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Mrs President of ICCRS
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Mr President of the Catholic Fraternity
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Dear brethren,

I am very grateful that you have come together to give testimony to the Bishop of Rome, to the common belonging to the current of grace of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, and I am also grateful for your service to this current of grace, that was inspired by the sovereign move of the Holy Spirit in February 1967 in the Church and for the Church.

Over the years, the Holy Spirit has inspired many expressions and realities like covenant communities, schools of evangelisation, religious congregations, associations of the faithful, ecumenical communities, etc., all born through this current of grace.

Sometimes this has not been understood as such and there are many places in the world where it is still said: "we are charismatics, you are not".

Please, brethren, this expression not only denies the work of the Holy Spirit but also does not reflect the diverse reality of the current of grace in the Church!

In two years' time it will be your Golden Jubilee. I am leaving you with a thought to reflect on together, in prayer and intercession, allowing the Holy Spirit, who takes us into the communion of the Trinity, to move us.

Perhaps the time has arrived in which the **one** current of grace (the definition is not mine, it is that of Cardinal Suenens, as you know), should have **one** international extended service, here in Rome, where ICCRS, Catholic Fraternity and all the other realities are equally represented, and where the Holy Spirit can be the only guide and driver. This does not mean losing your identity, it means growing in the life in the Spirit, each with their own charism, in mutual enrichment, all born from the Spirit in the same current of grace. And, it will also reinforce the unity in the International Charismatic Renewal, which, as you know, needs strengthening... Think about it and discern if this is the place where the Holy Spirit is taking you 50 years after having inspired it. In Argentina this started a few years ago, and it is an experience that could be useful to you.

I ask you for one other thing: celebrate your anniversaries in the simplest possible way. The international realities can celebrate in their countries where they are, with their own nationals, without coming to Rome. And the money that running an international event involves: hiring facilities, plane tickets, and

other expenses, can be given to the poor in their own countries. I ask you, please, to do it like this. There is too much poverty and need in the world, and the peripheries of the world where the Charismatic Renewal that you serve is present with the strength of the Holy Spirit, to spend on celebrations that offend the dignity of so many hungry brethren.

Thank you again for everything that you do, which begins with sharing with everyone in the Church the baptism in the Holy Spirit!

This is what I expect from the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in all its expressions.

Thank you, and please, do not stop praying for me.

May Jesus bless you and the Holy Virgin look after you.

Franciscus