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**INVITATION TO LIVE THE JUBILEE
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Dear families of the Family Movements in the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements, with joy and hope we address you, wishing peace and joy in your lives and in the lives of your families.

With reference to the document "Spes non confundit", Bull of Indiction of the Ordinary Jubilee, Year 2025 of His Holiness Pope Francis, let us fully live the **opportunity of this Ordinary Jubilee Year**; to live it in communion in our Parishes, Dioceses or in the city of the Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, Rome, so that it may be for all a living and personal encounter with our Lord Jesus, "Door of Salvation", with Him we the Church have the mission to always announce, everywhere and to everyone, **our hope** (1 Tim. 1:1).

In the heart of every person there lives hope as a desire and expectation of good, however, the unpredictability of the future often gives rise to conflicting feelings, such as fear and confidence, and discouragement and serenity. We often find people who are discouraged, who look to the future with pessimism, as if nothing could offer them happiness and well-being. Faced with this reality, which we cannot be indifferent to, the Pope invites us to be signs of hope, so that the Jubilee may be an occasion for every occasion to rekindle the word of God and life in the Sacraments, which help us to find reasons and be able to spread it to other brothers, to other families, to young people, adolescents, who have not had the opportunity to live the love of which the Apostle Saint Paul speaks to us (Rom. 5, 1-5) and by the Grace of God, you and we have experienced it and we have committed ourselves to Jesus Christ in Baptism, through the action of the Holy Spirit to announce it and share it for love.

Let us remember that we do not walk alone. The Holy Spirit, with his permanent presence on our path, is the one who radiates the light of Hope to believers. He keeps it burning like a flame that never goes out, giving support and vigor to our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint, because it is founded on the certainty that nothing and no one can ever separate us from divine love:

A path of hope: dear families, our Christian life is a path that needs strong moments to nourish and strengthen hope, an irreplaceable companion that allows us to glimpse the goal: the encounter with the Lord Jesus and this is the Jubilee, the pilgrimage is an essential element in every Jubilee year. Setting out on the road is an expression of those who search for the meaning of life. The Pope invites us to make and join the pilgrimages organized in our respective parishes and/or Dioceses and to rediscover the signs of the times that the Lord offers us about the meaning of the present life and the future life and their relationship between the two, to pay attention to the good that there is in the world and not feel overcome by evil and violence. In

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*this sense, the signs of the times, which contain the longing of the human heart, in need of the saving presence of God, need to be transformed into **signs of Hope**. The exhortation to every family, every young person, adolescent and child in their daily lives, to see and be a sign of hope, is also equivalent to seeing life with enthusiasm and joy, to share it with others.*

Openness to life through responsible motherhood and fatherhood, a mission that the Lord entrusts to married couples; the desire of young people to have new sons and daughters as a fruit of their fertility and their love, gives society a perspective for the future and is a reason for hope.

Christian Family Movements are called to be signs of hope where it is needed: to accompany families who are beginning their married life, families with small children and teenagers; to support the sick in hospitals or at home; young people who have lost hope; migrants who have left their homeland in search of a better opportunity for their family. These are just a few.

Let us be pilgrim families of hope, let us help to revive Christian Hope, which does not deceive or disappoint, because it is founded on the divine Love of Jesus Christ.

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