

STATUTE
MORNESE
WORLD CONFEDERATION
FMA PAST PUPILS

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I welcome with great joy the publication of the Statute of the Mornese World Confederation of FMA Past Pupils, the result of a long period of study and reflection, which allowed its approval by the World Assembly on 28 March 2021.

It is the response to the changed civil and social conditions, to the transformations that have taken place and are taking place in the Confederation, and is a projection towards the future. Not only was a normative, juridical document produced, but it was also intended to be a further clarification of the identity of the Past Pupil of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, a 360 degree gaze at how many refer to educational values of which we are carriers, whether they have lived for some time in our houses and have breathed and assimilated them there, or whether they are, instead, people who met us in adulthood, but felt involved in our project.

I particularly appreciated the commitment to produce, alongside the Statute proper, the *Identity Document*, a true 'identity card', the mirror in which to reflect so as to verify the authenticity of the response to the character of your networked presence with the FMA Institute and within the Salesian Family. An essential document that can be presented to those who express the desire to become part of the Past Pupils of the FMA, so that they can study it and consciously decide whether or not to join.

It also seems very important to me, the choice started in 2019 in Barcelona and now *ad experimentum*, to provide a lay referent for the areas where there are no FMA, whose task is to be a collaborator of the Delegate. This seeks to guarantee the charismatic continuity and the connection with the Federation to which one belongs.

May Mary Help of Christians continue to watch over you, dearest Past Pupils, and make you ever more a sign of her maternal presence.

Sister Yvonne Reungoat

Superior General of the FMA



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Dear Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA): it was in 2015, in the celebration of the Bicentenary of Don Bosco's birth, that I had the opportunity to address a few words to all of you on the occasion of the publication of the Statutes of the World Confederation of Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Today, six years later, with great pleasure, I turn to all of you in the presentation of the new statutes of the World Confederation, after the Congress that you recently celebrated and which proposed the new statutes, among others.

I read them with great interest, and I underline first the value and meaning of the new name of the Confederation: "World Confederation 'Mornese' – Past Pupils of the FMA." The choice made to refer to Mornese makes me think of the desire she has to express great fidelity to the Salesian charism, lived with a particular 'Mornese' note, which means: to make every part of the world where the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians are present, another Mornese, and of each of the past pupils, persons who, for the fact of carrying in their hearts the values received in formation in a Salesian FMA house, or for being "appropriately trained lay associates," they represent that human group that will commit itself to contribute to the educational mission proper to the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, also promoting the education, in particular, of women, and defending the great values of life and the family according to God's plan; also collaborating in the construction of evangelical citizenship and an ever greater social justice in the world. I understand that these great values, which are part of the Confederation's tradition, are present in the declared desire to "pursue a formative purpose and social solidarity," as expressed in the current statutes.

I particularly appreciate the strength that the current Statutes place on the identity of the Confederation and on the charismatic identity of the Salesian Family, that is, of the Family of Don Bosco. The great desire that the Confederation must gather and convene in a great movement many laypeople of this world today, identified by the Salesian charism, to carry out

a great formative and social action in our world, speaks to me of a strong desire to be ‘leaven in bread’, ‘salt of the earth and light of the world.’

I wish the Confederation all the success in this commitment, all the strength to make the journey by living a profound communion, as it already is and with the rest of the Salesian Family and invite, in ethnic and social, cultural, and religious diversity. As it is already among the members of the Confederation, to cultivate the testimony of authenticity with which the past pupils who will be part of it will live; to foster social justice and youth leadership, so typical of the Salesian charism; to always promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue; and to defend human rights, peace, and care for creation always. And all this, without a doubt, lived with a profound spirituality.

In letting yourselves be guided by this Statute, I wish you a great fidelity to the spirit of Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello and a sharing, day by day, of the human, evangelical and spiritual values of which you are bearers, as you already do. Of the education received and accepted as a lifestyle, or because of the formation sought as laypeople who adhere to a project in which they feel identified.

Mother Mazzarello accompanies you to live this commitment in the typical Mornese style.

With love and my best wishes,

Roma, August 10, 2021

Don Ángel Fernández Artime, SDB

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ángel Fdez' with a stylized flourish underneath.

