

CONTINENTAL BIENNIAL 2019-2020



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God that is
in you"
(2Tim.1,6)**

Dear missionaries,

Following the program of our American Continent, we have the pleasure of presenting to you the opening of the Continental Vocation Biennial that will start on **February 16, 2019 and will end on December 12, 2020.**

Following the steps of the great Apostle Paul, the motivational slogan that will accompany us during this Biennial is: **Renew the Gift that is in you.**

The main goal of this Vocational Biennial is to reflect and to ponder in a climate of prayer on the missionary vocation that each of us has received from God. We are convinced that, by revitalizing and actualizing the signs of our call to the service of the Gospel, we will show to the world the beauty of our Religious Missionary Vocation and we will inspire many young people to follow the same holy call.

In order to live this moment in communion, there are many activities that will take place at Continental level and in each Circumscription. You are invited to take part in these activities which we desire to live as a Missionary Family and to spread among others the news about them. Each missionary who works in the American Continent is called to pass on and rouse up in others the desire of the missionary vocation.

The success of this Vocation Biennial depends on how much we are ready to take seriously, to give witness and to show to the young people of our continent the beauty of our vocation. We are not afraid to speak to the world about the "Precious Gift" of our Religious Vocation, as our dear Founder would say.

We ask all Consolata Missionaries and all those who share in our charism to join us in the daily prayer from the North to the South of our Continent. Let our Lady Consolata and our Founder, Blessed Joseph Allamano, accompany us during this Vocation Biennial.

São Paulo, February 12, 2019

In the name of the Continental Council of America

P. Jaime Carlos Patias, IMC
General Councillor for America





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Prayer for the Vocational Biennial

Lord Jesus, during this Vocational Biennial we ask you to revive in us our religious and missionary consecration.

Help us to testify in community and with audacity, the gift of our life dedicated and given to the mission.

Teach us to be creative missionaries, able to help the young people of the continent on the way of vocational discernment.

Lord, that our style and our missionary options inspire young people to fulfil their projects of life and mission in communion with the Church.

Wake up in every young person the desire to live the generosity of your love and dedication for the vulnerable situations of humanity.

We ask this, through the intercession of Mary, always faithful at the call of God, and of Blessed Joseph Allamano who instilled in us the courage to answer your call. Amen