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1.4 CONCLUSION OF PROJECT MORNESE

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Entrustment *(alternating sides)*

Guide: We entrust our life to Mary, our Mother and guide so that she can help us to joyfully sing of God's love for us, to live our vocation with commitment, renewed in faith, in love with Jesus, eager to communicate with passion and coherence the beauty of the Gospel to the new generations:

O Mary Help of Christians,
we entrust our journey to you
of total donation to God.
Teach us to sing with joy and gratitude
our Magnificat to the Lord.

Make us attentive to the voice of the Spirit
so that we may know how to live with humility,
charity, simplicity, and trust in our daily life.

Like You, we desire to abandon ourselves to the Father
to continue to live chaste, poor, and obedient
and to be, with our life
transparency of God's love
and reflection of your maternal goodness
on the example of Mother Mazzarello
for the young people entrusted to us. Amen.



Introduction

Guide: With a heart filled with joy and gratitude, let us praise God for the gift of Project Mornese. God's Spirit has accompanied us and allowed us to experience our origins, our founders. This opportunity has now strengthened us to be a "life-giving presence" in our communities and continue to take up the challenge of making them Mornese in "uscita", a theological space, where there is a vital experience of humanization, where formation is cared for, where we live in synodality filled with hope and commit ourselves to a way of life in the perspective of integral ecology.

Let us celebrate the Eucharist with the desire to nourish ourselves with Jesus and thus not be afraid to witness the grace of having rekindled the beauty of our vocation at the sources of our charism.

Offertory

(The following is read while bread and wine are carried to the altar.)

Guide: With the bread and wine, we present to the Lord our lives and our desire to be with Mary a life-giving presence.

After Holy Communion

(The following is read after all have received Holy Communion.)

Guide: We feel Jesus close, we adore Him and we thank Him.... Let us allow the words of Mother Mazzarello to resound in our hearts: "Live closely united to Jesus", 'Work only to please Him', 'strive to become more holy every day and you will always be joyful', 'Do not be discouraged in the face of any adversity; receive everything from the hands of Jesus'. "Put all your trust in Him and expect everything from Him". Let us learn from Mother Mazzarello the language of the soul. It is she who knows how to enter into relationship with Jesus to become a bearer of fruitful holiness.



PERSONAL SYNTHESIS

(The participants will take time to reflect on the gifts this experience has given them and the steps needed to become a life-generating presence in their community and educational mission.)



PRAYER

(It is suggested to have the prayer in the Exhibit of our FMA Charism. Prepare the prayer space with chairs, hearts that have a saying of MM on one side, 5 posters with the words: initiative, get involved, accompany, bear fruit, celebrate. Participants will bring a symbol that expresses the synthesis of their personal experience during the journey.)

At the Origins of Our Charism

Introduction

Guide 1: "Returning to the covenant of love and rediscovering vocation as an experience of encounter with God" is the invitation that the XXIV General Chapter addressed to all participants. (*cf. Acts GC XXIV, n. 35*). It is precisely that experience that we have been able to achieve together in these days: an opportunity to be together, a time to reflect together, a commitment to plan the future together with hope. Everything is done in one perspective, that of the encounter with Jesus Christ, the only inexhaustible source and the only force that is capable of changing, forming and transforming every being from within.

Song: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (68)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Mhv94lixXw>

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O, Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou will find a solace there
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou will find a solace there

REVIEW the Lived Experience to Sing the Praises Together

Guide 2: "Let us have the eyes of our mind and heart turned to Mornese. This village is so small, this house is nothing, and yet for us it is still the center of life." (*Fr. Giacomo Costamagna*)

The intense life of Don Bosco and the first collaborators of Mother Mazzarello and the first sisters makes Valdocco and Mornese a "blessed land". It transforms the house into an "environment of Paradise". (*The "spirit of the origins"*)

Let us now pause and look back at the time that has just passed, what has given meaning to our steps, activities, and visits? What element makes our

experience into "an encounter that forms and transforms"? How do the experiences give me hope?

(As the music plays, time is given for silent reflection.)

Instrumental Music (69)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wqb3uGDcQs>

(Once the reflection time has finished the guide continues.)

