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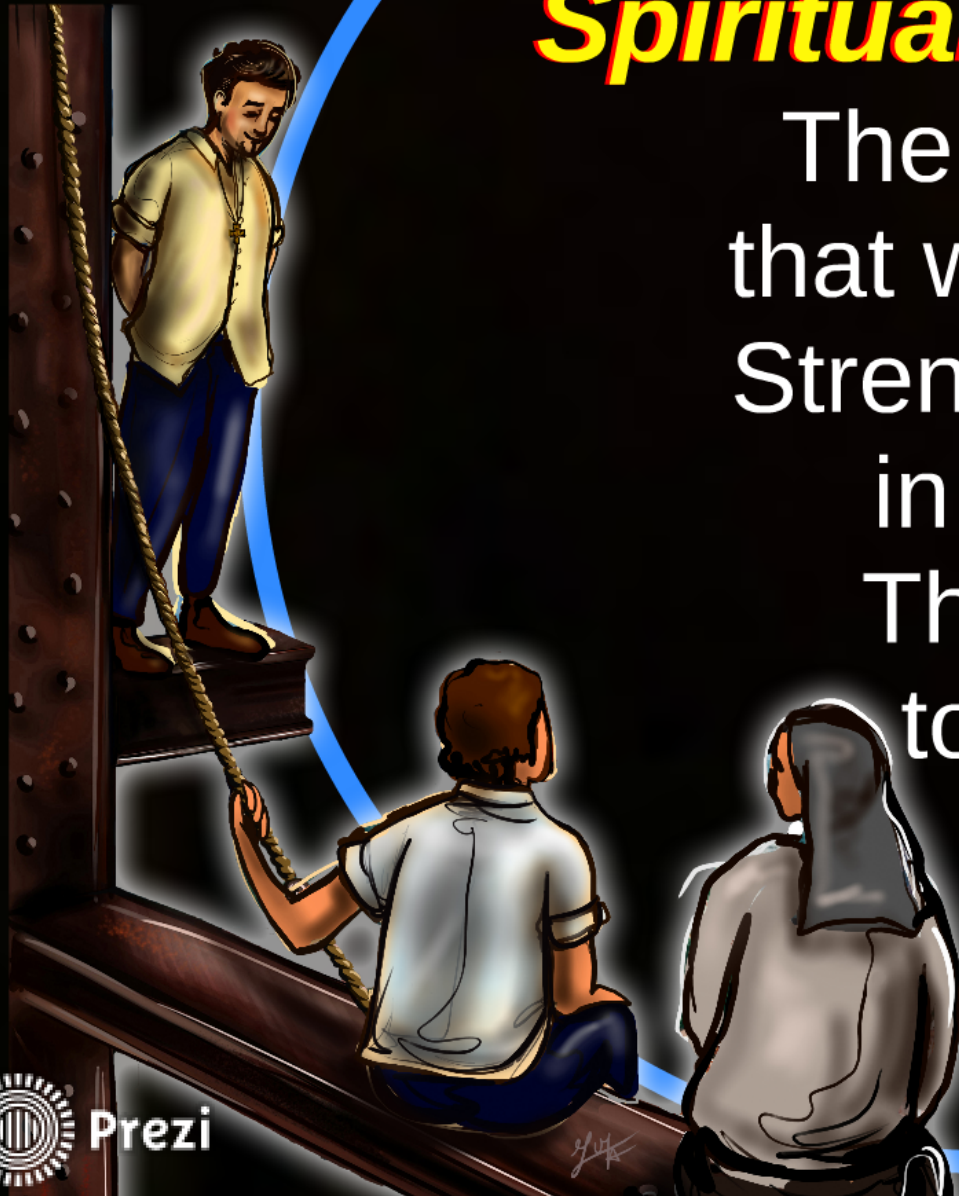


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A Beautiful Spiritual Heritage

The first messages
that were given in the
Strenna are recorded
in our tradition,
They date back
to the decade
of 1850



From the early years of the Oratory

Towards the end of the year, Don Bosco had begun to deliver, a Strenna to all his young people:

- in General

- in Particular



At the end of his life, Don Bosco summoned Don **Rua** and Mons. **Cagliero**, and gave some **last recommendations** for them and for all the Salesians:



1. He blessed the houses in America and the confreres present in those lands;
2. He blessed all the Italian Cooperators and their families;
3. He asked them to make a promise to love each other as brothers...

