



**THANK GOD FOR OUR
BELOVED ASSOCIATION**



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¡FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS! 🎂

Joyeux anniversaire ! 🎂 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY 🎂**
Feliz aniversário! 🎂



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DON BOSCO CONFIDED TO DON BARBERIS IN 1876

“I already have another project in mind that I will develop in the next two years... we should form, I would say, a third Order for ladies, who will not be bound to us but to the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians”.



THE FIRST STEPS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THE PAST PUPILS OF FMA

- 1881 – Nizza Monferrato, on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the death of Mother Mazzarello

«They felt that they could not forget what they had received and lived, and they desired to remember, bear witness, and relive together with their Sisters and companions the memories and experiences of their youth.»



IN 1897,

- at Nizza Monferrato they prepared the celebration
of the 25th anniversary of the foundation of the
Istituto of the FMA.

IN 1904,

on occasione of the 25th anniversary of the
foundation of the Community of Nizza
Monferrato



DON PHILIP RINALDI, THE THIRD SUCCESSOR OF DON BOSCO,





Don Rinaldi involved the former pupils in the mission of the Oratory.



The purpose: “to meet again among former companions, to relive for a while—alongside the Superiors and Assistants of those days—the serene life of adolescence, affection and understanding, which they had found in the Oratory so much so that even after many years its memory and nostalgia remain.”



