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Dearest FMA Past Pupils,

On this special August 5th of our Jubilee celebration, I wish to extend to each one of you my heartfelt wishes for a Happy Feast Day.

It is a solemn event for all the FMA, but also for all of you FMA Past Pupils because you are part of our family, born 150 years ago. As Sister Piera Cavaglià says, August 5 is a date of grace and an event of strong communion especially in this year on the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Institute.

You, Past Pupils, are grateful today because, in the memory of your past, you find many FMA who, in the course of this time, have supported and encouraged the growth of each one of you and the whole Association. You have found in them a point of reference and undertaken a path that has known growth in each of you and an extraordinary development Worldwide. The memory of the past years spent in one of our homes: school, oratory, youth center ... becomes today for you:

- A certainty: that of belonging to a large family that has welcomed you and has walked with you through the years of childhood, youth and, still today, in maturity.
- An invitation: to revive the gift received. The Salesian Mornese charism that is transmitted in every Salesian house, where Our Lady has brought you and handed you over to the care of her daughters, under her gaze as a Mother, who walks in every house of the FMA, is a seed that must be guarded and made to grow so that it bears much fruit. This gift which is both received and accepted, becomes in you a special characteristic in the Salesian Family and one that only you can give: it is the Salesian lay contribution from Mornese.
- A commitment: fidelity to the Salesian charism, lived with that typical Mornese flavor, which wants to make of every part of the world where you are present, another Mornese.

Your gratitude to the Institute becomes a manifestation of affection but also the will to remain united in a fraternal, open, constructive dialogue. Women and men, consecrated and lay people united by a common heart, in the same charism, capable of being close to others ... mutual care in increasingly multicultural and multireligious contexts.

Thank you for being part of our history for 150 years of FMA life. May Mother Mazzarello and our first sisters accompany your lay Salesian commitment from Mornese.

A warm greeting for a good feast, also on behalf of Sister Leslie Sándigo, General Councilor for the Salesian Family.

With much love,

Suor Gabriela Patiño O.  
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