... and to recommend frequent Communion and devotion to Mary Help of Christians.

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«this could serve as the Strenna for the new year, to be sent to all the Salesian houses»

The Strenna

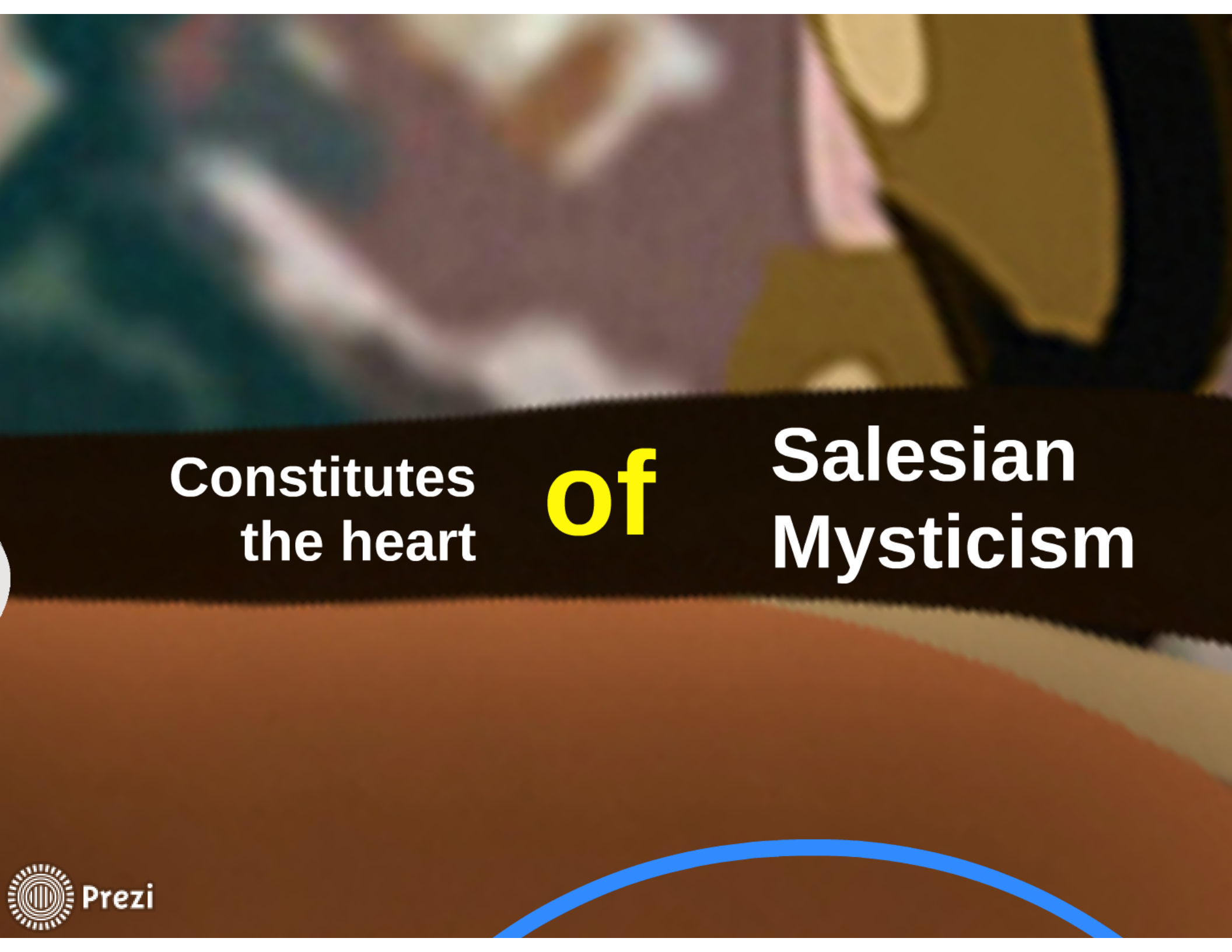
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A Charismatic Family



