

# AGENTS OF DON BOSCO'S VISION - PASSION - MISSION SYM EUROPE

## **CONFRONTO BOOKLET**

11-16 AUGUST 2017 Colle Don Bosco – Turin – Mornese – Castelnuovo Don Bosco – Morialdo Salesian Youth Movement Europe & Middle East



## **DON BOSCO**

One of the greatest men of his century and in possession of a true kaleidoscope of talents:

A priest A founder of Congregations An artist A writer A diplomat An entrepreneur A teacher A social worker An educator in the Street A traveler. Above all



A SAINT FOR ALL SEASONS AND ALL REASONS



## ST. MARY MAZZARELLO

#### A WOMAN FOR ALL TIME

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### **Mother General Speaks**

I invite you to take a walk through the holy ground of Mary Mazzarello to witness the Project of God realized in her life and to get renewed inspirations to live your life to the fullest. The desire of Mother Mazzarello to do good to young people was always present throughout her life. Her encounter with Don Bosco further re-enforced her apostolic zeal. The brief, intense years lived as a consecrated person conserved a constant preoccupation expressed in her letters. "You have to deal with many girls and this gives me great pleasure. Try to nurture them well, by good example first of all, and then with your words." (L 56) Mary Mazzarello knew how to receive the call to holiness with an attentive and docile heart and she sought to respond to it day by day. This gave her life a tone of evangelical freshness, of trust, and of missionary daring. She does not speak of sanctity in an idealized way but rather traces out a concrete path for all.



### **Rector Major speaks**

Even though much has been alreadv written on don Bosco, there is still a lot to be di-scovered. His faith and dreams have had 11 profound influences on our society since his own time. The fact that the Salesian Community wishes to preserve the places where he lived is an expression of our interest in making others understand his passion for God and the future of young people. Don Bosco was a gift to us all, his accomplishments in spite of a poor upbringing an inspiration to believe in our abilities. I dearly invite you to go and see his places, no matter if you are a believer or not. You'll be surprised by how much don Bosco can still teach us today.



## FOREWORD

Dear Friend,

Welcome home! Colle Don Bosco, Turin and Mornese are the home of all the young people of the world.

Salesian Youth Movement met here last time two years ago, when young people from all over the world gathered to celebrate the bicentenary of Don Bosco's birth. We celebrated last European Confronto in 2009, then every national SYM had its time to get ready to the global gathering of 2015. The World Youth Days have also represented another opportunity to meet as Salesian Youth Movement: the last time we met was on July 26th, 2016 in Krakow and we will meet again in Panama, January 2019. In the last 13 years so far, the coordination of SYM Europe has developed further, thanks to the annual General Assemblies, taking place every year in a different country.

We are here now to meet again with friends from more than 20 countries of Europe and the Middle East, accompanied by many Salesians of Don Bosco and Daughters of Mother Help of Christians. In this Confronto, we are called to take our time to understand what does it mean to be an "agent of Don Bosco's Vision, Passion and Mission" today. By listening to the Word of God and by visiting the places where Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello received God's call to work for the poorest among the young, we will have time to reflect personally and then share in international groups.

After two Synods of Bishops on the topic of the "family", and the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" on "The joy of the family", the whole Salesian Family, as well as the Salesian Youth Movement, is called by the Rector Major's Strenna for 2017 to reflect on our commitment for the good of youth and their



families. Visiting the places where Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello grew up in their families, and learning how they managed to create a "family spirit" with their youth, will help us in this process. Furthermore, on the eve of the first ever Synod of Bishops on "Youth, Faith and Discernment" (October 2018), we will take advantage of this Confronto letting be an opportunity to discern God's call in our life.

At the end of each day during Confronto, before the Salesian "goodnight", you will be given time to evaluate your day's experience and share your feelings within your group. We believe that this time of recollection is very important. This Confronto is an experience which we are all invited to live in a deep and meaningful way. The evening preceding the celebration of Don Bosco's birthday, we will also have the opportunity to meet Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime, Rector Major of the Salesians of Don Bosco, and Mother Yvonne, Mother General of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

When we go back to our country, we will find so many more young people waiting for us. We hope that this Confronto will help us all together with our friends to return home with a renewed heart, with a joyful desire to spread the Good News and to support the growth of the Salesian Youth Movement in your country. This Confronto will confirm that we are not alone in this mission: all we need to do is just to listen to the Holy Spirit, and then we will discover how many friends are striving to do the same all over Europe and the Middle East.

We entrust this experience of SYM Confronto to Mary Help of Christians, may She guide us all to a personal and joyful encounter with God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

> **Sr. Runita Borja FMA** General Councillor for Youth Ministry

#### Fr. Fabio Attard SDB

General Councillor for Youth Ministry



## INTRODUCTION

#### Dear Friend,

We are glad that you have accepted to join this important gathering, we thank you and appreciate the efforts you have put in to achieve this.

We have prepared for you this Booklet to help you get the best out of our meeting in the places where Don Bosco and Mother Mazzarello lived, that is, where they enlarged their vision, discovered their passion and received their mission.

We hope you will find it useful, not only for common moments of prayer and music, but also for time of personal prayer and reflection. We hope that this meeting will be a milestone in your journey as a member of the Salesian Youth Movement. A journey which surely began before Confronto and, most importantly, has to start with a renewed spirit after it, once you get back home.

Please continue to follow our official website (http://symeurope.eu/) and to interact with our Facebook page and Instagram profile (SYM – Salesian Youth Movement Europe), while you tweet with the official hashtag #Confronto2017.

With prayerful best wishes for your experience in this Confronto 2017,

Anne-Florence, Blaka, Carina, Renato, Sr. Lolia, Fr. Patrick **SYM Europe Small Team** 



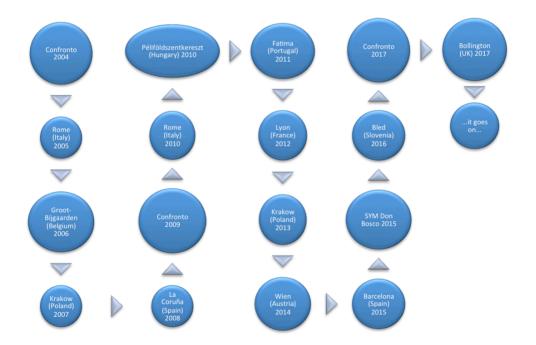
### **CONFRONTO = 6 DAYS OF GREAT EXPERIENCES**





## **SYM Europe's Recent History**

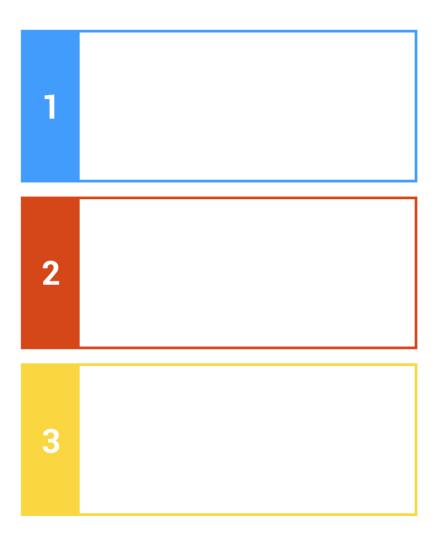
SYM has recently developed in the various provinces and countries in Europe and the Middle East in different ways. Different forms of national coordination, some structures, some sharing meetings among young and groups from different countries and provinces have increased. Young had already asked for a European SYM coordination since the Confronto '99, but only during the Confronto 2004 they have shared a real coordination suggestion.





## **CONFRONTO's Expectations**

Try to write down three expectations you have, looking at SYM Europe Confronto 2017.



