



CONGREGATIO SANCTISSIMI SACRAMENTI

Superior Generalis

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Dear Brothers and Sisters
of the Charismatic Eymardian Family,

Good Morning. I hope that my letter finds you all enjoying good health and enriched by the strength of the sacrament of the Eucharist.

In response to the decisions of the last General Chapters, the Commission for Studies on the holy Founder and his Works – CEFO – has worked hard and has produced valuable texts of our holy Founder for our whole Charismatic Eymardian Family.

Already for several years the work of the CEFO has had an objective to provide selected texts of our Founder for the Eymardian Family, as well as for a wide audience. This choice is made based on the Complete Works (*Œuvres Complètes*), the critical edition of Father Eymard's writings. This applies thus to verified and authentic texts that replace our former and famous Series.

This work of the CEFO is presented in a new Collection constituting the New Series of texts selected from Father Eymard's writings to be offered to the public. That means the copies we still have of our old Series can only remain in our libraries.

Thanks to the work requested of the *Eucharistic Centre of Ponteranica*, in Italy, coordinated by Father Fiorenzo Salvi sss, we have available today various volumes of the new **Collection: Bread for the Journey – Selected Texts of Saint Peter-Julian Eymard**, published in French, English and Italian. These are published under the responsibility of the Congregations of the Religious and Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

We likewise have the responsibility to organize the advertising of this **New Collection**, that is, to ensure that the rich eucharistic content of Saint Peter-Julian Eymard's writings becomes known and reaches as many people as possible. For this I am asking you to undertake steps to appreciate and promote this **New Collection**, assisting us in this way to make our holy Founder better known and loved throughout the Church.

Here are some activities easily carried out by everyone:

1. See the appendix for the contents of texts published in the **New Collection: Bread for the Journey – Selected Texts of Saint Peter-Julian Eymard**, which are already available and to be **promoted on all your social networks** (Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Telegram), Personal blog, websites, parish bulletins, noticeboards or other means available to you. If possible, write a short personal comment that expresses your joy of sharing this important news with all your friends, indicating in a few words your positive impressions after having read some of the texts.

2. Attach this information to all the **social networks of institutions** where you have a responsibility, share in or are closely connected to your daily life: Province, Community, Parish, School, Social Works, Centres of Spirituality, Retreat Houses and others.
3. Ask your **friends** to republish this information on their social networks.
4. If you have access to the sector of **communication of dioceses** and their organisms, ask those responsible if they would make known and promote the **New Collection** of Saint Peter-Julian Eymard's texts.
5. Point out clearly the ways in which those interested can **buy the books**. Check how the sale of these books will be carried out in your Province/Region.
6. Make copies of these publications available at all the **venues where religious books are on sale**: in our parishes, shrines, communities, institutions, at which they would be attractively displayed and advertised to draw the attention of people who are passing.
7. You could get in contact with those in charge of **commercial libraries** who sell books of spirituality and theology, offering them some copies to be sold in their shops.
8. You could offer some **influencers** a copy of the **New Collection** of Father Eymard's writings asking them to help us regarding its promotion.
9. The books of this series are available in e-book format on the website of the *Eucharistic Center* of Ponteranica (Italy): <http://www.centroeucaristico.it/>

I hope to have stirred up in you the desire to join with us in the endeavour to deepen the knowledge of our holy Founder and his writings for the benefit of our whole Charismatic Eymardian Family and Christians seeking for spiritual nourishment that only the Eucharist can offer them.

If you are aware of other creative ways of promoting this **New Collection** of Father Eymard's texts, produced by the CEFO, I would be grateful to receive your suggestions so that we can share them with everyone.

I wish you success in drawing the greatest benefit from this **New Collection**, which at the same time helps our Charismatic Eymardian Family to grow in its knowledge of our Founder so that an ever more competent witness of it may be offered in the midst of the Church and society.

Fraternally,

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