Rector Major



WORLD CONFEDERATION MORNESE PAST PUPILS OF THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
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Dear Past Pupils,
With joy, I present to you the Statute of the World Confederation *Mornese* Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians approved in the Extraordinary Confederal Assembly of March 28, 2021.

An essential statute in its form and content; not subject to the Italian law of the non-profit third sector. Its members will be all the Federations in the world that identify themselves through the adherence to the Identity Document that contains the *Mission* and *Vision* of the World Confederation and the Identity Card of the Salesian Family.

The documents cited summonses the Confederation to work in a “network” with the FMA in the world, involving not only the Past Pupils in their works but also the lay people who have worked with the FMA or who known them and intend to commit themselves to the spirit of the Salesian charism of Mornese.

The new name of the Association “World Confederation *Mornese* Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians” with the icon of “Mornese” recalls the experience of Maria Domenica Mazzarello, a lay-woman deeply inserted in her context and is the horizon of reference and source of inspiration for the Confederation “today” which wants to take an active part in the significant challenges to be faced in this present historical moment.

Maria Maghini

Confederal President

STATUTE

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION

Art. 1 • Definition

The Association is promoted by the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA), or Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco. With them, the Past Pupils and lay associates form a great worldwide charismatic network. It is part of the Salesian Family in which the Rector Major, Don Bosco's successor, is the father and center of unity.

The Association is situated as the animating nucleus of the Movement that comprises, without ethnic, social, cultural, and religious distinction, Past Pupils – that is, people educated in an FMA work – and the lay associates who, duly formed, are inspired by the charism of Don Bosco. and Mother Mazzarello sharing the purposes and identity expressed in the Identity Document and the Identity Letter of the Salesian Family. The Association is called: World Confederation “Mornese” – Past Pupils of the FMA and hereinafter, in this document, called “Association.”

The Association stands in perfect, cultural, and charismatic continuity by following the Constitution's founding principles and values, which took place on March 19th, 1908, and the related reorganization, which took place on February 12th, 1990.

Art. 2 • Headquarters

The Association has its registered Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

Art. 3 • Duration

The Association has an unlimited duration.

Art. 4 • Purpose of the Association

The Association pursues formative and social solidarity purposes; it is not for profit; it is non-partisan and apolitical.

It participates in the educational mission of the FMA Institute with the Salesian Mornesian lay style that characterizes it.

It is recognized in the Identity Document and the Charter of Identity of the Salesian Family.

It is rooted in the territories in which the past pupils and laypeople are inserted.

Respecting its aims, it takes care of relations with associations, particularly with groups of the Salesian Family; collaborates with civil and ecclesial organizations, according to the principle of subsidiarity, to form “*good Christians and honest citizens*” (Don Bosco).

Art. 5 • Members

The Members of the Association are all the Federations in the world that are recognized and admitted through deliberation of the Confederal Council, who share the Association’s Purposes also through the signing of the Identity Document and complete adherence to the Charter of Identity of the Salesian Family and pay the annual membership fee.

Federations are in turn made up of Unions and/or Groups.

The Federations must assure that among the Board of Directors, with the right to vote, is a Daughter of Mary Help of Christians appointed by the Institute as its Delegate, to assure accompaniment in the tradition of Salesian Mornesian spirituality.

Federations may or may not be formally constituted according to the characteristics of each Country.

Where the Federations are formally constituted, they must be a non-profit Association in compliance with the legal system of each Country. Where the Federations are not formally established, the Associates who are part of the territory are called upon to approve a Regulation, which governs the operating procedures, and identifies a President.

The individual members of the Federations constitute the Movement of Associates. Their names will be recorded in a special register to be kept by the Confederal Council.

Art. 6 • Withdrawal

Admission to the Association cannot be made for a temporary period.

However, each member is entitled to withdraw from the Association by means of a written communication sent to the Confederal Council of the Association, with a 30 days’ notice.

The membership fee cannot be revalued, i.e., it cannot increase in value nor can it generate income of any kind; it is non-transferable, that is, it cannot be transferred, reimbursed, donated, nor can it be the subject of succession.

