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WHAT RESILIENCE FOR THE ASSOCIATION?

Challenges, paths, perspectives

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CONCLUSIONS

I thank all our speakers for their very valuable contribution to this Congress. You have given us a rich overview of the reality we are part of. It has been said and written in so many ways that the pandemic has brutally highlighted what already existed, but which we have disguised and ignored.

Now we find ourselves living a historical moment that puts humanity, that is each of us, and therefore the World Confederation, in the possibility of leaping forward to give humanity a breath of hope and of future instead of falling with increasing speed into an abyss of self-destruction.

The title of the Congress offers us the attitude with which to move forward, *resilience*, with hope that has heart, feet, hands to offer the new generations the possibility of living in a more fraternal and just world, where the value of the human person, as daughter/son of God and, therefore, daughter/son of everyone, is the goal to be achieved.

During a walk, all of us have sometimes found ourselves in the situation of having to cross a stream without a bridge, having only a few small stones under our feet to lean on, to avoid sinking. They are stones that give us security because they are stable and support us. I think this image makes us understand the path that is indispensable to take.

In front of a great river which must be crossed, I would like to point out three stones that suggest three actions to rely on to avoid sinking:

- **Taking care:** against the culture of waste and the exploitation of people, resources, and nature.
- **Sharing:** against the culture of unlimited possession of goods that belong to others by right
- **Serving:** against the culture of domination and power that forgets the dignity of others.

They are also the three attitudes, the three fundamental stones in the first Regulations of the Association and which are now present in the Identity Document. It is a suggestion that today we must recall what is essential, in order to remain faithful to the plan that God willed for us.

On these stones and with much resilience, we can face the future with hope as did Don Bosco, Mary Mazzarello, and many past pupils during the 113 years of the Association under the guidance of the Help of Christians.

It was an honor for the Association, and an enrichment for me, to have you in this Congress as participants. May God bless each and every one of you. Thank you, see you soon!

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