

Paris, 13 March

Dear friends of Faith and Light,

As Lent begins, I send you my most fraternal thoughts and wish you a wonderful journey towards Easter. During this time of reflection and sharing, Faith and Light International continues its commitment to making its mission better known throughout the world.

As it does every year, the Board of Directors has just studied and approved the projects for 2025 for the countries most in need of financial support. Among the requests submitted (totalling €73,000), **here are those that have caught our full attention and for which we are appealing to you:**

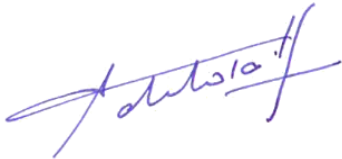
- **The assembly of the province of Jesus Light of the Andes** (Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru) **is scheduled to take place in Lima from 4 to 6 April.** Around sixty community coordinators are invited to share their experiences and voice their concerns. The common guidelines for the next four years will be defined, and after a period of discernment, a new provincial coordinator and his team will be elected for the 2025-2029 mandate. These few days will also be an opportunity to provide training for new community coordinators. Expected support: €4,400
- **The exceptional meeting of all the leaders of the Middle East** (Armenia, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria) **organised in Alexandria from 6 to 9 June:** these countries are facing difficult situations, marked by political instability, conflict and cultural differences. This meeting provides an essential platform for addressing these challenges, developing strategies to overcome them and strengthening support for communities, while fostering their spiritual growth. Expected support: €2,090
- **Two formation sessions:**
 - ✓ **Ukraine, from 30 May to 1st June in Hoshiv:** for around 70 young friends accompanied by people with disabilities, from the country's 38 communities. The aim is to train future leaders capable of leading their communities towards growth and unity, deepening each person's personal commitment, fostering a genuine desire to share the gift of "Faith and Light", gaining more experience, deepening their spiritual knowledge and improving their communication skills. Expected support: €3,000
 - ✓ **in Mexico, from 24 to 28 September 2025 in Chihuahua:** for around 80 participants, a third of whom will be parents, a third persons with intellectual disabilities, friends and several chaplains. The aim of this formation session is to maintain communication and interaction between all the communities in the province, promote their growth and encourage the creation of new communities. A pilgrimage to celebrate the 35 years of Faith and Light in Chihuahua (where one of the first communities in Mexico was founded) will precede this formation session. Expected support: €2,700

- **Special aid for the eleven communities of the province of Our Lady of Africa, the Savannah** (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Nigeria and Togo) to help them organise their community meetings throughout the year. This aid includes funding for transport to the meeting venues, meals, equipment to run the meetings and medical care for families and people with disabilities, provided by a psychologist. Expected support: €3,400.

Despite our constant commitment and sustained efforts, we cannot meet the needs of all these provinces on our own. That's why we're appealing to your generosity to help us fund the projects described above.

A huge thank you for your attention to our request! Your participation, even if symbolic, is an essential contribution to guarantee the continuity of solidarity in favour of the communities that need it most, and to enable our Faith and Light movement to continue its mission, full of meaning and hope, among the most vulnerable.

May this Lenten season be a time of grace for each one of you, and may your kindness continue to transform lives around the world.



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