Art. 7 • Exclusion and Suspension

The exclusion of a member for serious reasons, pursuant to art. 24 of the Civil Code is deliberated by the Confederal Assembly. Associated Federations that have ceased to share their aims and purposes will be excluded from the Association.

Members who have been withdrawn or excluded and who, in any case, have ceased to belong to the Association cannot recover the contributions paid and cannot claim any rights on the Association's assets.

According to the Assembly's criteria, the Confederal Council may also decide on the suspension of any Federation who fails to pay the annual fee determined by the Confederal Council.

Art. 8 • Bodies

Bodies of the Association are:

- the Confederal Assembly;
- the Confederal Council;
- the Confederal President;
- the Confederal Control Board.

Art. 9 • Confederal Assembly

The Confederal Assembly is made up of one Member for each Federation, usually the President.

Where the Federation is not formally constituted, the Regulations – referred to in Article 5 – will establish the methods for identifying the person who will participate in the Confederal Assembly.

In the Confederal Assemblies, each representative of each Federation has the right to one vote.

The Assembly is Ordinary or Extraordinary. It is chaired by the Confederal President in office, who appoints a Secretary to draw up the minutes of the meeting and, where necessary, one or more scrutineers if done in presence.

The Ordinary Assembly annually deliberates on:

- the report of the Confederal Council on the progress of the Association, the financial statements of the Confederation's fiscal year;
- the criteria for determining the annual fee to be paid by the Federations.

The Assembly also deliberates on:

- the nomination of the members of the Confederal Council of its competence;
- the nomination of the members of the Control Board;
- the adoption of the regulations;
- the planning guidelines for implementing the Association's purposes and other topics submitted to it by the Confederal Council.

The Extraordinary Assembly deliberates on:

- the statutory changes;
- the dissolution of the Association;
- other topics submitted by the Confederal Council members or the Confederal Assembly who have requested the convening.

The Extraordinary Assembly is convened whenever the Confederal Council deems it appropriate, or when a written request is made; justified and adequately documented, signed by at least one-third of the members of the Confederal Council, one-fifth of the members of the Confederal Assembly, and with the indication of the topics to be discussed.

On the occasion of the Assembly for the election of the members of the Confederal Council of its competence, an International Congress may be announced so as to define the programmatic guidelines to be proposed to the Assembly for the implementation of the Association's purposes in the following six years.

Art. 10 • Convocation and deliberations

The Assembly's convocations are made through letter, fax, e-mail, or any other suitable instrument proving receipt to the address indicated at the time of joining and sent at least sixty days before the meeting date.

The convocation will be sent:

- In the case of a formally constituted Federation, to each Federation President. In case of the President's impossibility to participate or of a different decision, the Federation's governing body will identify another member delegated to participate and will communicate it to the Confederal Council.
- In the case of a Federation not formally constituted, the person identified as President, pursuant to the Regulations referred to in Article 5. In this case, the Federation, according to the provisions of its Regulations, may delegate a different person to participate, which will be communicated to Confederal Council.

The proxy for participation and voting in written form is permitted. Each Federation can represent only one other Federation.

In the first convocation, the Assembly's resolutions are adopted with the presence, in person or by proxy, of half of those entitled to vote and the favorable vote of the majority of those present.

In the second convocation, which must be held on a day other than that of the first convocation, the resolutions are adopted with the presence, in person or by proxy, of one-fifth of those entitled to vote and the favorable vote of the majority of those present.

Different majorities are required for the hypothesis of deliberations regarding the amendment of the Statute and the dissolution and liquidation of the Association.

In particular:

- resolutions to amend the Charter and the Statute, both on the first and second call, must be approved with the presence of at least half of those entitled to vote and the favorable vote of the majority of those present.
- The resolution for the Association's dissolution must be approved, both on the first

and second calls, with the favorable vote of at least two-thirds of those entitled to vote.

The Assembly can also take place remotely, through audio and/or video links, and under the following conditions:

- that the President of the Assembly is allowed to ascertain the identity and legitimacy of those present, regulate the conduct of the meeting, confirm and announce the results of the vote;
- that the person taking the minutes can adequately follow the ongoing Assembly;
- that attendees are allowed to participate in the meeting and in the simultaneous voting on the items on the agenda, as well as view, receive or transmit documents.

