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TO

Halina Szydełko, President of the National Institute of Catholic Action
Bishop Marek Solarczyk, National Catholic Action Ecclesiastical Assistant

MESSAGE on the occasion of the II NATIONAL CONGRESS

Dear Halina and Msgr. Marek, dear friends,

first of all, we would like to thank you for the invitation to participate in the Second Polish Catholic Action National Congress. It was not possible for myself or Maria Grazia to be with you on this occasion because of other associative commitments but we are being represented by the delegate responsible for Youth Coordination, who will convey our message.

The theme, which you have chosen, helps us to see current realities through our eyes of faith and to place them within a perspective which looks to the future because our calling is to announce the good news of the gospel of hope. We have met the Lord and so we cannot keep this great joy to ourselves! As Catholic Action, we want to announce together the Gospel of hope day after day.

- **In our families** where confidence in life is fostered, where one develops his sense of responsibility through the relations built between the father and the mother, with the children and the grandparents. The family is the basic cell in society and has been referred to with the pleasant expression “a small church”. The coming Synod has been called to renew the primacy of the family in the Church and in society and in the building of a civilization of love, side by side with the poor, the weak, as well as with children and the elderly;
- **In our parishes and Christian communities, people of God who journey through history.** An outgoing Church needs an outgoing CA, ready to dialogue and to show solidarity with everyone: our task is to form CA lay people as coherent witnesses who are courageous and meek at the same time and who commit themselves in different spheres: politics, culture, the economy, schools, free time, the media, ... and who work for justice and peace;
- **In a world which needs hope**, by fostering unity among Christians so that the world may believe and by working together for the good of their common home, as urged to do by our Holy Father in the encyclical *Laudato si'*. We have an excellent example in Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, described by Saint John Paul II, when he was still Archbishop of Cracow, as the young man of the beatitudes. Let us aim to go always higher like Pier Giorgio!!!

And a word to the city and the local Church which is hosting your Congress. Let us all make a strong appeal to Saint John Paul II, who had such a great love for CA in Poland, in Italy and in the world and to Saint Faustina Kowalska, apostle of mercy. Let us remember too the coming WYD when we will be seeing so many young people meeting here in the school of the Beatitudes during the Jubilee of Mercy.

May you have a fruitful meeting! United in prayer.

Emilio Inzaurraga, *Coordinator of IFCA Secretariat and National President of Argentinian Catholic Action*