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III MEETING OF DEHONIAN BROTHERS

- CALLED TO BE BROTHERS -

Conclusive Letter

Campos de Jordao, Brazil - July 2019

Dear Superiors

Provincial, Regional and District

In our third meeting of religious, held at the Benedictine Monastery of San José, located in the city of Campos do Jordao, Brazil, we set out to deepen our experience of being pilgrims (On the Way with others - Accompanied by others - Accompanying others) in light of the Gospel of St. Luke, "Pilgrims of Emmaus" (Lk 24, 13-35).

From this place of peace and prayer, we have listened and welcomed the words of the Lord, who once again revived our hearts, to continue announcing life, hope, and love according to the way of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

In this meeting of brothers, we meditated on the practice and experience of pilgrims, emphasizing synodality (walking together) that is a challenge to the temptation of individualism, which promotes personal spheres and islands of interest and power. The concept of liminality, which is the ability to recognize ourselves as persons in development and capable of adapting to new situations, helped us in the process of recognizing ourselves as people who are on the way. We also reflected on the Minority, understood as the place of encounter and communion with the Triune God; as a place of fraternal encounter and communion with our brothers and with all men and women; all creation.

We also delved into the elements of Pope Francis' letter to young people, where he stressed the importance of prayerful discernment, which includes a willingness to listen: to the Lord, to others, to reality itself that always challenges us in ways new only to those who are willing to listen. Listening gives us the freedom to renounce our own limited point of view and be available to welcome a call to a better life. The vocation to holiness is understood as a call to friendship with God.

We also renew our commitment to being available for the service of others. (the poor, prisoners, the sick, migrants, women, the elderly, children, and youth). And together with Mary, mother of our vocation and presence of the tenderness of God, we say once again our Ecce Venio to go where life demands.



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All this was possible thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit, who brought us together day by day in the center of our lives and gathered us around the Eucharist. **"...In the words and in the celebratory food that he gave them, they discovered the Life that is given and the Love that transforms. They contemplated and tasted the great blessing of the Father. And they learned to walk together ... "**

Finally, we suggest that we hold the next on-going formation meeting for SCJ Brothers during the month of August, 2021, in the Province of Recife Brazil (BRE). The Provincial Superior, Fr., Josemar de Lima, offers to receive us in our formative meeting in a vocational spirit for his province. However, in the same way, we are open to the suggestions of our Provincial Superiors in relation to the place of the next formative meeting of the year 2021.

Finally, we want to thank our superiors for supporting us and giving us this possibility of ongoing formation.

Fraternal greetings in the Heart of Jesus to each one of you.