

Melamiyur, 24 dicembre 2024



*"The one who sows bountifully
will also reap bountifully"*
(2Cor. 9: 6)

Dearest Mother Clelia,

I am happy to be able to join you and the Sisters present in the Mother House for the celebration of **your 100th Birthday**.

My good wishes - besides expressing my personal thanks for having welcomed me into this Religious Family and for all that you are - want to be an expression of **the voice of all the Sisters of the Congregation** in whose hearts the memory of your selfless-service for the fruitfulness of our Religious Family, remains imprinted.

On this festive day, as we say THANK YOU we raise our HYMN OF THANKSGIVING to the One and Triune God for the gift of your long life and for the seeds of goodness that you have sown in abundance from East to West and from North to South of our Congregation.

We say thank you, for your openness to the signs of the times, for the faith and courage with which you were docile to God's Plan that led you to launch our Congregation towards distant horizons by opening new missions.

You were not afraid to move towards the new and the different, to welcome and listen to everyone and to put your creativity, your strength and your generosity at the service of the Kingdom of God.

And we want to say thank you above all for the dignity with which you are living your old age, in prayer and in offering, that continues to support all of us, called to safeguard the legacy received as a gift and make it grow.

Dearest Mother Clelia, we are all witnesses of your generosity with which you have always sown and continue to sow. We ask the Lord to continue to bless you abundantly, so that you may live your days together with us in serenity, awaiting the day when the heavenly Spouse will call you to give you the full reward, the true one that does not pass and remains forever.

I embrace you whole-heartedly, feeling spiritually present there, together with the Sisters of the General Council, of the Generalate and of the Provincialate of South India, where I am presently. We are all united with you!

Yours affectionate Sister and Mother

Sr Francesca Jarco