Art. 11 • Confederal Council

The Confederal Council is the governing body of the Association.

It is composed of a minimum of 9 to a maximum of 15 members who remain in office for six years and cannot be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

The Confederal Council components, except two, are elected by the Ordinary Assembly, which will previously establish the number in compliance with an Electoral Regulations' provisions. The Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians indicates one of its members as the Confederal Delegate, hence, member of the Confederal Council.

The General Councilor for the Salesian Family of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians participates in the Council meetings with the right to vote.

According to the provisions of the Electoral Regulations, the Council's composition must guarantee adequate territorial representation.

The Confederal Council may prepare and approve specific guidelines that, in compliance with the rules of this Statute, will regulate the practical and particular aspects of the Association's life. The Confederal Council members are not entitled to any remuneration, except for the reimbursement of expenses incurred for their services within the Confederal Council's limits.

The Confederal Council has all the powers of both ordinary and extraordinary administration without distinction.

In particular, the Confederal Council:

- appoints the President and the Vice President from among its members;
- assigns specific tasks with specific powers to the Councilors in compliance with their skills and aptitudes;
- promotes the vitality of the Association worldwide, ensures the continuous training of members, and promotes dialogue between the various cultural and social realities
- proposes to the Assembly the annual final balance sheet and the annual management report;

- can set up workgroups and advisory committees, establishing their tasks and duration, in relation to their areas of operation;
- organizes events for the implementation of the planning guidelines approved by the Assembly;
- prepares the Electoral Regulations;
- establishes the annual membership fee;
- proposes modifications to the Confederal Statute;
- assigns status of Federation: to formally-constituted Federations, after reading their Etatutes; and to those not officially formed, after reading their Regulations.
- establishes and updates the register of the members of the Movement referred to in article 5;
- promotes the official press periodical, the website, and the pages on the social networks of the Association, indicates the editorial guidelines and appoints the director who will take over the management of the periodical and the person in charge of the website and social networks;
- determines the distinctive signs of the Association (flags, logos, etc.);
- when needed, hires employees and/or engages the services of self-employed workers, preferably its own associates who do not hold managerial positions;
- deliberates the suspension of the Federation pursuant to art.7;
- recognizes the Superior General of the Institute of the FMA as the reference point and relates to her and the General Council.

Art. 12 • Termination of the Councilors

In the event of the termination of a Councilor, the Council will have the right to replace him/her with a non-elected candidate in compliance with territorial representation and according to the electoral regulations' indications. The substitutes will remain in office until the natural expiration of the Council.

If the majority of the Councilors in office ceases, the Confederal President must, without delay, convene the Confederal Assembly for the Council's reconstitution.

Art. 13 • Candidacy and incompatibility

Each Federation may propose its candidates for membership in the Confederal Council based on the territorial distribution established in the electoral regulations, which will also establish the subjective requirements of the members who advance their candidacy and the causes of incompatibility.

Art. 14 • Convocations

The Confederal Council meets at least three times a year. The convocation is made by the President or at the request of at least one-third of the members of the Council itself, by letter, fax, e-mail, or another suitable instrument to prove receipt,

sent to each of the councilors at least seven calendar days before the fixed date for the meeting.

The Council is presided by the President or, in her/his absence, by the Vice President or by the oldest Councilor by age.

For its resolutions to be valid, the presence of an absolute majority of the Councilors is required. The Council decides by an absolute majority of those present.

However, the Council's meetings at which all the Councilors in office participate will be considered valid, even if such meetings have not been formally called.

The Councilor who, without justified reason, does not participate in three consecutive meetings of the Council, is removed from office, and the Council provides at the first subsequent meeting for a replacement pursuant to art. 12.

The Council may also be held through audio and video conferencing media, provided that all participants can be identified and are allowed to follow the discussion and intervene in real-time in the debate on the topics addressed.

If these requirements are met, the Council is considered to be held in the place where the President is located.

Art. 15 • President

The President is the legal representative of the Association.

The President is responsible for representing the Association in court and before third parties. Powers and faculties can be attributed to the President by the Confederal Council.

