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What a great year for SMV!

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Dear friends of SMV,

This year has seen enormous growth in the connections for those involved in SMV throughout the world. The highlight was surely our first time coming together as volunteer coordinators in March 2024. This meeting has been a catalyst and has increased the momentum of our networking and connection with each other. There is so much experience and expertise in the SMV field. We are now working with each other to learn from each other.

This makes us particularly excited for next year and the subsequent years that lie ahead for SMV. Next year, the Advisory team will have a period of planning so please send through any thoughts and idea about how we can better support you in your work! Thank you dear friends and colleagues for the amazing work you do have a blessed advent season and Christmas.

♥ WITH LOVE ♥

Marco, Pavel, Rafa, Chris, JC, Adam and Lauren

SMV CROSS

We are delighted that many Salesian volunteer programs are using the SMV cross. Just a friendly reminder to email us if you want crosses for your volunteers. They are a great source of unity for Salesian volunteers around the world.

FINAL DRAFT - SMV BOOKLET

Soon we will distribute (via email) the final draft of the SMV booklet that will be published for celebrations of the 150th sending of the missionary expedition. We ask all volunteer coordinators to please read the information carefully so we can ensure we are publish the right information!

Online Formation Meetings

it was wonderful to host two online formation meetings in November, one in English and one in Spanish, to discuss challenges for volunteers in receiving communities.

The doctoral work of JC Montenegro was used to introduce the topic and further investigate some of the key challenges.

It was incredibly rich to be able to have open and honest dialogue that was based in the participants lived experience working with volunteers.

Next year, the SMV Advisory team will meet to look at the strategic plan for the next few years. The animation, support and formation of receiving communities will be a key topic that is considered in planning the way forward.

There are a number of resources available to you after the meeting that can be accessed through our website:

- [Meeting Notes](#)
- [PDF Presentation - English](#)
- [PDF Presentation - Spanish](#)
- [ANS Article](#)

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