

IDENTITY DOCUMENT

OUR HISTORY

The Association of the Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA) was founded on 19 March 1908 by Blessed Philip Rinaldi in Turin with the collaboration of Sr. Caterina Arrighi.

On that date, the first *Past Pupils Union* of the FMA was also officially established and its Regulations were approved. With surprising resourcefulness, the Past Pupils organized works of solidarity and education to reach young people, children, mothers of family, workers, teachers, and farmers.

In 1990, was officially established as: “World Confederation of Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA)”.

In 2021, took on the name of: “World Confederation *Mornese* of Past Pupils of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA)”.

Belonging to the association means: **knowing, assimilating, and living** Salesian values in the style of Mornese.

OUR VALUES

- **Solidarity and reciprocity** that produce **mutuality**, understood as a relationship of mutual support, exchange of resources and competencies. Mutuality connotes both the life of the association internally and its relations externally.

- **Subsidiarity**, understood as closeness to citizens and communities, the ability to read and respond to social needs, to deal with new emergencies, making oneself available to citizens and institutions for their empowerment.

- **Social Participation**, understood as taking part in the social reality and contributing to its improvement through one’s responsible commitment.

- **Gratuity**, as a distinctive element, such as the drive that leads us to approach others without selfinterest so as to favor well-being by impacting the context in a significant way.

Gratuity, combined with solidarity, motivates each member of the association to commit themselves personally and concretely to building a more civil society and to the formation of “*good Christians and honest citizens*” (Don Bosco).

OUR PRINCIPLES

- **Respect** for the dignity of every human being and their fundamental rights, regardless of religious, cultural, social, and ethnic affiliation.
- **Solidarity**, understood as attention to every human being and their rights; proximity to community needs; care of the territory and common goods.
- **Liberty**, understood both as a fundamental condition for living and sharing diverse experiences and skills, and as the *possibility* given to everyone to carry out their activities according to the aims of the Association.