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To the Reverend
Provincial Formation Delegate
at his address

For information

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Subject: The tasks of the Provincial Formation Delegate and the Commission for 2014

Dear Delegate,

Now that the annual meetings of the Regional Commissions of Formation are over, I am indicating to you, as is the custom, some tasks that are to be carried out with the Provincial Formation Commission and possibly with the Provincial and his Council in the year 2014.

We have now reached the final months of the six-year period 2008-2014 and are almost at the beginning of the six-year period 2014-2020; that is why I am proposing to you some tasks that can facilitate the transition and handover to the new General Councillor for Formation.

1. In line with the Congregation

The Commission for formation can contribute to the preparation for the *Bicentenary of Don Bosco's birth* which, in this third year, is focused on Salesian spirituality. It can help to draw up a programme at the local, provincial and national level for the celebration of the Bicentenary itself.

This year will find all the Provinces concentrated on following the event of the 27th *General Chapter*. At the end of the GC27 it will be necessary to study the final document with the Provincial Commission and reflect on how to form the confreres to be "witnesses to the radical approach of the Gospel".

We are nearing the completion of the process of approving the "*Criteria and Norms for Salesian Personal Accompaniment*." Together with the Commission you can begin to explore the contents, understand the guidelines for action and see how to communicate them to all the confreres.

Finally, the Letter of the Rector Major, “*Vocation and formation: gift and task*”, needs to be taken up again and become an instrument of study and implementation at various levels; it spells out a programme of action for formation and cannot be ignored.

2. In line with the Province

The most important task of this period concerns *the evaluation of the functioning of the Provincial Formation Commission* and of the work it has done in the six-year period from 2008 to 2014. I ask you to send your evaluation to Fr. Chrys or to Fr. Horacio *by the 31st of May 2014*. The evaluations carried out by the Provinces will be handed over to the new Councillor for Formation.

The Province will move ahead with the *implementation of the processes that have already been launched* concerning the programme of formation to affective maturity and formation to chastity, the formation of Salesian Brothers in the light to the revision of the “Ratio” carried out on this point, the qualification of confreres, and the Guidelines regarding intellectual formation in initial formation. I have no doubt that you will continue your commitment to take care of the aspirantate experience, as also of the practical trainees and the confreres of the “quinquennium”.

I have practically reached the end of my mandate as Councillor for Formation; I therefore wish to express my heartfelt thanks for the cooperation received from you, your predecessors and the Provincial Formation Commission.

I greet you cordially in Don Bosco.

Fr. Francis Cereda