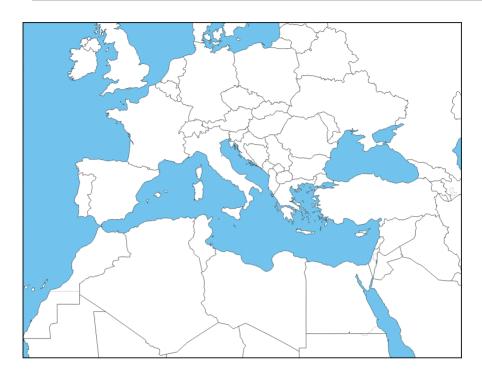
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4. Czech Republic	5. Croatia	6. Egypt
7. France	8. Germany	9. Great Britain
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10. Hungary	11. Ireland	12. Israel



13. Italy	* 14. Jordan	15. Lebanon
16. Malta	17. Montenegro	18. Palestine
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19. Poland	20. Portugal	21. Slovakia
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22. Slovenia	23. Spain	24. Syria
	25. Ukraine	





Look at the flags of the participating countries. Which of these countries have you already visited? Write them down and color them on the map!

#### Which SYM Region is your country part of?

You will celebrate the evening of the 12th of August with the other countries of your Region!



Salesian Youth Movement \_ Europe & Middle East Regions (as in Confronto 2017)

Southern Region	Central Region	Eastern Region
Belgium (South)	Austria	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Egypt	Belgium North	Croatia
France	Germany	Czech Republic
Israel	Great Britain	Hungary
Italy	Ireland	Montenegro
Jordan	Malta	Poland
Lebanon		Serbia
Palestine		Slovakia
Portugal		Slovenia
Syria		Ukraine
Spain		



## SYM EUROPE logo

The SYM Europe logo was adopted by the General Assembly in 2010. It was designed by SYM Portugal, and it was chosen by the SYM Europe Small Team at the end of an open competition between many other candidates.

1. At the base, we see the Areas where the action unfolds, that is, the groups and associations. In general we refer to: music, theater, sport and moments of reflection/prayer.

2. The center (water and for-



mation of circles) symbolizes movement, vibration, human action, experimentation, in which there are new elements to the top, "celebrating".

3. The top portion symbolically represents individuals/peoples/countries, with a Christian identity, coming from the same center (origin) in ways that express colors and optimism, as a result of Salesian Youth Spirituality.



## CONFRONTO 2017 Logo

The logo of CONFRONTO 2017 was chosen in 2016, just after the XII General Assembly of SYM Europe. It was designed by SYM France-Belgium South, and it was also chosen at the end of an open competition between many other candidates.



The logo is made up of three

parts, representing sorts of "arrows", representing vision - blue, passion - red, and mission - yellow. These three parts can also refer to the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Vision is represented at the bottom left by blue. To have the ability to see the future in the present, we have to look straight ahead in order to move forward but we must draw from our resources, in our roots, the orientation of the arrow is thus downwards. It constitutes a first base or a first pillar of the hexagon. The color blue refers to dreams, the sky and the horizon.

Passion is represented at the bottom right by the red. To achieve the goal, energy must be at the heart of the project, at the heart of the mission, at the heart of our mission with young people. Red refers to this energy but also to the love one puts to reach the goal with heart, hope and enthusiasm (which means to have God in oneself). It is necessary to draw the energy in the ground, the orientation of the arrow is thus downwards. It constitutes a second base or a second pillar of the hexagon.



Mission is represented at the top by the yellow, by an arrow pointing upwards. It is the result of vision and passion. The mission is turned upward, it takes momentum to carry out the mission with joy (yellow color). The arrow is turned towards the future and is carried by vision and passion in order to accomplish it.

These 3 parts are linked together by paths (white lines) with a small white cube. They all converge towards one gift: God (in the center). To join him, one must take the paths, those, from the top, the paths of our personal, professional lives, and not to forget the bottom path representing our roots, our education, our family. As a whole, the shape of the logo can also be a gift box. Because when we combine vision, passion, mission, and God, we are open to share them as a gift to the ones around us.



## **TIMETABLE CONFRONTO 2017**

## AUGUST 11, FRIDAY

Everything started with a dream

WHEN and WHAT?	WHO?	WHERE?
15:00 Arrival, Registration (informal moment & animation)	Volunteers + SYM animators	Courtyard in front the tent
18.00 Welcome Presentation of animators	SYM Animators + Small Team	Colle - tent
18:30 Eucharistic Celebration	SYM Austria	Upper Basilica
20:00 Dinner	Volunteers	Near museum (down)
21:00 Official opening of Confronto 2017	SYM Animators + Small Team	Colle - tent
22.00 Meeting in Groups	SYM Animators	Meeting places at Colle
22:30 Evening Prayer Good Night	SYM United Kingdom Fr. Luca Barone (Colle's Rector)	Don Boscos' house
23:00 Meeting of the Animators	SYM Animators + Small Team	Casa dei giovani
00:00 Lights off		



# AUGUST 12, SATURDAY Don Bosco's family: at the origin of his vision and passion.

WHEN and WHAT?	WHO?	WHERE?
08:00 Breakfast	Volunteers	Ristoro
09:00 Morning prayer	SYM Ukraine	Colle – tent
9:20 Animation	SYM Animators	Colle – tent
9:30 Presentation of the theme	Sr. Runita Borja	Colle – tent
10:00 - 10:30 Personal reflection	Everybody	
10:30 - 12:30 Group session	SYM Animators	Space for groups in Colle
13:00 Lunch	Volunteers	Ristoro
15:00 Guided Visits in groups (ITA; ENG; SPA; FRA)	National Delegates/ Guides from Colle	Colle
17:00 Animation & Testimonies	Young persons from the participants about family	Colle – Tent
18:30 Eucharistic Celebration	SYM Italy	Upper Basilica
19:30 Dinner	Volunteers	Near museum (down)



20:45 Regional time	Regions	Colle
22:15 Evaluation of the day in groups	SYM Animators	In front of Basilica
22:45 Evening prayer Good night	Hungary Middle East (father/ sister)	Lower Basilica
23.30 Meeting of the Animators	SYM Animators + Small Team	Casa dei giovani
00:00 Lights off		

## AUGUST 13, SUNDAY

Valdocco: A concrete expression of Don Bosco's vision and passion.

WHEN and WHAT?	WHO?	WHERE?
07:00 Breakfast	Volunteers	Ristoro
07:45 Departure for Turin		
09:00 Arriving at Valdocco		
09:15 Morning prayer	SYM Poland	Valdocco- Sangalli room
09:45 - 10:15 Input session	Fr. Fabio Attard	Valdocco- Sangalli room
10:45 – 11:15 Personal reflection	Everybody	Valdocco



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11:00 Guided Visits in International Groups	Valdocco Guides	Valdocco Starting in amphitheater
13:00 Lunch	Everybody	Valdocco
14.00 Meet & play	National Delegate / Guides from Colle	Valdocco's Oratorio
15:15 Penitential Rites	SYM Spain	Basilica
15:55-17:15 Confession / Adoration	Everybody	Basilica
17:30 Departure for San Luigi	Everybody	San Luigi
18:00 Visiting the oratory	Rector of San Luigi	San Luigi
19:00 Eucharistic Celebration	SYM France and Belgium South	San Luigi
20:00 Dinner (Packed)		San Luigi
20:45 Departure for Valentine park Testimonies. Sharing in groups + prayer	Locals SYM Animators	Valentine park
22:45 Return to Colle		
23.30 Meeting of the Animators	SYM Animators + Small Team	Casa dei giovani
00:00 Lights off		



**AUGUST 14, MONDAY** Mother Mazzarello – co-worker in Don Bosco's mission.

WHEN and WHAT?	WHO?	WHERE?
07:00 Breakfast	Volunteers	Ristoro
07:45 Departure for Valponasca		
09:45 Morning prayer	SYM Malta	Valponasca
10:15 Input session	Mother General	Valponasca
11:00 Personal reflection	Everybody	Valponasca
11:30 Guided Visits	Guides from Valponasca	Valponasca
13:00 Lunch	Volunteers	Valponasca
14.00 Pilgrimage to Mazzarelli		Valdocco's Oratorio
15:45 Eucharistic Celebration		Tempio in Mazzarelli
17:00 Pilgrimage to Collegio, Mornese, Parish church	Mornese Guides	Mazarelli; Mornese
19:00 Dinner	Volunteers	In Collegio (Mornese)
20:00 Marian Procession	SYM Slovenia + SYM Portugal	From Collegio to the Parish
21:10 Sharing groups +Evening prayer	SYM Animators	In front of the Parish
21:40 Good night	Sr. Elide, Provincial	In Parish church



22.00 Return to Colle		From the school
23:45 Arrival at Colle		
23:45 Meeting of the Animators	SYM Animators + Small Team	Casa dei giovani
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## **AUGUST 15, TUESDAY** With Mary our Mother: our mission as SYM.

