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**Coommunion generates communion
and essentially it is configured
as missionary communion**

Ranchi, December 1, 2019

*House of Jacob, come,
Let us walk in the light of the Lord*

(Is 2, 3)

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 Daughters of the Divine Shepherdess, bequeathed
by Saint Faustino Míguez.

May Jesus reign in our hearts and embrace us in his holy Love

Once again, another year, the Church places us in the state of hope, with the liturgical time that we begin today.

My wish is that this Advent 2019, will be for all of us, the possibility to convert ourselves for others, as **hope, light, gift, communion** supported by the Lord who arrives with his light and invites us to walk, allowing ourselves to be enlightened by it, that is **offered** to all free of charge, in the weakness of a child and who invites us to live in peace and in **communion**.

In this year, in which we want to intensify the attitude of communion, I invite you to allow ourselves to be questioned by the words of Pope Francis in the Angelus of December 9, 2018, when he affirmed that Advent is the possibility to fill the emptiness the voids produced by the coldness, because there cannot be communion, it is not possible to have a relationship of love, of fraternity, of charity with our neighbor if there are voids, if there is emptiness, if there are holes in our interior being.

We all have the experience of emptiness, of voids, of roughness caused by pride, individualism and egoism that live in us and make it difficult, on some occasions, to have cordial, fraternal and loving relationships, filled with mercy.

Because of this, we can make of Advent a time of grace in which to prepare the road for the Lord, filling in the voids and smoothing down the roughness of our life with concrete gestures of reconciliation, of closeness, of surrender, of pardon, of a loving look toward our brothers and Sisters.

This work of smoothing down and of filling also involves to follow the path of smallness, which is the one for which Our God opted when becoming man; he obliges us to travel by the paths of humility, of service to others, to go out to those in need, avoiding in this way self-reference on ourselves.

Only in this way, our life, settled on the **hope** of the Lord, which we receive every day that is among us, that enlightens us with its Light will be a song to communion, to that communion that generates encounter, fraternity, acceptance and humaneness.

Blessed Advent!

Best greetings for each one.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Calderón', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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