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# **Letter from the Prelate (1 October 2019)**

As October 2nd approaches, the Prelate invites us to foster optimism and initiative in the divine adventure of bringing Christ to all men and women.

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My dear children: may Jesus watch over my daughters and sons for me!

During September in Rome we dedicated some days to reflecting on the need for and challenges of

Christian formation in our day and age. Among other aspects, we recalled our Father's conviction that the formation given in Opus Dei should be aimed at "forming Christians filled with optimism and drive who are capable of living their divine adventure in the world" (*Letter*, 2 October 1939).

Let us live—and help others to live—with the hope-filled *optimism* of knowing that we are not relying only or mainly on our own poor strength, but on God's grace (cf. *Mt* 28:20). Let us act with *drive*, not giving in to inertia, and being ever attentive to the voice of the Holy Spirit (cf. *2 Cor* 3:6). Thus we can set forth each day, with holy daring, on the *adventure* of bringing Christ's friendship to all men and women in the context of ordinary life (cf. *Mk* 16:15).

Now as we draw near to a new 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, these considerations can

help us to continue fostering in ourselves and in many other persons optimism and drive in undertaking the adventure of putting Christ at the summit of all human activities.

Finally, I ask you to pray for the fruit of the Extraordinary Missionary Month that Pope Francis has convoked and for the Synod of Bishops which will begin within a few days in Rome.

Your Father blesses you with all his affection,

Rome, 1 October 2019