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Blessed Alvaro del Portillo, was an exemplary bishop and priest who served the Church at all times. In this Jubilee year convoked by Pope Francis, dedicated to Hope with the motto "Pilgrims of Hope", we want to highlight in this Newsletter how he lived this virtue.

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Vibrant with Hope, in the mid-1980s St. John Paul II invited the Church to a renewed missionary thrust. Don Alvaro immediately echoed this desire. On 25th December 1985, he wrote a pastoral letter to the faithful of the Prelature, urging them to collaborate with all their might in this task, especially in Europe, the United States and Canada.

He urged each and every one to consider how to carry the light of Christ in their own sphere: in their own home, in their manual or intellectual profession, in the world of culture, in university life, in professional, political and trade union organisations, in the means of social communication (television, press, radio, cinema, etc.), in all the honest activities of civil society.

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