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HAPPY FEAST OF OUR LADY OF APOSTLES

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To all Sisters & OLA Communities,



Dear Sisters,

Warm greetings to each one of you for our Feast Day on the Eve of Pentecost. As OLA Women Apostles, we will gather together in our different areas to pray and celebrate, united with Mary the Mother of Jesus in the 'Upper Room', eagerly awaiting the great outpouring of the Spirit.

May the joy of this Feast and of our shared prayer and togetherness deepen our communion. May we be graced with audacity and joy and with an ever deeper understanding of our Charism so that we may remain faithful to the mission entrusted to us.

"We may not always be able to reflect adequately the beauty of the Gospel, but there is one sign which we should never lack: the option for those who are least, those whom society discards" (Evangelii gaudium, 195).

We also invite you personally and as communities to begin a period of prayer, recommended by GC 2013, ***'to help us interiorize our apostolic option for the marginalized'*** (Acts of GC 2013, p. 10). A prayer has been prepared and we ask that each community pray this prayer daily, beginning now on the Feast of Our Lady of Apostles and ending on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th. To mark the beginning of this period of prayer, we are inviting each community to pray together on the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Apostles the suggested evening prayer which is included with this letter. May this be a graced period for us as Institute during which we continue to discern to what peripheries we are called and how we are to respond.

Wishing each one of you peace and joy.

United in prayer and in mission.

Denise

Felicia

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