



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

The Spirituality Days will **be held in person from 12–15 January 2023** in Turin. The attachment explains how they can be experienced in the different Provinces around the world.

2. Purpose of the SFSD 2023.

The aim of the Days is to gain greater understanding of the Rector Major's Strenna for this new year (*As the yeast in today's human family. The lay dimension in the Family of Don Bosco*). It is a Strenna offered so that young people may feel called to make the bread of the Human Family larger and tastier; so that the members of the entire Salesian Family may feel called to be yeast in the reality that is today's world; so that consecrated and lay people may know how to complement each other in our life and evangelical mission.

3. IN PRESENCE (Valdocco – Turin, Italy)

3.1. Days and timetable

- The Days begin on Thursday 12th (3 pm) and end with lunch on Sunday 16th (3 pm).
- Please arrive in sufficient time for the opening of the Days at precisely 3 pm. Reception will be available from 9 am on the 12th. Each individual must provide for their own midday meal on this occasion.

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

- Presentation of Strenna 2023.
- Exploring the Strenna (Round table; group meetings; reflection shared in language groups).
- The times for prayer and celebration of the Eucharist.
- Guided tour of historical sites around Valdocco
- Family celebration... fellowship and the opportunity to get to know each other and share.

3.3. Registration

- Fill in the form found at <http://tinyurl.com/GSFS2023>
- Deadline, **22 December 2022**.
- See appendix for availability of places for each Group.

3.4. Financial cooperation

- Materials, general expenses and accommodation in **single room**: **€340**.
- Materials, general expenses and accommodation in **double room**: **€300**.
- Material, general expenses and group accommodation (**bunk bed room**): **€225**. (allotment after contact with Ms. Laura Pollin Email pollino1@virgilio.it)
- External participants (materials, general expenses, meals and dinners): **€150**.
- External participants at specific times, without meals: cost of the materials and a voluntary contribution (**± €75**) to help with overheads.

3.5. Method of payment

- **PREFERABLY. By bank transfer** to this account, **before 22 December**:

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

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

- ✓ The name of the Group and place of origin (e.g. ASC Portugal)
- ✓ Indicate that these are the **SFSD 2023**

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 made 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 an authorization from the Provincial Economist or the SDB Provincial** addressed to gsfs@famigliasalesiana.org before 22 December **asking to make the payment from the existing Provincial Account with the Economist 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.

4. To get to Valdocco

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

4.2. Turin Airport. Three possibilities:

- a) SADEM AIRPORT BUS service TO PORTA SUSA (frequency 15'/30'. Info: www.sadem.it). And from Porta Susa to Maria Ausiliatrice, BUS, no. 72 or TRAM 10.
- b) Train CASELLE AIRPORT – PORTA SUSA (Frequency 30'/60'. Info: www.trenitalia.it). From Porta Susa to Maria Ausiliatrice, BUS 72 or TRAM 10.
- c) Taxi service. For special prices, connect "Mauro Maina" Co., indicating that you are involved in the Days held at "Salesiani Valdocco". Email: m.maina.ncc@gmail.com

4.4. Malpensa Airport (Milan)

SADEM BUS service. Frequency 60'. Info: www.sadem.it).

4.5. Linate Airport (Milan)

BUS service to STAZIONE CENTRALE in MILAN (STARFLY and AIR BUS Companies. Frequency 20'/30'). Then take the train from MILANO to TORINO PORTA SUSA. Prices vary. See www.trenitalia.it or www.italo.it.

5. Other details

- Bring warm clothing. January is a cold month in Turin.
- 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,



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Piero Lenti', is written over a horizontal blue line.