WHEN and WHAT?	WHO?	WHERE?
07:30 Gospel	SYM Animators	In front of Basilica
08:00 Departure for Castelnuovo	Small Team	
09:00 Breakfast (Castelnuovo)		Oratorio Castelnuovo
09:45 Renewal of the Baptismal Promises at St. Andrea church	Rector Major or Fr. Fabio	St. Andrea Church
10:30 Return to Colle		
11:30 to Morialdo		Morialdo
13:00 Lunch	Volunteers	Colle - Near museum (down)



15:30 Eucharistic Celebration (National/ Linguistic Groups)		Colle
17:00 Short Animation. Dialogue with Rector Major and Mother General	SYM Animators Small Team moderates SYM Animators	Colle (Tent)
19:00 Group sharing (Final) (Take away message from the dialogue with Rector Major and Mother General)	SYM Animators	All over the place in Colle
20:00 Dinner	Volunteers	Ristoro
21:30 Cultural Evening	SYM Animators	Colle (Tent)
23:30 Evening prayer & Adoration	SYM Croatia	Upper Basilica
00:00 Meeting of the Animators	SYM Animators + Small Team	Casa dei giovani



## AUGUST 16, WEDNESDAY

We are /SYM agents of Don Bosco's vision, passion & mission TODAY.

WHEN and WHAT?	WHO?	WHERE?
07:00 Conclusion of the Eucharistic Adoration – Morning prayer	SYM Croatia	Upper Basilica
07:30 Breakfast	Volunteers	Ristoro
08:30 Final Evaluation	National groups	All over the place in Colle
10:00 Presentation of the common message Arrivederci/Goodbye	Small Team	Colle (Tent)
11:00 Eucharistic Celebration	SYM Slovakia	Upper Basilica
12:30 Lunch (Packed Departure	Volunteers	Ristoro



## LITURGY



## August 11, Friday

Everything started with a dream

#### **Eucharistic Celebration: SYM Austria**

#### **\*ENTRANCE SONG**

#### Welcome and introduction

The Salesian Youth Movement – that's us! We have come together on this holy ground, in Becchi, at the Colle. It is the home of Don Bosco, where everything started. A warm welcome to all of you!

We now celebrate the holy mass, an encounter with Jesus Christ. This mass is the beginning, the first step of an intensive meeting – and I am really looking forward to meeting all of you and talking to you. Have you already noticed who is standing next to you, your closest neighbour? Have you already greeted him/her? If not, you can do it now ...

At the beginning of great events, there is often a dream.

- It was like that with Charles Lindbergh, who dreamed of crossing the Atlantic Ocean
- Martin Luther King dreamed of equal rights for all humans
- And Don Bosco dreamed of being there for many children. Already when he was only 9 years old. And in his dreams, he saw this meadow close to here!

What's your dream now? What was your dream when you arrived here? Making many new friends? Playing funny games, reflecting



about the Word of God?

That's all fine. But there's something in these days that is even more important. And for that you need an open heart: **To ask God, which dream he has for your life!** 

Let's ask the Lord for his mercy

#### \* KYRIE (singing on the end of each line)

- Oh Lord Jesus, you call the people to follow you: Kyrie eleison
- You send us as your messengers: Kyrie eleison
- You give us confidence and courage: Christe eleison
- You send us to the young people of this world: Christe eleison
- Jesus, our friend and our lord: Kyrie eleison
- You give us Don Bosco as our model: Kyrie eleison.

#### **Opening Prayer**

God, our father, you have created us for the joy. You are our father, who has a heart for all of us. Let us trust in you and follow your call. Help us to forgive each other as you forgive us. Help us to realize your dream through Jesus Christ, your son, our lord and God who lives and reigns in unity with the Holy Spirit now and in eternity. Amen.

#### **\*GLORIA**

#### Reading

#### Samuel 3,1-18 (The Lord Calls Samuel)

<sup>1</sup> The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

 $_{\rm 2}$  One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place.  $_{\rm 3}$  The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was.  $_{\rm 4}$  Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am."  $_{\rm 5}$  And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

 $_{\rm 6}$  Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle 7}$  Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

<sub>8</sub> A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. <sub>9</sub> So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

 $_{\rm 10}$  The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

<sup>11</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle. <sup>12</sup> At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his



family—from beginning to end. <sub>13</sub> For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons blasphemed God,[a] and he failed to restrain them. <sub>14</sub> Therefore I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering.'"

<sub>15</sub> Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the Lord. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, <sub>16</sub> but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son."

Samuel answered, "Here I am."

<sup>17</sup> "What was it he said to you?" Eli asked. "Do not hide it from me. May God deal with you, be it ever so severely, if you hide from me anything he told you." <sub>18</sub> So Samuel told him everything, hiding nothing from him. Then Eli said, "He is the Lord; let him do what is good in his eyes."

#### Psalm

#### Psalm 139 (The Lord Is Always Near)

- 1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
- <sub>2</sub> You know when I sit and when I rise;
- you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- <sup>4</sup> Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.
- <sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.
- $_{\rm 6}$  Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
  - too lofty for me to attain.

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- Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- <sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.
- <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"
- even the darkness will not be dark to you;
   the night will shine like the day,
   for darkness is as light to you.
- <sup>13</sup> For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
   your works are wonderful,
   I know that full well.
- <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you
   when I was made in the secret place,
   when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed body;
   all the days ordained for me were written in your book
   before one of them came to be.
- How precious to me are your thoughts, God!How vast is the sum of them!
- <sup>18</sup> Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand when I awake, I am still with you.



- <sup>19</sup> If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!
- <sup>20</sup> They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.
- <sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?
- <sup>22</sup> I have nothing but hatred for them;I count them my enemies.
- <sup>23</sup> Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- <sup>24</sup> See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

#### \*ALLELUIA

### Gospel

#### Matthew 1,18-25 (The Birth of Jesus)

<sup>18</sup> This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

<sup>20</sup> But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will give birth to a son, and you are to give



him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."  $_{22}$  All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:  $_{23}$  "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. <sup>25</sup> But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

#### Intercessions

To Jesus Christ who gave us Don Bosco as Father and shepherd, let us pray:

- 1. Renew our church and everybody that carries responsibility in it through the power of the holy spirit
- 2. Let all young Christians in the Salesian Youth Movement be touched and inspired by your word.
- 3. Call many young people to your discipleship and let them follow your call without fear.
- 4. Don Bosco has realized his dream to be there for young people and to support them. .Help us to live and continue this dream of Don Bosco today.
- 5. For all who passed away, let them feel that their dream comes true to be happy at your side in heaven.

Lord our God, you want to touch all people with your word. Let us experience joy and freedom close to you. Amen



#### \* OFFERTORY

#### \* SANCTUS

#### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord our God, the gifts we present to you, give us power, to serve you faithfully and lead us to an eternal communion with you. For that we pray to you, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**\*AGNUS DEI** 

**\*COMMUNION SONG** 

**\*GIVE THANKS** 

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord, our God, we thank you for the gift of our meeting. In bread and wine we have received you. Strengthen our communion with you and among us. Provide us with the spirit of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in eternity. Amen

#### **\*CONCLUDING SONG**



### **Evening prayer: SYM Great Britain**

Called to service, Don Bosco's dream.

#### **\*SONG**

#### Welcoming and introduction

Where charity and love are, God is there; this is something that Don Bosco held closely, we are blessed to be gathered together as one European Salesian family, ready to share, to work, to play and to pray with each other. We are here because of one reason, when a young boy at the age of 9 had a very special dream, this dream brought John Bosco to the realisation that he had a calling, a calling to service. We all have this same calling, the GBR prayer this evening focuses on this call and how we live out Don Bosco's dream today.

So, let us start by calling on the Holy Trinity: We gather in the name of the father who calls us, the son who walks with us and the Holy Spirit who guides us.

