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*The preferential love for young people*

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*The spirituality of those who enroll in the Association is expressed in Care **and preferential love for young people** (Statute Art.4°).*

All young people deserve trust, says Mother Yvonne, even those who seem distant, indifferent, and reluctant to any proposal. Don Bosco reminds us that in the heart of every young person, there is always a chord that can be vibrated, a point accessible to good. This also applies today. Pope Francis emphasizes that many young people, even belonging to the “selfie” generation, or to a culture that seems more like “vapor”, look for a full meaning for their life, although sometimes they do not look for it where they can find it.

And it is precisely among the young, where the Past Pupils of the FMA can express an irreplaceable attitude: stay awake to awaken young people. The Association of the Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, says Don Pascual Chavez, is a vital part of the movement for the salvation of the young, as a piece in a wonderful mosaic, without which it would lack something essential, according to the plan of God who has called each group to form part of the Salesian Family.

The Past Pupils of the FMA, therefore, like all members of the Salesian Family are called to love the young. To take care of them by approaching them so that they can get involved. To accompany them on their way of maturation, in their vocational path. Also to learn from them and dream together for a more human world.

Accompaniment, so important and necessary in human growth, is aimed precisely at involving young people in the mission, but not as "executors" of what has already been decided and planned, but as active and irreplaceable "protagonists." This involves listening to their ideas, entrusting them with responsibilities and commitments.

The Statute presenting the purpose of the Association says that it “is committed to the promotion of youth education (...) and favors a constructive youth role by promoting initiatives in favor of young people, especially those living in situations of poverty.”

It means the young are an indispensable place in the mission of each Past Pupil of the FMA. A sacred field where God expects to be recognized in the young, full of hope and noble ideals, in their fragility and poverty in their chord of good.

Young people need you, us, of our Family.

What is your attitude towards them?

What space do you give them in the middle of your multiple activities?



What can your Union, your Federation do for them?

With Pope Francis, let us ask our Mother for our youth:

Oh, Mary,

Our Lady of the new Advent,  
who keeps all these things pondering on your heart (cf. Lk 2:19),  
teach young people to be good listeners of your Son, the Word of life.  
Pray for them so that they do not interpose any obstacle  
in the way of the discovery of the new life  
that your Son has brought to the world.  
Virgin Daughter of Zion,  
guide every step of our pilgrimage  
along the path that leads to life. Amen.

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