



**The desire of God,  
our desires...**



Dear Sister,

During this period of Advent, reflecting on my life and meditating on the Word of God, I felt the word "*desire*" resounding strongly in me. I was reminded of a book that once fascinated me, where it was said that the word "*desire*" comes from a Latin word "*de-sidēre*" which means "*to feel the lack of something or the homesickness of a star*"... All of us have experienced and sometimes felt the *homesickness* of something or someone ...

If we think about it, our deepest desire helps us to encounter Jesus, the Shining Star of the morning (Rev 22,16). He gives sense to the situations in our lives. He gives us light in our nights. He deepens our passion to give ourselves to others, even in difficult times. He helps us to change ourselves...

There is a great energy in every true desire. An energy that moves us and puts us on the road, like the Magi (Mt 2: 1-12). This energy helps us to understand where God is present so, to transform with Him the world where we live not with the logic of domination but with the humble logic of the gift, as Jesus did.

Mother Bernarda and Father Theodosius listened to their deep desire and did not lose sight of their Star, Jesus. For this reason they were "*transforming presences*" in the society of their time. They helped people not to lose their *homesickness* for God and allowed the light of the Gospel to shine in their lives. How beautiful!

***And you, dear sister, what desire do you have in your heart?***

*I encourage you to share your desire with your communities for the coming Year...*

I have started sharing with my Councillors our desires for the good of our Congregation....

On this occasion I wish to express our gratitude to Sr.Telma and all Councillors for their contribution to our Congregation during the past six years. I thank every Province for the wishes, prayers and support shown to us as we take up our new responsibilities.

*God's blessings on us all, Sisters of Holy Cross, as we strive to actualize our deep desire for a true transformation of oneself and the society.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

With love

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