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7th August, 2023, in Paris,

Dearest Sisters,

During the first hours of the beautiful Feast of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, you were very present in my prayer. I would like now to express my deep and sincere gratitude for the many expressions of affection that I have received over the last few weeks, signs of your closeness and fraternal affection.

Simply and briefly, I would like to say:

- Thank you for everything! None of this would have been possible without the ongoing support of your prayers.
- For whatever I may have hurt in any of you, by my words or attitudes, forgive me! With God's grace, I never consciously intended to hurt you.
- For what the Lord is preparing for us as the fruit of this XXXVth General Chapter: Hope, Confidence, Renewed Enthusiasm!

Thank you for continuing to support the progress of this General Chapter with the strength of your prayer and your offering....

I have always appreciated the invaluable support of our elderly or sick sisters, who are the treasure of our religious Institute. We ALL take part in the Chapter, some by being physically present, but all through our own lives transformed into "mission".

I repeat my prayer for each of you, your families and your friends. I offer it with grateful affection and I ask that together we make our own the prayer of Father de Clorivière, written on the Feast of Pentecost, but on the occasion of the Feast of the Transfiguration that we have just experienced, it takes on greater strength and meaning. Let us pray to the Lord together:

"Complete your work, O Lord, and for the glory of your Holy Name, imprint in me this divine likeness and make of me, both in my inner feelings and affections and in all my outward conduct, a perfect image of you.

Holy Virgin, my most loving and compassionate Mother, I implore this grace from your all-powerful intercession.

Saint Joseph and Saint Peter, Saint Ignatius and Saint Francis Xavier and all the saints of the Company of Jesus, help me with your prayers so that, following your example, I may walk every day in the footsteps of our Divine Redeemer. Amen!"

(22nd May 1768, Day of the Pentecost)

Always in the Heart of Mary, with my fraternal affection,

María del Carmen Vergara González