## Word of God: "Speak, God. I'm Ready to Listen" (1 Samuel 3: 1-19)

**Narrator**: The boy Samuel was serving GOD under Eli's direction. This was at a time when the revelation of GOD was rarely heard or seen. One night Eli was sound asleep (his eyesight was very bad—he could hardly see). It was well before dawn; the sanctuary lamp was still burning. Samuel was still in bed in the Temple of GOD, where the Chest of God rested. Then GOD called out,

God: "Samuel, Samuel!"



Narrator: Samuel answered,

Samuel: "Yes? I'm here, Eli I heard you call. Here I am."

Eli: "I didn't call you. Go back to bed."

Narrator: GOD called again,

God: "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel: "Eli, I heard you call. Here I am."

Eli: "Son, I didn't call you. Go back to bed."

**Narrator**: This all happened before Samuel knew GOD for himself. It was before the revelation of GOD had been given to him personally. GOD called again

God: "Samuel!"

Narrator: The third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli

Samuel: "Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am."

**Narrator**: That's when it dawned on Eli that GOD was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel

**Eli**: "Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, 'Speak, GOD. I'm your servant, ready to listen.""

**Narrator**: Then GOD came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out

God: "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel: "Speak. I'm your servant, ready to listen."

**God**: "Listen carefully. I'm getting ready to do something in Israel that is going to shake everyone up and get their attention. The time has



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come for me to bring down on Eli's family everything I warned him of, every last word of it. I'm letting him know that the time's up. I'm bringing judgment on his family for good. He knew what was going on, that his sons were desecrating God's name and God's place, and he did nothing to stop them. This is my sentence on the family of Eli: The evil of Eli's family can never be wiped out by sacrifice or offering."

**Narrator**: Samuel stayed in bed until morning, then rose early and went about his duties, opening the doors of the sanctuary, but he dreaded having to tell the vision to Eli. But then Eli summoned Samuel

Eli "Samuel, my son!"

Samuel: "Yes? What can I do for you?"

**Eli**: "What did he say? Tell it to me, all of it. Don't suppress or soften one word, as God is your judge! I want it all, word for word as he said it to you."

Narrator: So Samuel told him, word for word. He held back nothing.

Eli: "He is GOD. Let him do whatever he thinks best."

#### Reader

Being called to God's service is not always an easy task, sometimes God asks us to do things that we usually would not do, he challenges us. Samuel was first called to do a task that seemed impossible for him, but everything is possible with God. Don Bosco to was called to a near impossible task, to guide and protect, not with blows but with love and kindness.

In your prayer books, you will find a version of the dream of 9. For the next few minutes, in small group, we invite you to read again Don Bosco's first call: then share with those in your group what challenges



you think Don Bosco would have face and the challenges you now face in your missions today.

/Groups will formed to read the dream of 9 and share on it for a few minutes, while this reading and sharing is going on, soft instrumental music will be played in the background./

John Bosco was only nine years old when he had a dream that he could not forget. It turned out to be prophetic. John dreamed that he was in a field with many other young boys who were cursing and misbehaving and totally out of control. They were shouting, shoving and fighting. Suddenly a man dressed in white and whose face shone with light appeared and summoned John. He told John, "You will have to win these friends of yours, not with blows, but with gentleness and kindness." John was astounded. He was just a kid himself and this man expected him to bring these unruly children under control? John answered, "I'm just a boy. How can you order me to do something that looks impossible?" The man answered, "What seems so impossible you must attain by being obedient and acquiring knowledge." The boys turned into the wild animals that they had been acting like. The man then told John that the field was John's life's work and that once John changed and grew in humility and faithfulness, he would see a change in the children, the man told john that he would give him a teacher and protector to encourage him, a beautiful lady appeared. The man then demonstrated the change he shared - the wild animals suddenly changed into gentle lambs.

# Conclusion

We all have our challenges to face, but in the service of our Father, we have to remain true to ourselves and to those we are serving.

WE ARE NOT ALONE! - neither was Bosco. We have the same caring and protective mother guiding our ways. To pay homage to her, the



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mother we love, we invite everyone to hold the hands of those around you and in your own mother tongue let us call on our blessed mother to protect us this night, in the same way Don Bosco taught his boys how too...

Hail Mary...

We make our prayers through Christ our Lord... Amen St John Bosco... Pray for us

#### **\*SONG**



# August 12, Saturday

Don Bosco's family: The origin of his vision and passion.

**Morning Prayer: SYM Ukraine** 

For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. (Ephesians 3; 14-15)

\*SONG

# Sense 1. The family

Each Christian family can first of all – as Mary and Joseph did – welcome Jesus, listen to Him, speak with Him, guard Him, protect Him, grow with Him; and in this way improve the world.

The Incarnation of the Son of God opens a new beginning in the universal history of man and woman. And this new beginning happens within a family, in Nazareth. Jesus was born in a family. He could have come in a spectacular way, or as a warrior, an emperor.... No, no: he is born in a family, in a family.

Jesus dwelt on that periphery for 30 years. And someone might say: "But did this God, who comes to save us, waste 30 years there, in that suburban slum?" God wanted this. Jesus' path was in that family. Neither miracles nor healing, nor preaching – he did none in that period. Everything seemed to happen "normally", according to the customs of a pious and hardworking Israelite family: they worked, the mother did all the housework... all the things mothers do. The father, AGENTS OF DON BOSCO'S VISION - PASSION - MISSION

a carpenter, worked, taught his son the trade. Thirty years. "But what was important there was the family! And this was not a waste!

Each Christian family can welcome Jesus. Let us make room in our hearts and in our day for the Lord. As Mary and Joseph also did, and it was not easy: how many difficulties they had to overcome! They were not a superficial family; they were not an unreal family. The family of Nazareth urges us to rediscover the vocation and mission of the family, of every family

(from Pope Francis`s speech, St. Peter's Square Wednesday, 17 December 2014)

#### Intentions

• Let us pray to our Father for bravery and maturity for young men and women to become husbands and wives, fathers and mothers and to accept the invitation of our Lord for life of love and servitude in a family.

#### \*SONG

• Let us pray for the true unity of every family, which is based not on uniformity but concentrated around Word and Body of our Lord Jesus

#### **\*SONG**

• Let us pray for broken families, for those where there is animosity between spouses or generations.

#### \*SONG



# Sense 2. The patria

In the original text of this letter, Paul uses the Greek word  $\pi \alpha \tau \rho \iota \dot{\alpha}$  which means family line, but also is an origin for English word patriotism. Patriotism is not a primitive sentimental complex or a reason to hate the others. This deeply ingrained love of home arises from the feeling of kinship to our family.

Throughout the Bible God makes his covenant with a family – firsts, it is Adam and Eve, then Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The story expands from a family to a nation. Jesus comes first to the lost sheep of Israel, we read. He cries over Jerusalem. He chooses to live in a specific place and time in history, and therefore we have to accept the responsibility of a time and place of history we are born into.

Similarly, Don Bosco calls his children to be "Good Christians – honest citizens".

But who is an honest citizen? Is that just someone who refrains from breaking the law? Or is that somebody sees the needs of others and tries to help?

By caring for our fellow citizens we strengthen our community and build up our souls. Sometimes it means patiently doing your work, sometimes bravely fighting against injustice. More commonly, our duty to our community means caring for the sick, tending to the broken, and praying for brother and sisters. Whatever our duties, we are to perform them always with responsibility, judgment and wisdom.

• Let us pray for all the countries experiencing war and suffering, for those who lost their loved ones, who are homeless and hopeless

#### \*SONG



• Let us pray for those in power, for their burden is great, as well as for those too scared to speak up

#### \*SONG

• Let us pray for peace, but peace in truth and justice, not stagnation in fear and tyranny

#### \*SONG

# Sense 3. The heavenly patria

As well as being participants of our nation, we are also the participants of our church. To be precise, Greek word patria doesn't really mean motherland – it means the fatherland. Paul is coupling this word closely with  $\pi \alpha \tau \dot{\eta} \rho$  (pater) or Father from the previous phrase. This association is intentional. The true fatherland is recognizable in the character of our Father. Everything that we love, everyone that we love, every sort of unity among people is rooted in our heavenly Father.