Guide 1: "It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing to your name, O Most High" (*Ps 92:2*). With grateful hearts, let us praise the Lord for his goodness:

Voice 1: For places we visited that were marked by charismatic experiences that still speak to us of a fervent relationship with the Divine, with our Salesian founders and with others

All: We give you thanks, Lord!

Voice 2: For the opportunity to partake in the many activities and dynamics that were aimed at the growth of our Salesian identity

All: We give you thanks, Lord!

Voice 3: For the people who welcomed us, took care of us and above all showed us a sign and expression of God's encompassing love

All: We give you thanks, Lord!

Refrain: Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum (x2)

SHARE the Experience Lived to Enrich Ourselves

(Four participants will be chosen to read the follow scripture.)

Gospel Jn 2,1-12

*On the third day, there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “**They have no wine.**” And Jesus said to her, “**Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.**” His mother said to the servers, “**Do whatever he tells you.**” Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, “**Fill the jars with water.**” So, they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “**Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.**” So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, “**Everyone serves the good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now.**” Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. After this, he and his mother, his brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there a few days.*

Guide 1: Accepting the invitation to "return to the origin of the charism", we welcome an opportunity to participate in the marriage of the covenant where the gift of faith and vocation is refreshed, strengthened and renewed. The participants in the wedding at Cana have their own individual experience but all meet in the faith grown in Jesus and in following him.

Guide 2: "Mary, mother of Jesus and our mother, *shrewd in grasping the events* and the embarrassment of others with her *gaze and heart constantly turned towards her Son*, invites us to do what He says, gives us clear eyes to keep everything in our hearts and continually awaken in us the great signs of God."
(Taken from "Mary, Woman of the New Wine" by Don Tonino Bello)

Guide 1: "Disciples, invited at Cana, but unable to provide, without wine, without bread and without fish, with calloused and empty hands, yet precisely

because they are *ready to accept the gift*, to believe in the One who renews and regenerates."

Guide 2: "*Servants*, useless, but *faithful* executors of the Word, of that Word that speaks and acts, tangible and visible at the same time, without excuse and ambitions, *eager only to adhere*; *attentive* to the slightest move and command of Jesus, anxious to fill to the improbable emptiness of their own and others' existence."

Guide 1: "The vocational dimension of our life and that of young people comes alive in the reciprocity generated by the word and life of Jesus" (GC XXIV, n. 22). In an atmosphere of prayer, we are now invited to share the significance of our symbol and the impact of our lived experience.

(Participants will place their symbol at the center, take a heart and share the significance of their symbol. After every three sharings a refrain will be sung)

Refrain

Bless the Lord my soul, and bless His holy name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

PLAN Together to Mature the Entrusted Experience

Guide 2: "Faith is concretized for us in a process to be shared as consecrated women, as an educating community, as a Salesian Family, as a Church to revive and witness to the beauty of vocation and mission in an attitude of continuous formation. In this process we assume missionary synodality as a way of life to hear the cry of the poor and of the earth and to make bold evangelical choices" (GC XXIV, n. 29). In the Apostolic Exhortation, ***Evangelii Gaudium*** (cf. n. 24), Pope Francis highlighted some paths that are particularly in harmony with our mission as FMA:

(As each word is read a participant will place the word at the center of the prayer space.)

Voice 4: **INITIATIVE** It is to meet without fear, to feel the responsibility to make an unrepeatable contribution to the good of all. Whoever

experiences that God has taken the initiative and has preceded him in love (*cf. 1 Jn 4:10*), dares to take the first step with courage.

Voice 5: **GET INVOLVED** It is letting oneself be touched by the lives of others, it is knowing how to shorten distances, being in touch with reality, especially being closest to the least, that periphery from which one sees better the fragility, needs, hopes and opportunities for intervention.

Voice 4: **ACCOMPANY** It is the word of one who is among people, walks with them and knows how to share life with loving patience. One knows the long waits and welcomes with serenity gifts and limitations. It is a verb of reciprocity that implies giving and receiving.

