



**SALESIAN FAMILY**  
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**To those registered for the Spirituality Days 2025**  
To Province Salesian Family Delegates – for your information per informazione

Subject: Some information of interest (communiqué 3)

Dear Brother or Sister of the Salesian Family,

Warm greetings and welcome to you on behalf of the entire coordination team. Through this new communiqué we are sending you some information of interest to prepare you for the experience of the Days in this Jubilee year.

### **Information regarding your place of residence**

Through the email you will be provided with, over these days you will be given the Residence where you will be living and your room number. You will then be able to go to it when you arrive and then go to the Secretariat to collect your participation credentials and finalise your financial contribution.

### **Information regarding the opening session**

The opening session will be held at the Teatro Grande in Valdocco. The theatre will open at 3pm and the session will start punctually at 3.30pm. Punctuality at this and other times of the Days is extremely important. Remember that the Days are being followed from various parts of the Salesian world online.

### **The function of the [famigliasalesiana.org](http://famigliasalesiana.org) website**

All the material for the Days in the various languages is being placed on the [www.famigliasalesiana.org](http://www.famigliasalesiana.org) Website. To gain access click on "Giornate 2025".

For your part, try to make the programme known so that all those who wish can follow the collective moments of the Days online: the opening session, the celebrations, the conferences... It is an effective way to express our sense of communion as Salesian Family.

## **Optional guided visits around Valdocco**

On Fridays and Saturdays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., there will be optional short guided tours of some particularly significant areas of Valdocco. They are indicated in the attachment to this communiqué.

**Anyone wishing to participate must register via the form indicated for each of the tours according to the language the guide will use.**

### **Preparation time**

It is important to understand the Jubilee as a pilgrimage, as an invitation to set out, to go out of oneself to go towards Christ. And all of us, members of the Salesian Family, want to do this with young people, like Don Bosco, like the missionaries who were inspired by him, with the joy of faith and the pedagogy of the heart.

So don't forget, when you prepare your suitcase or rucksack, to put some items in it that give quality to your pilgrimage, such as desire, listening, communication, faith, hope, austerity, joy, amazement, decision... A little of this, and certainly much more, will help you and contribute to making the whole Salesian Family feel more and more 'anchored in hope and pilgrims with young people'.

Thank you for your participation. We will meet in a few days in Valdocco. May our Mother Help of Christians accompany us on our journey and wait for us in her Shrine. Have a good journey.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joan Lluís", is written over a horizontal blue line.

Fr Joan Lluís Playà  
RM's Delegate for the SF

## ATTACHMENT

### Module for registering for optional guided visits: **Friday 17**

**ITALIANO:** Casa Museo

<https://formlimit.everestwebdeals.co/?form=5bfb0548c98ce838e5df1cd8b292972e>

**ITALIANO:** Basilica

<https://formlimit.everestwebdeals.co/?form=a5a84237f68822a1d5cd41a5bdc2d181>

**ITALIANO:** Cortile e Chiesa di San Francesco

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**ITALIANO:** Tipografia Valdocco

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**ESPAÑOL:** Basilica

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**ENGLISH:** Courtyard and Church of St Francis de Sales

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**ENGLISH:** Basilica

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**FRANÇAISE:** Basilica

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**PORTUGUES:** Casa Museo

<https://formlimit.everestwebdeals.co/?form=783920c1c67e7690c9813632e069f5cf>

### Module for registering for optional guided visits:: **Saturday 18**

**ITALIANO:** Casa Museo:

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**ITALIANO:** Basilica:

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**ITALIANO:** Cortile e Chiesa di San Francesco;

<https://formlimit.everestwebdeals.co/?form=24c830025d397aa2519c090254c4d3ba>

**ITALIANO:** Tipografia Valdocco

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**ESPAÑOL:** Cortile e Chiesa di San Francesco:

<https://formlimit.everestwebdeals.co/?form=78d50fedd2dbaaf3bb427845a70cfd9c>

**ENGLISH:** Courtyard and Church of St Francis de Sales

<https://formlimit.everestwebdeals.co/?form=3b01afd38fca1eae41c4fd3cf3187e08>

**ENGLISH:** Basilica

<https://formlimit.everestwebdeals.co/?form=93ab772277fa549617c532dab798fbd6>

**FRANÇAISE:** Casa Museo Don Bosco

<https://formlimit.everestwebdeals.co/?form=e7b7c17505d84e167f9da3a417214594>

**PORTOGHESE:** Basilica

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## First stage of our pilgrimage as a Salesian Family

