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## **REPORT OF THE CONFEDERAL PRESIDENT TO THE ACCOUNT ON MANAGEMENT OF THE SIX-YEARS 2015-2021**

Dear Presidents,

Members of the World Confederation Mornese FMA Past Pupils.

I'm at the end of my presidency. It was an exciting and challenging experience. I had the honor and the burden of presiding over our Association in dramatic years for the Association itself, for the world, and for each of us

I would have liked to do more and better, but I am proud to leave our Association in better conditions than I found it in 2015.

This report is different from the ones I have made every year since 2015 for the approval of the annual budgets... today it will be the task of the new Confederal Council to outline future programs.

My report intends to present to you, the Presidents of the member Federations, the main problems we have faced in recent years, the results obtained, and those that we still have to achieve.

I have divided the report into three parts:

- the first is dedicated to the rationalization and simplification of the central and peripheral Organization and the financial situation;
- the second to associative life: formation and communication;
- the third to the renewal of the Association in the face of the challenges of the third millennium.

### **1. Rationalization and simplification of the central and peripheral Organization and the financial situation**

I found myself applying a new Statute approved during the V Ordinary Assembly of August 2015 which did not substantially present important major structural organizational changes, with some variations within the limits of the elective mandates and the introduction of the Institute's members by right with the right to vote as well as with the indications for the formation of the statutes of Federations and Unions.

By virtue of Article 14.11 of the Statute, which indicates the tasks of the Confederal Councilors, the Federations of territorial competence were entrusted to each of them so that they could be the intermediary with the Confederal Council and at the same time carry out specific tasks such as knowledge of the Federations themselves, support activities, and participate in their events, then reporting, at least twice a year on the activities carried out in the area of competence. This happened on time in the years preceding the pandemic event, in the presence and then online.

The distribution of the various Federations of the world to the various Councilors is highlighted:

**Initials of zones to which they belong**

## Overseas Councilors

<p><b>Marcela Aman America</b> Cono South</p>	<p>URU - Uruguay PAR - Paraguay CIL - Chile ABA - Argentina - Buenos Aires ABB - Argentina - Bahia Blanca ARO - Argentina - Rosario</p>
<p><b>Maria Carmen Castillon</b> North, Central America, and Caribbean</p>	<p>ANT - Antille CAM - Central America North CAR - Central America South CND - Canada HAI - Haiti MME - Mexico Mexico MMO - Mexico Monterrey SUA - United States East SUO - United States West</p>
<p><b>Magali Saavedra</b> America Bolivarian countries</p>	<p>CMM - Colombia BOL - Bolivia CBC - Colombia Bogotà CBN - Colombia Bogotà CMA - Colombia ECU - Ecuador PER - Perù VEN - Venezuela</p>
<p><b>Note Wongpradu</b> <b>Manasawee</b> East Asia</p>	<p>THA - Thailand VTN - Vietnam GIA - Japan FIL - Philippines CMY - Cambodia- Myanmar</p>
<p><b>Estima Maranhão M. Ines</b> Brazilian America</p>	<p>BBH - America Belo Horizonte BCB - Brazil Cuiabà BCG - Brazil Campo Grande BMA - Brazil and Manaus L.V. BMT - Brazil Manaus S.T. BPA - Brazil Porto Alegre BRE - Brazil Recife BRJ - Brazil Rio De Janeiro BSP - Brazil San Paolo</p>

<p><b>Mutita Clotilde</b> Africa</p>	<p>AFC - Central Africa RDC - Congo Guinea-Congo Brazzaville-Camerun (French) AFE - East Africa - Kenya - Ruanda – Tanzania (French) AFM - Southern Africa AFO - West Africa Mali-Togo-Benin-Ivory Coast (French) AEC - Equatorial Africa (French) MDG - Madagascar (French)</p>
<p><b>Ana de Lurdes Cala</b> Mozambique</p>	<p>MOZ - Mozambique (English - Portuguese) ANG - Angola (English) ANG - Angola (English) AES - Ethiopia – Sudan (English) AFM - South Africa (English)</p>
<p><b>Sunita D'Souza</b> Asia India</p>	<p>INB - India Bombay INC - India Calcutta ING - India Guwahati INK - India Bangalore INM - India Madras INS - India Shillong</p>

