

**Curia Generalizia – Figlie della Carità Canossiane – Roma**

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*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary*



***Rejoice, so highly favoured!*** *Luke 1:28*

**D**ear Sisters,

We are celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

It is a very beautiful feast, placed at the beginning of Advent, a time rich in hope, promises and joy in expectation. Together with Mary, let us open our hearts to the coming of her Son. Mary's attitude invites us to welcome God's "surprises" into our lives with love and readiness.

**A welcoming attitude** is love that is manifested in concrete gestures that open us up to joy. Let us ask her to accompany us towards her Son who comes among us.

As Mary welcomes Jesus, the Son of God, who has come into our history, we too welcome those who are part of our personal and community story and all our brothers and sisters, with that charity which does not permit exclusions.

Dear Sisters, let us gather around Mary, the Immaculate Conception, let us ask Jesus, through her intercession, to welcome the project that He has for each of us, for the Institute and for the whole of humanity.

With affection, together with my Councillors

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