

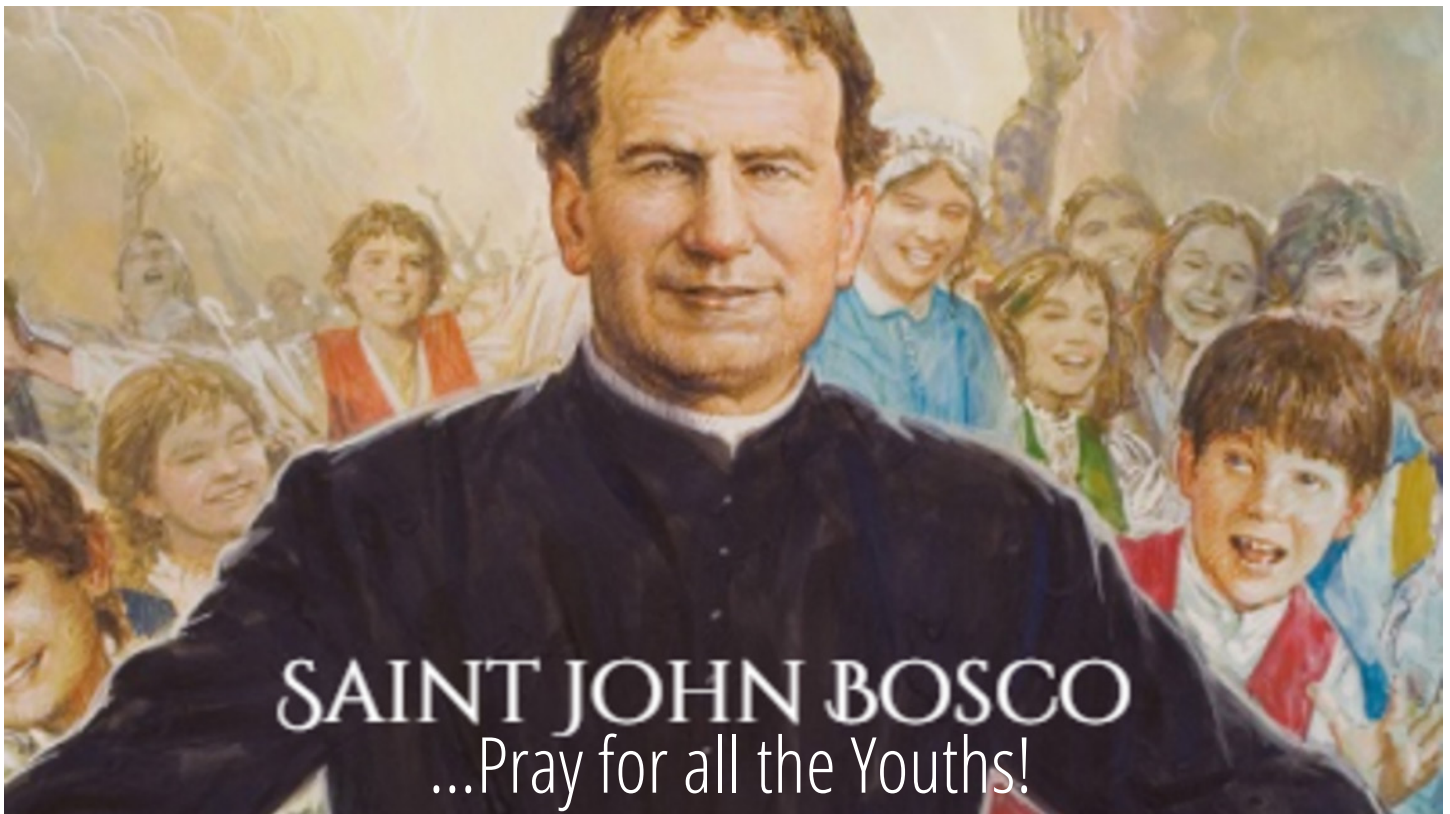


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St. John Bosco's Feast day is on January 31st. In 1841 he ordained to the priesthood in Turin, Italy. He was known as the "Father of Youth" because he dedicated his life for the betterment of the youths. He established many boarding houses for the poor boys. He worked tirelessly for reforming them as a need of that time. Many of the youths were lived in streets and imprisoned in the jail due to immoral life, poverty, abandonment, and hardships.

