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To all the Pastorelle Sisters  
Their residences

Dearest Sisters,

I come to you at the conclusion of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Extended General Council, to communicate the journey that we intend to carry out in preparation to the Seminar on the ministry of pastoral care, which as you know, has been indicated by our 7<sup>h</sup> General Chapter.

We desire to propose to all the Pastorelle and all the communities, an itinerary of Lectio divina *on five texts* from the Letters of St. Paul, which will be from October 2007 to December 2008, in order to prepare all of us to the Seminar through the prayerful reading of the Word. We are convinced that in the prayer of the Word we can gather, with a free heart, the invitations of the Spirit to improve our ministry of pastoral care.

We send you therefore the first of the biblical Lectio together with the motivation and to the description of the itinerary, with the scope of involving *all of us together* in listening to the Word, specifically in this year of particular commitment for our Congregation in the journey of pastoral holiness, year which the Pope has wanted to dedicate to St. Paul and in which the Synod on the Word of God will also be celebrated.

I invite you therefore to enter with a big heart in this journey of prayer and listening to the Spirit, to contribute, if you desire to the preparation of our Seminar. I wait with trust the fruit of your prayer as the Spirit will enlighten you. I am certain that what comes from Him will be grace and blessing to all.

May the Word of God dwell in you and among you abundantly and may you render thanks to Him for every thing.

Sr. Marta Finotelli  
*superior general*

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