



SMV

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Lots of change and much work to do!

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Dear friends of SMV,

My goodness so much can happen between newsletters! When we last wrote to you the General Chapter 29 was taking place. We warmly congratulate all the newly elected and reelected Councillors. We pray that the holy spirit always guides their work and that young people have clear priority in every moment and every decision.

In a moment of sadness for our team, but a moment of rejoicing for the congregation, our beloved Rafa was elected as Councillor for Youth Ministry. This means that we lose him as a member of our group, but we are so pleased he will be leading Youth Ministry. Congratulations dear Padre Rafa Bejarano!

We warmly welcome Fr. Francisco Cervantes to our SMV Advisory Team. Fr. Francisco, originally from Mexico, is a member of the Youth Ministry team. Already he has enriched our SMV Advisory Team providing valuable insight and perspective. Welcome dear Francisco. Thank you for your commitment to SMV.

We had a wonderful and busy time during our recent meeting with much to share with you. Most importantly, we were able to come up with a strategic plan for our next three years of work. We have so many exciting initiatives planned, and we are so excited to share all of them with you. We continue to be inspired by your incredible work at the grassroots level - thank you for everything you do and all that you are! Until next time dear friends!

♥ WITH LOVE ♥

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

WATCH THIS SPACE:

DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SMV MANUAL

The SMV Manual is foundational in the work that we do in SMV. Last year during our meeting in Rome we took some time to deepen our understanding of this excellent resource. Fr. Fabio, newly elected Rector Major, has encouraged us to continually return to the manual. Starting in our next newsletter we will take a small part of the manual and deepen our reflection. We invite you to be part of this process. If you would like to help us in this task to provide some insight and depth, please contact us on the email below.

SMV Advisory Team Planning

During our recent meeting we spent a lot of time thinking, and praying, about how to best support SMV in the Salesian Congregation. We invite you to read two news articles about our recent work. The first looks at the analysis of the work we have done in the last three years and the second discusses the work we have planned for the future and the very important guidance provided to us by Fr. Fabio.

Reminder WEBSITE

A key area of discussion during our time together was our SalesianVol website. This important resource continues to evolve and develop. A key area of focus is building the resource section of the website. This will enable everyone to have access to the best practices that exist around the world. Our aim is to share and learn from each other.

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SMV and the SMV Advisory Team is a joint initiative of the Missions and Youth Ministry Sectors of the Salesians of Don Bosco