

Good day everyone, it's a pleasure to be here with you! I was particularly interested to participate in person and on behalf of the entire administration of the city of Nizza Monferrato, I would like to convey my greetings to the group of pilgrims. I was particularly interested in this because the link with the Salesian community in the area is very important, this community has given a lot to our city. So much so, that on April 26 we decided to confer honorary citizenship to the Congregation of the FMA on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Institute on the day of the feast of worldwide Graces. Collaboration with the Institute has always existed and we hope it will continue and improve, because education and the Salesian school are very important for our community.

Our territory is highly agricultural, where the produce is truly excellent: Barbera d'Asti and Nizza DOCG, from an enological point of view (a science that deals with wine and wine making). Nizza Monferrato hunchback cardoon, a highly prized vegetable paired with Piedmontese "bagna cauda". During the year there are numerous promotional events: Nizza and Barbera, in the month of June hold the barrel race, a historical re-enactment of how many workshops of master coopers in Nice and the boys "transported" the barrels making them run on the ground ; another cultural event "Books in Nice" in October; on November 4, the fair of the patron saint, St. Charles; the third weekend the feast of the hunchback thistle (a vegetable); the year ends in December with "bue grasso " where the cattle are exhibited and you also have the opportunity to taste the mixed boiled meat.

The city is very lively and has many activities, we are part of the 50th UNESCO site, a site recognized in Italy for the Langhe - Monferrato - Roero wine landscapes. We are one of the 6 [cordzone? I don't understand the word well....], The cordzone dedicated to Barbera, we are growing a lot from a tourist point of view and we are happy to welcome them.

The strong bond within the family has always existed ... it will continue to exist ...

Good day and good pilgrimage!