invite us once again to follow our path with gratitude and fidelity. "How good is our Lord, who has sought us out and taught us this holy way to be effective, to give our life with simplicity, to love all creatures in God, and to sow peace and joy among mankind! Jesus, how good you are, how good!" (*Letter*, 11 March 1940, no. 78).

Let us recall Don Javier's prayer, in the final hours of his life, for the fidelity of everyone. A Christian's fidelity should be a *grateful fidelity*, because we are not being faithful to an idea but to a Person: to Christ Jesus, our Lord, who (each of us can say) "loved me and gave himself for me" (*Gal* 2:20). Realizing that we are personally loved by God leads us, with his grace, to a faithful and persevering love, a love filled with hope for what God will do in the Church and in the world, through the life of each of us, even with our weakness.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Leonardo".

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