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## CENTRAL COUNCIL

**General Ecclesial Assistant** 

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To all Missionaries

Dearest Missionaries,

May the Lord give you His peace!

The Centennial celebration of our Institute is a valuable opportunity to recall the origins and seek in the writings of the Founders a new light to interpret our history.

I am happy to send you this text of Fr. Agostino Gemelli which is the introduction to the first biography of Armida Barelli written in 1954, two years after her death, by Irma Corsaro, one of her close collaborators in the Catholic Action. In these few pages, Gemelli outlines such a beautiful and deep spiritual portrait of Armida that touches us! It shows us the depth of their spiritual friendship and invites us to follow their example. How wonderful it is to thank the Lord for the gifts He gives to others! It is a sign of gratitude, praise and unselfish love, as it shows a heart that is free of envy and jealousy. It gives back to the Great King every good, including those accomplished by others.

May these feeling be ours too, so that the feast of the Centenary becomes a joy for the gifts and talents that the Omnipotent Good Lord gives each one for the benefit of the whole fraternal community.

I bless you fraternally,

Fr. Ernesto Dezza, ofm General Assistant

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