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## Final message from the 49th CPAL Assembly

*Peru - November 14 to 18, 2023*

From November 14 to 18, 2023, the 49th CPAL Assembly took place in Andahuaylillas, Cusco, Peru. Eleven out of the twelve provincials were present, along with Delegates from Cuba and the Brazilian Amazon, the two Regional Assistants of the Father General's, the President, and the Central Team of CPAL.

The provincials presented a report on the situations in their provinces and regions, highlighting an uncertain time with significant challenges for our peoples and nations. However, we also recognize God's call to trust and act in these circumstances.

We discussed the restructuring of the provinces. Feeling consoled, we acknowledge the processes we are undergoing, the difficulties we face, and the invitation to the entire apostolic body to move forward. We call on all provinces to strengthen their participation to better respond to the mission. Governance was a focal point, and we identified significant challenges to be addressed at the Conference level, in each Province, and within apostolic networks. We agreed on prioritizing certain issues: vocational formation and promotion, internal restructuring, apostolic border issues (migrants, The Amazon Rain Forest); protection and care of children, vulnerable individuals, and the formation of laypeople.

The severe humanitarian crisis in the Darien region, on the border of Colombia and Panama, drew our attention. The cries of thousands of forcibly displaced migrants reveal God's call for us to join the response to this crisis. We will explore how to answer this call with an effective, comprehensive, and continental contribution from the countries of origin, transit, and destination.

Regarding De Statu Societatis, we emphasized the importance of embracing and reflecting on this text to deliver what the Father General has requested.

We addressed the synodality theme with the virtual participation of Father Miguel Martins SJ (BRA), who collaborated in the Synod Assembly as a moderator. Also, the new president of FLACSI (Latin American Federation of Jesuit Schools in Spanish), Roberto Padilla SJ (MEX), presented a horizon that includes the presence of a full-time president in the federation.

Larry Yévenes SJ (CHL) and Sandra Racionero-Plaza (PCCP - Promotion of a Consistent Culture of Protection - General Curia in Spanish) presented a report and specific requests on the work of Prevention and Promotion of a Culture of Care. We agreed to work on the received requests to improve ongoing efforts.

José Luis Gordillo SJ (PER) and Selia Paludo (CHL) presented the proposal for CLACIES - Latin American Confederation of Ignatian Spirituality Centers in Spanish - to become a network. An organized and prayerful process will be undertaken for this transition.



The CPAL President, Rafael Garrido SJ (VEN), presented his report encouraging us to continue the path of renewing the Conference, which, in its upcoming 25th anniversary, is preparing for a relaunch of its plan and mission. An assessment of the networks will be conducted, and our Common Apostolic Plan 2 will undergo its midterm evaluation.

In this meeting, we bid farewell to the Delegate from the Amazon - David Romero SJ (BRA) and the Social Delegate Carmen de los Ríos (PER), expressing our gratitude for their significant contributions. Simultaneously, we welcomed Agnaldo Junior SJ (BRA), who joins as the Socio-Environmental Delegate, and Hernán Quezada SJ (MEX) as the Delegate for Youth, Vocations, and Training of CPAL.

During our stay, we visited Churches along the Andean Baroque Route, a memorial to our mission in this beautiful and challenging region of our continent. On November 16, we participated in the profession of the final vows of our brother Miguel Ángel Carbajal SJ, Partner from Peru. We extend our thanks to him, along with the Provincial, Víctor Hugo Miranda SJ, and the many brothers and sisters from the Province of Peru, for their generous hospitality and care during this Assembly.

We send warm greetings to all who constitute the apostolic body in every corner of our Conference. Let us implore the Lord to inspire appropriate and creative responses to the significant challenges we aim to address.

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