#### European Councilors - Italy

<p><b>Maria Teresa Vaghi</b> Lombardia</p>	<p>FLF - Lombardy Holy Family FLI - Lombardy Immaculate FLV - Lombardy S. Monte</p>
<p><b>Laura Pollino</b> Piemonte</p>	<p>FAL - Alessandrina FMO - Monferrina FNO - Novarese FPM - Piedmontese Mary Help of Christians FPS - Piedmontese Sacred Heart FVE - Vercellese</p>
<p><b>Olivia Furlan</b> <b>Maurizia Panzini</b> Veneto, Emilia, Liguria, Hungary</p>	<p>FVC - Veneta Queen Mother (Maurizia) FVP - Veneta Holy Angels (Olivia) FEM - Emiliana (Olivia) FLG - Ligure (Maurizia Hungary (Maurizia e Olivia)</p>
<p><b>Michele Cutro</b> Basilicata, Calabria, Puglia, Naples, Salerno</p>	<p>FEM - Southern FNA - Neapolitan Albania</p>
<p><b>Maria Rita Di Curzio</b> Lazio, Abruzzo, Toscana</p>	<p>FRA - Romana St. Agnes FRC - Romana St. Cecilia FTO - Toscana</p>
<p><b>Rosa Maria Giordano</b> Sicily, Sardegna, Malta</p>	<p>FSC - Sicula Catania FSP - Sicula Palermo FSA - Sarda Malta</p>

<p><b>Renée Seghers</b> Europa Nord Occidentale</p>	<p>AUG - Austria Germania BEG - Belgio Nord FRB - Francia Belgio Sud IRL - Irlanda</p>
<p><b>Maria Isabel Pérez Aguilera</b> Europa Penisola Iberica</p>	<p>POR - Portogallo SMA - Spagna Madrid SBA - Spagna Barcellona SLE - Spagna Leon SSE - Spagna Siviglia</p>
<p><b>Adriana Zele</b> Europa Est</p>	<p>PLA - Polonia Wroclaw PLJ - Polonia Lomianki SLC- Slovenia Croazia SLK - Slovacchia</p>

### **Headquarters staff**

Employees in 2015 consisted of 4 units with different types of part-time hours.

A study was immediately carried out on the workloads of each for a better rationalization and distribution of activities, leading over the years, to a drastic reduction in working hours and the dismissal of a human resource. The staff was in service for the Confederation until 31 December 2020 and, subsequently, passed to the economic and functional dependencies of the *Mornese Lay-Past Pupils Association* in network with the FMA in the non-profit world of the 21 Italian Federations, with the exception of a human resource that is available to work and to be paid by the Confederation for five hours a week.

### **Project PaC (Let's try to count ourselves)**

The project called PaC (Let's try to count ourselves) has been activated. With this project, a new method of collecting the data of the associates was set up by changing the old printouts and inserting new items (place and date of birth, tax code, telephone and email, profession) in order to build the "Confederal Book of Associates" as provided by the Statute at that time.

With a subsequent adaptation of the project, the data collection went from paper to digital through the reserved area inserted on the Confederation's website available to each separate Federation with a specific password. The project started in Italy and was subsequently extended to the rest of the world and entered full capacity in 2019.

The first certain data are being collected in recent years, showing for 2021 by the 21 Italian Federations 11,650 members; while for abroad, following the request of January 2021, the data are still incomplete because they have not yet reached the See from the various Federations of the world.

## Planning

In 2017, the Confederal Council sent a questionnaire to the Federation Presidents from all over the world for a greater knowledge of the reality and related problems of all Federations. The questionnaire focused on:

- a) analysis of the situation of the Federation and of the respective Unions of competence;
- b) relations within the Federation from and for the Unions;
- c) external relations (Salesian Family, etc.)
- d) issue of renewal and engagement of young people.

The questionnaires returned by the foreign Federations were few and therefore it was not possible to proceed with a total elaboration, while only those of the Italian Federations that replied in full were processed.

The most significant part for the Council was the reply to point d).

How do you deal with the issue of renewal and the engagement of young people?

It was a topic that everyone perceived as really important given the need to find new associates. As regards young people, their absence from the structures of the Federations is confirmed. Attempts made in the past do not seem to have yielded the expected results. The presence of young people in the Salesian family is currently guaranteed by the SYM which are coordinated by young religious. Even the FMA who still have schools could be an easy place to involve young people. However it is said, the pupils who leave schools are focused on other directions and do not know and do not value the past pupils association, perhaps because the association is perceived as old and with name that is not encouraging.

