



Message to the Dorothy Family and all those who take on the mission of evangelization in the World of Volunteering

In this time of grace, we would like to address a word to all those who are involved in the world of volunteering and who, in different ways, interweave and interlace their lives with the life of our Dorothea Family. To live and celebrate the Jubilee, to pass through the Holy Door, real or symbolic, is to give continuity to the choice to remain open to the needs of others, to the demands of justice, to the defense of life and the care of creation. To pass through the door that is Christ is to reaffirm this fruitful choice for oneself and for others, experienced in perseverance and generosity. Putting ourselves at the service of others, animated by the spirit of solidarity, leads us to rediscover what is truly essential: going out to meet others. This movement, which constantly sets us in motion, requires a readiness and willingness to listen to the joys and labours of those who walk with us in search of Life in its fullness.

General Chapter XXII states: *On our journey, we understood very clearly that this is the right moment for us to make important and life-giving choices together, in favor of the life and animation of the Body, which we are. We realized that the way to make the journey our home, according to the style of Jesus, is to touch other people's lives and to let ourselves be touched by the many travelling companions who follow the same path. This is because, only true encounters have the power and the strength to change us intimately and deeply. Along the way we perceived that our future depends on our ability to take care of life as well as to heal our own wounds and the wounds of those who, together with us, follow the same way of life. We are on our way, with others, to care for life and to open ourselves to hope.*

In this desire and choice to "care" for others, we are called to be present, to "be with", to be close, to accompany and be accompanied, so that good relationships can be built, capable of remaining in the memory of those who feel welcomed and loved. The memory of the goodness that perfumes life, of the goodness received that, like a balm, can soothe wounds, is the spark capable of rekindling hope in situations of difficulty and crisis. Like Paula, we are called to do the extraordinary in the ordinary of life.

The extraordinary is the reflection of God's Love that pushes us beyond: beyond customs, beyond calculations, beyond personal gain, beyond our own schemes, that pushes us to unbalance for the good of others. It is the extraordinary of gratuitousness

that impels us to act, because we believe, in all circumstances, in the beauty, goodness and dignity of the human being, and so we decide to commit ourselves. May the celebration of this Jubilee lead us to sow hope in the remotest corners of our own lives and in the lives of others, so that we may taste the true joy that comes from encounter, relationship, understanding and the desire to care for each person we meet along the way.

*The determination to go where there is the greatest hope of greater service to mankind (Const. 28) supports us in fostering missionary dynamism, involving others in this determination...
WE WALK TOGETHER IN HOPE. (Cf. Doc. Cap. Gen. XXII)*

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