**Liturgy for the Jubilee Year**

**125th Anniversary of the Foundation of the MSF**

*Use every month during the monthly recollection day in each community MSF*

**The structure of liturgy for each month**

**1. Input Song**

**2. Sign of the Cross -** In the name of the Father ...

**3.** **Prayer for the beatification of Fr. Berthier**

Father, source of every grace, you who have granted your servant Jean Berthier

the gifts of prayer and apostolate,

grant that the Church may count him among the Saints,

so that the example of his life and apostolic zeal

may lead us to seek only your glory and the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**4. Text of the Founder -** (from the book: ***The thoughts of Fr. Berthier*** in accordance with the theme of the month).

**5.** **Biblical Inspiration**

**6. Conference** **and sharing**

**7.** **Communal Prayer** - from the booklet: ***The Congregation of the Missionaries of the Holy Family. 100 years after the death of the Founder*** or spontaneous.

**8.** **Prayer of the Congregation for the Jubilee Year**

Lord, we, the children of the Venerable Father Jean Berthier,

that we are one family for one mission,

through the intercession of Our Lady of La Salette,

we ask You a special grace

to live and celebrate with joy and spirit of faith

the Jubilee Year of our Congregation.

May this anniversary be a good opportunity

to strengthen our consecration

according to the model of the Holy Family

and following the example and teaching

bequeathed by our Venerable Founder.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Jesus, Mary, Joseph – enlighten us, help us, save us!

**9. Marian Song**

**10. Blessing**

**Themes of the conference and guide for the novena and retreat days:**

**1. La Salette - source of our conversion and reconciliation (January, Fr. Benjamin)**

**Text of Fr. Berthier - 182**,

182. Mes enfants, honorez beaucoup N.D. de la Salette, car c'est à Elle que tous nous sommes redevables d'être ce que nous sommes. Honorez-la, j'y tiens essentiellement car je Lui ai consacré ma vie sacerdotale … Il faut que plus tard cette dévotion se transmette dans toutes les maisons de l'œuvre. (PI : 103)

182. My children, venerate much Our Lady of La Salette, because we all owe her what we are. Honor her, I insist mainly because I have devoted my priestly life to her ... Later this devotion must be transmitted in all the houses of work. (PI: 103)

**Biblical inspiration** – Leviticus 25, 13-22

*In this year of jubilee, then, each of you shall return to your own property.* *Therefore, when you sell any land to your neighbor or buy any from your neighbor, do not deal unfairly with one another.* *On the basis of the number of years since the last jubilee you shall purchase the land from your neighbor; and so also, on the basis of the number of years of harvest, that person shall sell it to you.* *When the years are many, the price shall be so much the more; when the years are few, the price shall be so much the less. For it is really the number of harvests that the person sells you. Do not deal unfairly with one another, then; but stand in fear of your God. I, the LORD, am your God.*

*Observe my statutes and be careful to keep my ordinances, so that you will dwell securely in the land.* *The land will yield its fruit and you will eat your fill, and live there securely.* *And if you say, “What shall we eat in the seventh year, if we do not sow or reap our crop?”* *I will command such a blessing for you in the sixth year that there will be crop enough for three years,**22and when you sow in the eighth year, you will still be eating from the old crop; even into the ninth year, until the crop comes in, you will still be eating from the old crop..*

**Acclamation to Our Lady of La Salette**

Our Lady of La Salette,

loving Mother of your children,

Blessed are you among all women.

Our Lady of La Salette,

messenger of divine Mercy,

Blessed are you among all women.

Our Lady of La Salette,

pious hope of our salvation,

Blessed are you among all women

You who tenderly remind us

the passion of Jesus,

Pray for us, who turn to You,

You who with your prophetic words

call us to conversion,

Pray for us who turn to You.

You who take so much care of the little ones, the

poor and the sinners,

Pray for us, who turn to You.

Virgin of La Salette, Mother of the Saviour,

Make us obedient to the law of your Son.

Virgin of La Salette, Mother of the Church,

Reawaken and revive Christian life in your people.

Virgin of La Salette, Mother of Reconciliation,

Obtain for your family the gift of conversion

and of reconciliation

*Amen!*

**2. Fr. Berthier as the founder (February, Fr. Patrice)**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** – 38,

38. Voilà ce que notre œuvre pourrait faire plus tard, c’est de former un clergé indigène conformément au but de l’oeuvre, c’et dans le but de l’oeuvre d’établir des séminaires qui formeront des prêtres pour l’oeuvre. (AH : 272).

38. That is what our work might do later, to form a native clergy in accordance with the purpose of the work; it is include in the purpose of the work to establish seminaries that will train priests for the work. (AH 272).

**Biblical inspiration** – Matthew 9, 35-38

*Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few;* *so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”".*

**Prayer for Missionaries**

Jesus, eternal priest,

sent by the Father for the salvation of the world,

raise up priests and send them to all peoples.

