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Señor Santiago,

This evening we, the members of our lay organization, which is called el “Apostolado Militar internacional”, come to salute You respectfully, with awe and to pray to you. Fifty years ago AMI, as we call it, was founded here.

We are soldiers from different nations worldwide and different cultures, but united in our Christian faith and thoroughly persuasion of serving within our respective Armed Forces for a just and good cause as it is stated in “Gaudium et Spes”, where it is declared, ”Those too who devote themselves to the military service of their country should regard themselves as the agents of security and freedom of peoples. As long as they fulfil this role properly, they are making a genuine contribution to the establishment of peace.” (GS 79).

Yes, we know the question open is, what are 50 years in relation to thousands as far as remains the question what did mankind do up to now to create a better world for all people?

Señor Santiago, all these questions form the background that we AMI, gather here, where you found your last rest, at the place AMI was founded 50 years ago. Our conference will discuss the question “Gaudium et Spes and Nostra Aetate and the need for interreligious dialogue for Catholics” from a military point of view.

We pray to you, as the apostle of the warriors, that peace may be possible for all of us.

We pray to you to support and help us that our conference, taking place on the field of stars, shall enable a further contribution to foster or re-establish peace on earth, to make possible justice and a peaceful development of all societies.

Should we unfortunately have to fight please give us the strong will and force to differentiate between right and wrong and to behave like right Christians and soldiers.

We even will not forget people not believing in God or do it otherwise, and hopefully it will be possible to open their eyes for the luck and happiness, God Jesus Christ is promising to us when following him.

Besides we pray for our families, friends, people we know, because we recognize that peace within families and friends is the first step to a just peace.

Where ever and whenever war is waged it is first humanity suffering the most. That not it shall happen we are working for.

At least please, Señor Santiago, help us to make possible a success of our conference and give all of us inner strength to follow the word of God.

Amen