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REV. FATHERS AND BELOVED CHILDREN IN JESUS CHRIST:

Another scholastic year is soon to open a new field to your zeal and devotedness. It will be a test of the resolutions of our last retreat. May God grant us all to enter again upon our noble career with a will that assures victory. What a blessing for the thousand precious and innocent souls that assures victory. What a blessing for the thousand precious and innocent souls we never needed more visibly her maternal protection. That assures victory. What a blessing for the thousand precious and innocent souls we never needed more visibly her maternal protection. Hence the many urgent demands for new recruits.

We have every reason to sincerely hope the other Provinces of the Congregation shared, as is clearly shown by the catalogues, recently received from all our Institutions. God be praised for such an unprecedented blessing! Hence the many urgent demands for new foundations, far and near, which unfortunately our limited number cannot permit us to accept, much as we would desire to do so. Oh! let us all fervently pray: "Messis quidem multa, operari autem pauci—Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He send forth laborers into His harvest." (St. Matthew c. xix. 38.) It is true, this glorious Assumption has brought us all speaking of peace when and where there is no peace, nor even any security. Add to this, a missions universal and most serious. Indeed, more than ever, we need the protection of the Queen of heaven and earth!

The debts of the Congregation, owing to the energy of the Heads of our Houses, have been considerably reduced. Within a few years, with the same laudable spirit, all debts, we hope, will disappear. What an immense relief, especially in such uncertain times!

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