



Dear Sisters,

Greetings from our Mother House in Verona, a place charged with affective memories and experiences that connect us to our founding roots. With much gratitude and hope we experience, together with every community and province of which we are representatives, this unique moment in our history. This *Dies Natalis* of our Founder, St. Daniel Comboni, has a special significance because of the jubilee year of our foundation and because of the celebration of the XXI General Chapter on the theme: *Transformed by our charism, missionary disciples towards the existential peripheries*.

Based on the example of St. Daniel Comboni, led by the breath of the Holy Spirit who helps us to read the signs of the times through listening and reflection, let us allow ourselves to be transformed as missionary disciples in order to respond to the challenges that the Church and the world present to us in the context in which we are inserted today in our history.

We concluded the first sessions of listening and sharing feeling a sense of warmth and energy through the various themes reflected upon which demonstrate our passion for the mission; a passion that unites us as a congregational body. May this journey of reflection on our reconfiguration encourage us to allow ourselves be transformed by our charism and urged towards the existential peripheries in the various contexts that challenge us today. St. Daniel Comboni challenges each one of us to dream a dream of shared life and charism, just as he lived it so intensely in his dedication to the mission of his time.

In his message for World Mission Day this year, Pope Francis invites us to be missionary disciples who build their personal and community life in a missionary way; that is, to live the mission, not only to bear witness but, above all, to be witnesses of Christ in the life of the people with whom we live mission.

We invite you to share with us the enthusiasm experienced by the Chapter Assembly and the Congregation in this historic meeting and pray that the Spirit may continue to guide us so that we may build something new, guaranteeing the continuation of our specific missionary vocation in the Church and in the contemporary world.

Happy feast of St. Daniel Comboni! United in one heart we live with joy and hope the exhortation of Pope Francis to recover the courage, the frankness, the daring of the first Christians to witness the love of Life in Christ to the ends of the world!

The Sisters at the Chapter