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For the attention of

Dr. Maria Voce “Emmaus”

President of the Focolare Movement

Rocca di Papa Rome – ITALY

Letter and Message to the participant of the General Assembly of the Focolare Movement

Most Respectful President Maria Voce,

It is always a great pleasure to write to you especially during great events such as the Annual General Assembly of the Focolare Movement. Just like in my previous letter to you dated 29th August 2014 wherein I congratulated you and your team for your election at the helm of this great organization of the *Work of Mary* – Focolare Movement and extended general greetings to all participants at the General Assembly, I still wish to use this opportunity to extend my greetings again to all the participants of this current General Assembly.

Actually, I don't have anything to say at this particular point except to express my deepest and sincere gratitude to the members of the entire Focolare movement and most especially to those who are working in Fontem. You must have already been very informed about the ongoing socio-political crisis rocking our country especially the Anglophone Regions. Fontem is one of the villages where the impacts of the crisis has and is very high. As human beings, we have tried in several ways to restore the peace which once existed and bring the people to live the life Mama Chiara – Mafua Ndem thought us but most if not all of our efforts proved futile. Many of my people and even members of the movement have been victims of the crisis. It pricks my heart to think that the people who brought life, hope, love, togetherness and the light of God to Fontem are being subjected to the inhumane treatment. My heart bleeds when I think of the developmental efforts and infrastructures brought by the Focolare Movement being destroyed and we cannot do much to rescue them. This and many more gives me no option but to express sincere gratitude through you to the members of the Focolare Movement resident in Fontem who have stood the test of time, and have remained committed to the course of unity, peace and love. In the current crisis, thousands who fled their homes have found refuge at the Maripolis Centre Fontem. My gratitude is way beyond bounds because the focolarini in Fontem choose to be with my people despite the fact that many have ran out of the kingdom. Their reward awaits each and every one of them in heaven. In the midst of this, I have learned a great lesson from them; that of **LIVING TOGETHER AS A FAMILY**. They are indeed a true trustworthy family. They haven't given up on us and I pray they don't give up on us. The Focolare Movement is

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like the back bone of Fontem, without which we are nothing.

My plight to you today and to all members at this General Assembly is that you people should channel our problems to our father in Heaven through the Blessed Virgin Mary our mother. Please use your good office as you have always done to call on the entire Focolare movement in the world to pray for Fontem in particular and for Cameroon as a whole so that peace can return to our country. It is our greatest desire to live the words of Mama Chiara "MAY ALL BE ONE". Remember us in your prayers because prayers is all we need now. Man has failed but God cannot fail.

May the Holy Mother Mary bless you all and see you all through your deliberations during this very important General Assembly.

Respectfully Yours
His Royal Majesty The Fon of Fontem

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