Therefore, it should be always on our minds, that our true patria is not here, but in our Father's country. We are citizens of heaven and all our deeds on this earth are meant to glorify our spiritual homeland and our eternal Father.

• Let us pray for the priests, monks, religious brothers and sisters and laymen and women who work for the Kingdom of Lord and especially for those, who suffer for the name of Christ

#### \*SONG

• Let us pray for those who are far from the church, for those who are searching and lost.



#### \*SONG

• Let us pray to the Lord to send out the workers into His field.

#### \*SONG

# **Celebration of the Eucharist: SYM Italy**

#### **\*ENTRANCE SONG**

# Introduction to the Eucharist

"This is my home", it's the inscription that stands out on the door of St. John Bosco's humble house in Becchi. It may seem a banal phrase, to indicate the four walls where he was born and lived in the early years.

They were in fact words that express all the simplicity with which took place the miraculous events of a life spectacularly touched by the Mystery.

This is the miracle: into family relationships' everyday life, kept by the affection and the care of mum Margherita, was born the story of the "tumbler" that became priest and hugged thousands of youths all over the world.

#### **\*KYRIE**



# Reading

#### Ephesians 3,14-21 (Christ's Love for Us)

<sup>14</sup> I kneel in prayer to the Father. <sup>15</sup> All beings in heaven and on earth receive their life from him.[a] <sup>16</sup> God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that his Spirit will make you become strong followers <sup>17</sup> and that Christ will live in your hearts because of your faith. Stand firm and be deeply rooted in his love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you and all of God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep.[b] <sup>19</sup> I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is.

<sub>20-21</sub> I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen.

# **Psalm**

# Psalm 136,1-9, 23-26 (God's Love Never Fails)

Reader: Praise the Lord! He is good.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: Praise the God of all gods.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: Praise the Lord of lords.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: Only God works great miracles.

#### All: God's love never fails.



Reader: With wisdom, he made the sky.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: The Lord stretched the earth over the ocean.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: He made the bright lights in the sky.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: He lets the sun rule each day.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: He lets the moon and the stars rule each night.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: God saw the trouble we were in.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: He rescued us from our enemies.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: He gives food to all who live.

#### All: God's love never fails.

Reader: Praise God in heaven!

#### All: God's love never fails.

#### \*ALLELUIA

# Gospel

#### Luke 2,41-52 (The Boy Jesus in the Temple)

<sup>41</sup> Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. <sup>43</sup> After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. <sup>44</sup> Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. <sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

 $_{\rm 49}$  "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"  $_{\rm 50}$  But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

 $_{\rm 51}$  Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.  $_{\rm 52}$  And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

# **Prayers of the faithful**

• For the Pope, so that, enlightened by the light of the Holy Spirit, he can continue to accompany the faithful to discover and live more and more Gospel's joy. We pray.



- For the Salesian Family, so that it can continue to infuse with passion and tireless work the joy of being don Bosco's witnesses. We pray.
- For the families, so that they can be places where people take care of each other, for a human and Christian growth. We pray.
- For the youth, so that no one feels left out by the welcoming and maternal Church's love. We pray.
- For all of us who are taking part in this experience, that we can be salt of the earth and light to the world. We pray.

\*OFFERTORY \*SANCTUS \*AGNUS DEI \*COMMUNION

\*CONCLUDING



# **Evening prayer: SYM Hungary**

#### **\*SONG**

Interactive prayer.

**\*SONG** during the activity in the groups

Common prayer.

#### **\*SONG**

Blessing in Hungarian language.



# August 13, Sunday

Valdocco: A concrete expression of Don Bosco´s vision and passion.

# **Morning Prayer: SYM Poland**

#### \*SONG

# Reader

I adore you, my God, and love you from my heart. Thank you, for you created me, made me a Christian and kept me safe in the last night. I offer you all my deeds which I am to do in this day and grant that all of them may be done according to your holy will and for your greater glory. Save me from the sin and from all evil. May your grace be always with me and with my friends and family. Amen

#### Word of God John 2,1-12 (Jesus at a Wedding in Cana)

 $_{\rm 1}$  On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,  $_{\rm 2}$  and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.  $_{\rm 3}$  When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}$  "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.



 $_{\rm 7}$  Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

 $_{\rm 8}$  Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so,  $_{g}$  and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside  $_{10}$  and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. <sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

# **Prayers of the faithful**

Lord Jesus is the first of the new creation; in him every man is open for faith and hope. With this spirit we present our prayer to the Father. Lord, hear us – Lord, graciously hear us.

1. For the holy church and her earthly pilgrimage, so that every member may participate in the celebration of the holy mass, with great fervour and faith. Let us pray

2. Let us pray for all who suffer because of violence and oppression, may the Lord transform this difficult moment into grace, where everyone can live in peace and fraternity, where all people can find their dignity and fulfil God's plan for their lives. Let us pray

3. Let us pray for all people involved in the education and social work so they may promote integral development opened to God and to their brothers and sisters. Let us pray



4. Let us pray for ourselves present here so we can create the spirit of the family around us and connect our lives with the Word of God. So we may be able to discern the will of God in the particular circumstances of life

#### \*SONG

# Prayer

O St. John Bosco, Father and Teacher of Youth, you who worked so much for the salvation of souls, be our guide in seeking good for our souls and the salvation of our neighbor; help us conquer our passions and human respect; teach us to love Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, Mary Help of Christians, and the Pope; and obtain for us from God a happy death, so that one day we will join you in Heaven. Amen.

# Praying all together

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen

O St. Dominic Savio, you who learned at the school of St. John Bosco to pass in holiness all the days of your youth, help us to imitate you in love for Jesus, your devotion to Mary, and your zeal for souls. Pray that we, too, by resolving to die rather than sin may obtain our eternal salvation. Amen.

#### \*SONG



# Special liturgical moment: Reconciliation – SYM Spain

#### Celebrating Forgiveness and Peace With God – With everybody – With myself

#### \*SONG

#### 1. Context and meaning of the celebration

L1. Because of fragility and sin, the human heart is often torn by differences, even opposite, attractions.

L2. Today this holy land of Valdocco reminds us the call to a happy and joyful life which Don Bosco, as well as many other young people, received from the Lord. Let us not forget that God's love is limitless.

L3. This evening we feel the need to recover life, to celebrate the forgiveness of God and be born again to the hope of being able to bear the fruits which He expects from us.

L1. To celebrate forgiveness is always a reason for joy. The Gospel talks about the joy of the encounter. Only when there is love, one can encounter joy in forgiveness.

L2. Brother Roger de Taizé said that "forgiveness is the most astonishing and generous reality of the Gospel; without any doubt, it is a miracle [...] It is up to you to anticipate without delay a reconciliation".

L3. Let's go deep into our heart, to its roots without delay, and let's take the opportunity to seek God. Let His Word permeate our whole being and restore us to his love

#### \*SONG



#### Greeting of the president

# **Request of forgiveness**

P/ For the pretexts for not changing my life

R/ Lord, forgive us.

P/ For our irresponsible criticism and complaints

R/ Lord, forgive us.

P/ For our neglect of our daily cross

R/ Lord, forgive us.

P/ To the welcome, love and share it with the others

R/ Lord, convert us.

P/ To the empathy, forgiveness and care toward our brothers and sisters

R/ Lord, convert us.

#### PRAYER

Oh Lord, called Saint John Bosco to serve the poorest among the young, You are entrusting to us, the participants of this Confronto, a constant concern for the weakest and a the great ability to love leading us to work for the dignity of young people, so that they can experience Your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ... Amen.

# 3. Liturgy of the word

#### Introduction to the first reading

The Word that we are going to listen reminds us the message of Saint Paul to the Christians of Philippi, which became reality in Don Bosco's house. To rejoice, for both Don Bosco and Saint Paul, means to be serene and peaceful. In the life of every Christian, the fruits of peace and the joy come from a life lived with a love devoted service to the others.

