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Il Rettor Maggiore

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Dear Mr. Nicholas,

Greetings from the Generalate, Rome.

I am extremely happy to receive your affectionate letter. Thank you very much for the wonderful sentiments expressed in it. It brought back to me my experience at Battersea in November last. Thank you very much also for the latest edition of '*Maroon & Gold*', the magazine of the Old Salesians Association of the Salesian College at Battersea. Happy to see the report on my visit with photos too.

For me too, it was a wonderful and memorable occasion, meeting you all, members of the Salesian Family. As his successor, I could experience how much you all love Don Bosco, our Father and Founder and how much Don Bosco loves us and unites us all.

I can feel your Salesian heart vibrating. I appreciate your expression of gratitude for the small gesture of love that I could do to you. Grateful soul is a holy soul. May God bless you, your family and the members of the 'Old Salesians Association of the Salesian College' at Battersea, and all the members of the Salesian Family.

We are in the Holy Week, a week that changed the world. These days the experience of Coronavirus is shaking all of us. I see that it has affected you in UK too as here in Italy. May the Lord of Good Friday help us to see the face of suffering God in this event. Let us pray that we will come through these hard times soon and experience the joy and peace of the Risen Saviour.

Wishing you and all your family members a Wonderful Easter, and looking forward to meet you sometimes when the Lord gives me another opportunity,

