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 Today we began our *Continental Meeting for the Apostolate-Economy for Europe and Quebec, Canada.* Participating in the encounter are 37 sisters, all of whom are convinced that this step, centered on our mission, will be enlightened by the power of the Spirit who is guiding the Daughters of St. Paul to redesign the apostolate in the light of our charism and draw up a *Global Apostolic Project for the Continent.*

The Meeting opened with a solemn Eucharistic Celebration presided over by Bishop Paul Tighe, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, who emphasized the aspects of testimony and authenticity in carrying out our mission–both powerful and effective conditions for leading people to Jesus.

In her opening address, Sr. M. Antonieta Bruscato, Superior General, invited us to *convert ourselves to hope,* in gratitude to God for having received, like Paul, the grace of the apostolate. Sr. Battistina Capalbo, our facilitator, fostered this hope by reviewing with us our journey of redesigning our presences up to this point and then proceeded to point us toward the proximate future, which will be characterized by preparations for our 10th General Chapter (2013). Afterward, she described the methodology we will be using to carry out our work in the coming days.

This was followed by the "masterly" report of the Superior General, entitled, *"Woe to us if we do not Evangelize!"* Her talk focused on several elements of the Pauline mission, which is founded on "pillars" destined to endure through the centuries. She explained how our mission today is facing a number of challenges that can be welcomed as stimuli to help us reinvigorate the freshness and vitality characteristic of our foundational period.

Thank you, sisters, for your many prayers and for all the messages you have sent us. You can follow our activities via our website, paoline.org, which offers you pictures and other resources, and through which you can communicate with us. See you tomorrow!