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For the Members of the ACI Family

Dear Friends: Today, the day on which we celebrate the Feast of Saint Raphaela Mary, it is with great joy that I contact you in order to convoke the III Assembly of the ACI Family. In this new stage of mission shared with you, we Handmaids experience the call to be *truly open to accept, joyfully and humbly, that our charism is greater than us, that it is being incarnated in them thanks to the Spirit* (cf. GC XX). I desire that in this Assembly we may all experience intensely this enrichment of the Eucharistic-Reparative Charism that our Foundresses passed on to us as our heritage.

The Assembly will be held in the House of Spirituality of Martínez Campos 12, Madrid, Spain from the 23rd of February to the 2nd of March of 2019. We will have the opportunity to visit the sites of the first Handmaids in Madrid and Pedro Abad, as well our church in Córdoba.

The Assembly will have the motto **“ACI Family, Gift of the Spirit... Family for the world,”** and the theme is **“ACI Family going forth:**

- Caring for our Common Home**
- Serving the most disadvantaged.”**

The Assembly seeks to respond to the following objectives:

- To continue to grow in the spirit of the first Handmaids in order to strengthen the ACI Family,
- To go deep into the sources of the Charism, in order to motivate and concretize our being a “Family that goes forth” as Pope Francis invites us to do.
- To share the reality of the ACI Family.
- To raise awareness and to educate about the urgency of an ecological conversion – a powerful call of GC XX – which involves us in the care of our **Common Home**.
- To know and involve ourselves, through concrete commitments, in the Project **“Support for Persons in the situation of Human Migration,”** which emerged in GC XX.

The International commission of the ACI Family will be in contact with you in order to explain what process you should follow in order to choose the persons who will attend the Assembly representing each country. In addition, I will send you preliminary work for the Assembly.

Let us all be united in prayer so that the process of preparation and the Assembly may help us to grow in our identity and to increase our commitment to the care of our common home and collaboration with the people who are suffering in situations of migration.

I thank the International Commission of the ACI Family for the work that they do with such interest and generosity.

Affectionately,

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