Delegate of the RM for the SF

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	Places 2023
Apostles of the Holy Family	Maria Ch. Mellace	ASF	3
Association of Mary Help of Christians	Alejandro Guevara	ADMA	30
Damas Salesianas Association	Bienvenida Testón	ADS	3
Salesian Cooperators Association	Lucrecia Uribe	SSCC (ASC)	30
Canção Nova Community	Simona Cristiana	CN	4
Missione DB Community	Marco Golinelli	CMB	4
Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Michael Arch.	Aurelia Opon	CSSMA	2
Congregation of St Michael Arch.	Bogusław Turek	CSMA	2
FMA Past Pupils	Gabriela Patiño	Exa-FMA	15
Past Pupils of Don Bosco	Dominic Nguyen	Ex- DB	15
Daughters of the Divine Savior	J. Amelia Alvarado	HDS	2
Daughters of the Queenship of Mary Immaculate	Teresa Ratchanee	DQM	2
Daughters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary	Otilia Sánchez	HH SS CC	2
Contemplative Fraternity Mary of Nazareth	Silvia Ourthe-C.	FCMN	6
The Disciples	Ekka Nirmala	DISC.	2
The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA)	Lucrecia Uribe	FMA	30
Volunteers of Don Bosco Institute	Pina Bellocchi	VDB	15
Missionaries of Mary Help of Christians	Marta do Rosario	MSMHC	2
The Sisters of the Resurrection	Zoila Caal Cocoa	HR	2
Salesians of Don Bosco	Maria Lawrence	SDB	30
Salesian Oblates of the Sacred Heart	Graziella Benghini	SOSC	2
Sisters of Maria Auxiliatrix	Elizabeth Elsy	SMA	2
Sisters Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	Maliwan P.	SIHM	2
Sisters Announcers of the Lord	Chan Wai Fan Mabel	SALT	2
Sisters Catechists of Mary Help of Christians	Jessy George	SMI	2
Caritas Sisters of Jesus	Maria Letizia Ono	CSJ	10
The Sisters of the Queenship of Mary Immaculate	Ladda R.	SQM	2
Sisters of Jesus the Adolescent	Maria Rodrigues	IJA	2
Witnesses of the Risen Lord	Dina Moscioni	TR	6
Visitation Sisters of Don Bosco	Cecilia Sad	VSDB	2
Volunteers with Don Bosco	Luciano Arcarese	CDB	4
Sisters Mediators of Peace	Auxiliadora Meneses	MP	2

Note: Places available for external participants, about 50.

APPENDIX: INDICATIONS FOR ORGANIZING THE SPIRITUALITY DAYS IN PROVINCES, IN PRESENCE or ONLINE.

The pandemic, in previous years, has allowed us to have a beautiful experience: Online Days of Spirituality and a deep sense of the worldwide "Salesian Family". This experience has brought us together in an extraordinary way and has been a strong impetus for all the Groups of our Family. We cannot forget this experience. We must, however, adapt it.

The evaluation of the 2022 Days, after listening to the Province Delegates and the Worldwide Leaders of the Groups, has led the Secretariat Team to propose the following for the Spirituality Days this year 2023:

1. **Encourage the Provinces to develop**, singly or grouped in regions (neighboring provinces or those sharing a **common language**), a **Salesian Spirituality program focused on the Rector Major's Strenna on 14 and 15 January** (or on more suitable dates for them, as far as possible sometime around Don Bosco's feast day).
2. **Encourage this programme to be held in person in one or several houses of the Province (and/or online)** by calling together members of all Salesian Family Groups in their area.
3. In the event that a **programme is held in person, it could involve:**
 - presentation of the Rector Major's Strenna on 12 January in Turin;
 - 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 for group work;
 - times for prayer and celebration;
 - the projection of videos showing the work of some Salesian Family Groups;
 - times for fellowship and celebration;
 - other initiatives deemed appropriate depending on the place.
4. In the case where a **programme is held online**, there are two possibilities that can complement each other:
 - The possibility of encouraging all members of the Salesian Family in the area to **follow the key moments of the Spirituality Days that take place in Turin and which will be streamed**: in this case it will be necessary to present the programme in the appropriate language and explain the technical side of such streaming.
 - **The possibility of organizing a Province-based programme** for the 14th and 15th (in the region) including some of the proposals suggested for the in-person programme and others regarding the life of the Province.
5. The Central Secretariat Team for the Days **will provide the following materials** that can help both online and in-person events:
 - The key moments of the Turin Days *streamed* in five languages: this will allow people to follow all of the Days live or when appropriate; or take the items of most interest from them. The Turin programme will be published shortly, and this will make it possible to decide what is deemed most appropriate.

- The video with the presentation of the Strenna by the Rector Major in 5 languages.
 - Five videos in which five Salesian Family Groups make themselves known.
 - The Round Table pattern to be held at the Turin Days.
 - Guidelines for group study.
6. The team asks, however, that each Province or Region deciding to celebrate these Spirituality Days, **prepare and send a short video (1 m) of greeting** in advance so that it can be viewed during the Turin programme and be transmitted to the rest of the world. This will be something that will help the sense of communion with the Groups in all the Provinces around the world.
7. And **an essential recommendation**. That the programme, as simple as it may be, should be the result of cooperation from all the SF Groups in the area. It is not a question of each Group organising its own programme, but of the programme being developed as a joint initiative, expressing our being a family. We therefore ask that the Provincial Delegates for the Salesian Family meet with the members of the respective Provincial Consultative Body and see how they can organize themselves. Let them also think about how they can integrate youth groups into it. If any particular help is needed, and we can lend a hand from the Centre, be assured that we will do so with the greatest pleasure.