



## SC INTERAMERICA



**The regional congress is convened by the world council, in the person of the world councillor for the region, and it can be elective or be the subject of deepening of themes for the development of the Salesian charism and of the Association.**

Good morning my dear brothers and sisters, it is a joy for me to share with you this opportunity to meet in such a way that we can see each other and greet each other taking advantage of this possibilities that new technologies give us, despite still being in a pandemic which prevents us from meeting in person.

In addition to meeting as a family that shares this vocation, we also echo our PAL, article 16 of the Regulations, in its sub-titles 2 and 3, by coming together to form ourselves.

This regional formative congress is part of the series of congresses convened by the world council and organized in each of the regions that make up the Association of Salesian Cooperators.

We feel blessed to have the participation of members of the World Council, Antonio, our world coordinator, Raul, the World Formation Councillor as speakers and all of you, Cooperators, Delegates, aspirants and sympathizers from the 9 Provinces and 13 countries that make up the Inter-American Region.

I thank all those who have made this congress possible, the Central North American province, our hosts, the translators, both of documents and the event itself, to those who support us in all that is technical, before, during and after the congress, as well as Martín Calderón, the regional councillor for formation who has so efficiently organized everything for all.

I hope that it will be a beautiful meeting and that it will motivate us to grow in our personal and community formation in order to be able to render a better service to God and to our preferred recipients.

A big hug to all of you. May the spirit of God guide and enlighten us, may Mary Help of Christians assist us and may Don Bosco accompany us!

Welcome.

Francisco Martin Burciaga

World Coordinator for the Inter-American Region