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**To the Sisters and religious Communities.
To those who share the Calasancian Educational Mission
Of the Daughters of the Divine Shepherdess
To those who feel attracted by the Calasancian Charism
Of the Daughters of the Divine Shepherdess,
Bequeathed by Saint Faustino Miguez of the Incarnation.**

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To all I desire that Jesus, the Lord, continues to be present in our heart, enriching us with his gifts and making us instruments of his goodness and tenderness among the little ones.

Today Advent begins. The readings of the first Sunday of this liturgical time give us some keys that can help us to live it intensely and as a moment of grace from the Lord for each one of us. I am going to stop to consider one of them.

In the Gospel of Saint Luke there is a clear and concrete call addressed to us: "Then, be awake at all times" (Lk. 21, 36).

To accept this Word can lead each one of us to ask ourselves what it means, "To remain awake". Moreover, within me resounds interiorly, and in a special way, that the evangelical urgency of "keeping awake, of dispelling sleep", is a way of guiding ourselves, of suggesting, of thinking about or considering. "Of going back to the essential".

The invitation to "remain awake" is a light on the way, so as not to be misled from what is fundamental, from what really is worthwhile, and fills our vital horizon with sense as persons; so as not to allow ourselves to be overcome by darkness which centers us solely on ourselves and gets us sleepy for God and for others.

