

THE REGULATIONS OF THE LOCAL COMMISSION OF THE SALESIAN FAMILY, SOUTHERN ITALIAN PROVINCES

The Common Identity Card, and the Common Mission Statement, together with all the other talks of the Rector Major, and of his Vicar, encourage us to live at different levels (world, province, and local) this experience of the Consulta of the Salesian Family for the purpose of deepening this very same spirit among all the groups of the family, to grow in dialogue and in communion, and to motivate us in our mission to the young.

At the present moment, January 2009, the groups of the Salesian Family which are present in southern Italy (Naples for both the SDB and the FMA Provinces) are:

The Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB)
The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA)
The Salesian Cooperators (SSCC)
The Association of Mary Help of Christians (ADMA)
The Past Pupils of Don Bosco (EX.SDB)
The Past Pupils of the FMA (EX.FMA)
The Volunteers of Don Bosco (VDB)
The Salesian Oblates of the Sacred Heart (SOSC)
The Apostles of the Holy Family (ASF)
The Witnesses of the Resurrected One (TR)
The Congregation Priests of St. Michael the Archangel (CSMA)

The provincial level Consulta of the Salesian Family fosters the experience of the local commission through dialogue and in synergy with the other bodies of ecclesial animation and suggests the territorial region for the local commission.

The local commission is not a substitute for other bodies such as the educating community, for the FMA, or the EPC, for the SDB, or of a non-Salesian parish. It supports the vocational identity of the individual groups and encourages their unique involvement in apostolic action.

The present regulation accompanies the life and the action of the local commission.

1. The local Salesian Family Commission

Within the territorial region suggested by the provincial Consulta, there exist three or more groups of the Salesian Family constituting the local commission, with the presence of at least one of the groups founded by Don Bosco himself, SDB, the FMA, and the ASC.

2. The purposes of the local commission

- ❖ The purpose of the local commission is to be at the service of the groups of the Salesian Family present in the area indicated by the provincial Consulta, even when their headquarters or their activities are not linked to an SDB or FMA work. It proposes common initiatives of study about Don Bosco and his spirituality for the purpose of deepening our foundational work and to take on his criteria of pastoral action.
- ❖ It promotes a mutual understanding among the groups of each one's vocational identity, history, and significant experiences of Salesian commitment. It values the celebration of both the individual and the shared anniversaries as occasions perfectly suited for acquiring and deepening such knowledge.
- ❖ It organizes common formative experiences (encounters for study, for spirituality, and for prayer, and spiritual exercises...) and it suggests to the ecclesial community to which it has reference (the educating community, the EPC, the diocese, or the non-Salesian parish) apostolic initiatives and the study of the reality of the young.
- ❖ It encourages the involvement of all the groups in the educative pastoral project of the Salesian works, and of the ecclesial communities to which it has reference, with particular attention given to the educational and evangelizing dimension.
- ❖ It encourages and coordinates contact and relationships of each group with their pastors, and with the local church bodies, and those forces and civil society that are concerned with mission to the young, even with the view towards creating an educational pastoral project of its own as Salesian Family.

3. Members of the local commission

the following members comprise the local commission:

- a) the SDB director
- b) the FMA animator
- c) the local coordinator of the ASC
- d) the local president of the EX.DB
- e) the local president of the EX.FMA
- f) the leaders of the other groups of the FS
- g) the local SDB and FMA delegates for the ASC and for the EX.DB and EX.FMA
- h) the local assistant to ADMA and the VDB

For groups, D, E, and F, the leader, as is needed, can be represented by another member of the same group.

4. Presidency and coordination of the local commission

The SDB director, the FMA animator, and the local Coordinator of the ASC constitute the presidency. The coordination of the local commission is entrusted in turn to one of the three, ordinarily for a year, and in the order SDB-FMA-ASC, even in the case of more than one SDB or FMA community or ASC center. Coordination always falls to the local ASC coordinator in the absence of the SDB and the FMA.

If the local commission is not yet established, the provincial Consulta states who will promote it.

5. The tasks of the coordinator of the local commission

- He convokes the meetings of the local commission and coordinates its work.
- He writes up the agenda in agreement with the presidency, where it is established, or with the other members of the local commission.
- He guarantees the carrying out of the proposals and of the guidelines of the local commission.
- He maintains the relationships with the other animating bodies.

6. Meetings of the local commission

The meetings of the local commission take place near its headquarters, as indicated from time to time by the Consulta itself.

The local commission ordinarily gets together every four months.

The decisions, taken by means of an absolute majority, commit the individual groups to carrying them out.

7. Verifica of the present regulations

The present regulations, unanimously approved by the provincial Consulta on June 29, 2008, are to be lived *ad experimentum* during 2009 and 2010.