

Prot. N. 20192721

Dear Fr. Eric Lozada,

I write to you via Fr. Aurelio Sanz Baeza, whom I thank, and from whom I received documentation regarding recent developments with the global Fraternity *Jesus Caritas*, with particular reference to the international gathering held in Cebu last January.

Permit me from the outset to convey to you and your four collaborators my best wishes for the fulfilment of the task entrusted to you, in the service of the charism of Father de Foucauld among diocesan priests. May Brother Charles accompany you throughout the six years of your term so that the priest members of the Fraternity will live afresh, and with joy, their mission according to the guiding principles of this Holy Father whom you so ardently follow.

The material that the Dicastery has received from the international gathering highlights some of the challenges faced by the members with respect to the stipulations of the Association:

Whereas the Chilean clergy are up to date with the requirement of a “Nazareth month”, it would appear that all other countries are lagging behind on this. In Italy, it is seen as a sort of an “illusion”.

Difficulties were also raised concerning daily Eucharistic Adoration, the monthly desert day and the life review during Fraternity meetings. You have correctly noted the importance of the Nazareth month for pastoral ministry in light of Frère Charles, that Eucharistic Adoration and the monthly desert day were indispensable in following Christ and how the review of life was a “springboard” for mission.

Your Association bears a beautiful sensitivity for the poor, in harmony with the message of Holy Father Charles, but this “going out” to the peripheries, on the part of the members of *Jesus Caritas*, is incapable of bearing fruit, unless it attests to what is specific to the disciples of Brother Charles. I exhort you to put in place the resolutions taken in Cebu on these themes, reminding each member of that which is rightly outlined in the documents: in fact, what is required here is a “conversion”.

The Congregation would be interested in obtaining the document on the “Nazareth month”, together with the “Directory” of the Association, envisaged in article 642 of the Statutes.

With regard to the Statutes, the documentation received from Fr. Aurelio contains an exemplar in Spanish. I draw your attention to the fact that this version is an inaccurate translation of those redacted in French, approved by this Dicastery on 25 April 2002, and later confirmed anew on 14 April 2015. Please find enclosed a copy of the said Statutes as approved by the Holy See. Should you wish to make any corrections, you will have to adhere to the directives found in Chapter 8.

A question arises here perhaps, about the status of your archives that are situated in Boulogne Billancourt, in France; this matter was addressed in previous correspondence. I would ask that you ensure that these are well maintained, readily accessible for consultation and that all relevant information be placed therein. I would imagine that Fr. Aurelio has already anticipated forwarding there all the documentation pertaining to his six year tenure.

Dear Fr. Eric, please be assured that I would be most happy to welcome you here to the Congregation and to make your acquaintance when you have occasion to visit Rome. I take this opportunity to wish you, Fr. Aurelio, a fruitful ministry in Cartagena, as I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Beniamino Card. Stella
Prefect