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Salesian
Mysticism

The Strenna

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Its purpose



***To be a message
that creates unity
and communion for
the whole Salesian
Family***

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Like Don Bosco


With his pastoral heart and educative work
playing his part in God's plan



Don Bosco with the heart of the Good Shepherd

1. The heart of the Lord Jesus imprints everything we do in ministry and is an essential reference point for us.
2. The charism of Don Bosco was raised up by the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church.

This is what we call the Salesian charism




«It is enough that you are young for me to love you very much» is the word and, even before that, the **option for educational excellence.**




Don Francesco Dalmazzo in 1892:

«One day I saw Don Bosco leaving Don Rua and myself who were accompanying him to help a young mason to drag an overloaded cart. The young man felt helpless and started to cry. This was in one of the main streets of the city»



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Don Francesco Dalmazzo in 1892:

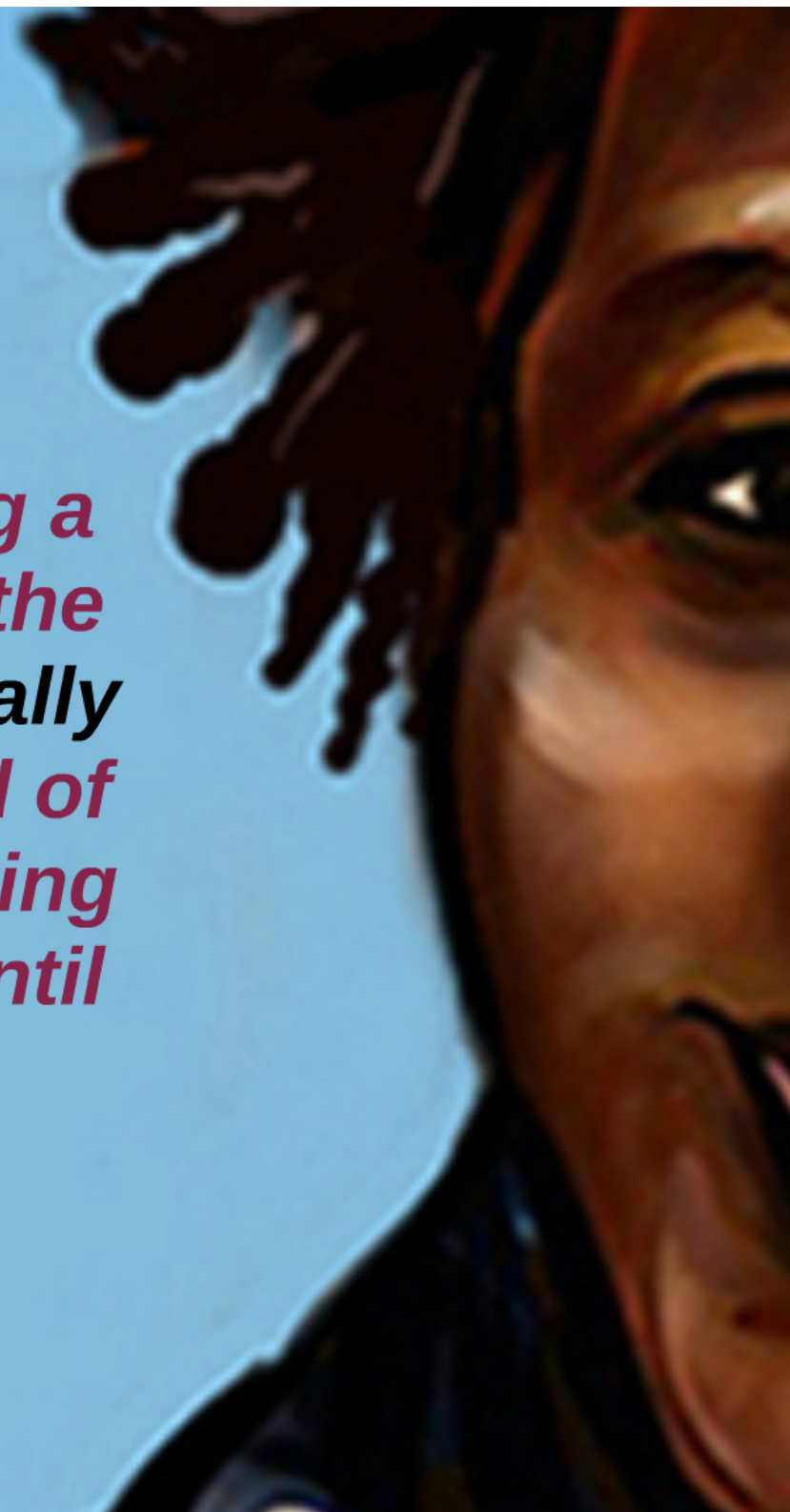
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Feeling
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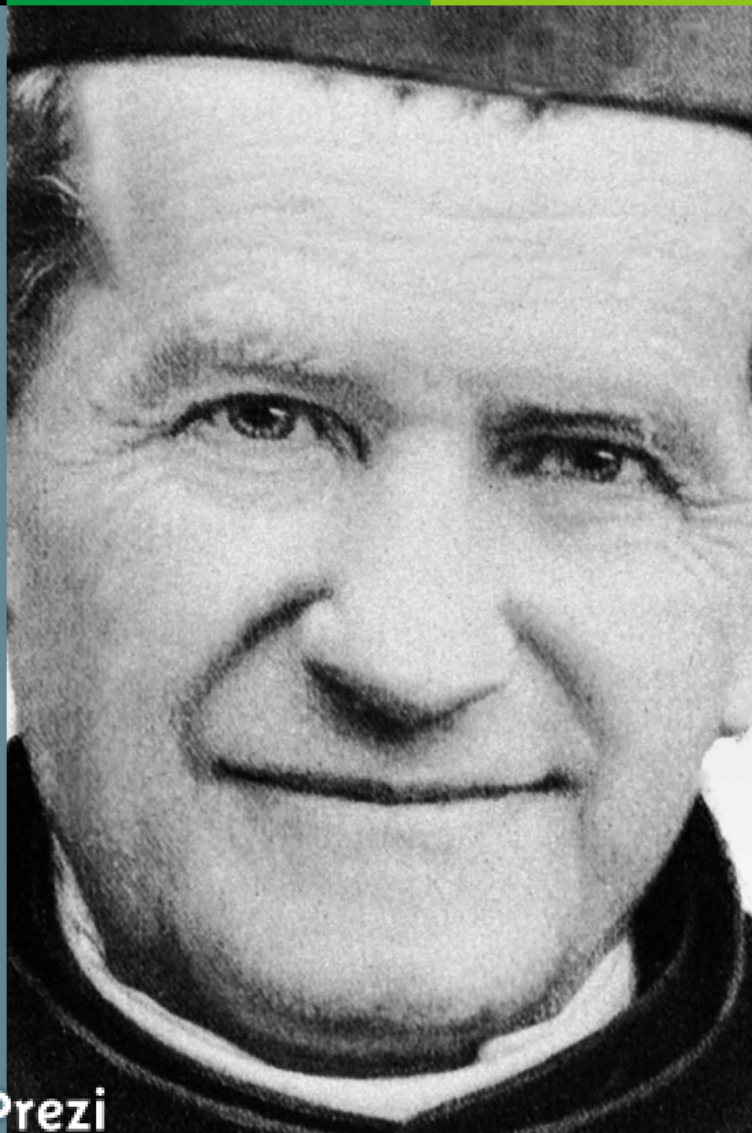
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Don Bosco

