



Faith and Light

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Dear friends,
At this beginning of the year, I am sending you my best wishes for 2018, a year that is going to be full of developments and changes. Indeed, we are going to experience an extraordinary event in July in Lebanon, an event that I wish full of joy and hope. However, it is not yet time to take stock, there is still much to do between now and then! I still do not feel ready to stop and reflect on the road travelled since 2008. However, I am preparing myself spiritually at this stage and I would like to share with you my feelings on what will be this transit time by meditating on the Gospel of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple that we will soon be celebrating.

Present on that day, a young couple coming to present their first born son in order to dedicate him to the Lord and two "elders", Simeon and Anna. I happily picture myself (and with much boldness!) in this Simeon and I see Anne-Marie in the character of the prophet Anna (Anne-Marie is however not a widow and a lot younger!); the couple are our young replacements, newly elected, coming to give thanks with us for our movement, Faith and Light, still small, but full of promise and future.

I realise that I have to be able to express myself like Simeon before the infant Jesus giving thanks to God for all that I have experienced during these ten years: *Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word.* I will bless them but I will also have to say to the person replacing me that the road can at times be tough and littered with pitfalls. And with the help of the Lord, great and beautiful things can be achieved.

Anne-Marie, like the prophet Anna, will proclaim the praises of God and will speak of Faith and Light to all those who await consolation from the Lord due to their child having an intellectual disability.

The young parents will return home and will take care of this child who has been entrusted to them: they will do it so well that we will be able to say that Faith and Light is growing and strengthening, filled with wisdom because the favour of God is upon it.

Happy Feast of Light to each one of the communities in your provinces! Let us pray for all those who will be called to serve our movement during the next five years, may they know that I am praying from now for them without knowing them and that I will continue to do so when I am able to identify them by their names and faces.

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