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Dear readers,

On the occasion of the 171st anniversary of the birth of Fr. Dehon I am happy to extend a word of greeting and present an extraordinary gift: a website where you can find all the writings of our founder. With the opening of the site, already a wide selection of the writings of Fr. Dehon will be presented. With the further progress of the project other writings will be continually added until the site contains the totality of what Fr. Dehon has written.

The realization of this project was supported by the belief that the knowledge and dissemination of the social and spiritual thoughts of Fr. Dehon represent a treasure for the Church. We wish in this way to honor a motion of our XXI General Chapter (2003) which recommended digitizing the writings of the founder to make them accessible to everyone.

The “publication” of the website of the “Dehonian writings” www.dehondocs.it was made possible thanks to the work of many. We are grateful to them for their valuable service. I would like to extend a special thanks to all those who, at different stages, worked at the Dehon Study Center (Centro Studi Dehoniani), especially to our current staff who, between 2005 and 2013, oversaw the digitization of the writings of Fr. Dehon.

Also, a debt of gratitude goes to the Data Service Center (DSC), a subsidiary of the Centro Dehoniano of Bologna, for the arrangement of the texts on the web and the addition of a search engine, allowing an attractive visit to the writings of Fr Dehon. The options for its use and the solutions adopted are really interesting .

I hope that you will all take advantage of the abundant material that is now made available to us to enrich each other and the Church as we revisit the rich writings of a man who, contemplating and experiencing the love revealed in the Heart of Jesus, dedicated his life in service to the Kingdom of God in souls and in society.

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