### Standing before the Holy Door of the Jubilee

*Dear friends... From the Secretariat of the Salesian Family, in preparation for the Days of Spirituality, we invite you to prepare yourselves through an intense experience of the ecclesial moment in which the Holy Father will open the Holy Door on the night of the Lord's Nativity. An invitation to contemplate the Incarnation of God in the heart of humanity with wonder. It is in him that we find the hope that does not disappoint.*

*Here are two texts that can nurture a time of meditation and prayer, helping us to embark on the joyful path of our pilgrimage.*



#### I. A sure and steadfast anchor of hope (Pope)

"In our journey towards the Jubilee, let us return to Scripture and realize that it speaks to us in these words: "May we who have taken refuge in him be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered" (Heb 6:18-20) Those words are a forceful encouragement for us never to lose the hope we have been given, to hold fast to that hope and to find in God our refuge and our strength.

The image of the anchor is eloquent; it helps us to recognize the stability and security that is ours amid the troubled waters of this life, provided we entrust ourselves to the Lord Jesus... This hope, which transcends life's fleeting pleasures and the achievement of our immediate goals, makes us rise above our trials and difficulties, and inspires us to keep pressing forward, never losing sight of the grandeur of the heavenly goal to which we have been called.

The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation. May the witness of believers be for our world a leaven of authentic hope, a harbinger of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pet 3:13), where men and women will dwell in justice and harmony, in joyful expectation of the fulfilment of the Lord's promises.

Let us even now be drawn to this hope! Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: 'Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!' (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever."



## II. The two interwoven events in Strenna 2025 (Fr Stefano)

“The Strenna’s title involves the interweaving of two events: the ordinary jubilee of the year 2025 and the 150th anniversary of the first missionary expedition sent by Don Bosco to Argentina. This concurrence of the two events, which I venture to call ‘providential’, makes 2025 a decidedly extraordinary year for all of us and even more so for the Salesians of Don Bosco. Global and particular events, therefore, that involve us in different ways and that we will seek to experience profoundly and intensely, because it is precisely thanks to these events that we can experience the joy of encountering Christ, and the importance of remaining anchored in hope.

The Jubilee “*Spes non confundit! Hope does not disappoint!*” This is how Pope Francis presents the Jubilee to us. How wonderful! What a ‘prophetic’ cue! The Jubilee is a pilgrimage for putting Jesus Christ back at the centre of our lives and the life of the world. Because he is our hope. He is the Hope of the Church and of the whole world!

We are all aware that the world today needs the hope that connects us with Jesus Christ and with our other brothers and sisters. We need the hope that makes us pilgrims, that propels us into motion and prompts us to start walking. We are speaking of hope as the rediscovery of God’s presence. Pope Francis writes ‘May hope fill your hearts!’, not only warm your hearts, but fill them, fill them to overflowing!

The anniversary of the first Salesian missionary expedition. And this overflowing hope filled the hearts of those who took part in the first Salesian missionary expedition to Argentina 150 years ago. From Valdocco, Don Bosco throws his heart beyond every border, sending his sons to the other side of the world! He sends them beyond all human security, sends them to carry forward what he had begun, Setting out with others, hoping and infusing hope. He simply sends them – and the first (young) confreres leave and head off. Where? Not even they know where! But they rely on hope and obey, because it is God’s presence that guides us.

Our current hope also finds new energy in that enthusiastic obedience and urges us to set out as pilgrims. That is why this anniversary should be celebrated: because it helps us to recognise a gift (not a personal achievement, but a free gift, from the Lord); it allows us to remember and to gain strength from this memory to face and build the future.

Today, therefore, let us live to make this future possible and let us do it in the only way we consider great: by sharing our journey of encountering Christ, our only hope, with young people and with all the people in our settings (starting from the poorest and most forgotten).”

### The Jubilee Prayer

***Father in heaven,***

may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

***May your grace transform us*** into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

***May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,***  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

***May that same grace spread***

the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

*Franciscus*