



PAULINE FAMILY

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Memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Pauline Family,

The complex international situation that has arisen from the Covid-19 pandemic has made it impossible to continue the Formation Course on the Pauline Charism, which for over twenty years has offered the entire Pauline Family a quality formative experience aimed at deepening the understanding and integration of the Pauline Charism.

This past session (2019-2020), the 23rd year of the Course, was conducted in a dual format—both in-person and online—allowing the experience to conclude as scheduled.

This year, we are suspending the Formation Course on the Pauline Charism in the usual in-person format. However, we believe it is important to continue to offer some in-depth, online courses, on works of Blessed James Alberione that belong to the charismatic patrimony of the Pauline Family, for those who are interested. The works that will be studied are: *Abundantes divitiae gratiae suae; Donna associate allo zelo sacerdotale; Apostolato Stampa*.

Attached to this letter is the information that has been prepared by Sr. Josefa Soares, fsp to present the information on the Online Courses.

For further clarification, you can directly contact Sr Josefa Soares, coordinator of the Online Courses, at the following address: corso.carisma@alberione.org.

We hope to be able to reinstate the Formation Course on the Pauline Charism in-person for September 2022. This will give the Sisters, Brothers and Laity wishing to attend the Course the opportunity to learn Italian, which remains the official language of the Course, and insure a more fruitful participation for all.

We thank Sr. Josefa Soares fsp, and those who have collaborated with her, for their dedication and creativity that have made it possible to restructure the Formation Course on the Pauline Charism into an online format. Our hope is that it will further open up the Course to participants from around the world.

May this also be an initiative aimed at ensuring that the Word of God speeds forward and is glorified.

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ONLINE FORMATION COURSES FOR THE PAULINE FAMILY

Objective:

To offer online formation courses to deepen the charismatic legacy of Blessed James Alberione.

Format:

The courses will be available online through video lessons that can be downloaded, allowing each participant to personally organize their study and reflection time.

Language of the Course:

The content of each individual course will be available in:

- a. video lectures in Italian;
- b. handouts translated into English, Spanish, Portuguese and French.

It is important that participants have a basic knowledge of the Italian language, which will allow them to follow the video lessons.

We will begin with a study of some of Alberione's works in order to encourage a deeper understanding and updating of the Pauline charism in the Church and the world of today.

Registration:

The person who wishes to take one or more courses is to send their registration to their circumscription secretaries who will forward them to the Course Coordinator.

For the aggregated Institutes and for the Pauline Cooperators, the registrations are to be sent to the point of reference for their circumscription who will forward them to the Course Coordinator.

The cost for participation in each course is € 30.00.

Dates of the Courses:

- ✓ 26 May/26 June 2021: *Abundantes divitiae gratiae suae* (Fr Boguslaw Zeman ssp and sr M. Paola Gasperini pddm).
- ✓ 26 August /26 September: *Donna associata allo zelo sacerdotale* (Sr Pina Ricciari fsp and Sr Grazia Loparco fma).
- ✓ 26 October/26 November: *Apostolato Stampa* (Sr Anna Caiazza fsp).

On 28 April, at 5:00 p.m. (local time, Rome) there will be a live streaming presentation from the team that developed the project and the Executive Directors of the Charism Course, to launch the online course platform and to answer questions.

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