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To: Presidents of the Federations
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Their locations

Warm greetings in the joyful spirit of our Mornese family!

It is with great enthusiasm that we write to you today to invite you and all the Past Pupils in your Federations to join in a very special celebration: **Gratitude Day 2025**! This is not just another event—it is a heartfelt opportunity to come together as a global family, united in appreciation and love for our roots in the Institute and for our dear Mother General, **Mother Chiara**.

## Why is this celebration important?

Gratitude is at the heart of our identity as Past Pupils. It connects us to our shared history, to the Sisters who formed us, and to the values that continue to inspire our lives. This year, we wish to make it an even more significant occasion by involving every Past Pupil from every corner of the world!

## How can we participate?

We invite each Federation to organize a moment of celebration, prayer, and sharing within your communities. It can be a gathering, a message of thanksgiving, an act of service, or a creative initiative that embodies our gratitude. The key is **participation**—ensuring that every Past Pupil in your region feels included and takes part in this wonderful expression of appreciation.

## The Gratitude Bricks Project

As a unique way to mark this occasion, we are launching the **Gratitude Bricks Project!** Each Past Pupil will have the opportunity to contribute a 'brick'—donation that will collectively build a lasting tribute to our gratitude towards the Institute and Mother Chiara. These bricks will represent our shared love and appreciation, forming a foundation of unity and thanksgiving that will remain a visible sign of our commitment to our Salesian heritage.

We encourage each Federation to actively promote this project, inviting every Past Pupil to take part in this meaningful initiative. Together, let us build something that not only honors our past but strengthens our present and future as a united Mornese family.

## This is our time to give back!

As past pupils, we have received a lot from the Institute. Now, let us give back with joy, unity, and a deep sense of belonging. I trust in your leadership to inspire, mobilize, and bring this celebration to life in your regions.

Let's make this a true worldwide movement of gratitude! We eagerly await your contributions and the beautiful testimonies that will emerge from this initiative.

With heartfelt appreciation and joy,

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