These are the duties of the President:

- ensure compliance with the statutory and regulatory provisions and the proper pursuit of the Association's purposes;
- convene and chair the meetings of the Assembly and the Council and establish the agenda;
- present to the ordinary Assembly the organizational report of the Association and the activity carried out in the six-year period;
- if deemed necessary, invites competent persons with advisory functions to the Assembly and the Council.

The office of the President can be revoked only for serious reasons by the Confederal Council with a favorable vote of three-quarters of the members.

Art. 16 • Vice President

The Vice President is the first collaborator of the person who holds the Presidency in the commitment to promote associative life and replaces him/her in the event of his/her absence or impediment, with the same functions and powers.

In the event of the President's resignation, whoever exercises the office of Vice

President temporarily takes his/her place and begins the procedure for the new appointment.

Art. 17 • Confederal Delegate

The Confederal Delegate is appointed by the Superior General of the FMA Institute for a maximum of twelve consecutive years.

She represents the Institute in the animation and accompaniment of the Association, fostering its fidelity to the Salesian Mornese charismatic heritage.

In the Federations, the Delegate can be assisted by a Lay Person chosen from among the members and appointed by the Provincial. Specific regulations govern this person.

Art. 18 • Control Board

The Assembly appoints a single-person and/or a collegiate control body consisting of 3 members, chosen from among persons competent in economic and/or legal matters and qualified substitutes.

The Control Board supervises the economic/financial management of the Association and draws up a report on the final balance sheet.

It remains in office for six years and can be reconfirmed for another term of office.

The office of the Control Board is incompatible with any other office held in the Association or Federations.

Art. 19 • Patrimony of the Association

The Association's patrimony is indivisible, both during the life of the Association and in the event of its dissolution, and consists of:

- movable and immovable property owned by the Association or which may be purchased and/or acquired from bequests and donations;
- contributions, endowments, bequests, and donations from the public and private entities and subjects, intended expressly for patrimony;
- any reserve funds set up with budget surpluses.

Art. 20 • Economic resources

The Association draws its economic resources for its operation from:

- annual membership fees paid by the Federations;
- contributions, donations, gifts, and bequests;
- income deriving from the activities that fulfill their purposes.

All revenue will be used to achieve the purposes of the Association.

The Association's fiscal year begins and ends respectively on January 1st and December 31st of each year.

Within 180 days following the end of the fiscal year, the Confederal Council approves the financial statement consisting of the Balance Sheet, the Income Statement, the Explanatory Notes, the President's Report, and the Auditor's Report. Any management surpluses will be used solely for the institutional activities of the Association. At the end of each mandate, the Confederal Council draws up a report for the entire validity period.

It is forbidden to distribute, even indirectly, profits or operating surpluses and funds, reserves, or capital unless the destination or distribution is required by law.

DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Art. 21 • Liquidation and devolution of the patrimony assets

In the event of termination or dissolution of the Association for any reason, the patrimony assets must be donated to the International Institute of Mary Help of Christians of the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco. In the event of the Association's dissolution, the President of the Confederal Council, with the Control Board's assistance, provides for the formalities of termination and will initiate the publicity required by law.

IDENTITY DOCUMENT

OUR HISTORY

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

On that date, the first *Past Pupils Union* of the FMA was also officially established and its Regulations were approved. With surprising resourcefulness, the Past Pupils organized works of solidarity and education to reach young people, children, mothers of family, workers, teachers, and farmers.

In 1990, was officially established as: “World Confederation of Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA)”.

In 2021, took on the name of: “World Confederation *Mornese* of Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA)”.

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, exchange of resources and competencies. Mutuality connotes both the life of the association internally and its relations externally.

- **Subsidiarity**, understood as closeness to citizens and communities, the ability to read and respond to social needs, to deal with new emergencies, making oneself available to citizens 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, such as the drive that leads us to approach others without selfinterest so as to favor well-being by impacting the context in a significant way.

Gratuity, combined with solidarity, motivates each member of the association to commit themselves personally and concretely to building 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 being and their fundamental rights, regardless of religious, cultural, social, and ethnic affiliation.
- **Solidarity**, understood as attention to every human being and their rights; proximity to community needs; care of the territory and common goods.
- **Liberty**, understood both as a fundamental condition for living and sharing diverse experiences and skills, and as the *possibility* given to everyone to carry out their activities according to the aims of the Association.