THE BIRTH OF THE FIRST UNION

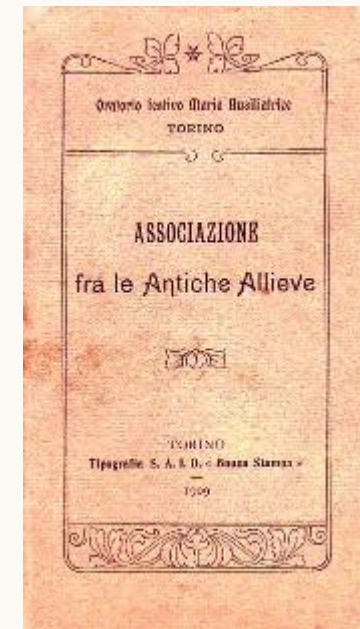
19 March 1908



Don Philip Rinaldi



Sr. Caterina Arrighi



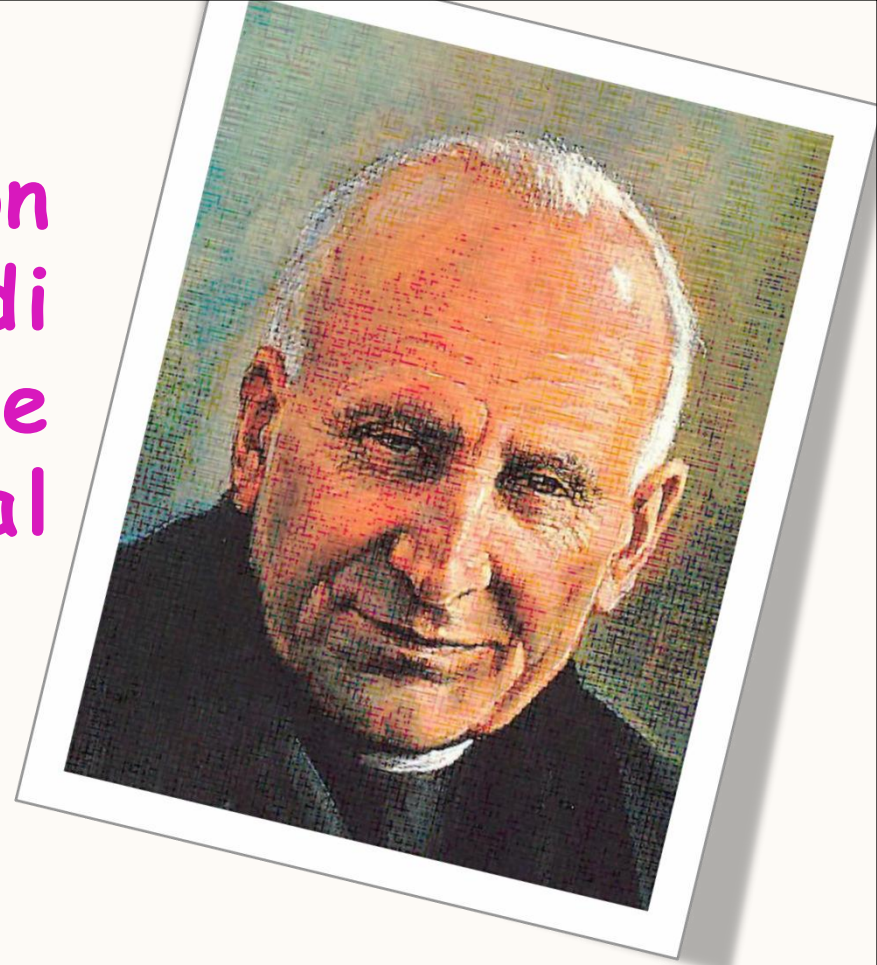
The first rules



The first office



On the very day of the foundation of the Association, Don Rinaldi gave the first past pupils of the Oratory the following spiritual program:



“Live the spirit of Don Bosco and spread it in fraternal union with feelings of loving gratitude toward the Superiors.”



- Sono veramente grata alle Suore che mi hanno formata?
- Ricordo almeno tre motivi per esprimere la mia gratitudine verso di loro.
- In che modo desidero esprimere concretamente il mio amore verso di loro?



1922

Tappe importanti dell'Associazione

1921

The Third International Congress at Nizza – 50° anniversary of the foundation of the Institute of the FMA

The first Regional Congress in Piemonte, Turin

1921

The first publication of the magazine *Unione*

1920

The second International Congress at Turin.

1911

Publication of the first periodical of the Association: *The Echo of the Past Pupils*.

1911

The first International Congress at Turin



1988

Important Milestones of the Association

1983

The Association became part of the Salesian Family.

75° anniversary of the foundation of the Association

1972

V World Congress on the occasion of the Centenary of the Foundation of the Institute of the FMA

1967

Constitution of the OMAEEC. The first Vice-Presidents were the Past Pupils of SDB and FMA

1958

4° International Congress at Turin – 50° anniversary of the foundation of the Association.

1933

25° anniversary of the Foundation of the Association



Important Milestones of the Association

1988

The first World Congress of the PP of FMA and those of SDB on occasion of the Centenary of the death of Don Bosco at Rome.

1991

The first World Elective Assembly at Rome.

1997

The second World Elective Assembly at Rome

2003

The third World Elective Assembly at Rome

2005

Costitution of the Non uno di meno ONLUS

2008

100° anniversary of the foundation of the Association



Important Milestones of the Association

2009

The fourth
World
Elective
Assembly

2015

The fifth
World
Elective
Assembly

2021

The sixth
World
Elective
Assembly

Presidents of the Association



Sr. Caterina Arrighi
(1908-1911)



Felicina Gastini
(1911-1920)



M. Vittoria Chiora
(1920-1933)



Margherita Stoppino
(1933-1948)



Maria Scavino
(1948-1955)



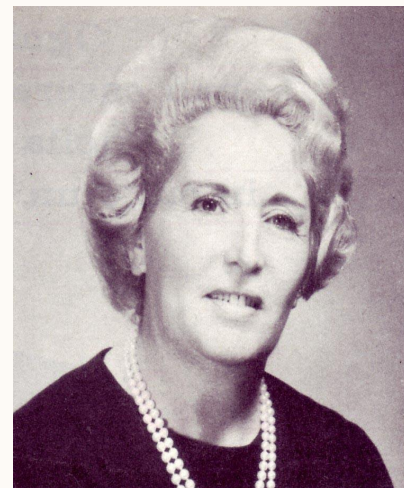
Angiola M. Caviglione
(1955-1962)



