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Holy Christmas 2013 – New Year 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Salesian Family of St. John Bosco,

The peace of the Lord be with you always, but especially during this Christmas and New Year time!

**Happy Holy Christmas 2013! Happy New Year of the Lord 2014!**

In the past year we strove hard to practice the Strenna our beloved Rector Major Fr. Pascual Chávez gave us for the year 2013. His Strenna was about the Gospel of joy to be given by us to our dear young people, so that they could experience the joy of the Gospel. How happy we all were when Pope Francis, on 24 November, the Feast of Christ the King and the last day of the Year of Faith, published his first Apostolic Exhortation entitled “The Joy of the Gospel”. As Salesian Family, we are treading the same path indicated to us by the Pope who, as St. Catherine of Siena liked to say, is “our sweet Christ on earth”.

Now let me announce to you the Rector Major’s Strenna for the new year 2014:

***“Da mihi animas, cetera tolle”***

**Let us draw upon the spiritual experience of Don Bosco, in order to walk in holiness according to our specific vocation.**

***“The glory of God and the salvation of souls”***

In mid-January you will receive from the Social Communication Office of the Province the relevant material for the promotion of this new Strenna. Please, in an intelligently proactive way, make good use of it!

Be sure that in my prayer I ask for you the peace and joy that I wish you for Christmas and the New Year. God bless!

In Jesus Mary Joseph DonBosco, Yours affectionately,

Fr. Lanfranco M. Fedrigotti  
Salesian Provincial