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Dear sisters and brothers:

We greet you from the priestly feelings of the Heart of Jesus, at this densely historic time, burdened with multiple signs of the times in which the Spirit is urgently calling us *to compassion and solidarity with the world*.

A little more than four months have elapsed since the completion of the last General Assembly of the Apostleship of The Cross. We, the Central Council, configured now in a new way with representatives of the four Regions, have dedicated ourselves among the first tasks to establish the ways to carry ahead the conclusions and mandates of the X Assembly.

To give cause to the new roads that were proposed at the Assembly, we designed **six “lines of action”**, the same ones that are collected in the final document. We expect that this document will be known for all; each Regional Council is in charge of its distribution. It is important to say, that the lines of action, although they have as direct heads, be the instance of the Central Council or the Regional Councils, in reality they involve all the Work at all levels, for which it is convenient to be up to date with these lines of action.

With regard to **the profile and functions of the Central Council**, topics that emerged during the X Assembly and in which it was requested to be handled in due course by the new Council, we are happy to share the results with you:

1. **PROFILE:** The Central Council is an organism of service to the Apostleship of the Cross, integrated for the Director General, the Vice-director, and eleven representatives of the four Regions (laity and Missionaries of the Holy Spirit); a collegial space in which its members seek:
 - To share fraternally the life and the faith;
 - To reflect and discern;
 - To give continuance to the AC in an innovative and creative way.
 - To be co-responsible from our own vocation, laity or MSpS;
 - To serve with solidarity, fraternity and humility.

2. **FUNCTIONS:** As binding, representative, and central body, their service to the Work is oriented to promote, to facilitate and to respect the diversity and fruitfulness of the Regions; because of it, inspired in the ecclesiastic principles of subsidiarity and solidarity, its functions are:
 - a) To be a sign and factor of unity of all the Work, ensuring that the Regions embody and convey the essential elements that identify the AC¹.

¹ Expressed in the Vision 2020, and the Documents 1 and 2 of the relations between MMSpS-AC: processes defined by personal holiness and in group; living in community; integral formation; apostolic commitment with social projection and expansion of the Work. Also the application of the Bylaws and Regulations, and the General Assemblies' guidelines and agreements.



- b) To execute the guidelines emanated from the General Assemblies.
- c) To promote the development of the Regions, supporting opportunely the Regional Councils and distinguishing the richness that the Regions contribute to the whole Work.
- d) To maintain the communication and dialog: to the level of the Work, with the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, the Family of the Cross and the Hierarchy Church.
- e) To make sure that the organizing structures be efficient and to the service of the people and communities.
- f) To promote the expansion, especially in those places where the Regions are not present.

It is our desire that upon letting you know these results, we can set up and get involved together, Apostles of the Cross and Missionaries of the Holy Spirit, into a new era signaled by the interior growth of the Work and by a new missionary dynamism that would lead us in the actual context of the world to show the power of the evangelization of our charisma and its role in the transformation of an aching humanity.

We trust the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Solitude the fruits of these resolutions and the co-responsible implementation of the mandates emanated in the X Assembly.

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