

Dear Sisters,

we send to you all our best wishes on the occasion of the feast of the Holy Trinity.

Every day we hear news of war, terror and violence from around the world. Even here in Münster, we have been shaken early April by an amok ride. At the same time we experienced a global solidarity and search for peace.

Also in our international congregation much is in motion. We are witnessing farewells and new beginnings, pain and joy, failure and reconciliation. In all this, it's good to root oneself deeply in the faith of the Triune God, to recall the familiar and to rediscover it anew.

So we invite you to take the occasion of the feast of the Holy Trinity and look at the emblem of our congregation.

The focus is the triangle at the centre with three interlocking circles. At the top of the triangle is a crown.

These symbols refer us to the mystery of our Triune God, which no one is able to understand. The doctrine of the Trinity expresses the conviction that relationship belongs to the essence of God. Relationship - this means love unconditionally given, a love that surrenders. And this love, this God wants to live in us. HE wants to take his home in our heart, our soul, our thinking, in our conscience and our actions.

Yes, God wants to take us as his disciples into the movement of his love, which enables us to enter in relationship with each other and to live in solidarity with one another. He wants to build up his Kingdom (see Crown at the top of the triangle) of justice and peace with us.

Dear Sisters, in looking at our logo we feel how valuable it is for our Congregation and for each of us.

Also **the banner with the Latin text is particularly precious "TUA PROVIDENTIA FATHER GUBERNAT"** - "your Providence, Father, leads and directs".

An attentive review on our congregation's history and our own way of life, we are always able to discover traces of God's Providence. HE is a reliable companion and knows our life stories.

Psalm 37.5 says: *"Commit your way to the Lord and trust in him. He will affect."*

The Greek letters alpha and omega - the beginning and the end - remind us that God holds our lives from the very beginning in his loving hands. God is an unspeakably loyal and loving God. He speaks to us as a father, a mother, and reveals the depth of his love, especially in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This dynamic God gives us promises, of which their validity extends far into the future. He gives us the courage to approach everything that's coming at us with confidence and tells us through the Prophet Isaiah: *"Even to your old age I am He, and to grey hairs I will carry you. I have made and I will bear; I will carry and will save"*. (Is 46,4)

Dear Sisters, with this promise of God, we can celebrate our feast in great gratitude, joy and confidence, and strengthen others in the faith of the Good News.

We greet each one of you with a warm embrace,

Yours

Sisters of the General Coordination