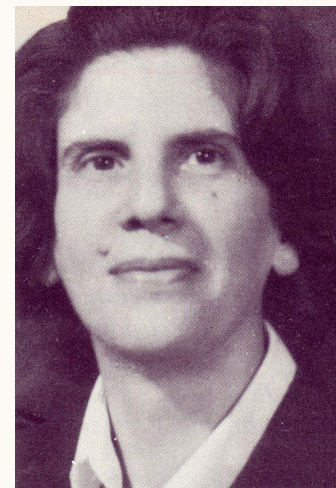
Ines Barone
(1962-1969)



Tatiana Togni Elmi
(1970-1975)



Raymonde Grimaldi
(1975-1981)



Anna Maria Bonitatibus
(1981-1987)

Presidents of the Association



Rosadele Regge
(1987-1997)



Gabriella Eramo
(1997-2003)



Carolina Fiorica
(2003-2012)



Paola Staiano
(2012-2015)



Maria Maghini
(2015-2021)



Maria Carmen Castillon
(dal 2021 attuale Presidente Confed)

Confederazione Council (2021-2027)



FMA General Councillors for the Past Pupils



Sr. Eulalia Bosco
(1919-1938)



Sr. Caterina Magenta
(1939)



Sr. Carolina Novasconi
(1939-1958)



Sr. Nilde Maule
(1958-1967)



Sr. Letizia Galletti
(1967-1981)



Sr. Marinella Castagno
(1981-1984)



Sr. Elisabetta Maioli
(1984-1990)



Sr. Georgina McPake
(1990-1996)



Sr. María de los Angeles Contreras
(1996-2008)



Sr. Maria Luisa Miranda
(2008-2021)



Sr. Leslye Sandigo
(dal 2021 attuale Consigliera Generale)

CONFEDERAL DELEGATES



Sr. Maria Rampini
(1957-1987)



Sr. Teresita Osio
(1987-2004)



Sr. Maritza Ortiz
(2004-2015)



Sr. Gabriela Patiño
(2015-2024)



*Sr. Maria Soosai
Sahaya Sangitha Rani*
(dal 2024 attuale Delegata)

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IDENTITY



The identity is the combination of the characteristics of the individual, of the community or one Association.



To carry out
formation
activities and
meetings with
other groups
of the
Salesian
Family and
Associations.



It is of
fundamental
importance to
know one's own
identity and to
strengthen the
sense of
belonging to the
Association

We ask ourselves:



•What is the identity of the Association of the past pupils?



•What is the meaning of being Associated?



• What is the spirituality of the Association?



•Chi è l'ex allievo/a?





To keep alive the memory of the years spent in the Oratory,
encouraging one another to persevere in good principles, even in the role of a mother

