



“ ACI Family, Gift of the Spirit... Family for the world”

WEDNESDAY 17 February 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY



The celebration of Ash wednesday invites us to a profound revision of our life, our attitudes and our criteria; it invites us to initiate a serious process of conversion and purification. Lent is a time of grace, that God grants us as a gift.

Lent is undoubtedly an experience of desert. It does not mean that the Christian community should go to a special geographical location to live this experience. When talking about the desert, we are referring to a privileged time, a time of grace, more than a specific location. The experience of the desert is always a gift from God. It is always Him that leads us to the desert. He was also the one who led Israel through the desert with Moses, and who led Jesus through the Spirit. It is the same Spirit that calls the Christian community and encourages it to start Lent.

ACI FAMILY...CALLED TO CONVERSION

As ACI family we re called to build a new “normal” based on the guidelines from the III International Assembly held in Madrid in 2019:

Mark 1, 14-15:

“ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God. “The time has come”, he said, “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the Good News.”



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FIRST WEEK OF LENT:– Keep growing in the Spirit of the first Handmaids to strenghten the ACI Family .

SECONG WEEK OF LENT– To deepen the sources of the Charism, to motivate and become “Family going forth”, as Pope Francis invites us.

THIRD WEEK OF LENT– To share the reality of the ACI Family.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT– to increase the awareness and sensitize on the urgency of an ecological conversion- a strong appeal of the XX General Congregation - that commits us in the Care of the Common Home

Warm regards,

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