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Dear brothers in the Jungmann Society, dear friends,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you to announce the **next congress of the Jungmann Society, which will take place in Cebu, Philippines, from July 1 to July 6, 2024.**

On behalf of the committee, I would like to give you an outline of the event.

A year ago, a number of you and I met again in Rome, 20 years after the initial gathering of liturgists from all the provinces, convened by Father Kolvenbach. We were able to deepen the link between liturgy and the Universal Apostolic Preferences. It was also an important moment of contact with the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, but also with the General Curia, in particular with the presence of Father General and Fr. Pascual Cebollada, Postulator General and in charge of liturgical questions. Because of the pandemic, this congress had not only been postponed for two years, but also had a shorter format. This led to a Zoom meeting in early November, attended by Fr. Mark Ravizza, General Counselor for Formation, to discuss the issue of formation.

This theme of liturgical formation in the Society has been a recurring one at Jungmann Society congresses: a document was drafted at the Tempa (USA) congress in 2010, and the topic has been the subject of a round-table discussion at every congress. Following the publication of the apostolic letter *Desiderio desideravi* by Pope Francis on June 29, 2022, on the liturgical formation of the People of God, insisting on "the need for serious and vital liturgical formation" (no. 27); following the strong invitation by Fr. Mark Ravizza to discern new ways of encouraging or improving liturgical formation within the Society, we believe it would be a good moment to work patiently and in-depth on the subject of liturgical formation, which should be continued at the next congress in 2026. The theme of the next congress, in Cebu in 2024, will therefore be:

What is liturgy in the life of Jesuits?

What liturgical formation is needed for the Society today?

For this congress, we feel it will be important for both formators and scholastics to be truly present, to welcome together what the Holy Spirit wants to say to us.

You'll have noticed that we've chosen the Philippines for this congress. Not since the Jungmann Society's founding congress in 2004 has a congress been held in Asia, the continent with the most Jesuits in the world. It was high time to return! The Jesuits in the Philippines have a long tradition of formation within the Society. Cebu is the first place where Christianity was established in the history of the Philippines and is served by a good international airport.

Save the date for our next congress in your calendars! And don't hesitate to talk to any Jesuit liturgical formators or scholastics studying theology who might be interested in attending and who have never been before: if they would like to take part in the congress, please forward their names to our secretary Marc Reeves (jungmannsociety@gmail.com). The renewal of the Jungmann Society remains a major challenge.

Finally, I would ask you to consider requesting the **necessary funding** for this congress from your Province, so that no one may be prevented from attending because of financial considerations.

Further news will reach you at the beginning of February 2024.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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