Fr. John Bosco gathered all the street children and he guided them to live in a moral life. He taught them about the purpose and meaning in life. They experienced God's love and care for them through his advises and his exemplary life. He often reminded them: "Fly from bad companions as from the bite of a poisonous snake". He influenced them by his works of charity, kindness,

food. He inspired them to follow Christ and devotion to Blessed Mother. He entrusted his youths to Blessed Mother's maternal care and love. He also taught them to work hard instead of living in idleness and laziness.

Also he taught them that, "Health is God's great gift, and we must spend it entirely for Him. Our eyes should see only for God, our feet walk only for Him, our hands labor for Him alone; in short, our entire body should serve God while we still have the time. Then, when He shall take our health and we shall near our last day, our conscience will not reproach us for having misused it".

He is the founder of Salesian Congregation. In all the continents the Salesian men and women religious Fathers and Sisters ministering and fostering the life of youth. It is very amazing that how marvelously spread the Salesian Mission in all over the world.

is the guide and refuge of sinners. The greatest youth saint, Dominic Savio, who lived in the boarding with St. John Bosco.

St. John Bosco is a great advocate for all youth because he lived, worked, and loved for them for the greater glory of the souls. Salesian Fathers and Sisters ministering for the poor, and neediest young people in the schools, parishes, boarding schools, technical schools. They do the mission work very passionately to build the Church of Christ through opening doors to the youth to grow in love of God and find meaning in their lives as they are the horizons of future.

John Bosco promoted education for the youths and he stated, advocates: "If young people are educated properly, we have moral order; if not, vice and disorder prevail". He lived a saintly life until his death. Let us ask his intercession for all the youths.

To monthly mission donors: Thank you for your support!

On behalf of His Excellency Earl k. Fernandes the Bishop of Columbus, and Msgr. Kieran Harrington the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, I would like to thank you for your prayers, sacrifices and financial support for the missions.



Society of Propagation of Faith

The Society of Propagation of the Faith (SPOF) founded in France on May 3, 1822 by St. Pauline Jaricot.

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith Members of the Society (living or deceased) receive the graces of 15,000 Masses offered each day by missionaries. Likewise, Mass is offered daily at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome for Society members.

To join or renew your membership, enclose your donation to "Membership Sunday" envelope for the missions, which is included in your parish's January packet of collection envelopes. In response to Christ's call to "go and teach all nations," the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the pastoral and evangelization programs of missions around the world.

In many mission locations, funds from the Propagation of the Faith memberships are a substantial means of support. Many missionary priests rely on this donation and your donation will be a spiritual benefit to your loved ones and a

financial gift to the missions.

Church mission/Spirituality

Our Church's task is a mission spirituality. When we are personally engaged in bringing the Gospel at home, in workplace, or in other nations through our sacrifices then we are open to God's spirit and transforms into missionaries of Jesus Christ. Whoever shares with love and compassion what he or she has for the needy it becomes a blessing for the giver as well as whoever it receives it.

God's word is a living word which gives deepest and experiential love of God. Faithfulness to Christ and in communion with church are the two essential elements which are inseparable in missionaries' lives. As we are baptized members of the church, needed to be personally encounter with Lord day in and day out. In other words, ask and receive counsels from God for your life journey every day. It would help us to identify Jesus in all persons whom we contact and share our love with them without

any condition.

The Eucharist is the primary proclamation of the love of Christ showed by his death and resurrection. It is the heart of the Gospel. Let us be witness to our Faith by praying, sharing, and doing sacrifices for the love of God and our fellowmen. Thus, we can be a people of hope, empowered by the Holy spirit as we pursue the Church's mission to all nations.

Quest:

If you want your neighbor to know what the Lord will do for him, let him see and hear what the Lord has done for you.

Quip:

If all of us hang our troubles, on a clothesline, most of us would choose our own troubles.

Quote:

"Kind words do not cost much. Yet they accomplish much".



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