Jesus, born poor in Bethlehem,

grant your missionaries the spirit

of poverty.

Jesus, grown in wisdom

and age, may those you have

called grow in virtue.

Jesus, obedient to Mary

and Joseph, grant

your missionaries obedience.

Jesus, who while exercising the

occupation of a worker always

gazed upon the face of your heavenly

Father, grant your missionaries

the spirit of prayer and

union with God.

Immaculate Virgin,

Mother of God, obtain for

missionaries that they may love

undivided dedication to God.

Saint Joseph, you who lived

for Jesus and Mary, obtain for

missionaries to live only for

God and his Church.

Holy Family, you who

suffered persecutions,

obtain for missionaries

to bear the trials of life

out of love for you.

Because of your poverty obtain

their detachment from everything.

Because of your flight into Egypt

obtain that they may take the Gospel everywhere.

Because of your spirit of readiness

obtain for them openness and dedication.

Because of your spirit of sacrifice

Obtain for them the grace to sacrifice themselves.

Because of the holy love that reigned in you

obtain for them to be of one heart

and one soul.

Because of your silence

obtain for them prayerfulness.

Because of your union with the Father and the Holy Spirit

obtain for them a rich interior life.

Because of your zeal for the glory of the Father

obtain for them enthusiasm for the kingdom of God

and the salvation of souls.

Because of your holiness

sustain the steadfastness

of all those you have called,

so that they may be worthy missionaries

until their death.

*Amen*

**3. Holy Family - the model of our life (March, Father Egon)**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** – 295 and 300,

295. Les exemples de la Sainte Famille sont le trésor que nous vous léguons, mais un trésor enfoui; il faut, par la méditation, fouiller l’intérieur de Jésus, de Marie, de Joseph, afin de découvrir toutes les richesses qu’il renferme. Méditez-le donc et vous y trouverez dans leur perfection, non seulement les vertus que nous n’avons fait qu’indiquer, mais encore toutes les vertus qui feront de vous de vrais religieux, de saints prêtres, capables d’en former autres et, quand Dieu voudra, des missionnaires au coeur apostolique. (CI : 314-315).

300. Dans la Sainte Famille se trouve réuni tout ce qu’il peut y avoir de plus saint et nous fait assez comprendre le culte qu’elle mérite... Le culte de la Sainte Famille comprend tous les devoirs à l’égard de Jésus, de Marie et de Joseph, et rend à chacun des membres de cette Famille divine l’honneur que lui est dû. Il n’est donc rien de plus juste ni de plus élevé, rien de plus conforme à la foi et à la piété catholique que ce culte (CI : 39).

295. The examples of the Holy Family are the treasure that we are living you, but a hidden treasure; you must, by meditation, dig inside Jesus, Mary, Joseph, in order to discover all the riches it contains. Meditate on it, and then you will find in their perfection, not only the virtues to which we indicated, but also all the virtues that will make you truly religious, holy priests, able to train others and, when God wills, the missionaries with the apostolic heart. (CI: 314-315)

300. In the Holy Family you find together what is most holy and makes us understand quite well the devotion it merits ... The devotion to the Holy Family includes all our duties towards Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and gives every member of this divine Family the honor that is due. There is, therefore, nothing fairer or higher, nothing more congruent with Catholic faith and piety than this devotion. (CI: 39.)

**Biblical inspiration** – Luke 2, 10-20

*The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.* *And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”*

*The Visit of the Shepherds.* *When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”* *So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger.* *When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.* *All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds.* *And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.* *Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.*

**Prayer for the families**

O Holy Family of Nazareth,

community of love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

model and ideal of every Christian family,

to you we entrust our families.

Open the heart of every family

to the faith, to welcoming the word of God,

to Christian witness, so that it become

a source of new and holy vocations.

Touch the hearts of parents, so that

with prompt charity, wise care, and loving

devotion they be for their sons and daughters sure guides towards

spiritual and eternal values.

Stir up in the hearts of young people a

right conscience and a free will, so that

growing in "wisdom, age and grace",

they might welcome generously the gift of

a divine vocation.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

grant that all of us, contemplating and imitating the

assiduous prayer, generous obedience,

dignified poverty and virginal purity lived out

in your midst, might set about fulfilling the will of God

and accompanying with far-sighted sensitivity

those among us who are called to follow more

closely the Lord Jesus, who

"has given himself for us" (cf. Gal 2:20).

Amen.

