Rome, 1 May 2019

To the superiors and leaders of the Groups of the Salesian Family

to the Provincials of the Salesians of Don Bosco

To the Provincial Delegates of the Salesian Family

Dear friends,

as promised at the Salesian Family Spirituality Days, we are pleased to provide you with the logistical information relating to the **Eighth International Congress of Mary Help of Christians** to be held from 7 to 10 November 2019 in Buenos Aires (Argentina) with the title "**With Mary, Woman who Believes.**"

There are many ways in which the Salesian Family continues Don Bosco's dream, present in all the places where the poorest and least expect a response of humanity, with the sole desire of Don Bosco: "My dear children in Jesus Christ, near or far, I always think of you. I have only one desire, to see you happy in time and in eternity."

This dream cannot be realized with our own strength, but with Don Bosco we acknowledge: "She did it all!".

"With Mary, the woman who believes", the Salesian Family wants to renew its entrustment to Mary Help of Christians, and the commitment of the different generations to receive and hand on the gift of faith. Although it is promoted by the Association of Mary Help of Christians providentially in the 150th anniversary of the birth, this event belongs to all the Salesian Family, that feels to be brought together by Mary Help of Christians, to thank her for the gifts that she continually donates.

We are therefore all invited, especially the Groups of the Salesian Family, to promote and adhere to this event: we would like it to encourag the participation of families and young people. The Congress will in fact be dedicated to the accompaniment of young people and families on the path to holiness: "With Mary, a woman who believes", let us look at her who is not only a model, but also a guide and help in the journey of the young and those who accompany them. A commitment that is passed on from generation to generation.

Best wishes,

Fr. Eusebio Muñoz

Delegate of the Rector Major for the Salesian Family

# **Program**

# **Thursday 07 November**

09:00 (From) Registration and distribution of material

17:00 Opening party in the gymnasium of the Collegio San Francesco di Sales

19:00 Eucharist. Presides over the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Mario Aurelio Poli

20:00 Good night by Don Ángel Fernández Artime, Rector Major SDB

Dinner

# **Friday 08 November**

The listening of Mary

08:00 Mass in different languages ​​and places

09:00 Animation

09:30 First thematic block: The listening of Mary (Lk 1, 26-38)

10:30 Break

11:00 Life experience

13:00 Lunch

María visits us and accompanies us

15:30 Adoration in the Basilica

17:00 Animation

17:30 Second Thematic Block: Mary visits us and accompanies us (Lk 1, 39-56)

18:30 Break

19:00 Life experiences

20:00 Good night by Mother Yvonne Reungoat, FMA Superior General

Dinner

# **Saturday 09 November**

Mary, model of holiness

08:00 Mass in different languages ​​and places

09:00 Animation

09:30 Third thematic block: Mary, model of holiness (Lk 2, 41-52)

10:30 Break

11:00 Mary in Salesian Holiness: Laura Vicuña, Zefirino Namuncurá, Artemide Zatti

12:00 Rosario

13:00 Lunch

16:00 Meeting in the Plaza del Congreso, from where we will go to the Church Mater Misericordiae, place of residence and apostolate of the Salesians of the first missionary expedition in the city of Buenos Aires (1875)

17:00 Marian demonstration in Buenos Aires’s streets

20:00 Good night by Mr. Renato Valera President of ADMA Primary

Dinner is not provided

# **Sunday 10 November**

11:00 Closing Eucharist in the Basilica presided by Don Ángel Fernández Artime. Act of devotion to Mary Help of Christians

13:00 Lunch

Although the complete information of the Congress can be found on the site www.mariaauxiliadora2019.com.ar, it is necessary to pay particular attention to the following points:

# **Registration procedure**

Registration must be done "via the web" through the Congress page. It can be done individually or as a group. In the case of group registrations, it should be indicated the name of the Group’s Representative who will act as the official contact and sole interlocutor of the Secretary of the Congress, with the possibility of consulting the Congress Organization in case of need. The Group’s Representative will have to accredit the people who belong to his group on Thursday 7 November and to receive the identification tags for each member and their kits.

# **Logistics and expenses contribution**

The Congress will be an important event that will take place in the homes of the Salesians and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians in the neighborhood of Almagro (Buenos Aires). Due to the costs that must be incurred, it is necessary to request a Contribution. At the same time we wish to expand as much as possible the participation so we have tried to minimize costs:

* USD 150 for each participant over 12 (one hundred and fifty United States dollars)
* USD 50 for each companion less than 12 years (fifty United States dollars)
* FREE for every child between 0 and 4 years old

The Contribution includes:

* Entrance to the event, participation activities and use of the facilities. Simultaneous translation.
* Participant's kit.
* Lunch on November 8, 9 and 10;
* Dinner on 7 and 8 November.

The Contribution does not include:

* The accommodation
* Transportation from the accommodation to the event locations (In this regard, upon registration, the official representative of the Group will be able to report any needs, the Congress Organization will propose a solution).
* Dinner on Saturday 9 November.

It is worth noting that the kits for foreign participants will include a "SUBE" card, which is used in Argentina for public transport, with a minimum fee for first transfers; this card can be recharged if needed in different authorized places in the city, including automatic top-up terminals.

# **Payment procedure**

The payment of the contribution of the Congress can be made in two ways:

1. single payment of the total amount

2. payment in two installments:

* + An advance of 30% upon registration
	+ Full payment until 15 July 2019

For those who register as a group, payment should be made by the Group’s Representative in the two ways indicated above (full payment or in two installments).

**IMPORTANT:**

It must be clarified whether the registration is individual or group.

After payment, the payment receipt must be sent to this address: inscripcioncongreso@donbosco.org.ar indicating your name and surname and place of origin. When sending the payment receipt indicate, as appropriate:

* "TOTAL PAYMENT" CONGRESS MA 2019
* "PARTIAL PAYMENT" CONGRESS MA 2019
* "BALANCE OF PAYMENT" CONGRESS MA 2019

Registration will not be considered valid until payment of the requested contribution has been received. Access to Congress and meal will be allowed only to registered and accredited participants who show the identification tag that will be given at the time of accreditation. It will not be possible to register at the place of the event.

Payment must be made exclusively by bank transfer, payable to:

BANCO FRANCÉS (DÓLARES)

* SUCURSAL 099
* Account in USD Dollar: 67845/8
* CBU 0170099226000006784584
* CUIT: 30-61021163-8
* Company name: SALESIAN INSTITUCION

The bank has informed that to receive funds from abroad in dollars (USD), the following information must be provided to the transferor of the funds:

**Intermediary:**

* Standard Chartered Bank
* Swift Code: SCBLUS33
* ABA: 026002561
* Address: 1 Av MADISON, 3rd. PLAN. NEW YORK USA

**Beneficiary Bank:**

* BBVA Banco Francés S. A.
* Swift code: BFRPARBAXXX
* Address: Reconquista 199 CP. C1003ABC
* Autonomous city of Buenos Aires, Republic of Argentina

**Beneficiaries:**

* Trade name: SALESIAN INSTITUCION
* Number C.B.U. 0170099226000006784584175
* Branch - Account number: 099 - 67845/8
* CUIT or D.N.I. of the Beneficiary: 30610211638
* Address: Don Bosco 4002, CP C1206ABN
* Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Republic of Argentina
* Reason: (total payment, deposit, balance ..... as indicated above)