# Reading from the letter of Saint Paul apostle to the Philippians (phi 4, 4-9):

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

#### \*SONG

# Introduction to the gospel

When God enters into the heart, a human being can live as a poor, be merciful, make peace... The Beatitudes are the best portrait of Jesus. He is the man, the merciful, the peaceful one...



#### Reading of the Gospel of Matthew (mt, 5, 1 -12):

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

# Homily



# 4. Penitential rite

/Symbolic gesture: from the main entrance of the Basilica a cross is carried to the altar in a procession. Background music. The cross reaches the altar. Then, young people come from different places bringing posters where the initial words of each Beatitude are written. This young people arrive all together at the same moment in front of the cross. A person reads the Beatitudes and another one adds a short prayer. Finally, the young people who have brought the posters sit around the cross./

#### **Representation of the beatitudes**

"**Blessed are the poor**...". Lord, make me generous and courageous, to share my bread with my brothers, to be nourishment for those who are hungry and give back dignity to those who live in misery.

"**Blessed are the meek**..." Lord, help me to get rid of pride and arrogance, help me to bring your message with humility and kindness, but at the same time with the firmness of one who is sure of your love.

"**Blessed are those who mourn**..." Lord, give me a sensitive heart, to share the pain of those who suffer and heal them. Give me the courage to fight against all that generates people's suffering.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." Lord, may I be, with your force, a prophet for this century XXI, that I may always find the courage to be the voice of those who don't have a voice and denounce, on behalf of You, the injustices of our world.

"**Blessed are the merciful**..." Lord, grant me the ability to forgive and forget the offences of my neighbors, and, mostly, the ability to welcome my enemies with open arms and a sincere heart.

"Blessed are the pure in heart..." Lord, make me simple and kind-hearted. May I not see evil there where it is not and may the hate and



resentment never dwell in my heart. Make me supportive of the weak and loving with the abandoned ones.

"**Blessed are the peacemakers**..." Lord, may I be a sower of peace for the world. Wherever I am, make me an instrument of harmony and dialogue, and may our political and ecclesial leaders work, with good will and in communion, to seek the much desired peace.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness..." Lord I ask you to make me tough enough to defend justice, even though this disturbs the privileged ones and may have bad consequences for my security and calm. Make me stay next to those who are deprived of their freedom for any reason, may I defend, with my words and works, the respect for human rights.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me..." I pray you, my Lord, for the Church. For the entire community of brothers who, day by day, in many corners of the world extend your kingdom among the littlest ones. Convince me that this project is worthy, that the poor, the suffering, the persecuted one and the one who suffers injustice shall be blessed because we, your Church, will commit our life to this goal.

/Priests are available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation./

#### Invitation to the sacrament



# 5. Time for reconciliation

#### Time for adoration and personal prayers.

#### FOR THE PERSONAL PRAYER:

Before approaching the Sacrament, we suggest you to prepare yourself with these three steps: **praise, acknowledge, proclaim**.

#### **Profession of praise**

All the process of reconciliation supposes that one realizes all the gifts he/she has received and thanks God for them. He made you as His son/daughter, and all that you have and are, comes from an outpouring of His love for you. Instead of starting with "I have sinned in this and that", consider starting with: "Lord, I want to thank you", and present before Him **the reasons why you want to thank Him**.

Recall the love with which God anticipates and accompanies you, acknowledging His signs in your life. Try to start this way, you shall see how many unthinkable things will come out, because our life is full of gifts.

It is not you anymore who, almost hiding yourself, present some sins to have them cancelled by God, rather it is you who stand before Him, the Father of your life. Write, pray, reflect about those reasons for which you really feel the need to thank the Lord: «I thank you because...».

#### **Profession of life**

- Then, ask yourself the fundamental question. «Since the last confession, what happened in my life that I would like it hadn't happened, anything I would like I hadn't done, anything uncomfortable, anything annoying?».

- Present to the Father your humble and repented heart, admitting



the low condition of your life, which you could discern in being tired, in scraping by, in taking a selfish attitude...

- Go into "the depth" of your life and **look at the roots of what you would not like to exist anymore**. Now it's time to share all that it happens to you, that you don't want to keep inside yourself, that bothers you, that seems to be consistent with what you should be before God, as well as before your brothers and sisters.

- Being aware of God's presence in front of us, we realize that our miserable life doesn't stand at the height of God's gifts and love. It is not about having a bitter repentance, rather it is about receiving His mercy, recognizing that His love for you is unconditional and, therefore, can forgive your sin. God's love is always bigger than your sin, a bridge in His arms.

#### **Profession of faith**

- Our effort is never sufficient. Our intention must be joined by a deep **act of faith in the power of the Spirit**, in God's mercy. Confession is not only about leaving the sin, just like we leave some notes in our notebook. Confession is about putting our heart in the Heart of Christ, so that He can change it with His strength.

- From this confession comes a prayer of repentance: «Lord, I know that what I have done is not only a damage to myself, to my brothers and sisters, to the people whom I have upset, but also an offence to You, Father, who loved me and called me». «Lord, I know I'm fragile, I know I'm weak, I know that I can keep on falling, but You, because of Your love, please help me in my weakness, show me the purpose I should aim at». Open your heart to God, you still have to accomplish many things in your life.

- It is a personal act of faith. God never cease speaking to you, even in extreme situations; He never withdraws His love, even when you



don't love Him back.

- Such a confession will never bore you, because it would always be different from the former one; each time you shall find new negative roots emerging: ambiguous desires, confuse intentions, false feelings.

#### Personal reconciliation

- Approach to the sacrament of Reconciliation and in the light of Christ's resurrection you shall listen to His voice: «Your sins are forgiven. Peace». Reconciled with God, with the others and with ourselves, ready to better accomplish your mission.

# 6. Our Father

# 7. President

Today we have to thank God for many reasons...

perhaps for this opportunity of recollection,

perhaps because some of you have seen a light in your journey,

perhaps because the love of God fills us, surrounds us and pushes us forward,

perhaps for John Bosco, who devoted his life in favor of the young,

perhaps for visiting this land of Valdocco, home of young saints,

perhaps because the companionship of God leads us to change the world...



# Blessing

Receive the blessing of the Lord, so to become a blessing for the others, for the young.

The Lord be with you.

May almighty God bless you,

the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. R/ Amen.

Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

#### \*SONG

**Eucharistic Celebration: SYM France and Belgium Sud** 

#### **\*ENTRANCE SONG**

**\*KYRIE** 

\*GLORIA

# **First reading**

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

"Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward."

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so

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a servant in my household will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

<sub>6</sub> Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

# \*PSALM

(a reader reads the paragraphs, the Assembly sings the refrain)

Psalm 23 (David declares, The Lord is my shepherd)

, The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures:

he leads me beside the still waters.

<sub>3</sub> He restores my soul:

he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}$  Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:

for you are with me; your rod and your staff they comfort me.

 $_{\rm 5}$  You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

 $_{\rm 6}$  Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.



# **Second reading**

#### Ephesians 1,3-14 (Christ Brings Spiritual Blessings)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus:

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$  Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship[c] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfilment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will,  $_{12}$  in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory.  $_{13}$  And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,  $_{14}$  who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession to the praise of his glory.



#### \*ALLELUIA

# Gospel

#### John 2,1-12 (Jesus at a Wedding in Cana)

 $_{\rm 1}$  On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,  $_2$  and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.  $_3$  When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}$  "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$  His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sub>6</sub> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

 $_{\rm 7}$  Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

 $_{\rm 8}$  Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so,  $_{9}$  and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside  $_{10}$  and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

<sub>12</sub> After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.



# **Prayer of the Faithful**

1. Help us all to find the Lord and his trust in order to be living witnesses of God and our Faith. Lord, hear our prayer.

2. Guide our leaders to take good decisions with love and peace in mind. Inspire all people trying to make the world a better place. Lord, hear our prayer.

3. We entrust you all the people suffering, from loss, from illnesses, from wars, from terrorism and from indifference. Give them peace. Lord, hear our prayer.

4. Lead all the people here at Colle and Valdocco to keep Don Bosco's spirit alive. Help the whole Salesian family to be a testimony of love, trust, kindness and peace in this world. Lord, hear our prayer.

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# August 14, Monday

Mother Mazzarello – co-worker in Don Bosco's mission.

