



LA PRESIDENTE

To the international meeting of representatives of the Mppu Centres,
Castelgandolfo

Rocca di Papa 24th June 2016

Dear Everyone,

You are meeting at a particularly important time for the Movement promoting Politics and Policy for Unity, on the 20th anniversary of its beginnings, a time which is certainly stimulating for those who are committed to peace and universal fraternity.

I send my heartfelt greetings to all of you and those you represent in the most varied cultures, but who share Chiara Lubich's dream for unity which she showed us as something real to which all of us are dedicated.

Chiara's ideal of unity, which began during the Second World War, was from the very start a social reality, which set in motion new resources in order to help heal the wounds of humankind divided by war and violence, hatred and injustice. From that time onwards, when faced with any type of conflict, Chiara tenaciously put forward the gospel logic of love, the culture of encounter, of dialogue, lawfulness and human rights, to be practised in all spheres of life in society. This is the path she continues to put before us today too in the face of great conflicts which do untold harm to people and nations the world over.

If the members of our Movement are known as "apostles of dialogue", it must be the same and even more so for the Movement promoting Politics and Policy for Unity.

You are well aware of the great national and international challenges in the political scene of our day, and you have come here on this 20th anniversary to confirm once more your commitment to spend your lives for unity. Your thought and action is strengthened by the guidelines contained in the Charter.

I trust that in collaboration with all those in the Focolare Movement who are committed to dialogue with contemporary culture according to their various disciplines, and in collaboration with the New Humanity and Youth for a United World Movements, your commitment may bear witness to the very high vocation of politics to be the "love of loves" and that the dream of a united world may one day become reality.

Be sure of my closeness and my support, together with that of the whole Movement.

Affectionately,