

## July 30, 2010 - Dominican Republic – Congress of Past Pupils of Don Bosco



**(ANS – Jarabacoa)** – The Salesian Past Pupils of Don Bosco celebrated their first national congress on the theme “Our identity and mission as children of Don Bosco.” The meeting took place July 24-25 at the Salesian Center for Training and Youth Promotion in Pinar Quemado, Jarabacoa.

During the congress the participants, representatives of the members from six Salesian houses, pursued various objectives: the study and approval of the Statutes of the Dominican Federation of Past Pupils of Don Bosco, the election of the president of the Federation, and the strengthening of the formation program.

Further topics were the identity of the Past Pupils of Don Bosco, both a challenge and a responsibility, and relations with the Salesian Family.

Among those present at the meeting were Fr. Victor Pichardo, provincial of the Antilles, who presided at the concluding Eucharistic celebration, Kelvin Ovalle, president of the Federation, Fr. Salvador Romero, provincial delegate, and Fr. José Pastor Ramirez, world delegate.

Dr. Francesco Muceo, Confederation President, sent the Congress members an affectionate greeting, inviting them to train the members of the Association to form social, political, and religious links in the context of the Dominican Republic.