

Transcript of the introductory video of Don Angel Fernandez Artime, Rector Major, and Antonio Boccia, World Coordinator

My dear Salesian Confreres and Cooperators around the world,

I greet you today, in the heart of a wonderful assembly of Salesian Cooperators, precisely in Malaga, Spain - also very close to the World Coordinator Antonio Boccia - and I do so to remind and encourage you about the reality of the three-year period that we are rightly beginning as Salesians. Cooperators, you are beginning - and I with you - a three-year period to arrive at the celebration of your 150th anniversary. It is the right time to remember the beautiful journey of the very dream that Don Bosco always had for you in his heart. It is a time to express also a present reality - a reality that has so much light, so many beautiful things - and at the same time to plan a future to think about how the Salesian Cooperators of today's world must, out of fidelity to the Lord Jesus and in the footsteps of Don Bosco, respond in a world that is certainly very different from the world of yesterday.

I must congratulate all of you for embarking on this three-year journey to arrive at a wonderful celebration for the 150th anniversary of an extraordinary ecclesial and Family reality.

God bless you. I pray for you. The Help of Christians undoubtedly protects the Salesian Cooperators of the world.

See you soon.

[Don Angel]

Dear Salesian Cooperators from all over the world,

Today we begin this three-year journey that will take us to 2026 when it will be 150 years since our association was approved by the Holy See. It is a long Way that has marked many transformations of the association because Don Bosco thought of us as external Salesians - and as external Salesians, we live in the world. Over these 150 years, the world - the societies of the various parts of the various nations - have changed.

Our task is to live the present by looking to the future but above all remembering the origins. This is the journey that we will make in these three years and therefore all the Salesian Cooperators will be protagonists.

A big hug. We will keep in touch with the information that comes from time to time.

Ciao

[Antonio]