Prezi

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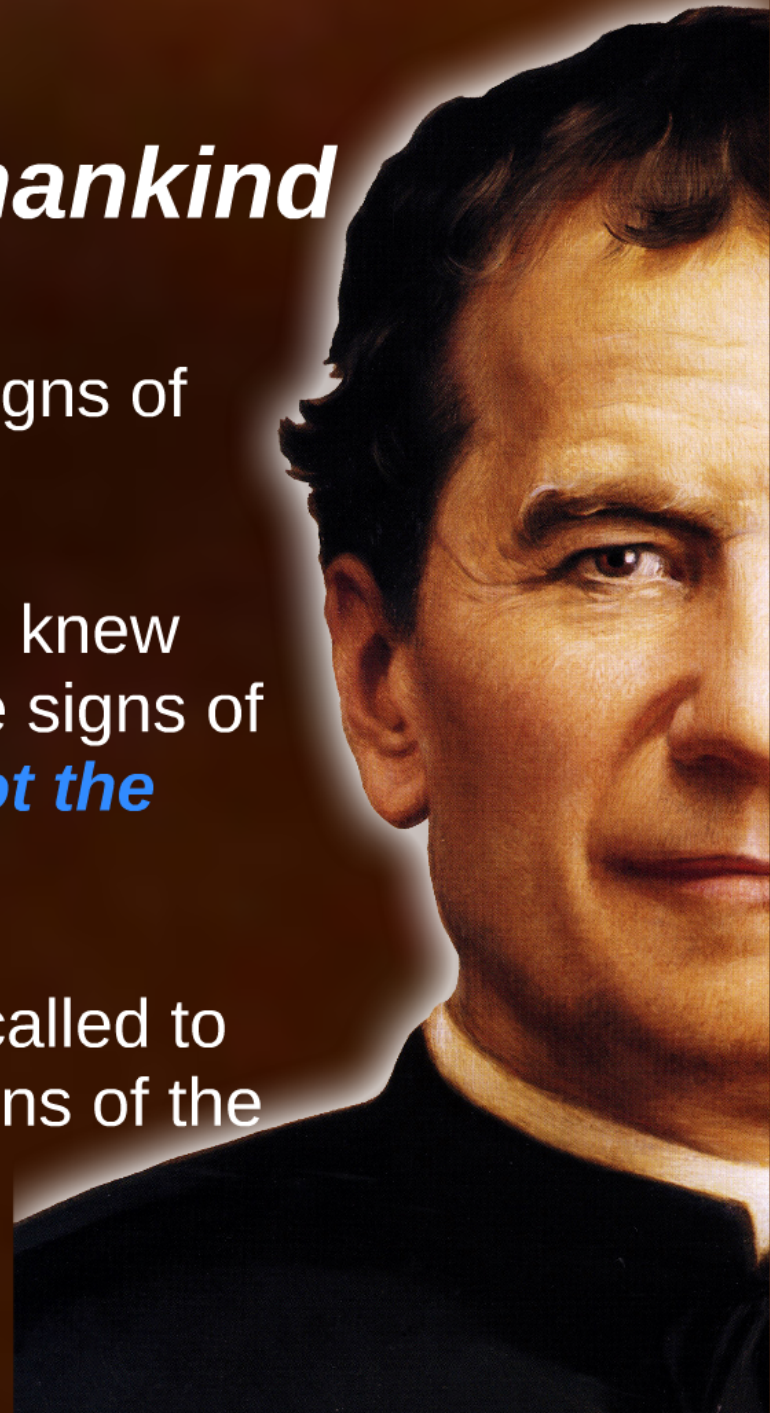


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Like Don Bosco

In the history of God and mankind

1. Don Bosco had the ability to read the signs of the times.
2. He looked through the eyes of one who knew how to look at history to **recognize** in it the signs of **God's Presence**. *The present history, not the past!*
3. Today we - **the Salesian Family** - are called to ask Don Bosco to teach us to read the signs of the times, **to help young people**.



WITH the young
FOR the young

The background of the slide is a blurred, artistic photograph of a city street. Several people are walking in the distance, their figures softened by a bokeh effect. The colors are muted, with a mix of greys, blues, and warm tones from the streetlights or buildings.

