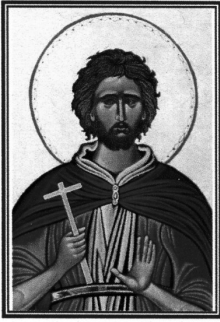


Letter to the Pope from the Father Director
On behalf of the Members of the Fraternity



The Fraternity of St Genesis

A FAMILY OF PRAYER FOR ACTORS, ACTRESSES AND THOSE INVOLVED IN
THE THEATRICAL AND CINEMATIC ARTS

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Most Holy Father,

On behalf of the *Fraternity of St Genesis*, I would like to extend our most cordial greetings and filial affection to You, and to offer, as a token of our esteem on this our first official pilgrimage to the tombs of the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and to that of our patron, St Genesis of Rome, this image of our martyr saint.

Our association was founded in January 2007 as a means of uniting the faithful in a family of prayer and support for the men and women of the theatrical and cinematic arts, and of offering ourselves to serve the Church in the renewal of culture. Inspired by the life, example and teaching of Your venerable predecessor, the Servant of God, Pope John Paul II, and by Your own teachings, and drawing on the vocation of the laity to preach Christ in the world and to have a fraternal concern for our brothers and sisters in the Mystical Body of Christ, we hope to do a little good for those who have found their vocation in the arts and media; to help them see the great privilege which is theirs and indeed, also the great responsibility. Our primary means of doing this is through prayer and sacrifice while invoking the intercession of St Genesis, the patron of the theatrical and cinematic arts.

Founded in the Diocese of Meath (Ireland) we sought the approval of our bishop, Bishop Michael Smith, and he has since recognized us as a private association of Christ's Faithful within the diocese. At the moment our membership numbers over three hundred in six countries, and while still small, the Fraternity is growing.

Be assured, Holy Father, of our obedience, and of special remembrance in the prayers of the Fraternity, and of our willingness to engage in whatever forms of apostolate You may deem necessary for the evangelization of the arts in our time. We humbly ask that You may remember our Fraternity and its work in Your prayers, and we reverently request Your Apostolic Blessing.

May God preserve Your Holiness.

Yours, in the Lord,

Rev. John Hogan.
Father Director

Letter from the Vatican to the Father Director
On behalf of the Holy Father



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From the Vatican, 18 November 2008

Dear Father Hogan,

The Holy Father wishes me to express his gratitude for your kind letter and gift which you gave him on behalf of the Fraternity of Saint Genesius. He also appreciates the sentiments which prompted you to write to him.

His Holiness will remember you and your associates in his prayers. Invoking upon all of you joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ, he cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing.

Yours sincerely,

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