



**NETWORK OF FORMAL EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
OF THE SACRED HEART IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

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TO: Sister Rose Chihwei Sun, RSCJ - Head of Board of Sacred Heart Schools
Participants at the IV Congress of International Heads of the Sacred Heart

Dear companions in mission,

From each one of the Latin American and Caribbean Provinces we would like to extend our fraternal regards and the hope that the coming IV Congress of International Heads of the Sacred Heart in which you are all participating, will be a space for reflection that *will drive us as Sacred Heart Educators to "commit with a greater passion and compassion to the search of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of the Creation"* directing all our educational efforts towards the creation of relations based on equality, inclusion, non-violence, and harmony.

The RedLac Team wishes to be present as Sister Conny Mateos, RSCJ, and Elisa Rábago, from the Mexican delegation carry our voice, and to whom we have asked to share with you the path we have travelled and the experience of personal encounters that we have had in the course of more than fifteen years in Latin America and the Caribbean. We asked them to take as well the RedLac Project and the Operating Plan, both resulting from the work done during the last Workshop carried out in Mexico, in October of last year, and whose subject was "RedLac Evaluation and Projection".

Our experience in Latin America and the Caribbean, together with the United States of America and Spain invites us to commit to look for spaces to create ties and join efforts with our peers at mission from Europe, Asia, and Africa as we respond to the call of Chapter 2008: *"we have been invited to create more ties, weaving the challenges and wealth of our inter-personal, cultural and ethnic diversity in the regions, in the provinces and as an International Society"*. That is the wealth and the challenge of our internationality.

We are convinced that in order to weave dreams and hopes, that the *"network ties us in a knot, links us in a profound attitude to live in contact with others"*, communication is necessary. Your reflections and experiences are important to us. That is why we are asking you to share with RedLac your living experience at the Congress. We know that the theme that unites you is *"Justice, Peace, and Integrity of the Creation hand-in-hand with the most vulnerable"*, which is one of the priorities of Chapter 2008 that *"link us as Society, gives us a common orientation, and leads us forward"*. For RedLac, to learn about the agreements arrived at the Congress, it is fundamental in order to evaluate how to incorporate them into our reflection, and to build paths for dialogue where we can share our life and mission.

Joined as family of the Sacred Heart, we will be accompanying you with our prayer, asking our Lord that you allow yourselves to be guided by the Spirit during the course of the work you are about to take on. Let us learn how to live by the charisma of Sophie and be loyal to the call made today of *"promoting justice, peace and the integrity of the creation from any place where we may find ourselves and from each one of our relationships and commitments"*.

With our best wishes, as always.

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