# **Morning Prayer: SYM Malta**

\*SONG

#### Introduction to first reading and gospel

# Reading

#### Jeremiah 29,10-14

<sup>10</sup> This is what the Lord says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup> Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."



# Gospel

#### Luke 1, 26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

<sup>29</sup> Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

<sup>34</sup> "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. <sub>36</sub> Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. <sub>37</sub> For no word from God will ever fail."

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle 38}$  "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

# Moment of reflection:

- In your life what is the biggest thing you ever planned for?
- Why do we make plans?
- · How do you feel when everything goes as planned?
- How do you feel when plans change?
- What role does God have in your plans?
- What is keeping you away from God's Plan?

#### God's Plan for Don Bosco

God chose Don Bosco to announce the good news that the young are still friends of God. With the heart of a father, teacher and a Friend, Don Bosco worked for the salvation of the young through the direct intervention of Mary our Mother.

#### **Moment of Prayer**

**\*SONG** 

# **Eucharistic Celebration**

#### **\*ENTRANCE SONG**

**\*KYRIE** 

\*GLORIA



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# \*PSALM

Psalm 138 (Praise the Lord with All Your Heart)

, With all my heart I praise you, Lord.

In the presence of angels I sing your praises.

<sup>2</sup> I worship at your holy temple and praise you for your love and your faithfulness.

You were true to your word and made yourself more famous than ever before.

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$  When I asked for your help, you answered my prayer and gave me courage.

<sup>4</sup> All kings on this earth have heard your promises, Lord,

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and they will praise you.

 $_{\scriptscriptstyle 5}$  You are so famous that they will sing About the things you have done.

 $_{\rm 6}$  Though you are above us all, you care for humble people,

and you keep a close watch on everyone who is proud.

 $_{\rm 7}$  I am surrounded by trouble, but you protect me against my angry enemies.

With your own powerful arm you keep me safe.

<sub>8</sub> You, Lord, will always treat me with kindness. Your love never fails. You have made us what we are. Don't give up on us now!

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# **Prayer of the faithful**

/While the choir sings (repeating) "O Lord hear my prayer", everybody has the chance to write down a prayer on a piece of paper. We bring the prayers in front of the altar, presenting them to the Lord./

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# Special liturgical moment + Evening prayer: Marian procession – SYM Portugal and SYM Slovenia

## Reader

Praying with Mary means praying while walking because Mary is the most beautiful path to the Love of God. She is our best companion in this journey, as she is the one who knows her sacred Son the best and she can actually guide us to Him.

She is the one to follow by her complete commitment and loyalty to Christ, by her way of sacrifice and constant prayer and by the light She is for those who seek Salvation. We really want to understand better these Marian dimensions and to acknowledge how we can experience them in our daily lives.

As we are in Mornese, the Mother House of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, the living monument of Don Bosco's gratitude to Mary Help of Christians , of course we cannot forget our beloved Mother Mazzarello, who lived this Marian dimension in an exemplar fashion and who is, in the Salesian spirituality, stands out as a fine model of perseverance and Salesian youthful holiness which are through devouted service and constant prayer embracing everyone in her largeness of heart.

This is the reason why we are going to pray with and through Mary, walking in procession as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady of the Assumption which will be celebrated tomorrow.

We will make three stops, where we will listen to the Word of God and meditate on Mary and Mother Mazzarello comparing it, as contemporary challenges for our lives.

Each one of us will carry a lighted candle during the procession sym-



bolising it as a way of accepting the challenges and a way of declaring our will to take the light of the Faith and the Joy to all the world.

As we light up our candles, we shall sing

## \*SONG

## Voice of a young girl

"What does milady want from us?" asked Lúcia, one of the three little shepherds of Fátima, during the first apparition of Our Lady, in 13th May 1917. Do you dare to ask this question again: What does milady want from me? What do you, Virgin Mary, want from me in this present moment? One hundred years ago, this question changed the life of the little shepherds of Fátima. Today the answer to this question can change your own life, the life of each one of us! Open up your heart to Our Lady requests, let the Light of God enter your heart through the hand of Mary and let that Light transform your heart.

## Reader

Let's pray together:

Hail, Mother of God and our mother,

Virgin Mary, Help of God's People.

Blessed among all women,

You are the image of the Church dressed with the Easter light,

You are the honor of our people,

You are the victory against the evil mark.

Prophecy of the merciful Love of God,

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Master of the Announcement of the Good-News of the Son, Sign of the flaming Fire of the Holy Spirit, Teach us, in this valley of joy and pain, The eternal truths that the Father reveals to the little ones.

Show us the strength of your protective mantle And the path that lead us to God. Walk along with us, Lady, Mother and Help And guide us to the life in fullness That Jesus, Your Son, wants to offer us. (Adapted from Jubilee Prayer, Fátima 2017)

# **1. Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary** (The Collegio of Mornese)

## Reader

## Gospel of Luke (Lk 1, 26-33)

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favoured one! The Lord is with you."

But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God.



Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

## Mary's voice

Wow, that was such an unexpected event that morning! What a huge surprise! A resplendent being appeared at my house. I wasn't expecting anyone and I knew Jose was out working. But that light coming from the being made him so heavenly that he could only be from heaven. I was afraid, but his strong, yet sweet voice made me sure about the importance of that moment.

At the beginning, I didn't understand... Which words were those? "The Lord is with you"? What does this mean? Was it really for me? A gush of questions popped up in my mind, but no answer made sense to me.

He also told me that I would be the mother of the Son of God...He would be a boy and His name would be Jesus...He would be the King amongst the kings. Me? Mother of the Son of God? The one who will be the Savior of all, oh, such an amazing grace... But at the same time, such a huge responsibility.

It is strange, isn't it? Me, a modest girl, nothing to offer rather than myself. How could I give back such an unmeasured trust? Could I make myself free to humbly serve? Yes, I could. Free to serve with humility and humble to serve with freedom. Would it be enough?

So much noise in my head, I still don't know if I understand the angel's words...I'm not sure if I can understand it reasonably. With the heart though... With the heart I can. I've kept all of this in my heart. If the Lord has chosen me, He knows what He is doing.

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Oh Mary, what a twist you will have in your life.

Even, today, just like in the past, my answer is the same as it should be for each Christian: here I am, a servant of the Lord: may it be done according to your word.

#### Voice of Maria Domenica Mazzarello

I find myself several times thinking about this passage of the Gospel and listening to the angel that says to Mary: "Fear not! Yes, thou carrying God, but God carries you. Do not fear!" This sentence "Do not fear!" no doubt penetrated deeply in my heart. I wonder how in various situations, Mary thought about this sentence, hearing it once again in Her heart.

I don't know what touches me the most: the excessive love of God or the availability of Mary. What I really know is that I learnt with her to trust, to listen, to value silence and the new life that happens between human freedom and the grace of God.

And what about you? Each day, do you give space to God, so He can fill you and speak to your heart? I've discovered this wonder since I was very young! While walking through the fields, contemplating the stars, seeing the world from the sight of a small window of the parish church... Maybe that's why it also grew in me the ability to deeply listen to the people, girls, and, later, right here in the College, the Sisters!

God really speaks to you! What space do you give Him in your daily living? How do you welcome the "announcements" of God in your life? Many times the announcement is for a life change, sometimes is the unforeseen that causes you to change your projects, other times it might be any your health, work or family problem... Do you answer God with faith and availability?



**2. Station: Mary under the cross** (Market for the house, where typhoid broke out)

## \*SONG

#### Reader (John 19:25-27)

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

## Voice of a young girl

Mary, I admire you, that you persevered with Jesus in the most difficult moments of his suffering and that you didn't leave him, when he hung on the cross.

#### Voice of Maria Domenica Mazzarello

"Finally all, to whom I served in time of Typhoid, recovered, but then the illness attacked me. Typhoid in its most severe form, so it seemed to me in time of illness, that death is very near. I wasn't afraid of death, I prepared myself for it like it's a very important event. But God's plans for me were different and he saved my life. Slowly my temperature dropped and I gradually started to recover. Physical abilities that I had before the illness never came back again. But this was an opportunity for me to experience my physical, mental and spiritual fragility. In the depth of this experience God raised me, so I could devote my life to him and meet him in a new light and hope."