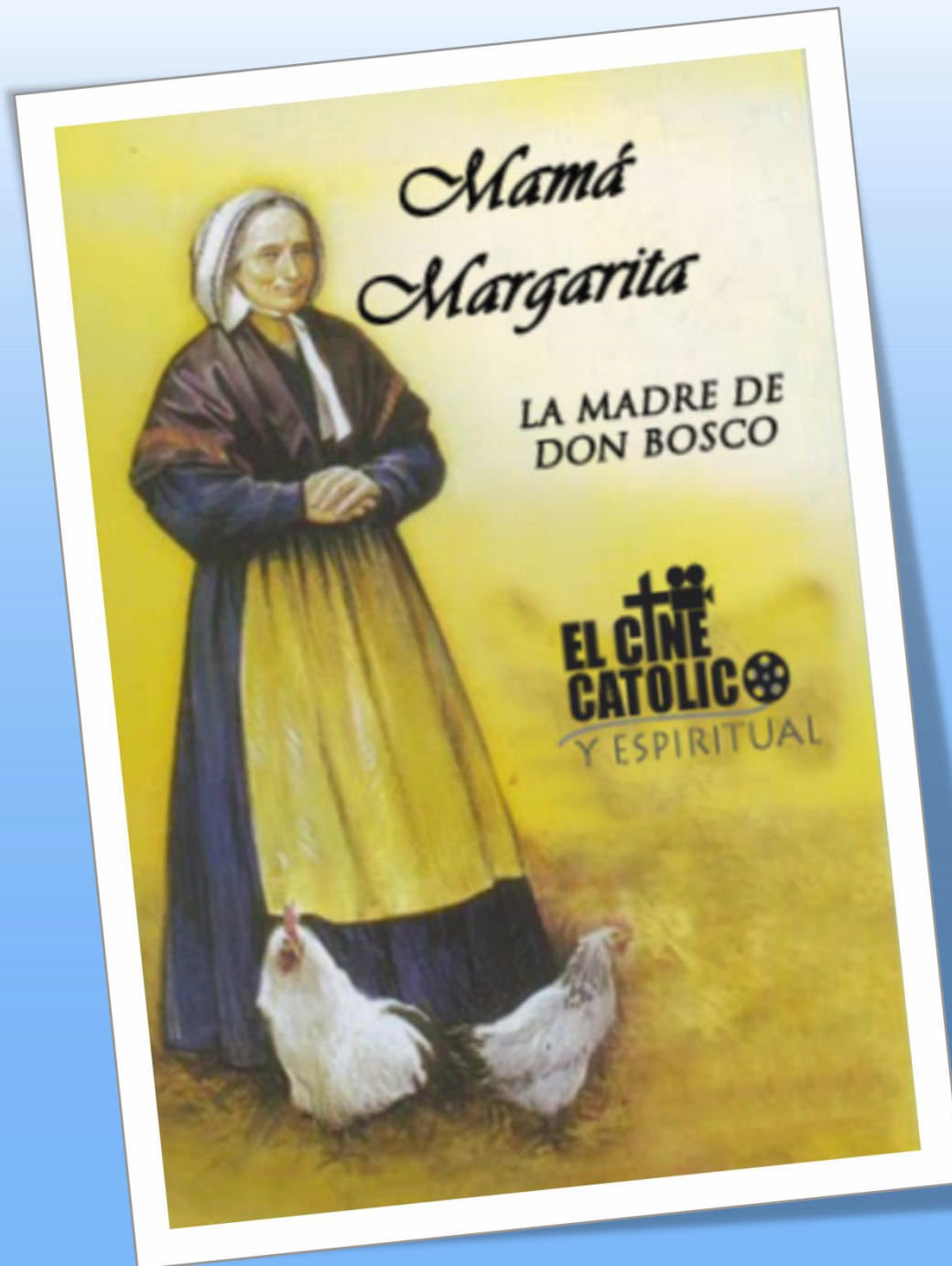


To provide moral support to companions who choose marriage and face the demanding task of forming a new family



To visit former companions who fall ill and, as far as possible, offer them the support they need

Objectives of the first regulations of the Association (1908)



