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Dearest brothers and sisters Cooperators of Piedimonte, dearest Tito:

With hearts filled with sadness, yet sustained by an unshakable Christian hope, I write to you on behalf of the entire World Council of Salesian Cooperators. We have received the news of the birth into Heaven of our dear Cinzia Arena and we embrace you, and in a very special way you, Tito, with fraternal affection.

Cinzia's life was a radiant reflection of love for Don Bosco. Her generous and competent service, offered with passion at the local, provincial, and world levels as Administrator, has left an indelible mark on our Association. We remember her dedication, her smile, and her ability to embody the Salesian charism in every responsibility entrusted to her.

In this moment of sorrow for her loss, our thoughts turn to the witness of Blessed Alexandrina da Costa, herself a Salesian Cooperator, who knew how to transform her immense suffering into an offering of love for the salvation of souls. Like her, who said "to suffer, to love, to make reparation," Cinzia too lived her final trial united with the Lord, teaching us that pain, when lived in faith, can become a powerful instrument of grace and a seed of hope. Blessed Alexandrina showed us that suffering is not the last word, but a passage toward the fullness of life in God.

We are certain that now Cinzia, free from all suffering, has been welcomed into the arms of God the Father and can contemplate the face of that Jesus whom she so loved and served on earth. Her testimony is not finished; it now continues from Heaven, where she intercedes for all of us, for her family, for her local center, and for the entire Association.

May the Lord, through the intercession of Mary Help of Christians and Don Bosco, grant to all of you, and especially to you, dearest Tito, the consolation of faith and the serene hope of one day being reunited together in the joy of the Salesian Paradise.

With fraternal affection, on behalf of the World Council of Salesian Cooperators

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