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**Monsieur José María Cabezudo**  
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Dear Mr Cabezudo

Thank you very much for your message you sent me at the occasion of commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the European Confederation of Jesuit Alumni/ae.

It seems very important to me that you met in Rome at the same time as the heads of government signed the European Constitution. As President you will take into account that if the different associations and federations worked closely together, all women and men who went to a Jesuit college could cooperate to insure that Europe becomes more human, more united, more equitable, more engaged and free.

In your capacity as leader, I ask you to take up the challenge, that all the alumni/ae ask themselves the ignatian questions you formulated so well in your letter: what did we do during the last 50 years? What are we doing now? What will we do in the future?

The meeting of such a big group of young alumni/ae must have been a great pleasure for you. It has at least been so for me. Our task is to permit now the young alumni/ae to work at full capacity within the Confederation and to make use of their talents, ideas and dynamism.

My delegate and the World Confederation, Father Pierre Salembier, spoke about the leading role of Father Rotsaert, President of the Conference of European Provincials. I would be grateful if you could keep Father Rotsaert informed about the meetings of the Confederation and the working program. I also suggest inviting him at the Congress in Lisbon.

I take note of the clear description of the five points giving you the opportunity to make more transparent the work done by the alumni/ae in Europe.. There is no doubt, that putting your work in appearance will help you to determine the specific theme for your Congress in Lisbon. **Bin mir nicht sicher komische Französisch.** Would you please send me this theme to give me the opportunity to prepare a message to the participants at your congress..

Thank you very much indeed for the message you sent me. I appreciated your wish to accept the leadership of the European Confederation of Jesuit Alumni/ae. My more sincere wish is that God bless the work you do to promote Jesuit education.

Yours sincerely

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