WITH the young
Always in their midst

INCARNATING
the Salesian
charism
ALWAYS WITH
THE YOUNG

- Spending time with them and among them.
- Meeting them in their daily lives.
- Getting to know their world.
- Loving their world.
- Helping them to take responsibility for their own life.
- Awakening their sense of God.
- Encouraging them to have high goals in life.



What is God
saying to us
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WITH the young

Showing our Pastoral Predilection

- Children.
- Boys.
- Girls.
- Young people



Showing the same predilection that Don Bosco had, with a real 'passion', seeking their good, directing all our energies to this end.

Our Communities

Every group
of our **Family**

Must seek to acquire a "visibility" that demands:

- **Discernment**
- **Options**
- **Sacrifice**



- Service freely given
- Fraternal joyful personal relations
- A community plan of prayer, meetings and service

*It requires, more than ever, an “**open house**”, with a variety of initiatives to bring people together and proposals that **respond to the problems of the young people of the territory***

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WITH the young
FOR the young

FOR the young especially the poorest

Pope Francis challenges us:
*"Go to the people on the
margins"*



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FOR the young

because they have a right
to adult role models who are believers

Young people want to meet Christians who are
courageous but "normal"



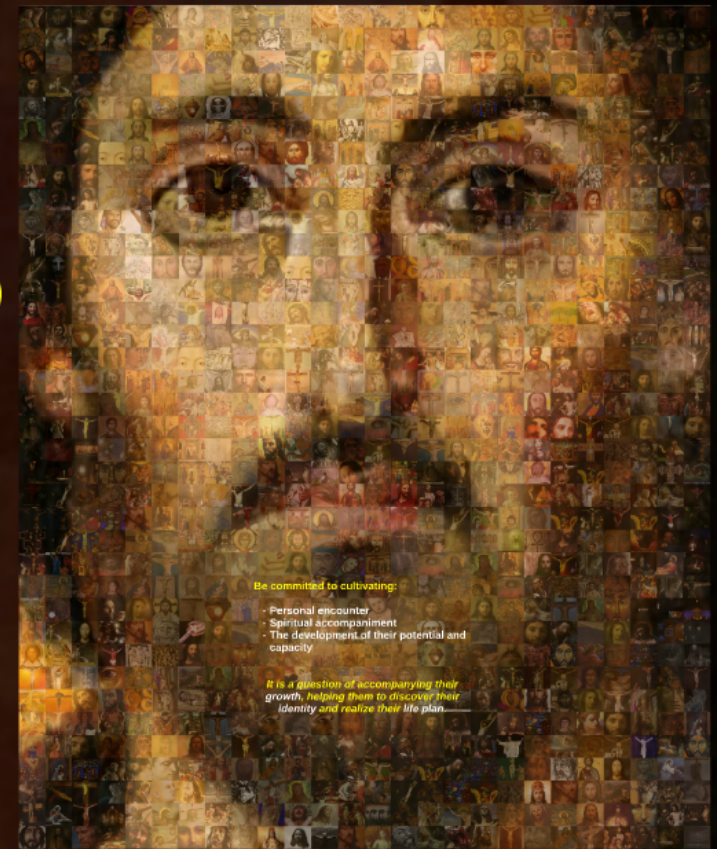
- whom they can admire
- and imitate

FOR the young

for whom personal meeting will be an opportunity
for listening and accompanying them

We have an opportunity to
walk together with them
leading them back to Jesus, to
rediscover his life and his
message

The Challenge





Be committed to cultivating:

- Personal encounter
- Spiritual accompaniment
- The development of their potential and capacity

It is a question of accompanying their growth, helping them to discover their identity and realize their life plan.

