



ASSOCIAZIONE DEI SALESIANI COOPERATORI COORDINATORE MONDIALE

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Att.ne **Associazione dei Salesiani Cooperatori**

Oggetto: 150 anni di fondazione dell'Associazione dei Salesiani Cooperatori.

Dear Salesian Cooperators and Salesian Cooperators,

it is with immense pleasure that I send this letter to share with you what the World Council, at its meeting in presence held in Rome last March, defined in view of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the Association of Salesian Cooperators.

The 150th anniversary will be celebrated on May 9, 2026, and therefore the Council proposes a three-year journey to prepare for this event, in order to dwell on some fundamental elements concerning our vocation and our history.

The defined path has this theme:

"A dream, a promise and the future".

- ✓ A dream, that of Don Bosco, which traces his whole life and from which the whole Salesian Family takes shape over time. We, too, were born from that dream as "external Salesians". To "dream the future" it is necessary to go back to our origins.
- ✓ A promise, made because we freely chose to live our vocation as lay people within the Church and the Salesian Family in the mission towards the young, witnessing to and safeguarding the Salesian charism.
- ✓ And the future, which must be exciting to face the times and be that "good leaven" in all those situations of life in which the Lord calls us to operate.

These generating themes will have three dynamic verbs that will shape this three-year period.

- ✓ First year (2023-2024):
 - REMEMBER, looking back to our origins, retracing concrete facts that we have experienced. All: Cooperators, Coordinators, Councilors, Delegates;
- ✓ Second year (2024-2025):
 - RENEW, our being Salesian Cooperators, drawing sap from the novelties introduced by the PVA, strengthening the sense of belonging:
- ✓ Third year (2025-2026):



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- RELAUNCH, our Association towards the challenges of the coming years by making our identity more evident

In these three years we will be busy with various initiatives and the World Council will give all the indications so that it will be a celebratory moment experienced by all as protagonists.

The first task, which as I said must involve everyone, will be to choose the graphic Logo that will identify the various initiatives.

It will contain the general theme as well as indications on the verb that will characterise the year.

In order to contribute to the choice, everyone can vote

from May 1 to 14, 2023

through this link:

choose your 150th anniversary logo

This is the first step to begin living together what will be a wonderful experience, both personal and of Association, linked to our history as Salesian Cooperators.

The beginning of the triennium will be marked by a video message made available on our social channels on May 9, 2023.

We are on the way to Pentecost, and the Church itself has embarked on a process of discernment, with the Synod called by Pope Francis, which emphasises how important it is to recover synodality in the life of the Church.

We ask the Advent of the Holy Spirit upon us to make the commitment to adopt synodality as a style of personal life and of Association in these three years that will lead us to May 9, 2026, when it will be 150 years that we strive to be external Salesians at the bidding of Don Bosco and an outgoing Church as Pope Francis asks us to be.

For the moment I greet you all and ask you to inform all the Cooperators in your Centres of this important moment for our Association.

We begin this journey in the month dedicated to Mary, and She, too, will not fail to lend Her support.

Faternally yours.

Il Coordinatore Mondiale
Antoine Boeë