In light of this, the Confederal Council considered it appropriate to start a process for the renewal of the Association with an opening to the laity and changing the current name of the Association, in order to include these people, considering them, with the same conditions as the Past Pupils.

An online survey was carried out on the Survey Monkey platform for the new name proposed: "Mornese Association – Laity and Past Pupils networking with the FMA in the world"

Why the choice of "Mornese"?

Taking inspiration from the words of Mother Yvonne to the young people of the SYM in 2013, "Mornese, a sacred land; a small village where a great dream was born, as happened in Valdocco. A small strip of land in Monferrato that built a great history open to vast horizons. God has chosen this small village to create amazing wonders. God chose a simple, humble woman, Mary Domenica Mazzarello, to perform unexpected wonders for the salvation of young women. God now looks to all of you, to each and every one of you to continue to realize His dream of love for the happiness of many young people."

And Mother affirms on another occasion:

"Mornese is the symbol of the house, an icon with multiple meanings, which we intend to build in every environment where we live and work. The house represents the family spirit. A style of relationships characterized by simplicity, freshness, immediacy; a space for feelings, for the art of taking care, especially of the smallest and weakest; a place of prayer and meditation, but also an open window on the world, a missionary sending point."

360 people responded, of which:

- 183 in favor of the proposed name change
- 166 not in favor of the proposal
- 11 did not answer

Therefore the proposal was approved and thus the new denomination is: “Mornese Association Laity and Past Pupils networking with the FMA in the world”.

From a sharing with Mother General and the General Councilor for the Salesian Family, taking into account the needs expressed by other past pupils and believing that the figure of the laity and the concept of network, reductive in the title, should be better highlighted and explained in article 1 of the new Statute, the definitive name of the Association has been identified as: **World Confederation Mornese Past Pupils of the FMA.**

### **Alternation of delegates and treasurer**

In December 2015, Mother General communicated the alternation of Confederal Delegates. In fact, Sr. Gabriela Patiño took over from Sr. Maritza Ortiz.

In September 2017, following the resignation of the Confederal Treasurer, the new Confederal Treasurer was appointed in the person of Mrs. Maria Teresa Vaghi.

### **Financial Situation**

The results of the administrative management of the Confederation in the period 2015-2021 are presented.

The relative financial statements, representative of the financial and economic situation at the end of each financial year, clearly highlight the results of the management of the Confederation and of the management of the Mother Luisa Vaschetti Holiday House in Castelnuovo Nigra. Management closed in December 2016 with the return of the property to "Mary Help of Christians" Province of Turin.

Examining the economic management of the Confederation over the six-year period, a constant positive result emerges due to the cost control carried out by the Confederal Council. In total, profits of € 204,829 were achieved in the six-year period. In the year 2020, the profit was € 81,111 following the remission of the debt of € 100,000 by the FMA. The Mother General together with her Council communicated that the debt of € 100,000 contracted with the Institute in 2011 by the then pro tem president (six-year period 2009-2015) was condoned in the 2020 budget.

### **Revenues in the six-year period**

In the six-year period, the total revenues of the Confederation amounted to € 1,646,646, of which € 1,145,211 (69.5%) due to membership fees.

### **The costs over the six-year period**

The total costs in the six-year period amounted to € 1,441,817.

Highlighted:

- costs for meetings and animation equal to 196,127 euros;
- costs for the creation, publication, and shipment of the periodical “UNIONE” equal to Euro 422,459;
- administrative expenses equal to 687,288 euros;

All as better detailed in the attached prospectuses.

## **2. Associative life: formation and communication**

Right from the start, the President and the Confederal Councilors began to participate in Councils, conferences, formation encounters, seminars in their respective areas of competence.

The results have always been brought to the Confederal Council and recorded from time to time to contribute to the construction of the history of the Confederation.

