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In Fátima, we will be coming to the end of a long route that started six years ago at the Brasília International Gathering of 2012.

At this moment we would like to sing a joyful and grateful song expressing pride, hope and praise.

Pride

In Teams for what they were, are and will continue to be.

Hope

Hope that all Team members are confidently open to the Lord's call at all levels of responsibility. Changing our reality transforms the way we live that same reality.

Hope that the many languages and cultures of Teams of Our Lady, despite their differences, live in the joy of belonging to a great family.

Praise

Praise God for having once again given us the light to continue our journey and seeing that serving Him is an opportunity to love Him more and more.

The road we have travelled clearly showed us that the Gospel is always new and that the benefits resulting from its deepening, are to be transmitted at all times and to all hearts.

God's revelation to Adam and Eve in the beginning of Genesis, with the question "**Where are you?**" is a clear sign that He wants to walk with us, often looks for us and asks: "**Where is your brother?**"

It is a personal question, which demands a personal answer, showing without hesitation the value of the answer that we give.

Although feeling challenged by these troubling questions, we have tried never to impose, but always propose as much mutual help as possible. Through a deeper knowledge of Christ, our Father and brother, we have tried to share with others the bread that feeds us.

To our dear founder, Father Henri Caffarel, our eternal gratitude for being the compass that guided us in our busy lives. How important his teachings were for us to create spaces of silence, where his voice became clearer...

We left our country time and time again, visited many Super Regions and Regions and kept in our hearts the look of hundreds of Team members whose lives we have witnessed.

We feel privileged and thank God for having had the opportunity of meeting so many Team members and opening our hearts to their needs.

Many of these visits were cause for conversion, places where we met the living God and from whence we returned feeling as good as new, because we were shown that there is no possible conversion if you do not accept people as our brothers.

We lived a time of great wealth, during which we tried to remain faithful to God's love, to the Teams' charism and to the Love of the people that we got to know.

With the ERI we have lived the joy of feeling as brothers, sharing everything in the true sense of the word. The friendship that unites us is not only a mere union as a group, but rather the life of a Christian community sharing the Gospel of God.

We all have been given the spirit of God and that spirit of God is harmony and peace. We can proclaim the true Gospel message saying without fear "***See how they love one another***"

To Patricia and Guénola, true cornerstones of an enormous undertaking, we would like to say we are deeply grateful for their testimony showing that love is more important than law. They overcame with dedication, professionalism and patience many difficulties that sometimes forced them to do large amounts of extra work and at the same time answered promptly and effectively to all the questions raised by the SR/RR to the International Secretariat.

Dear friends, in this farewell hour, we would like to hug you all, each one of you, despite our weaknesses, our refusals and often our silence, saying once again how much we love you: See you always!...

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