

Introduction at the Eucharistic Celebration
International Seminar on the ministry of pastoral care
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Welcome dear sisters!

With this Eucharistic celebration, we begin our International Seminar on the ministry of pastoral care. The wind of the Spirit has convoked us from the five continents; He has assembled us in communion in the Name of the Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd who gives life so as to sing together the Love of the Father, His glory that clothes us with light.

In this celebration we bring all our sisters and communities spread in the world who will unite themselves with us in daily prayer these days. We also bring all the persons and nations, immense crowd of persons waiting for salvation, called to become one people of God in joy, justice and peace.

May the Spirit grant us to remain, in the next days, open to His inspirations and make of us an eloquent sign of the Church, of that new humanity that in the diversity of languages, cultures, experiences of faith announces the only one Gospel of Christ.

I thank in a particular way Fr. Giancarlo Rocca who presides this Eucharist, for having accompanied us with fatherly patience and with true fraternal love in the journey of preparation of the Seminar and will continue to accompany us along these days.

To each one, I wish you a fruitful study and a good celebration!

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