

SALESIAN COOPERATORS USA EAST
CONGRESS 2024



RENEW THE DREAM

Dear members of the Association of Salesian Cooperators and friends within the Salesian Family,

In accordance with Article 28, §3 of the Regulations of the *Project of Apostolic Life*, I, Nicholas Magrogan, Coordinator of the Provincial Council of the Province of St. Philip the Apostle of the Association of Salesian Cooperators, hereby announce that the **next Elective Provincial Congress will be held in Newton, New Jersey at the Sacred Heart Spirituality Center from July 19 thru July 21, 2024.**

The theme of the Congress is *Renew the Dream*. This theme draws inspiration from the Salesian Family's focus on Don Bosco's Dream of Age Nine, as proposed in the *Strenna of the Rector Major for 2024*, and the focus on Renewal, proposed by the World Council during this second year of preparation for the 2026 celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of the Association by St. John Bosco.

In the coming weeks and months, the Congress Committee will begin to share information with you regarding our plans for the Congress, but there are two items of note that I want to bring to your attention as we set out on this journey:

First, the Congress is intended for anyone that is a Councilor in their local Center and it depends on your attendance and participation. This means that anyone who is a Coordinator, Secretary, Treasurer, Formator, Delegate, etc. in their local Center should make every effort to be in attendance at the Congress in Newton this summer. This will likely require some planning as it will require a sacrifice of time and finances to be able to attend as there will be a registration fee and travel expenses for most that will be attending.

Second, is an invitation to discernment. One of the primary tasks of this Congress is the election of a new Provincial Council and the truth is that we need YOU! In the coming months, we will begin to solicit nominations for candidates to be elected to the Council, and so this is an invitation to spend some time in prayer and consider if you, or someone you know, would be a good fit to join the Council and help fulfil its responsibility to animate and govern our Association in our Province.

In closing, I actually have a third request of you, and that is to pray for the Congress. Please pray for the current Provincial Council, the Congress Committee and Teams, and for our Province as a whole as we set out on this journey. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us during this time of preparation, and that we will have a truly successful Congress that leaves our Association in great hands as we move forward.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I also invite you to bookmark the Congress website, which though empty right now, will become a hub for preparation leading up to the Congress, and for materials once the Congress is upon us this summer: salesiancooperatorsusaeast.org/congress

God bless you!

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