



*To Father Gerard Francisco Timoner III, OP  
Master of the Order of Preachers*

I was pleased to learn that the Order of Preachers is holding its General Chapter of Priors Provincial in Krakow, Poland, from July 17<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup>, and I willingly assure you and all participating of my closeness in prayer.

As you gather during this Jubilee Year, I trust that these grace-filled days will prove to be an opportunity for renewal, rooted in the hope which never disappoints and in the knowledge that the Lord has called you as preachers to proclaim the Good News in the midst of today's unique challenges (cf. *Rm* 5:5; *Mt* 10:7). Your chosen theme to address in a more dedicated way your varied forms of preaching to "four publics" – those who do not yet know Jesus, the Christian faithful, those who have fallen away from the Church, and the young people found in these situations – is particularly timely. I pray that your deliberations will enable you to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit, who continues to guide the Church in the fullness of truth (cf. *Jn* 16:13).

I likewise hope that this time together will strengthen your commitment to serve the Body of Christ in the form of evangelical life chosen by Saint Dominic. May your shared experience of fraternity and prayer enhance the bonds of communion that unite you as Dominicans and inspire you to live out your vocation ever more fully as contemplative preachers. In this way, faithful to the charism and the spirituality of your founder, you will surely continue to carry out your mission in the heart of the Church.

Entrusting the General Chapter to the intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing to all in the Order as a pledge of wisdom, joy and peace in the Lord.

From the Vatican, 17 July 2025

*Leo PP. XIV*