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**International Congress
Salesian educational experience.
Rethinking the Preventive System 150 years after Don Bosco's writing.**

Dear Father Provincial,

In 2027, we shall celebrate the 150th anniversary of Don Bosco's well-known writing on the Preventive System, which lies at the heart of our spirituality and mission.

In preparation for this event, the Salesian Pontifical University (UPS) and the Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium" have launched a common research project entitled: *Salesian Educational Experience. Rethinking the Preventive System 150 years after Don Bosco's writing.*

This project includes a series of study seminars, which professors from our academic institutions are conducting, and empirical research, which, as you already know, directly involves our provinces. It is the first time that the Institute and the Congregation, through their academic structures, have undertaken such a broad and systematic analysis and evaluation of our pedagogical practices. It is therefore a work of great significance, offering valuable insights for a deeper understanding of the challenges present in diverse social contexts and for inculturating, with renewed fidelity and creativity, the inspiration and charismatic vitality of the Preventive System in today's cultural landscape.

To assess the results of the empirical research and gather the fruits of the study seminars, the UPS and the Auxilium are organising an **International Congress on Salesian Educational Experience**, to be held at the Salesian Pontifical University **from 9 to 11 April 2027**.

As Rector Major and Mother General, we wholeheartedly endorse this initiative, which we recognize as highly significant for our identity and our

mission. For this reason, the two General Councils will be present at the Congress, and we ask each Province to send **three qualified representatives**. Among them, there should certainly be the Provincial Delegate/Councillor/Coordinator for Youth Ministry, who has already been mandated by the Councillor for Youth Ministry.

The principal sessions of the Congress will also be made available via *live streaming*, so that our local communities can also benefit from them.

In the coming months, you will receive further details regarding the programme and registration procedures. Meanwhile, we invite you to reserve these dates in your provincial calendars for next year and to begin preparing for this anniversary in your province with appropriate moments of reflection on Salesian education. The proceedings of the seminars of this project, published by LAS (www.editricelas.it), can certainly offer you valuable resources for animating the province around this theme.

May Don Bosco and Mary Help of Christians guide this journey of study and renewal, and may they accompany it with their blessing.

Warm greetings in the Lord,



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