Voice 5: **BEAR FRUIT** It is the expression of a fruitfulness rooted in love (*cf. Jn 15:5*). God wants us to be fruitful, not sterile. This requires letting ourselves to be fruitful by the Holy Spirit in order to educate others to be responsible for their growth and to be involved for the good, in a bond that makes us all brothers and sisters.

Voice 4: **CELEBRATE** It recalls the dimension of the fullness of life that directs us to celebrate with joy and gratitude the signs of God's presence in everyday life.

Guide 1: Let us now write on the other side of the heart, an attitude that we desire to undertake in order to be a presence capable of generating life filled with hope in the mission entrusted to us.

(As the music plays, the participants write their attitude on the heart. Once all have written their attitude, the music continues to play while the message of Mornese is read.)

Instrumental Music (70)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wqb3uGDcQs>

Message from Mornese

Guide 2: Love one another intensely,
Grow in charity
Strive to progress
in holiness.

Treat yourselves like family,
Live fraternity
Care for one another with humility.

Keep that flame alive
that Christ has kindled in you.

The Great Gift of the Spirit may He
be more alive and stronger than ever:
may the charity of Christ reign
in your midst.

Serve with Courage and Faith
the young people whom God gives you.
Do freely all that charity suggest you.

The light of the Risen Jesus
illuminate your life,
until this short adventure is over.
Live every day of your life
In peace and joy:
Live in the sweet presence of Mary.

Guide 1: In the plan of love, Jesus gave us a heavenly Mother. She is the one who is the mother and teacher of every vocation, and "who did everything" in the Salesian work. With complete trust, let us pray together.

Voice 4: Holy Mary, tender and strong Mother, our incredible travel companion on the roads of life, after contemplating the great things

that the Almighty has made in You, we feel the need to take you by the hand and walk with you.

All: Mary, accompany us on our journey!

Voice 5: Allow our lips to proclaim amazement over lament to crush skepticism with enthusiasm. May we never allow the heaviness of the past to prevent us from looking to the future with confidence and faith.

All: Mary, accompany us on our journey!

Voice 4: Multiply our energies, so that we may know how to instill in the new generation the conviction and desire needed to be bearers of peace and hope in today's broken world.

All: Mary, accompany us on our journey!

Guide 2: Lord, with Mary's song of joy teach us to recognize Your presence in our daily life, in the laughter youth, in the struggles that invite us to trust You more. Like Mary, we wish to be a hymn of praise to Your mercy.

Magnificat: My Soul Proclaims the Lord my God (71)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gZbFIMc_qgk

My soul proclaims the Lord my God,
My Spirit sings His praise!
He looks on me, He lifts me up
And gladness fills my days.

All nations now will share my joy
His gifts He has out poured;
His little one He has made great;
I magnify the Lord.

His mercy is forever more
His name I praise again.

His strong right arm puts down the proud
And lifts the lowly high.

He fills the hungry with good things
The rich He sends away;
The promise made to Abraham
Is filled by him each day.

Magnificat, Magnificat,
Magnificat, praise God!
Praise God, praise God,
praise God, Praise God,
Magnificat, praise God.

Concluding Prayer

Guide 1: Together let us pray... Good Father, throughout the history of salvation, you have always taken the first step to meet humanity, created and saved by your infinite love. On this charismatic journey, we see how much providence, care and grace you have poured out upon us! We have been given the gift of renewing the beauty of our vocation at the sources of the Salesian charism. Accompany us give us strength as we return to our communities and educational mission so that we may be with Mary, a life-giving presence today. Amen!

Song: O qual sorte (72)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qS-QU9sOsU>

Refrain

Oh qual sorte! Siamo
"Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice"
"Salesiane di don Bosco"
Oh qual sorte più felice?
Splenda il cielo
o appaia fosco,
ah, giuriamo con ardor:

conservar vogliam lo spirito (2x)
di don Bosco fondator!
Di don Bosco, di don Bosco!
Ah, sì giuriam!

Siam la schiera che la Vergine
a don Bosco mostrò, pia.
Ei ci vide a cento a cento
sotto il manto di Maria
e ci volle monumento
di sua speme, di sua fè:
monumento dell'ausilio
che Maria ognor gli diè. (Refrain)