*John Paulus II*

**4. Community Life (April, Fr. Edmund),**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** - 140 e 151

140. Heureuses les communautés religieuses dont tous les membres prient ensemble, soit dans le même lieu, soit dans des lieux différents, sous l`influence du même esprit et de la même règle. (CC : 191)

151. Une communauté religieuse est une famille qui n’est pas fondée sur la nature, mais sur la grâce. Elle est par conséquent le séjour de l’affection mutuelle. (Le culte, p. 197)

140. Happy are the religious communities whose members pray together, either in the same places, either in different places, under the influence of the same spirit and the same rule. (CC: 191)

151. A religious community is a family that is not founded on nature, but on grace. Consequently, it is the dwelling of mutual affection. (Le culte, p. 197)

**Biblical inspiration** – Romans 12, 3-21

*For by the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned. For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function,**5so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith;* *if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching;**8if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.*

*Mutual Love.* *Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good;* *love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor.* *Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.* *Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.* *Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them.* *Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.* *Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.* *Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all.* *If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.* *Beloved, do not look for revenge but leave room for the wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”* *Rather, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head.”* *Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good.*

**Prayer for missionaries** (see theme of the conference 2.)

**5. Charism of MSF (May, Fr. Sobczyk)**

**Text of Fr, Berthier** - 197

197. Cet institut a aussi pour but spécial de former des missionnaires, et d’en multiplier le nombre par la culture des vocations apostoliques surtout tardives. C’est là la raison de son existence et c’est aussi le moyen le plus efficace de travailler à la gloire de Dieu et au salut des âmes. Les âmes se convertissent à la foi et à la vie chrétienne par la parole évangélique. (C. 16)

197. This institute also has the special goal to train missionaries and to multiply their numbers by cultivating of apostolic, mainly late vocations. This is the reason for its existence, and it is also the most effective way to work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Souls are converted to the faith and Christian life through the evangelical word. (C: 16)

**Biblical inspiration** Luke 4, 16-20

*He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:* *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”* *Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.*

**Acclamation to Our Lady of La Salette** (see *theme of conference* 1.)

**6. Mission (June, Msgr. Paulino)**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** – 189 e 198

189. C'est pour les missions étrangères qu'a été établie l'œuvre de la Ste Famille. (OSF : 10).

198. Il faut donc des missionnaires ; mais les préparer, c’est plus efficace que de travailler dans les missions, car, pendant qu’un missionnaire fait sur une terre étrangère une somme de bien, celui qui forme des missionnaires en nombre, prépare une somme de –bien multiplié autant de fois plus grande qu’il donne de bons ouvriers à la vigne du Seigneur. (C. 16)

189. It is for the foreign missions which was established the work of the Holy Family. (OSF: 10)

198. So we need missionaries, but preparing them is more effective than working in the missions, because while one missionary in foreign land does a sum of good, one that trains numerous missionaries is preparing a sum of good multiplied many times over, so much greater as he brings good workers to the vineyard of the Lord. (C: 16)

**Biblical inspiration** – Mark 16, 15-20

*He said to them, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.* *Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.* *These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages.* *They will pick up serpents [with their hands], and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” The Ascension of Jesus.* *So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.* *But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.*

**Prayer for Missionaries** (see Themes of the conference 2.)

**7. Vocation and formation (July, Fr. Antonio Marga),**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** – 210

210. Le but principal et premier est de créer dans le pays, où on peur trouver des vocations apostoliques, de petits collèges de même nature que celui d’ici. (LEB : 3.5.1908 )

210. The main and first goal is to create in the countries where we can find apostolic vocations, small boarding schools similar to the one here . (LEB: 3.5.1908)

**Biblical inspiration** – Luke 5, 1-11

*While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret.* *He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.* *Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.”* *Simon said in reply, “Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.”* *When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing.* *They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking.* *When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”* *For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him,* *and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”* *When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.*

**A prayer for vocations**

Jesus, Divine Shepherd, You have called

the apostles and made them fishers of men

Call today also many young people to follow

and serve you. You live to be always

available to us. Your sacrifice becomes present

on our altars, because all men should

partake in Redemption.

May all those you have called know your

will and accept it. Open their eyes to the whole

world, to the silent request of many who seek

the light of truth and the warmth of love.

Grant that, faithful to their vocation, they may contribute

to build your mystical body and in this way

continue your mission. May they become

salt of the earth and light of the world.

Lord, may also many women, young and less young,

answer the vocation to your love with determination.

Kindle in their hearts the desire to live perfectly

according to the Gospel and offer themselves at the service of the Church in

a disinterested way. May they be prepared to help

all men who need a hand

and their merciful love

*Pope Paul VI*

**8. Family and Friends of MSF (August, P. Santiago),**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** - 273

273. Sainte Famille de Nazareth, venez donc apprendre aux familles de notre temps cette vie de famille si douce et si pure, quand elle se forme à votre exemple; ramenez-y donc l’amour de la retraite domestique qui met à l’abri de tant de dangers, le respect et l’amour mutuel qui font les vraies consolations de la vie et que aident à supporter toutes les épreuves (CI : 95).

