



SALESIAN FAMILY
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**To the Superiors, World Leaders of Salesian Family Groups.
To Provincials and Salesian Family Delegates.**

Purpose: **Salesian Family Spirituality Days 2023** (communiqué 1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Salesian Family,

Greetings to all of you through this communiqué regarding the Salesian Family Spirituality Days that we have already started to prepare.

1. Dates.

Next year's Spirituality Days will **be held from 18 – 21 January 2024** in Turin. The attachment explains how they can be experienced in the different Provinces around the world.

2. Purpose of the SFSD 2023.

The goal of the Days is to study the Rector Major's Strenna for this new year (**The dream that makes you dream. A heart that transforms wolves into lambs**). A Strenna aimed at rekindling the dream that God has for each of us. A dream, a sign of his call and his love, for all the members of the Salesian Family on the second centenary of the dream that John Bosco had at the Becchi, and which he left us in writing in his *Memoirs of the Oratory*.

3.- News of the 2024 Days

From the Secretariat we ask you, this year with all the more reason, that all Groups promote

- the participation of the young people belonging to your Groups,
- and the participation of people who have not had the opportunity to have this experience until now.

The 2024 Days will also be an opportunity to thank the Rector Major, whom the Pope has asked to serve the Church as Cardinal, for his fatherliness, his closeness, his animation, since for him they will be his "final" Days as Rector Major.

4. Details to consider

4.1. Days and timetable

- The Days will take place from 3 pm on Thursday 18th and will end with lunch on Sunday 21st (3 pm). Thursday 18th meal is not included in the program.
- Please arrive in sufficient time for the opening of the Days at precisely 3 pm. The reception will be available from 9 a.m. on the 18th.

3.2. Programme's major events (to be published in due course)

- The presentation of Strenna 2024 by the Rector Major.
- Exploring the Strenna (Round table; group meetings; reflection shared in language groups).
- Times for prayer and celebration;
- The guided tour of historical sites in Valdocco and Turin;
- Fraternal sharing and family celebration around the RM.

You can find everything related to the Days on the website www.famigliasalesiana.org : information, materials... **and the procedure for registration.**

4.3. For registrations

- Fill out the form found at <https://forms.office.com/e/v9DGwCuuUb>
- Deadline, 15 December 2023.
- The media for information regarding the Days (information, registrations, materials...) is the website www.famigliasalesiana.org Please access it.



4.4. Financial collaboration

- A) **Full board** (materials, overheads and accommodation) in a **single room**: **€350** .
- B) **Full board** (materials, overheads and accommodation) in a **double room**: **€300**.
- C) **Full board** (materials, overheads and lodging) in a **bunk room**: **€225**. (Limited places; allocation, after contacting Ms. Laura Pollino (pollino1@virgilio.it))
- D) **External participants with lunches and dinners** (materials, organisation expenses): **€160**.
- E) **External participants without lunches and dinners**: a voluntary contribution of **± €50** to help with overhead costs.

Note: A **solidarity box** is open for those who have limited financial possibilities.

4.5. Payment method

— **PREFERABLY. By bank transfer, before 24 December 2023 to:**

PAYEE: **DIREZIONE GENERALE OPERE DON BOSCO**
BANK: **BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO**
AGENCY: **AGENZIA N.2 ROMA**
IBAN: **IT54 0 05696 03202 000004655X77 (euro)**
BIC/SWIFT: **POSOIT22**

In this case it is necessary to **specify**:

- ✓ The name of the person or the Group and the place of origin.
- ✓ An indication that it is about the **SFSD 2024**

You are **also asked to**:

- ✓ Send an email to gsfs@famigliasalesiana.org informing that "x amount of euro" have been paid, the names of the payees and the bank receipt of payment.
- ✓ Add €7.50 if done from outside Italy.
- ✓ NOTE In the event that there is any difference between the payment made and the actual expenses, the extra will be paid at the secretariat during the Days.

— **OR, by means of authorisation from the Provincial Economer or the SDB Provincial** addressed to gsfs@famigliasalesiana.org **before 22 December asking to make the payment from the existing Provincial Account with the Economer General's office**, indicating the amount to be withdrawn and the name of the participants.

— If it is not possible to use either of these methods, **payment can be made in cash at the Secretariat** on the opening day.

5. To get to Valdocco

5.1. TURIN PORTA SUSA train. And from there, take URBAN BUS 72 or TRAM 10, to Maria Ausiliatrice (Via Maria Ausiliatrice, 32).

5.2. Turin Airport. SADEM BUS service to PORTA SUSA (frequency 15').

5.3. Malpensa Airport (Milan). SADEM BUS service. Frequency 60'.

6. Other details

- Bring warm clothing. January is a cold month in Italy.
- It is necessary to bring headphones for translations.
- Simultaneous translation is being planned through mobile phones.

