

“Rediscovering the reasons for our existence”

(October 1961 editorial)

October: new start for team life, even if team life was hardly interrupted. Be on your guard against auto-piloting, routine. Renew your commitment with a clear mind, sincerity; rediscover the reasons for the existence of team life.

WE FORM A TEAM:

Because on the last day of his life, during his last conversation with his apostles, Jesus Christ revealed his most secret wish: “*May they all be one, ...I have given them the glory you gave to me that they may be one as we are one. With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you love me” (Jn 17: 21-23).*

... and because, as disciples of Christ, we intend to respond to his wish.

WE FORM A TEAM:

Because we believe that Jesus Christ is still in the world, that he works unseen, mysteriously and tirelessly to conquer, to take hold and bind to himself men and women so as to fulfil the task the Father has given him to do: the great Unity of all creatures in himself.

... and because we want to join the game, co-operate in his work, “*bring everything together under Christ*” (Eph 1: 10).

WE FORM A TEAM:

Because we believe that it is not enough to aspire to total Unity, to be moved at the thought of the reconciliation of all Christians, to expect that the forthcoming Council (2nd Vatican Council) will contribute to this reconciliation, but that it will make us *build* Unity, *bring about unity* wherever it is within our reach, where it depends directly on us.

This awareness is guarantee of the quality of our wish for a wider unity.