273. Holy Family of Nazareth, come to teach to the families of our time how sweet and pure family life is when following your example; bring back to them the domestic intimacy love that protects from many dangers, respect and mutual love that constitute the true consolations of life and help to withstand all trials. (CI: 95)

**Biblical ispiration** - Matthew 12, 46-50

*While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him.* *[Someone told him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you.”]* *But he said in reply to the one who told him, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?”* *And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers.* *For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."*

**A prayer for the families** (see *theme of the conference* 3., you can use another prayer)

**9. Actuality of the founding of MSF - the work of Fr. Berthier in the world today (September P. Itacir),**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** - 363

363. Pour s'acquitter fidèlement de ses obligations religieuses, il faut se faire un idéal: idéal de pauvreté, de chasteté, d'obéissance. Cet idéal excitera en nous la générosité voulue pour observer exactement ce que nous avons promis à Dieu. Sans cet idéal nous serons lâches. Eh bien, cet idéal c'est Jésus, Marie, Joseph, ce sont nos augustes Patrons. Ayons donc constamment les yeux fixés sur eux, pour retracer en nous leurs vertus. (PI : 76)

364. To faithfully fulfill their religious obligations, there must an ideal: ideal of poverty, chastity, obedience. This ideal will awaken in us the generosity needed to observe exactly what we have promised to God. Without this ideal, we will be cowardly. Well, this ideal is Jesus, Mary, Joseph, are our august Patrons. We must, thus, keep our eyes fixed constantly on them, to find their virtues in ourselves. (PI: 76)

**Biblical inspiration** - John 3, 1-8

*Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.* *He came to Jesus at night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him.”* *Jesus answered and said to him, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”* *Nicodemus said to him, “How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother’s womb and be born again, can he?”* *Jesus answered, “Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.* *What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit.* *Do not be amazed that I told you, ‘You must be born from above.’**8The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.".*

**Acclamation to Our Lady of La Salette** (see *theme of the conference* 1.)

**10. Beatification Process of Fr. Berthier (October, F. Patrice),**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** - 246

246. La prière est une chaîne d`or par laquelle nous attirons Dieu à nous, et par laquelle il nous attire à lui. (CC : 15)

246. Prayer is a gold chain with which we draw God to us, and with which he draws us to him. (CC: 15)

**Biblical inspiration** - Matthew 5, 1-12

*When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* *Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”.*

**Prayer for Vocations**

**11. Our Confreres - Witnesses of faith (November, Fr. Bogdan and Fr. Lingai)**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** - 17

17. Voilà le lot de la Sainte Famille, des craintes, des périls, des persécutions, des privations de toute sorte. Et dans toutes ces peines, jamais de murmure, jamais une plainte, jamais de défiance ou d’abattement. Toujours la confiance, la paix, l’amour de la volonté de Dieu, l’acceptation de toutes les croix que sa main distribue. (CI : 293).

17. That is the lot of the Holy Family, fears, threats, dangers, persecutions of all sorts. And in aal this pain, never a murmur, never a complaint, never distrust or despondency. Always trust, peace, love od the will of God, acceptance of all crosses that his hand distributes. (Cl: 293)

**Biblical inspiration** – John 15, 12-20

*This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.* *You are my friends if you do what I command you.* *I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.* *It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.* *This I command you: love one another. The World’s Hatred.* *“If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first.* *If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you.* *Remember the word I spoke to you, ‘No slave is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours.*

**The prayer for missionaries** (see *Themes of the conference,* paragraph 2)

**12. One family, one mission (December, Fr. Julio).**

**Text of Fr. Berthier** - (n. 15 Cost. 1895)

Ils n’oublieront pas que le respect et la charité mutuels l’emportent sur toutes les constitutions, et que tous les règlements, tous les vœux réguliers ont pour but d’établir dans les âmes la charité envers Dieu et envers le prochain. Il s’efforceront donc de se prévenir d’honneur, de n’avoir qu’un cœur et qu’une âme, de s’entraider dans leurs travaux, de se consoler dans les peines de la vie, de s’édifier mutuellement. (Cost. 1895 n. 15)

Do not forget that mutual respect and love are more important than all the constitutions and all regulations, all vows are meant to establish in souls the love of God and neighbor. They, then, engage in precede honor, to have one heart and one soul, to help each other in their labors, to console them in the toils of life, to edify each other. (Cost. 1895 n. 15)

**Biblical inspiration** - Acts 4, 32-35

*The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common.* *With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale,35and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need. Thus Joseph, also named by the apostles Barnabas (which is translated “son of encouragement”), a Levite, a Cypriot by birth,* *sold a piece of property that he owned, then brought the money and put it at the feet of the apostles*

**Prayer for the families** (see *theme of the conference* 3., you can use another prayer)