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Dear Delegates and Presidents of the World Confederation Mornese of the FMA Pastpupils,

I am happy to join you for this last time as the World Delegate. I am moved as I look on your faces and assure you that I will accompany you for the rest of my life.

Before leaving you, although as an FMA I will certainly carry you in my heart wherever I go, I would like to express my gratitude and encouragement.

First of all, I express my GRATITUDE to the Lord and Our Lady who called me and walked beside me in this rich experience of life and faith.

I thank Mother Yvonne and Sister Maria Luisa Miranda who called me for this service, accompanied me and trusted me.

I thank the entire Confederal Council, you dear Sister Delegates and esteemed Presidents, because with you I have learned and shared closely the animation of this great and beautiful Association. Together we have enriched ourselves along the path marked by the joys and difficulties of life, by perplexities but also by certainties that are based on our faith. Each of you has given me a great deal, and in my heart I will always keep a grateful memory for all I have learned.

I thank you for the service of animation that you have assumed with generous availability. It is you who carry forward the Association's commitments around the world with realism, greatness and nobility of spirit!

Thank you for your welcome, closeness and listening. I felt good with you. It was nice to approach each of you, to get to know your realities directly when you called me both in person and by video conference or when, in personal meetings, you told me about your dreams, your difficulties, your hopes, the lives of your Federations.

**Thank you for who you are** and what you do.

I deeply believe in the Mornesian Salesian lay style that characterizes the FMA Past Pupil Association in the Salesian Family. This is why I invite you to discover, deepen and live that style that only you can offer to the Salesian Family, to the Church, to a society thirsty for communion, peace and solidarity. Your Association is truly a space that brings into dialogue, in the communion of the values of the Salesian charism, a family of sisters and brothers from all cultures, of different faiths but united by the same spirit. Yours is truly a wonderful and prophetic reality! Continue to live and bear witness to this charism with so much joy, with so much humility and generosity.

May God and Our Lady reward and bless all of you and your families.

Thank you very much for everything! I take you with me, especially in prayer.

Much love,

Affectionately,

Suor Gabriela Patiño O.

World Delegate of the FMA Past pupils