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Integration of continent must soon be achieved

On May 18, Prof. Adan Chávez, a teacher of physics at a Venezuelan university and the brother of Lt. Col. Hugo Chávez Frías, leader of the rebellion against Venezuela President Carlos Andrés Pérez on Feb. 4, gave the following message to the founding conference of the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSI) in Tlaxcala, Mexico on May 18-22.

I am very pleased, tremendously moved to be in this meeting with you. I am grateful for the invitation extended by the *compañeros* in Venezuela, from the office in Caracas.

It truly is an indescribable experience: For the first time I have felt—with the contact with you, in feeling the grasps of your hands, the embraces of solidarity which you have been offering since our arrival yesterday afternoon—I have felt for the first time, in truth, the people of Ibero-America as a single heartbeat. That is truly indescribable and priceless. I want you to receive a greeting, a great Bolivarian salute from my brother, Hugo Rafael Chávez Frías, Commander Chávez Frías, and all the other commanders, officers, and subalterns that are jailed in the prisons of Venezuela for the action they undertook on Feb. 4.

It is a Bolivarian and revolutionary greeting, and a greeting of hope, a shout of hope for all the peoples of Ibero-America and the world, with the certain confidence that we will truly achieve what has been talked about this morning, that is the integration of Ibero-America to save our nations from disaster.

I will read two documents prepared by the military men involved in the action of Feb. 4. One of them is a summary of the philosophical basis of the Revolutionary Bolivarian 200 movement, as the movement they lead is named, and the other is a sort of presentation that my brother drafted specifically for this moment with the desire of making our position very clear, because in this movement there are not only the imprisoned military men, there are military men who are not in prison, there is a great civic movement, in which I fortunately find myself, and there is also a great number of religious people, so to speak. That is, our movement is a civic-military-religious movement, the Bolivarian Revolutionary Movement 200, as it is called.

Through the national and international press, you may have noted that there has arisen, as always happens in these cases, as has happened with other movements, attempts by the enemy to distort the philosophical, political, economic, cultural, moral, etc., stance of the movements that are devel-

oping among those people of Ibero-America. Thus, with the aim of making clear what is the stance of our movement, I will read these two working papers. With that [I express] the wish—as I already feel it inside and as I have told some of you with whom I have been able to talk in the few hours we have been here, I feel that there are many points of convergence in all these movements that are coming into being—that we will soon achieve, within a very short period of time, the great integration of Ibero-America.

'Our struggle is against the power of darkness'

Dom Manuel Pestana Filho, diocesan bishop of Anapolis, Brazil, sent the following message to the participants in the MSI conference.

Brothers and sisters:

"At the heart of each political, economic, human problem, there is a religious, metaphysical, problem," said De Maistre, if I recall correctly.

For St. Paul, our struggle is not against the flesh and the blood, but against the power of darkness (Eph. 6:12).

St. John situated this better than anyone, by confronting in his visions the bloody and unceasing struggles of evil against the good.

We live in a truly apocalyptic era, in which the enemy of God attempts through all means to destroy man, image and likeness of the Creator.

Only the implacable hatred against Him explains the diabolical and systematic dismantling of all the Christian values that have always favored the greatness and elevation of man.

Politics, economics, science, communications, and leisure today know only one light: the black sun of Satan.

Those who have undertaken the joyous initiative of convening this congress, do good by calling on all men of goodwill, on those who do not adore the beast and who have not allowed themselves to be marked with its name and number, to join forces in the faith and in courage, to awaken our poor and wretched humanity from the suicidal stupor that is leading it quietly to the slaughterhouse.

It is urgent to heed the call of the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, to regain Latin America, hope of the world, for the Christian world.

Let us defend its people and all its cultural and religious patrimony, from those who hate the poor and despise the Third World, to the extent that they dream of destroying it through an implacable and true genocide, so that it does not disturb their sleep, but, instead, increase their wealth and power.

May the Lord God of the Hosts of Mary, she who crushed the head of the serpent, light, guide, and protect your struggle for God and the faith.