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Dear readers of PRAYER & SERVICE
Dear friends of the Apostleship of Prayer

The official organ of the Apostleship of Prayer has lived distinct stages since it was founded in Father Ramière's time. Starting in 1925 a publication in Latin existed called *Nuntius ad Nuntios*, initially printed in Toulouse and then in Rome till 1976. There also existed the *Directors' International Bulletin* between 1971 and 1978, at first in English and Spanish and five years later also in French. In 1979 this was transformed into our present periodical, *Prayer & Service*. In the course of the years the quality and coverage has improved.

Today, with this issue, I am announcing a new step in the modernization of our publication on the eve of our thirtieth anniversary. Our World Director, Father General Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., has decided that from now on the publication will have two forms, the main one being a **digital form**. The entire actual and usual contents of our publication will be available on internet, on our web page. Consequently we will no longer print the four yearly issues and send them by mail. The articles and information will be accessible in the three present languages on www.apostleshipofprayer.net. In fact, this year's issues of the publication are already available on our web site. We will shortly send details on how we will structure the on-line space and in what section of our site you will find everything. In case anyone had difficulty in consulting and down-loading the archives, we will be happy to send a printed version from Rome.

The second way in which we will be continuing some issues of *Prayer & Service* will be through occasional printed subsidies, mainly as practical help for the concrete implementation of the Apostleship of Prayer and the Eucharistic Youth Movement in the world of today. We have not planned these ahead. They must be the fruit of the team work of the AP and EYM members in the

world. These issues will be published according to our needs and our creativity.

There are various reasons for these changes and they aim at a better use of our resources. We believe that, putting its contents on the web, we can maintain the service in a similar or better way. Production costs will be lower and our readers will have free access to the digital journal. It also allows a reorganization of the working time in our roman office, and privileges the development of new proposals of the Apostleship of Prayer.

I ask you to send your suggestions for the future editions in the two formats, the digital one and that of occasional publications. What will be more helpful for our contemporaries to meet God in all things? What gaps or needs of the present-day Christians can we fill starting from the spiritual proposal of the AP? How can this be attained? What modalities or languages will be the most adequate and acculturated to be of help? What kind of practical methodologies can we offer which will be useful and significant towards improving the Christian life of the men and women, the young people and children of today? How and in what form can we offer them? How can we use the web better? We will be able to answer these questions together in the months and years to come, in our shared reflection, as we have done so far through this publication. I would appreciate all the opinions, reactions and ideas you wish to express.

I take this occasion to thank Father Grenier, S.J., for his work of editing, setting up, printing and mailing the publication during the past years, which will come to an end with the publication of this fourth issue of 2008.

In the Heart of Jesus,

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