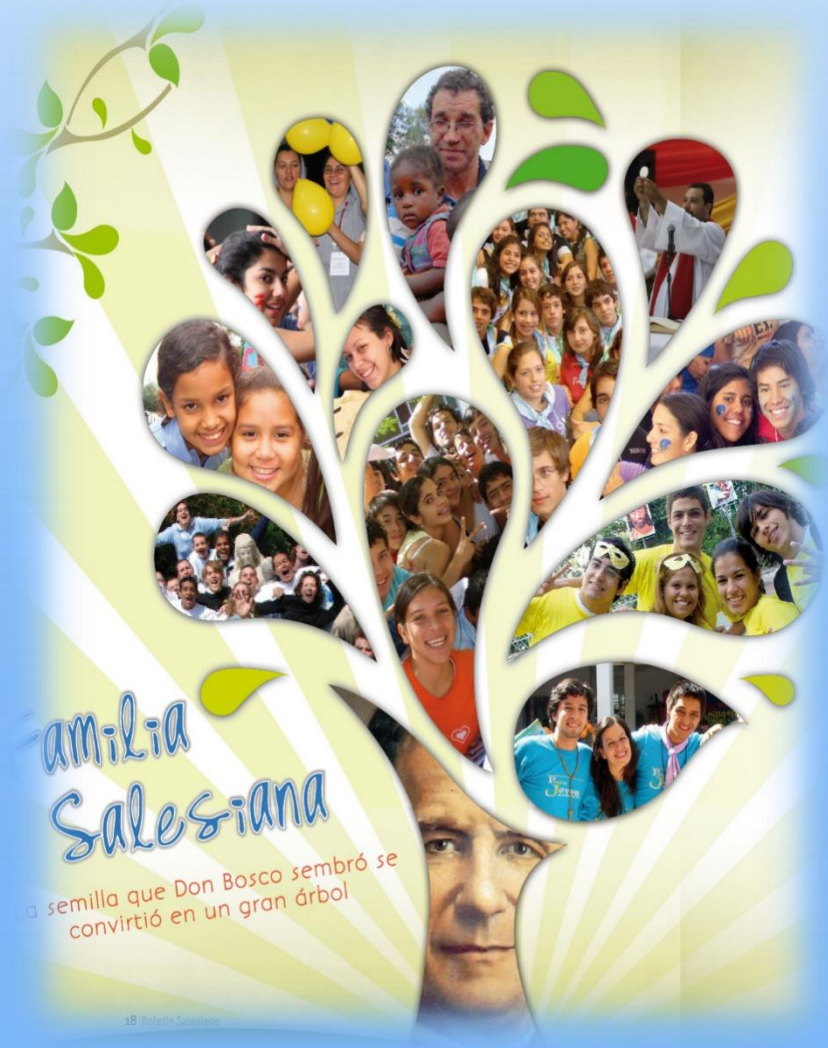
The first regulation presents the mother of don Bosco, Margherita Occhiena, as the model. She was strong and wise, a mother heroic, a great Christian educator and a saint.



THE CONFEDERATION...



"It is a non-profit lay association promoted by the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (or the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco). As such, it forms part of the Salesian Family, in which the Rector Major—the successor of Don Bosco—is the father and center of unity."

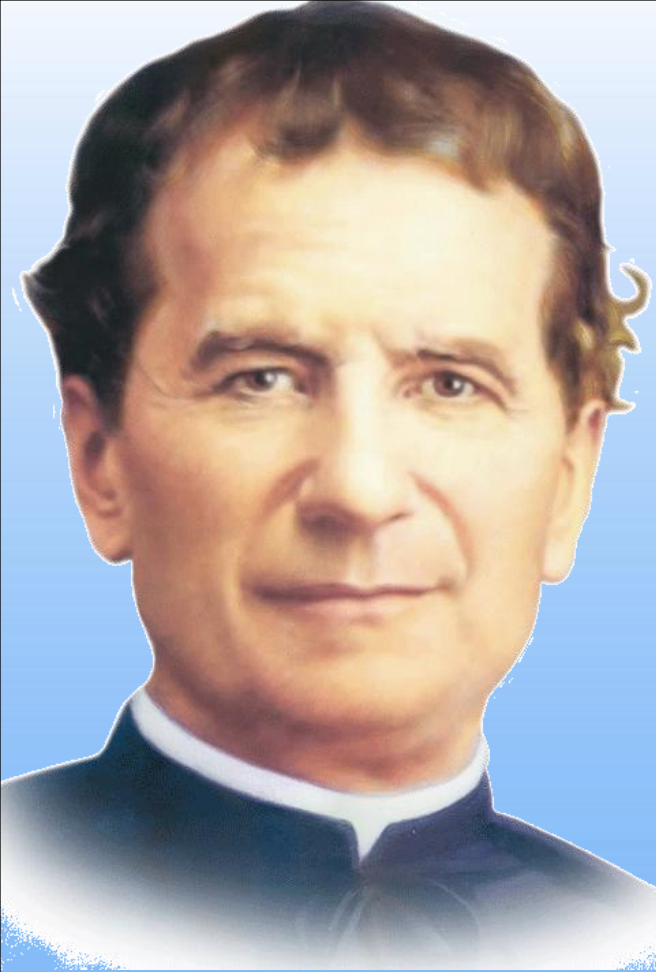


Women and men who wish to share the human and religious values in which they were educated can join the Association regardless of their religious, cultural, social, or ethnic background.