That is all, for the moment. So, hopefully we will meet together with the Rector Major at the upcoming Spirituality Days I am your sincerely in St John Bosco,



Fr. Joan Lluís Playà
Salesian Family Delegate off RM



Fr. Alejandro Guevara
Coordinator off Salesian Family Days

Places available for each of the Salesian Family Groups on full board basis

This number is only indicative. For more places, in anticipation of vacancies, please contact Ms. Laura Pollino. Email pollino1@virgilio.it

Group	Contact	Code	2024 seats
Apostles of the Holy Family	Maria Ch. Mellace	ASF	3
Association of Mary Help of Christians	Alejandro Guevara	ADMA	40
Damas Salesianas Association	Bienvenida Testón	ADS	3
Salesian Cooperators Association	Lucrecia Uribe	SSCC (ASC)	40
Canção Nova Community	Leonardo Ribeiro	CN	6
Community of the Mission of DB	Guido Pedroni	CMB	4
Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Michael A.	Edyta Grolinska	CSSMA	2
Congregation of St Michael Arch.	Bogusław Turek	CSMA	4
FMA Past Pupils	Gabriela Patiño	Exa-FMA	20
Past Pupils of Don Bosco	Dominic Nguyen	Ex- DB	20
Daughters of the Divine Savior	Marta Deysy Reyes	HDS	2
Daughters of the Queenship of Mary Im.	Teresa Ratchanee	DQM	2
Daughters of the S. H. of Jesus and Mary	Gloria Morales	HH SS CC	2
Contemplative Fraternity Mary of Nazareth	Graciela Jourdan	FCMN	10
The Disciples	Shanti Ekka	DISC.	2
Daughters of Mary Help of Christians	Lucrecia Uribe	FMA	40
Volunteers of Don Bosco Institute	Pina Bellocchi	VDB	15
Missionaries of Mary Help of Christians	Jessy K. Jose	MSMHC	2
The Sisters of the Resurrection	Zoila Caal Cocoa	HR	2
Salesians of Don Bosco	Fr Joan Lluís Playà	SDB	40
Salesian Oblates of the Sacred Heart	Graziella Benghini	SOSC	2
Sisters of Maria Auxiliatrix	ED Mary	SMA	2
Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of M.	Maria S. Thabping	SIHM	2
Sisters Announcers of the Lord	Sr Prisca Tsang	SAL	2
Sisters Catechists of Mary Help of Christians	Jessy George	SMI	2
Caritas Sisters of Jesus	Maria Letizia Ono	CSJ	10
Sisters of the Queenship of Mary Immaculate	L. Ratchaneeladdajit	SQM	2
Sisters of Jesus the Adolescent	Neiva Mattos	IJA	2
Witnesses of the Risen Lord	Dina Moscioni	TR	6
Visitation Sisters of Don Bosco	Tiewora Mawlong	VSDB	2
Volunteers with Don Bosco	Luciano Arcarese	CDB	4
Sisters Mediators of Peace	Auxiliadora Meneses	MP	2

APPENDIX: ORGANISING ONLINE SPIRITUALITY DAYS IN THE PROVINCES

In recent years, many provinces have organised **online Spirituality Days for members of the Salesian Family and Friends of the Salesian Work** in their area. A beautiful experience that has brought them together in an extraordinary way and has been a strong spiritual impetus for all the Groups.

From the Secretariat we are committed to supporting this approach and offering means to develop it further. Therefore:

1. We encourage the Provinces to develop an online Salesian Spirituality program between 18 and 21 January (or on a more appropriate date for them, as far as possible around the feast of Don Bosco), focusing on the Rector Major's Strenna, either on their own or grouped in regions of bordering or linguistic provinces.

A program of one to two hours a day, or focused on a few hours on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st, for example.

2. This program can include, among other things,

- the presentation of the Strenna by the Rector Major on 18 January in Turin (video);
- a study of the Strenna by some members of the Salesian Family in the area, either in the form of a Round Table or a talk;
- a time of group work with the previously enrolled participants;
- a few moments of prayer and celebration; good morning or good night...
- the projection of videos showing the work of some Salesian Family Groups;
- a congenial performance by the show's presenters;
- a space in which young people from the SYM can communicate their experiences;

3. From the Secretariat we offer, through the website famigliasalesiana.org

- The video of the Rector Major translated into the various languages
- The videos in which some Groups of the Salesian Family are presented
- The materials of the round table held in Turin in case they can serve as inspiration (texts, questions for group work...)
- The texts for moments of prayer

But in addition, through YouTube, you can have access to all the development of the Days through streaming: you can choose some moments from it or it can serve as inspiration.

4. Another initiative that can be carried out is to **announce to all the members of the Salesian Family in your area the program of the in-person Days that will take place on 18 – 21 January in Turin, so that if they wish they can follow the most important moments in streaming in their respective languages (SPA, ITA, ENG, FRN, POR, ARB).**

5. An essential recommendation. Ensure that the program that each Province decides on, however simple it may be, is the result of the collaboration of all the SF Groups in the area. It is not a question of each Group organising its program, but that it be a joint initiative

organised by the Salesian Family Provincial Advisory Council, so that it expresses our sense of being a family.

6. For his part, **Fr. Gildasio, Councillor for Social Communication**, who is aware of this initiative, **has kindly requested the collaboration of the Communication Delegates in the SDB Provinces** for technical assistance so that it can be developed with quality and efficiency.

An initiative of this type does not prevent other initiatives that the Provinces and each of the houses already have the habit of scheduling (celebrations, talks, campaigns, retreats...). Being online allows you to reach unexpected corners as if it were a radio or TV program. Many people will appreciate it.

The SFSD team is grateful for the enthusiasm, creativity and dedication of all those who will collaborate in this project. Together we can ensure that the evangelical message of Don Bosco's charism can reach many, sow hope and awaken new energies at the service of the most needy young people in our environment. And do not forget to send news of what you do to the Secretariat gsfs@famigliasalesiana.org.