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Letter of gratitude for the support to 'Breathing Together' Prayer Vigil

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Dear Fathers,

Greetings from SJES – Rome !

From the depth of our hearts, all of us at SJES would like to express our sincere gratitude to each one of you: Presidents of Conferences, Provincials, Socii and the communication teams for your help and support in making the Global Ignatian Prayer Vigil '**Breathing Together**' a unique and a fruitful experience for everyone. This would not have been possible without your interest, commitment and contribution.

To give you a general idea, there were more than 16,000 people, communities, families, youth groups who participated on the live event at the three times-zones in English and Spanish, and later on, in the first 48 hours. Many Jesuits, religious communities and families seemed to have joined in the vigil together. This number will certainly increase in the coming days/weeks with the clean version of the videos already uploaded in the YouTube channel of the Society of Jesus (jesuits.global).

In English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fEkODqXm9yA>

In Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-KMXTc1AGE>

We have received great appreciation from many for the opportunity to listen to many testimonies of indigenous people from the three lungs of the earth and to add their personal reflections and prayers through 'chat' during the streaming. Many have also shared that they experienced a unique moment of inter-connectivity not only among us humans but also with the entire creation especially the three lungs; experienced the unity in diversity with excellent images, music and time for silence and prayer. The call to commitment at personal, communitarian and institutional levels remains a challenge for every one of us.



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The vigil has once again revealed the people's hunger for spiritual communion and prayer. I believe that this gives us a new opportunity and an invitation to what we can achieve when we act together as an apostolic body. My hope and desire is that we continue building on the energy generated through the vigil, as we deepen our life-mission along with the four Universal Apostolic Preferences during the Ignatian Year.

If you have any thoughts or reflections on the Vigil, we would be happy to receive them.

With gratitude and best wishes,

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