By way of simplification and not exhaustive, I mention a few here:

- **1<sup>st</sup> African Congress held in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo**, from 8 to 13 March 2017, which was attended by the Confederal President, the General Councilor for the Salesian Family, and the Confederal Delegate.
- The **First Italian Convention** of Past Pupils was held in Assisi at Domus Pacis Hotel from 4 to 6 May 2018, with a theme concerning peace and precisely: "Knowing to be there, being there to do" - Past Pupils / the protagonists for peace, which saw the participation of 145 conference attendees. The following were the speakers: Prof. Stefano Zamagni, Economist; Sr. Maria Grazia Caputo, FMA, Head of the Human Rights Office in Geneva; Dr. Chiara Genisio, Deputy Vice President of the FisC; Dr. Alessandra Ferraro, RAI Piedmont-Val d'Aosta journalist; Fr. Luigi Berzano, sociologist; Dr. Enrica Giordano, Director of the School of Peace in Boves; Dr. Lucia Celesti, Ospedale del Bambin Gesù in Rome.
- The **IV American Congress** held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from 1 to 5 November 2018 on the theme: "The world of technology and communication" attended by: the Confederal President, the Confederal Councilors: Espinoza Magali Saavedra, Maria Carmen Castillon, Maria Marcela Aman, Maria Ines Estima Maranhão, Maria Isabel Perez Aguilera, the General Councilor for the Salesian Family, and the Confederal Delegate.
- **Second Asian Ordinary Congress** held in Thailand in October 2019 with the following theme: "Open mind, attentive listening: to 'create' a future of hope". The congress was attended by 95 participants from India, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Cambodia, Myanmar, Vietnam, Australia, and Thailand. At the end, the Assembly approved the Commitment Guidelines 2019-2021 summarized as: "Committed to living Salesian values in the defense of the family and in the promotion of human dignity with love". Present were the General Councilor for the Salesian Family, the Confederal Delegate, the Confederal President, the Confederal Councilor for Asia.
- **Formation meetings for the Presidents and Delegates of the Italian Federations**

The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting took place on the weekend of 16-17 February 2019 to illustrate how to use the reserved area specifically created for the computerized collection of data and for communications. There were 52 participants including Presidents and Delegates of the Italian Federations. Each President was given the guide and passwords to access the new online work procedure that made it possible to computerize all the work of the printouts.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting took place on the weekend of 30 November -1 December 2019. 57 participants were present between Federation Presidents and Delegates and, for the first time, the representatives of the Italian Provincials.

After an introduction of the theme: "Generativity as a way of being a past pupil in the Salesian Family", the modalities of application of the reform of the Third Sector for the constitution of the single Italian Federation as requested in Barcelona were presented.

This was followed by a journalist, an illustration of the changes planned for the magazine Union, the ways in which the various Federations and Unions will have to transmit the good practices of the territory.

In 2020, **4 formation days** were organized, namely: 26 September, 24 October, 21 November, and 12 December for the Presidents and Delegates of the Italian Federations and Unions.

Each time they were structured with two videoconferences, one concerning the technical aspect on various themes and the other relating to the charism with the following themes:

1<sup>st</sup> meeting (September 26)

- Dr. Luciana Negri - "Network work as a participatory process for social cohesion"
- Fr. Pascual Chavez, SDB - "TOGETHER" a journey of hope and the future

2<sup>nd</sup> meeting (October 24)

- Dr. Paola Springhetti - "Communicating the good well?"
- Sr. Eliane A. Petri, FMA - "Communication and interpersonal relationships in the Association in the light of the Salesian charism in Mornese"

3<sup>rd</sup> meeting (November 21)

- Sr. Maria Luisa and Sr. Gabriela "A charism that has been entrusted to us"
- Margherita Rossebastiano and Donata Fiore "Problems relating to the Statute of the Mornese Onlus Association"

4<sup>th</sup> meeting (December 12)

- Sr. Maria Grazia Caputo on the theme: "Lay-Past Pupils / the Present !!!"
- 15 years of solidarity, with the testimony of Sr. Aruna Castelino fma

Participation was good with an average of 130 participants per meeting expressing a favorable opinion.

### **Online meetings with the federations of the world**

From January to March 2021, online meetings were held with groups of Federations grouped according to language and geographical location. Therefore, Europe: Iberian Peninsula, Italy, North and East Europe and the Middle East; North and South America, Brazil; India and part of Asia; and Africa in order to involve the Presidents, Delegates, and Representatives of the Salesian Family about the change of the Statute of the World Confederation, the reasons for the Extraordinary Assembly of 28 March 2021, the VII International Congress as an integral part of the Ordinary Assembly of August 2021, the procedures for sending the amendments to the aforementioned Statute.

The Confederal Delegate has made animation visits to all parts of the world as a representative of the Institute and the Confederation who will illustrate you with a special report.



