

Apostolic Fellowship International

Apostolic Consultation

Caserta (CE), May 31 – June 2, 2012

My beloved brothers,

It is with great joy that we welcome you to this twelfth Consultation of the *Apostolic Fellowship International*. We give you a warm welcome and we wish you a particularly fruitful time as we listen to the papers and the responses to them.

The brothers of the *International Apostolic Council* wanted this meeting to take place in Europe, with the stated goal of feeding a seed which is still small, but which was sown here at the beginning of our journey and now only needs to grow and bring about the result for which it was originally given: to encourage the church to resume and continue with confidence and courage the path towards its fullness. Our stated goal for this session is to reflect anew on the issues at the heart of our calling and spirituality, which are strategic for the future of the church in its journey towards fullness, which is the declared purpose of God for humanity and for the whole of creation.

Pastor Mraida, who recently joined the Council of AFI, will touch, with his usual mastery, upon the fundamental theme of relationships, starting from the very foundation of this reality: the internal workings of God. He will develop the theme *A God of Relationships*. Pastor Himition will explain the nature and the role of ministries today, and in particular the apostolic ministry, for the work of healing and restoration of the church. His theme is *The Nature of the Apostolic Ministry*. I myself will take up a theme particularly dear to me, already dealt with several times, which I believe is essential to make possible and promote the unity of the Church in practical and historical terms: *The Apostolic Ministry and the Unity of the Church*. *Responders* will help us to critically examine the contributions of the speakers, to introduce and stimulate comments and contributions from the participants.

Last but not least, another goal we have for these few days together is to further deepen and develop our koinonia! May God fill you with His joy and... Welcome among us!

On behalf of AFI,
My love to you all.

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