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My dear friends, members of our Passionist Family,

In a short while, it will be summer, and at the end of this summer, I will be offering another instance of our *Passionist Family Pilgrimage* to the Passionist Places in Italy.

Some of you might not have been engaged with the Passionist Family in 2007, which is the year of our last Passionist Family Pilgrimage. Perhaps some of you were simply unable to get away or to afford the cost of the Pilgrimage.

I hope and pray that all who are interested will be able to join me for this opportunity to get to know the people and the places that gave us our Passionist heritage.

This is a "pilgrimage", not merely a "tour"; each day we will be guided by materials that were prepared to help us deepen our knowledge of St. Paul of the Cross, other Passionist Saints and Blesseds, and to imbibe the charism of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Mass will be offered daily, prayer will be a part of our journey, and each person will be encouraged to keep a journal as we make our way from the birthplace of St. Paul of the Cross, through the former "Papal States", and on into Rome, the present-day seat of the Congregation. It is there, at the Basilica of Sts John and Paul, that St Paul of the Cross received the monastery as a home for himself and the Congregation. St Paul of the Cross lived in that monastery for the last three years of his life. He is venerated at the special chapel built onto the Basilica at the time of his canonization.

There is so much I would like to tell you, but first, look at the enclosed tour itinerary and the application form. If you feel the stirrings of interest and possibility, then please contact me. If you are quick to make up your mind, fill in the application and return it to the address of our Pilgrimage Agency which is clearly on the application.

I hope to see you in August!

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