

February 2, 2022  
Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple  
World Day of Consecrated Life e  
Feast of the canonical erection of our Institute



*"Light to enlighten the people"*

Dearest Sisters,

the light of Jesus illuminates even the darkest night, illuminates that darkness that, sometimes, we can have within us. It is the darkness of discouragement, despondency, pessimism, self-referentiality, closeness to others.

If the old Simeon and the prophetess Anna had allowed themselves to be carried away by these feelings, they certainly would not have taken a step to go to the temple and would have lost, and with them we too, the opportunity to meet that little family who had gone to introduce their son. and they could not have embraced the Child and felt embraced by Him.

Thanks to this man and this woman, who have defied time, the anxieties of their lives, the sufferings of the events around them, we too can see and let ourselves be enveloped by the light of hope that comes from the flesh of the Child. A light, His, that shines on everyone without excluding people: women, men, children, Italians, Brazilians, Filipinos, Indians... All under this light, to welcome it and then offer it because only together does the light of Christ shine.

We celebrate this feast, three times ours, in the style of synodality, as the church asks to us at this time. We express with our life, with our daily choices, that only together, only in communion with each other, only by uniting the individual lights can we be the transparency of the light that has come to illuminate the darkness of so many brothers and sisters. Let us try to take useful and decisive steps towards an encounter with others and therefore with God!

Happy feast to all, renewing our vows to the Lord.

*Se Rita Banni*