## **European commitment guidelines**

Two major commitments for the Confederal Council were lavished on the organization and in the conduct of the Conferences for the drafting of the European Commitment Guidelines 2016-2018 and 2019-2020. It was a different working procedure compared to the drafting of the previous guidelines which were re-elaborated by the Confederal Council after the meeting. With the help of some speakers, the final report was drafted and presented in the final assembly, shared, and approved by the participants. This made it possible to initiate a more responsible participation process and to provide technical indications for setting up participatory processes in the area of zonal and Confederal programming.

It seems to me essential to report the programmatic guidelines of the two conferences:

In that of 2016, the assembly expressed itself as follows:

- to value and encourage the work of the Federations that cascade over the Unions.
- to invite the Federations to a greater commitment in the care of the Unions by formulating with them a proposal with and for young people
- to know the associates and their skills
- to activate a network with the structures present in the area
- to work by making our identity known and then have the courage to make the associative proposal.
- to find synergies with the Institute at various levels for planning and sharing work
- to set up activities that give continuity to the year of Mercy
- to revive the Federations and Unions, doing engaging activities for young people, families and the network of the territory where we are located
- to start holding annual meetings between all the Federations of the same Province, to get to know the various realities and eventually build up a supra-zonal network.

In that of 2019 the assembly expressed itself as follows:

- Continue to create links between the Confederation, Federations and Unions.
- Identify the needs of the territory by putting in synergy the skills of each one to be present today with an eye to the future.
- Listen to young people and involve them in projects by valuing their talents.
- Ask the Institute of the FMA, where necessary, to establish a lay figure guarantor of the charism to support the Delegate.

Motions from Italy:

- The Italian Federations propose to enter the reform of the third sector in order to be recognized and operate in the territory in a juridical manner.
- Ask the Confederation to set up the Italian body.
- These participatory paths and the results of other international conferences have led the Confederal Council to rethink a new path for the Confederation.

## **Union Magazine**

In May 2019, our periodical, was posted online on the Confederation's website in Spanish, English, French, and Portuguese to reach all past pupils in the world, thus making them participate in the activities and news of the associative life of the World Confederation

Following the translation into languages of the Union magazine, the need arose to improve the quality of the magazine by making it more international. The Confederal Council, together with the Editors, had an initial exchange of views with a journalist director of the Piedmont diocesan newspaper agency, reflecting on the need to make the periodical more appropriate to the cultural and multi-religious identity of the Association and its social commitment as well as qualify itself as an opinion tool and treating problems and socio-environmental situations of the contemporary world with a Christian perspective enriched by that typical of our charism.

Following the aforementioned meeting, the Confederal Councilors agreed to make a new editorial plan using the expertise of a professional journalist identified as a professor at the UPS (Salesian Pontifical University) in Rome.

The journalist shared some paths to be taken to improve, renew and relaunch the periodical Union. She was asked to support the editorial activity, at the same time the graphics were revised and entrusted to a professional graphic designer.

In 2020, the director of Union resigned his mandate for personal reasons and therefore an adequate search was made for the replacement. In October, the new director was appointed in the person of Dr. Massimiliano Cavallo who presented adequate requirements and curriculum.

In this year, the centenary of Union magazine, a webinar was held entitled: "The value of the associative press". In fact, we wanted to reflect on the meaning that a magazine made of printed words and images can have, with its slow rhythms and also its costs, in a society accustomed to the speed of the internet and social networks, overwhelmed by communications that continually arrive from television, from the radio, and all kinds of media.

This is why we invited three directors of as many associations and the director of the Italian Federation of the Catholic Press (FISC) to meet. Each experience is different from the other, but all agreed in confirming the importance of the written word, which remains over time and which, above all, induces reflection.

"Union" remains an indispensable tool for us, both for making the Confederation grow and for communicating our vision and mission to the outside world.

### **Relations with the FMA Institute and the Salesian Family**

In accordance with art. 15 of the Statute, the Confederal Consultation was held with the Mother General with the aim of making her participate in the journey of the Association. This path was also illustrated through meetings with the Interprovincial Conferences of the Institute whose participation was entrusted from time to time to the Councilors responsible for the various areas.

Constant relationships have been maintained with the members of the Salesian Family through participation in the Consult of the Salesian Family which is held annually; likewise participation in the weeks of Salesian Spirituality;

Personally or through online greetings, the Association was present at events organized by the VDB (Volunteers of Don Bosco), Past Pupils of Don Bosco, and other groups of the Salesian Family.

