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*In Memory of Maestra Tecla*

Dearest sisters and young people in formation,

I opened a page dedicated to Maestra Tecla, on the 61st anniversary of her death, it has the words addressed by Pope Francis to the participants in the Jubilee of Communication, last January 25:

Also tell stories of hope, stories that nurture life. May your *storytelling* also be *hopetelling*. When you report on evil, leave space for the possibility of mending what has been torn, for the dynamism of good that can repair what is broken. Ask questions. Telling of hope means seeing the crumbs of good hidden even in what appears to be lost; it means allowing hope against all hope. It means being aware of the shoots that emerge when the earth is still covered with ashes. Recounting hope means having an outlook that transforms things, that makes them become what they could, what they should be. It means making things walk towards their destiny.

This is the power of stories. And this is what I encourage you to do: tell of hope, share it. This is, as Saint Paul would say, your “good fight”.

*Tell stories of hope*, first of all with life, with the testimony of a new way of living. This is what Prima Maestra did, and for this reason it is a “story of hope” for us.

Maestra Tecla sowed, in the good soil of Pauline life, joy and trust in the future; she helped us to believe and to persevere in trials, to wait patiently for *God’s hour*, to not fear fatigue, suffering and sacrifices for a “high” purpose.

She taught us that to hope is not to know if everything will go well or badly but the certainty that what happens has a meaning, and therefore, it is necessary to live and bear witness to hope even in the darkness of nonsense.

She encouraged us to become companions on the journey of the men and women of our time, rooted in the present that continually changes, and therefore, welcoming the challenge of keeping up with the times, in a contemplative search for the new paths that the Spirit opens to the announcement of the Good News, open to God’s future, towards the realization of thing that at the moment seems impossible, because *we can do nothing; with Him, everything*.

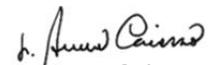
Here, let us trust in God, our hope is all in him, let us seek only God. Let us be smart, holiness is all there: seeking only God. When our hearts and souls are full of God and we work only for him, what more can we desire? (CSAS 109,11)

Our Prima Maestra, a pilgrim of hope, shared the dream of giving everyone, through the different forms of our apostolate, “reasons to hope”, with gentleness and respect (see 1Pt 3,16), that is, with that meekness that is the fruit of the Spirit, weaving relationships and promoting communion, first of all among ourselves. From this they will recognize us...

Following her example and guarded by her, let us together renew our commitment to communicate the beauty of faith, the audacity of hope, the nuances of charity in the languages and communication methods most appropriate to speak to the heart of today's men and women.

May Maestra Tecla, continue to protect, accompany and bless all of us, the members of the Pauline Family, the wounded humanity of our days.

With affection, in communion of hope.

  
sr Anna Caiazza

Superiora generale