



**To the Superiors General and their Councils
To the Person in charge of the Lay Groups
of the Lay Canossian Family,
To the Secular Missionaries of St. Magdalene,
To the Coordinating Teams of the Provinces and Delegations**

Dearest,

with great joy and asking for the guidance and light of the Holy Spirit, we announce to you all:

VI INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

LAY CANOSSIAN FAMILY

24th-31st July 2016

Centro Diocesano di Spiritualità S. Fidenzio

Via Pradelle 62, Novaglie – 37034 Verona (Italy)

Theme **“INSPICE ET FAC”**

in the heart of the world with the joy of the Gospel

The Commission has proposed, as a criterion of participation, that the Province/Delegation Coordinator, another Lay Canossian and the Sister/Father Animator of each Province /Delegation may be present.

The first part of the International Convention of the Lay Canossian Family will be dedicated to the Lay Canossian Association and, during the following days 30th-31st July 2016, we will continue our encounter in communion with the representatives of the Lay Canossian Brothers and Sisters and the Secular Missionaries of St. Magdalene, in a journey of charismatic animation and sharing.

This is a meaningful time, an experience of being Church and living communion, during which the Delegates are called to share in an atmosphere of evangelical fraternity, prayer, listening to the Word of God, Eucharistic Celebrations, Canossian witnessing from different parts of the world, formation and new horizons so that Lay Canossian life may everywhere be an instrument of making Jesus, the Greatest Love, known and loved by trying to love as He taught us, in today's events according to the journey indicated by the Church.

The formative Commission announces "this favourable time" of the Convention after it has dedicated space to prayer, "union of hearts" and preparation for it.

We want to renew to each one of you an invitation to recite the **"Wednesday Prayer"** for the success of the Convention 2016, as Magdalene reminded us:

"For every need it is always necessary to pray."

We offer the attached official Prayer, as the united voice of the Lay Canossian Family in preparation for this event.

Let us remember each other in our prayer and ask Mary, Mother of Charity at the foot of the Cross, to accompany us on our journey towards the Convention. May Magdalene's charism be a guide along our journey.

With affection and esteem,

The Formative Commission of the Lay Canossian Family.