## PONTIFICAL SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILDHOOD

Secretariatus Internationalis

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Dear SternSingers,

*I* am very happy and pleased to share with you this special celebration of 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your action in Switzerland.

*You are part of Pontifical Mission Society of the Holy Childhood. You are the face of the Holy Childhood here!* 

The Holy Childhood began in 1843 to educate the children with a missionary outlook: the Bishop Charles De Forbin Janson asked the French children to pray every day for the Chinese children and offer a small coin once a month.

**Children helping children** is the slogan of the Pontifical Mission Society of the Holy Childhood.

Today, as Starsinger, you spread the blessings of Jesus to every home, to every family.

*I thank you for this!* 

Your task is very important because you give the possibility to receive God and His message in the houses. You are missionary when you walk on the road and knock on the doors, like Jesus did.

You bring His presence and His gospel to every man, woman and child with your smiles, your ordinary acts, your charity and good will towards every child, near and far.

Your mission is made by little, but big, daily actions: in your family, among your friends, in the school through concern and acts of peace, forgiveness, friendship and brotherhood.

Everything arises out of our encounter with Jesus! If Jesus is your friend and has a very important place in your heart, you need to share with everybody your joy.

This is your mission today here!

And you can do this all year long.

You are the heart and the hands of the Pope: you pray and help other children because you are united to Jesus!

Congratulations on your commitment to being true missionaries!

*Your missionary witness is very important: with your example you become an inspiration to the children of your own ages.* 

The Holy Childhood exists in more than 120 countries in the world.

Jesus gives you a relevant and serious commitment to fulfill in the whole world. The missionary has eyes and ears always alert and, most importantly, has a heart opened to the needs of others, even if they are far away.

Now I wish to say thank you to your National Director, Martin Brunner, to all the animators that support you and to your families.

Our Pontifical Society is really grateful for your help in educating children to be "missionary", that is to have the sense of spiritual and material sharing with their peers throughout the world. Their generosity has contributed to bring welfare to a lot of children.

**THANK YOU** to each of you for your wonderful work and your continued commitment to promote, more and more, this missionary spirit among the children around you.

May God bless you all!

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