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The Secretary General

+ Menzingen, 3rd September 2025

Feast of St. Pius X

Dear Members of the Society, Dear Faithful,

The pilgrimage that took place in Rome around 20th August of this Holy Year was, for the Priestly Society of Saint Pius X, a particularly significant and solemn event.

We were able to gather in the very heart of Christendom, surrounded by a great number of our priests, most of our seminarians, our brothers, our religious sisters, and thousands of faithful who came from every corner of the world. It was a most encouraging manifestation of the vitality of our Society and of its profound unity, founded upon the same doctrine, the same Mass, the same attachment to Rome.

Although we were reduced to celebrating Mass in a public park, and our access to sacred places was restricted, we were nevertheless able to proclaim our faith, our hope, and our love of Our Lord in the streets of the Eternal City and within the splendour of the Roman basilicas.

As true children of the Church, we united our testimony with that of the Holy Martyrs, our combat with that of the Popes, our preaching with that of the Apostles. In this way, we were able to strengthen our attachment to the City of Peter, express our Romanity, our love for the Church, and to renew our unshakable confidence in the promises of Jesus Christ.

Likewise, we were able to pray publicly for Pope Leo XIV and for the Church. And we entrusted the Society of Saint Pius X to Our Lady, asking her maternal Heart for many priestly and religious vocations, for the salvation of souls and the advancement of her Immaculate Heart's reign.

At the close of this pilgrimage, we give thanks to Divine Providence, who granted us this magnificent jubilee.

We thank the Blessed Virgin Mary for her loving protection and for ensuring that everything, down to the smallest details, was so beautiful. We give thanks to our patron, Pope St. Pius X, whose feast we celebrate today, and who watches over our Society from eternity, praying for our fidelity.

We wish to thank the tireless teams handling organisation and logistics, in particular the Italian and French teams, for their generosity throughout these past months, as well as to all those who contributed, in one way or another, to the organisation of this pilgrimage.



Also, we thank each one of you in particular, for having made the effort to come, many of you from far away. Starting with the superiors of seminaries, districts, and autonomous houses: in this context, your presence was very significant and greatly appreciated.

In the same spirit, our gratitude extends to all the priests and religious who were able to make the journey, as well as to those who remained in the priories, but who were nonetheless truly present with us in their own way.

Finally, we cannot fail to thank all the families and faithful who accompanied us and took part in this beautiful pilgrimage, often at the cost of great sacrifices. Nor do we forget those who, unable to come to Rome, joined us in spirit through prayer and sacrifice.

We hope that this jubilee will bear abundant fruits of grace and invoke Heaven's blessings upon our Society. We encourage you once again, with renewed fervour, to take up the crusade of prayers and sacrifices that continues throughout this Holy Year, in order to obtain the vocations that the Church and the world so greatly need.

May God keep us faithful and bless us.

Father Foucauld le Roux Secretary General