FOR the young

because young people
especially the poorest, are a gift to us

« *Young people are a gift to us* »

Our works and services are to
care for young people who are

- Alone
- Affected by violence,
- In family conflicts,
- Emotionally wounded,
- Confused,
- In suffering and pain



The Good News
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to listen to them and
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In His Bicentenary

の200周年

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Bicentenary

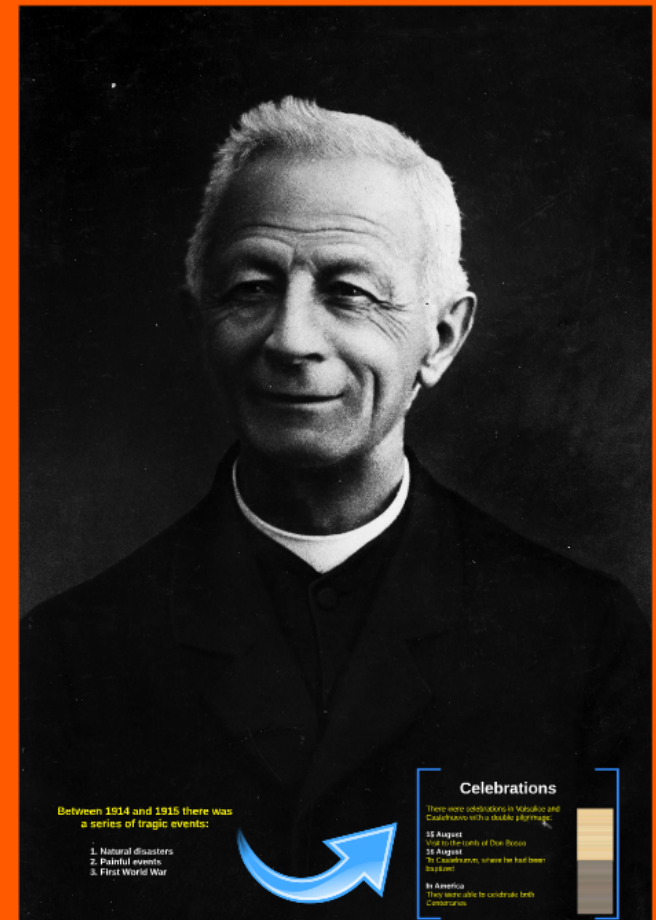
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A first Centenary

**Don Albera suggests
a double approach:**

- **Spread Devotion to Mary
Help of Christians**
- **Make Don Bosco and his
work better known**



**Between 1914 and 1915 there was
a series of tragic events:**

- 1. Natural disasters**
- 2. Painful events**
- 3. First World War**

Celebrations

There were celebrations in Valsalice and Castelnuovo with a double pilgrimage:

15 August

Visit to the tomb of Don Bosco

16 August

To Castelnuovo, where he had been baptized

In America

They were able to celebrate both Centenaries





In celebration of the Bicentenary

- Thanksgiving to God for what happened at the Becchi, for God's active intervention.
- Celebrate the gift that God made of Don Bosco to the Church and to the world

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a "year of grace"

an opportunity
for a true
spiritual and
pastoral renewal
in our Salesian
Family

an occasion

to

**Look to the past
with gratitude, to the
present with
confidence, and
dream of the future
of the evangelizing
mission of our
Salesian Family**

A red triangle is at the top left, and a red trapezoid is on the left side, partially overlapping the blue circle.

**Walking
towards those
on the margins
of society**

**Making
our
charism
more alive**



Recalling and
making our
own the
example of
many men and
women



Mother and Teacher of Don Bosco

- We recognize the many gifts of Don Bosco that came from **HER**.
- God found in Mamma Margaret **the** human instrument to form the heart of Don Bosco.



Values that John inherited from his family:

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- Shrewd common sense,
- A sense of work,
- Grasping what is essential,
- Industriousness,
- Optimism in every trial,
- Perseverance in times of misfortune,
- Resilience after setbacks,
- Joy always and everywhere,
- Spirit of solidarity,
- Lively faith,
- Love for truth
- Affection
- Sense of welcome and hospitality ...

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**The most outstanding
collaborator with the Holy Spirit**



*«To Her I entrust you,
and with you I entrust the
world of young people,
so that, drawn inspired
and guided by Her, they
may achieve, through
your educative work, the
stature of new men and
women for a new world:
the world of Christ, Our
Lord and Master»*

(GIOVANNI PAOLO II, luvenum patris)

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