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Dear Sisters,

The General Council, in communion with SEDOS and the Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles (OLA), invites the entire Congregation to pray for the release of the students and staff members abducted in Nigeria on November 21, 2025, from the St. Mary's Catholic primary and secondary schools in Papiri. These schools belong to the Diocese of Kontagora and are managed by the Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles. While fifty students managed to escape, around 265 children and staff members are still missing, including students as young as five. The OLA Sisters invite us to unite in intercession for the liberation of the Papiri School Community.

Here is an excerpt from the message of Sister Mary Barron, Superior General of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles:

«We believe that the strength of our communion, expressed through prayer and solidarity, can bring hope to those who suffer and hasten the day of freedom for these children and their teachers. I humbly ask you to join us in this initiative:

- Please remember the Papiri School Community in your personal and communal prayers.
- Share this intention with your networks, so that the cry of the Church may rise together.
- Stand with us in hope, trusting that God hears the cry of the poor and will not abandon his children.
- Share widely our Advent Mantra: "Come, Lord Jesus, save your children and warm the hearts of the violent to peace. Amen." »