### **3. RENEWAL OF THE ASSOCIATION IN THE FACE OF THE CHALLENGES OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM**

As already mentioned in 2017, a questionnaire was sent to all Federation Presidents to rethink, according to the different realities, a new design for the Confederation to be more suited to the times and allow greater management autonomy to the individual Federations in the different countries.

This intent arose from the approval in Italy of Legislative Decree no. 117/2017 "Third Sector Reform".

In the Confederal Council of March 2018, a Technical Committee was set up for a feasibility study relating to the application of the same to our Association which came to the conclusion, over the next two years, not to transform the Confederation to avoid having to subject foreign Federations to Italian limits and regulations again.

At this juncture, the Italian Federations asked to be able to set up an Entity that would group and represent them at the national legislative level according to the new rules. Therefore, on 21 September 2020 the Association for Social Promotion (APS) "Association Mornese Laity - Past Pupils networked with the FMA in the non-profit world".

Inevitably, the Statute of the Confederation also had to be adapted in terms of structure, formulation, and governance as approved in the assembly of 28 March 2021.

I would like to emphasize some particular aspects of the statute contained in Article 1 and Article 17:

- the concept of 'networking' with the FMA,
- the opening of the Association to lay people, women and men, without ethnic, social, cultural, and religious distinctions who are inspired by and adhere to the Salesian Mornese charism expressed in the Identity Document which represents the mission and vision of our Association. The identity document can be considered the updated version of the 1908 Regulation drawn up by Fr. Rinaldi, Sr. Caterina Arrighi, and the first past pupils. It is reported here in its entirety:

#### ***OUR HISTORY***

The Association of the Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA) was founded by Blessed Philip Rinaldi in Turin on March 19, 1908, with the collaboration of Sr. Caterina Arrighi.

On that date the first *Past Pupils Union of the FMA* was also officially constituted and its Regulations were approved. The Past Pupils organize with resourcefulness, works of solidarity and education to reach young people, children, mothers, workers, teachers, and peasants.

Since 1988, the Association has been part of the Salesian Family as a lay group promoted by the Institute of the FMA.

In 1990, the Association officially assumed the name of the *World Confederation of Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians*.

In 2021, it assumes the name of the World Confederation *Mornese Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians*.

Belonging to the Association means **knowing, assimilating and living** Salesian values in the style of Mornese.

## **OUR VALUES**

- **Solidarity and reciprocity** that produce mutuality, understood as a relationship of mutual support, of the exchange of resources and skills. Mutuality connotes the life of the Association both internally and in its external relations.
- **Subsidiarity** understood as closeness to citizens and communities, the ability to read and respond to social needs, to face new emergencies, making oneself available to people and institutions for their empowerment.
- **Social Participation** understood as taking part in the social reality and contributing to its improvement through one's responsible commitment.
- **Gratuity** as a distinctive element, as an impetus that leads to approaching the other in a disinterested way to promote their well-being, by significantly affecting the context.

Gratuity combined with solidarity, motivates every member of the Association to commit themselves personally and concretely to the construction of a more civil society and to the formation of "*good Christians and honest citizens*" (Don Bosco).

## **OUR PRINCIPLES**

- **Respect** for the dignity of every human person and her or his fundamental rights, regardless of religious, cultural, social, and ethnic affiliation.
- **Solidarity** as attention to the person as a whole, proximity to the needs of communities, care for the territory and common goods.
- **Liberty** both as a fundamental condition of living and sharing different experiences and skills, and as a possibility given to everyone to carry out the activities according to the aims of the Association.

Also by virtue of the Association's membership in the Salesian Family, each associate is asked to know the Charter of Identity of the Salesian Family.

I cite Article 17 of the Statute which provides in the last paragraph for the establishment of a lay contact person willing to accept a commitment of responsibility with the FMA Delegate in the animation of Unions where the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians are no longer present. It will certainly be someone who knows how to live the charism with human, Christian maturity, and passion, and who possesses a strong sense of service to the Association.

The new Statute, the Identity Document, the results of the VII International Congress: "What resilience for the Association? Challenges Paths Perspectives", which is taking place in these days, can be used as a road map to build the objectives to aspire to for the near future of our Association.

Thank you for your attention.

Maria Maghini  
Confederal President

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