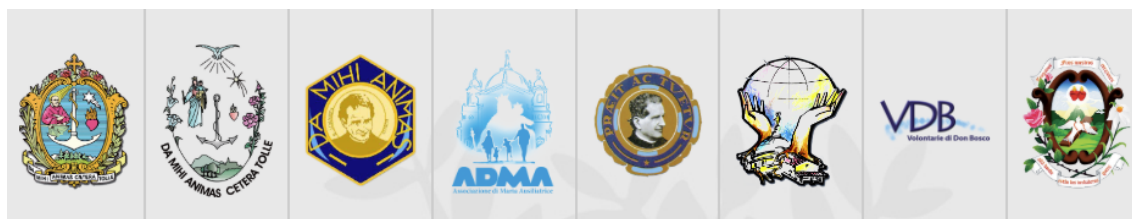




Salesian Family Nomination Guidelines

Wonderful news! **Thanks to the SDBs' Province Day gift, our province will cover half the costs of ten Salesian Family members attending** the 2027 Salesian Family Spirituality Days in Turin, Italy (January 21st-24th). This beautiful gathering invites us into prayer, learning, fellowship, and renewed commitment to Don Bosco's mission.

Nominations are open to individuals who embody the Salesian values of reason, religion, and loving-kindness, and who actively contribute to the vitality and growth of the Salesian Family. The Province **seeks to honor ten members** whose faith, service, and joyful dedication reflect the spirit of Don Bosco. We welcome nominations for Salesian Family members who live the values of reason, religion, and loving-kindness, and who bring joy, faith, and service to our shared mission.



Nomination Criteria

A nominee **must be an official member of a recognized Salesian Family group**, such as: the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB), Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA), Salesian Cooperators, Association of Mary Help of Christians (ADMA), Don Bosco Volunteers (DBV), Canção Nova, Volunteers with Don Bosco (CDB), Damas Salesianas, or any other officially recognized Salesian Family association.

In addition, the nominee must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- **Emerging Leadership:** A *young adult member* of the Salesian Family who demonstrates the Salesian spirit through leadership, service, and active commitment to the mission of Don Bosco.
- **Growing Participation:** A member with *two to five years* of official membership who actively engages in formation, community life, and apostolic service within their Salesian Family group.
- **Dedicated Service:** A member with *ten or more years* of faithful service and leadership, contributing significantly to the mission and vitality of the Salesian Family.
- **Inspiring Witness:** A member who consistently embodies the Salesian spirit of reason, religion, and loving-kindness, and who inspires and attracts others to live and share in the Salesian Family mission.

Nomination Process

Any member of a Salesian Family group may submit nominations. Each nomination should include:

- The nominee's full name and Salesian Family affiliation;
- A brief description (200–300 words) explaining how the nominee meets one or more of the above criteria; and
- The name and contact information of the person submitting the nomination.

DEADLINE: Completed nominations should be submitted **to Andrea Zimmerman via email: andreazimm36@gmail.com no later than Monday, November 13th, 2026.**

All nominations will be reviewed by the Provincial and the Salesian Family SDB Delegate, and honorees will have an opportunity to share their experiences during the Province Salesian Family Marian Day on **Saturday, April 24th, 2027.**

Salesian Family Nomination Form

Nominee's Full Name:

Nominee's Salesian Family Group Affiliation:

Nominee's Years of Membership:

Nominee's home address, email address, phone number, and headshot/photo:

Nominator's Name:

Nominator's Salesian Family Group:

Nominator's Email:

Nominator's Phone:

In 200–300 words, describe how the nominee exemplifies the Salesian spirit and meets one or more of the criteria listed on page

Cost Estimates: Ten members of the Salesian Family will be given \$1,000 towards their expenses to attend the Salesian Family Spirituality Days in Turin, Italy – January 21-24, 2027.

Expenses	Amount
Event registration & lodging (Jan. 21–24, incl. meals)	\$€370 > Full board in a single room (meals, contribution towards general expenses and accommodation). PLEASE NOTE! The prices for single rooms at the Hotel Fortino and the Sermig differ: Single room: 400 euros. Furthermore, the organisers DO NOT RESERVE DOUBLE ROOMS FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY AT EITHER THE HOTEL FORTINO OR THE SERMIG. B. €320 > Full board in a double room (course materials, general expenses and accommodation). (Note: Please consider this option for financial reasons). C. €290 > Full board in a triple room (course materials,

	general expenses and accommodation). Places are limited.
Bus (Milan Airport ⇄ ,Milan Train Station) Round-trip	\$22
Train (Milan ⇄ Turin) - Round-trip	\$150
Taxi: Turin Train Station to Hotel-Roundtrip	\$31
Meals – Traveling to and from event location	\$100
Total Costs Covered by Province	\$1,000

Note: The only remaining cost to attendees is airfare.

Estimating off-season pricing: \$600–\$800, depending on booking time.

Program Overview for the 2027 Salesian Family Spirituality Days

The theme of the 2027 Salesian Family Strenna—which guides the Salesian Family Spirituality Days scheduled in Turin-Valdocco from January 21 to 24, 2027—is “Charity is patient, charity is kind – 'Dedicated' to the integral well-being of young people.”

The Salesian Family Spirituality Days in Turin invite us to live our Salesian vocation with renewed freedom, rooted in Christ and radically committed to young people, and to study the Preventive System, a gift of our charism that is spread throughout the world by the Salesian Family.

These days include, but are not limited to:

- Presentation of the 2027 Strenna by the Rector Major;
- A Session studying and celebrating the 150th anniversary of Don Bosco's **Preventive System**;
- Prayer, Mass, small group reflections and discussions, and cultural gatherings;
- Visit to the Don Bosco Museum;
- Festive moments of fellowship across the global Salesian Family; and
- Living in Valdocco where Don Bosco began it all

Note: More detailed agendas per day will be provided at a later date.

I feel deeply blessed to have experienced the Salesian Family Spirituality Days at Valdocco in January 2025. It was a transformative time of prayer, learning, and communion that renewed my spirit and deepened my commitment to Don Bosco's mission. The Salesian Family Spirituality Days at Valdocco are a truly grace-filled opportunity for formation, renewal, and deeper communion across our Salesian Family.

I hope each local community will prayerfully consider nominating someone who can experience these days, bring the Salesian Family spirit back to your people, and grow the Salesian Family groups. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Gratefully in Don Bosco,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Zimmerman".

Andrea Zimmerman

Salesian Family SDB Delegate and Salesian Cooperator