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The Provincial Delegate of Past Pupils/FMA and SSCC

The Animators of ADMA

Dearest Sisters,

I greet you with great affection and with the wish to make our own the words of St. Paul, in the liturgy of the upcoming Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: *that Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts, and so, being rooted and grounded in love, you will be able to comprehend, with all the saints, the breadth and length, height and depth, and to know the love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.* Only through this experience and these encounters, can we live our Salesian consecrated life from the body of *Da mihi animas cetera tolle.*

The purpose of this communication is to present to you, with joy and hope, the Plan for the Salesian Family Setting. It is important to share the premise that it is a framework for the Setting Plan.

Premise

The identity and role of the Salesian Family Setting is specified clearly in the Constitutions, recently modified in CG XXIII Article 129 bis:

The Salesian Family Councilor offers guidelines for the Institute given its original contribution – feminine and Marian – for growth in communication and collaboration in the Salesian Family.

Accompanies, with particular attention to, the Association of Past Pupils, because they carry the responsibility and autonomy of their lay vocation.

Shares, together with the Salesians of Don Bosco, the animation of the Association of Salesian Cooperators and the Association of Mary Help of Christians.

Our animation within the Scope of the Salesian Family addresses the Inspectorate with its council, and, specifically, the head of the Salesian Family, the Provincial Delegate of the Past Pupils Associations/of the FMA, SSCC, and the ADMA Animators Association.

The World Delegate of Past Pupils/the FMA and SSCC pay particular attention to the Confederation Council of Past Pupils/the FMA and the SSCC World Council, as well as the Provincial Delegate of these associations.

Planning for the Salesian Family Setting seeks to:

- Follow the *Programming* Council's choices (paths) and in concrete actions with the spirit and lines marked by the GC XXIII as it relates to the Salesian Family and Associations (Past Pupils/the FMA, SSCC, ADMA).
- Maintain the most important aspect of our animation as FMA at the associations, namely: training and vital care for deepening the charism.
- Make visible our feminine and Marian contribution to the Salesian Family.
- Network, specially with SDB.
- Grow in the Institute a sense of "shared mission with the laity" and the validity of our Association vision of evangelization of socializing as the principal natural network.
- Highlight the vocational perspective, with the Salesian Family as a natural end of the path to the PG, and as an opportunity to engage the laity and awaken in them the different vocations in the wide range offered by different groups of the Salesian Family.
- Synergize with others in the Field at points where relationships and interactions are possible, depending on the nature of the Salesian Family Setting.

Dear sisters, we are born of the heart of Don Bosco as a "charismatic family," with laity and religious together, for the benefit of young people, and we are deeply convinced that the new horizon of the Church in the future of Salesian charism as the *Salesian Family*, as Pope Francis wrote us, enshrined in the letter written for the Year of Consecrated Life: *With this letter, as with consecrated people, I turn to the laity who, with the consecrated, share ideals, spirit, and mission.*

With much confidence and hope, we leave this in your hands, so that it can inspire your plans. The "charismatic family" impulse will surely be a wonderful gift to offer Don Bosco in his Bicentenary, and for the Church, called to restore its face, given by the Spirit at Pentecost, and with a strong drive for evangelization and communion among all its members.

Help of Christians, Mother and Guide for our Family, give us the creativity and courage to live our dream and that of our Founders.

With the Mother and the Councilors, we greet you,

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