VISION

To transform one's life in order to become a good Christian/believer and an honest citizen, following in the footsteps of John Bosco and Maria Domenica Mazzarello





...which today is proposed again as an integral educational project that responds to the most authentic aspirations of the human person: the search for truth, the need for God, and openness to relationships (art. 5.1).



The spirituality of the past pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA) is based on the Preventive System of John Bosco, expressed in the triad of reason, religion, and loving-kindness.



It is further enriched by the charismatic elements of the lifestyle and actions of Maria Domenica Mazzarello who, with a 'feminine genius,' shared the same educational project with John Bosco, drawing inspiration from Mary, Mother of Jesus



"To take care of them..."; to live each day with simplicity and joy; to fill even the smallest gesture with the experience of God; to be involved in the community, witnessing to and promoting a culture of life and solidarity. (art. 5.2)

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“Dreams are the starting point, the **MISSION** is the journey, and together we are the strength that makes it possible”



THE MISSION

The past pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA) take part in the educational mission of the Institute and engage in it with the Salesian-Mornese lay style, which is well expressed in our slogan:

"Hands in the world, roots in the heart"

A Look at the Past

With remarkable creativity, those young women organized educational and charitable projects in Valdocco...



...to help young women, girls, mothers, workers, teachers, and peasant women.



The Programmatic Guidelines of the 2021-2027:

SOLIDARIETY

Families

Young people

Creation



These attentions set the heart in motion before action, creating an environment in which every person feels respected and valued



Mission of the Confederation in 2025:

- *Contribution to the mission in Vietnam and Ecuador*
- *Holding of the International Congress*
- *Training on “Solidarity and Economic Sustainability”*
- *Participation in the Canonization of Saint Maria Troncatti*

A broad look at today...

Educational and charitable works

Human and social promotion

Catechesis and parish animation

Youth centers

Oratories, libraries, and theatre groups

If you cannot fly, **RUN.**
If you cannot run, **WALK.**
If you cannot walk, **CRAWL.**

Whatever you do,

keep moving forward.





The perspective of **SOLIDARITY**, from Federations to the Confederation:

- **Active Participation** – dialogue, relationship and collaboration,
- **Associative contribution:**
 - To sustain economically the Confederation
 - To give continuity to the activity promoted
 - To strengthen the sense of belonging to the Association
 - To create connection between the associates

This permits the Confederation to...

“Be and Exist”





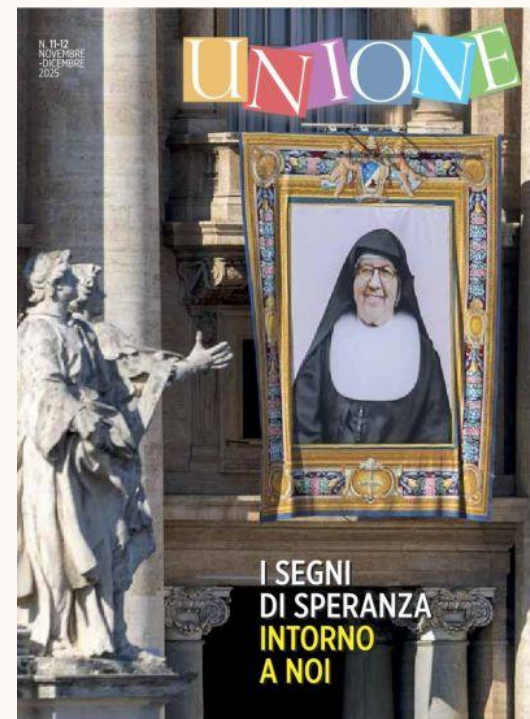
The Periodical UNIONE

Narrates our story

Spread our action in the world

Narrate the presence of many past pupils

Promotes formation





May God and
the Vergin
Mary bless
you!



Thank for being here...

Thank you believing in our Association!