

Every year the groups of the Salesian Family have the opportunity to meet and reflect on an important issue.

I propose to start from the Strenna of the Rector Major: adhering to this proposal, we also show that we recognize the Rector Major as "centre of unity of the whole Family". With this year's Strenna, he proposes to the Salesian Family to focus our attention on a particular aspect of the Salesian mission. At the beginning of the spirituality Days, I would suggest that we appreciate the Rector Major's proposal, starting from now.

Basically, we are called upon to listen to others. In these days, we can put this listening into practice, discovering more the originality of various groups of the Salesian Family present in the spirituality days. Let us listen attentively to the word that describes the life of each of these groups. A careful look and generous sharing among us will make this vital listening possible. Let's get out of us and see what others are telling us!

The Rector Major also invites us to become experts in the accompaniment of others. The complementarity of our groups becomes an excellent opportunity to understand what accompaniment means and how we can do it in our daily lives. We need others to grow and enrich our own Salesian charismatic experience and that of our group. We welcome many opinions that will be expressed here these days. Let us take to heart the answers we will receive to our questions and, above all, to our challenges. Let us accompany others and allow others to accompany us!

In conclusion: we listen, accompany and let ourselves be accompanied to make decisions that are more consistent with our own lives and our group. In these days, we can better understand how sharing is of decisive importance in responding to the permanent call of the Spirit. Communion among us can be the final destination of a journey with serene listening and a wise accompaniment. The maturing of this experience leads us to pray together, reflect together, form together, celebrate the feast together, thus responding together to the mission received from God. By doing so, the central objective of the spirituality days will become a reality in these days. Let us commit ourselves to a solid experience of communion!

These spirituality days can help us make sure that the Strenna becomes a reality. The experience of listening, accompaniment and making the appropriate decisions will allow us to better understand that we need the living water that God offers us, which often comes to us through others. We are lucky to belong to a Family like the Don Bosco Family that brings us so much water!

Let us place these Days in the hands of Our Lady Help of Christians, permanent bearer of the water of Life.

Hearty Welcome and let us have fruitful Days!

Don Eusebius Muñoz Sdb
Delegate of the Rector Major for the Salesian Family