Let us educate with the heart of Don Bosco,

For the integrated development of the life of the young, especially the poorest and most disadvantaged, promoting their rights.

by Elena Cristino
Life is God’s great gift, He “the lover of life”, has entrusted life to us as a seed for us to work with him in helping it grow.
Seed and soil

The seed needs “to fall in fertile soil”
And produce abundant fruit
Soil alone is not enough, but also the patient, diligent work of the farmer who waters it, looks after it and helps it to grow.
The educator/teacher is this ‘farmer’.
We are called to tell the young of Christ’s offer of new life: promoting and developing it through education, liberating the young, the poor from oppression, freeing up their best energies.
We possess a treasure: 

Don Bosco’s pedagogy
A pedagogogy of respect for the young person
Wonderful but fragile
The dignity of the child of God.
Don Bosco’s pedagogy is a treasure we must:

- rejuvenate
- enrich
- renew
- preserve
Salesian pedagogy is the Preventive System
The best contribution we can make to face up to the huge challenges...

Challenges
- Of Life
- Education
- Human rights
- family
Educating with Don Bosco’s heart

Seeing to the integrated development of the young

Promoting human rights
Educating with Don Bosco’s heart

Effective closeness, of involvement, accompaniment, leadership, witness, Vocational interest.

Seeing to the integrated development of the young

Promoting human rights
A renewed choice
Especially for the poorest
and those at risk amongst
the young
believing in the positive resources of each youngster, even if life has dealt badly with him or her.
Seeing to the integrated development of the young

... through a renewed choice of education which...

...prevents Evil by trusting in what is good.

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Promoting human rights
Seeing to the integrated development of the young

... through a renewed choice of education which...

...accompanies

The young in patience and with perseverance...
Seeing to the integrated development of the young... through a renewed choice of education which... forms People who are, open to values of life and faith and to others...
Seeing to the integrated development of the young

... through a renewed choice of education which...

...makes them able
To live with meaning, happily, Responsibly and competently...

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... of minors particularly...

...by fostering

A culture of ‘the other’...

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Seeing to the integrated development of the young
Promoting human rights

... of minors particularly...

... knowing that the language of human rights allows for dialogue and seeing that our pedagogy has a place in the various cultures of our world...
A renewed choice for communal sharing

A renewed pastoral purpose
A renewed choice for communal sharing

... the community aspect of Salesian pedagogical experience ...
A renewed pastoral purpose

... concern for the salvation of the person...

A renewed choice of communal sharing
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... whoever lives by Don Bosco’s spirit accepts the young as his or her point of departure as well as the possibility that they pursue their own journey of faith...
A renewed pastoral purpose

... Everyone has a right to Christ ... proclaimed without forcing the moment, nor without letting it drift by unattended...
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