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To the sisters of the Congregation

Dear sisters,

We are approaching the beginning of Advent 2020. More than ever we need this favourable time to renew hope and prepare our hearts, our homes, to receive the God who comes, the Emmanuel, who brings us peace.

In these last months we have felt the meaning of hope. To hope for good news, to hope for normality lost in our daily lives, to hope for health, to hope for everything to pass... In some cases, we have learned *to hope against all hope*.

Now, before the "Advent" of the Son of God, we have the opportunity to measure our expectations and match them with the Hope that does not disappoint, and to give them to the crucible of His mercy, so that He, the expected one of all times, may give them true Life, making all things new.

With this letter, we, as the General Team of Spirituality (EGEs), are sending out a material to encourage reflection, deepening, personal prayer and community celebration during this time of Advent. We hope that it will be a help for each one of you and, in a special way, for the liturgical animation of the 17th to 23rd with the Magnificat antiphons, the "O" antiphons.

To Mary, Virgin of hopeful expectation, we entrust this preparation of the heart, trying to *be awake* because God is coming, and becomes man so that we may have the Life He has promised us.

With fraternal affection.

Rome, November 11, 2020.

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