



official novitiate, full of candidates in the first years following the fall of the regime. Salesians from Bohemia returned to the houses where they had worked, including during the period between the two World Wars (Praha, Brno, Ostrava, Pardubice) and founded Salesian communities in two other cities (Teplice, Ceske Budejovice, Zlin, Plzen).

The main area of Salesian work today is in youth centres (in some cities the Salesians work for Gypsy youth), then parishes, social communication (Portal Publishing House in Praga, Don Bosco Media Centre in Brno, TV Noe in Ostrava, Jabok School for social pedagogy and theology), missions In Bulgaria, a country where the majority of the population is Orthodox, at Kazanlak, Stara Zagora, a work for Gypsies.

Ten years after setting up new foundations for Salesian and community life, here too Religious Life is undergoing the same challenge which worries all of western Europe: the drastic decrease in vocations. Despite this Salesians are working with many young collaborators, to organize volunteer movements for young people who are sent around the world, known as SADBA and Cagliari. The Province also welcomes other volunteers coming from abroad to help in Salesian work.

To foster new vocations, the Salesians are organising reflection days for vocational discernment (COME IN, meetings with SDBs, Salesian spirituality gatherings).