## Voice of a young girl

I want to be like you, Maria Domenica, you gladly accepted God's will and his cross of suffering. My crosses are the fears of future. I'm afraid, that I would stay alone, that the society wouldn't accept me, that I would lose people I love. Sometimes I'm afraid, that I wouldn't finish the study, that I would disappoint my parents, that I wouldn't get a job. Like many girls and boys of today, I ask myself, if I would get a good partner in my life, if I could have children. When I look back into my life, Lord, I know that you watch over me all the time. Suffering raises me, educates me and changes me for the better. Thank you, Jesus, that you help me bear my cross, thank you, that you heal me of my fears.

## Challenge

Jesus (like a sticking plaster) heals our wounds, pains and fears. What is my daily cross that I bear? How do I deal with it? Or how do I run away from it?

Activity: Write a cross, which you bear, on your hand and then put a sticking plaster, on which it is written 'Jesus'.. (Meanwhile a song).

#### \*SONG



# 3. Station: Assumption (In front of the parish church)

## \*SONG

#### Reader (Luke 1:39-45)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

## Voice of a young girl

Mary, you were blessed in many ways. I'm rather jealous of you sometimes, because you were chosen, because you became God's mother, because Jesus was so close to you. But, am I not blessed too? for I became God's child, when I was baptized.? Isn't the greatest of blessings that God accepts me as I am, with all my imperfections, good features, fears and virtues? Isn't that a blessing that I can be a part of the Salesian youth movement, a part of the Salesian charisma and spirituality? Last but not the least, I am blessed, because God prepared for me, as for you, Mary, a place in heaven. Thank you for this, o, Lord.

## Reader

Maria Domenica feels that she and the entire institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians are blessed, also because of a wide missionary vastness, which attracts and invites her. This year is the



140th anniversary of the first missionary expedition of the Daughter of Mary help of Christians.

#### Voice of Maria Domenica Mazzarello

On Wednesday, the 14th of November 1877 the first missionary expedition of the Daughter of Mary help of Christians sisters sisters embarked. I visited every cabin of the ship, stay there for a short chat and utter a few words of encouragement to all. Don Bosco is moved and gives the last blessing. His tears were tears of gratitude to the Mighty One. Me and Don Bosco gaze at the ship, in gratitude for great things, that the Lord made with this first missionary expedition. We stayed silent. But suddenly we heard the hymn of great joy 'I want to love Mary' which reminds me of Don Costamagna."

#### Magnificat which comes from eternity – voice of Maria Domenica Mazzarello

#### Song: Magnificat

For forty-four years that I spent on the Earth I have sung the Magnificat; for all my life I have prepared the place for Lord.

I contemplated my story in heaven: it's intertwined with miracles, pain and hope;

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

You have done great things to me through education: with the help of my parents,

brothers, sisters, priest Pestarino, girlfriends from my group,

with whom I'm connected through the love of prayer, Mary and education.



Your hands formed me through daily work on Earth, through closeness, created by human relationships, through solitude and hearing of God's word, through wonders of nature, through contagious power of great ideals of life.

You have done great things in me, when you made me feel an irresistible attraction of Eucharistic Jesus. My heart, which longed for a perfect sacrifice, longed in its depth for You.

#### Song: Magnificat

In time of trials, loneliness and illness you gave me an experience, that you are even closer to me and that you are completing the work you started.

When you gave me Don Bosco,

you wanted to open my apostolic desire into the widest horizons of the world.

You were like a source of new hope,

even when everyone gave up on girls

like Ema, Corina, Maria,

I believed that you can do great things through them,

that you can speak in the interior of their hearts and change them.

My spirit rejoices in you,

for you have made great things in the first community in Mornese, despite my lowliness.



Yes, Father, today and everyday my window is open for wider and wider horizons,

which my physical gaze couldn't reach.

My heart embraces new sisters and number of young people from all over the world.

#### Song: Magnificat

Challenge (music accompaniment; 5 minutes of silence)

• Does my heart yearn for heaven?

• Where and when do I experience and recognize that I was and I am blessed?

• In what manner am I a blessing for others?

• Every participant is invited to take down his/her own Magnificat in the booklet, like our Heavenly Mother did. Write down, for what you express gratitude to the Lord.

#### Reader

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.



He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

## \*SONG

## **Blessing of Mary Help of Christians**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

Who made heaven and earth.

Hail Mary...

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Mary, Help of Christians,

Pray for us.

#### O Lord hear my prayer.

And let my cry come unto You.

#### The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, Who by the cooperation of the Holy Spirit did prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother Mary to become a worthy dwelling for Your Son, grant that as we rejoice in her commemoration, we may, by her loving intercession, be delivered from present evils and from everlasting death. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

+ May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend on you and remain with you forever.

Amen.



# August 15, Tuesday

With Mary our Mother, our mission as SYM.

# **Morning Prayer: SYM Animators**

#### Word of God

#### Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two (Lk:10, 1-12)

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go., He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. , Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. , Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. , Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. . Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; a cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." 12 I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

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# **Celebration of the Eucharist: National groups**

# **First reading**

#### Revelation 11,19a; 12, 1-6a. 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet. and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."



## **Psalm**

#### Psalm 44,10. 11. 12. 16

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold. The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

## **Second reading**

#### 1 Corinthians 15,20-26

<sup>20</sup> Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and



power. <sub>25</sub> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sub>26</sub> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sub>27</sub> For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.

## Gospel

Luke 1,39-56 (Mary Visits Elizabeth)

<sup>39</sup> At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, <sup>40</sup> where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! <sup>43</sup> But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup> Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

46 And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord

- and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
- 48 for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me holy is his name.

50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,

from generation to generation.



- <sup>51</sup> He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
  - he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
- <sub>52</sub> He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.
- 53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.
- <sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful
- $_{\rm 55}$  to Abraham and his descendants forever,

just as he promised our ancestors."

<sub>56</sub> Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

# **Evening prayer + special liturgical moment: SYM Croatia**

(Continuous adoration during the night)

#### Introductory prayer (the priest):

Lord, we are gathered here tonight to give our thanks for the days we have spent.

We are here to be with You because we know and feel that without you none of this would be possible. We offer this time and place we are here fill us with Your Presence.

Spread the fire of the Holy Spirit within us so we can give you our thoughts and our hearts.

With full confidence, we want to offer everything we have lived these days, every person we have met and shared our moments with, all the moments of joy, moments of sadness and powerlessness that



we have experienced. To your almighty hands, we give our everyday difficulties, worries and weaknesses.

Lord, the only thing we want tonight is to be with You, so let it be done to us this way.

#### \*SONG

/SILENCE/

#### Word of God (John 2:1-12)

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

/SILENCE/



#### Sign of our mission

These days we have intensely reflected on our mission, our field of work, what we are to do and the people we are sent to.

We have reflected on Don Bosco's vision of the young people as good Christians and honest citizens, how we could become what he wanted from us and help others to do the same.

There are various ways to get there, but we have chosen the Salesian way, joyous one, with the thought of being joyful now and in eternity inprinted in our minds.

Let us now pause for a moment and reflect on the past few days:

# What has the Lord specially been speaking to me these days and through which events has he tried to be especially close?

Which words are engraved in my heart?

Which people have been especially close and dear to me?

What have they been doing and saying?

What is the Lord calling me to do?

What is he saying?

/A few minutes for personal reflection./

We are not always ready to say in a resolute way: Here I am / I'll do whatever He tells.

For that reason, during this vigil and adoration we pray for our personal intentions.



We pray for perseverance, faith and trust in the plans He has for our life. If we still do not know what to do and what He wants for us and our life, we pray to Him to open the eyes and ears of our hearts so we could see and hear him. We pray He sets us free from our fears, our weaknesses and difficulties that make us seem unworthy to encounter him.

We pray that He embraces us with his boundless love so that we never forget that we are loved in the way that nothing else matters and that He fills us with the certainty that we can do all things if we surrender to his will.

\*There are papers and pencils at the edge of the benches. Now, everyone should write their prayer intention, the one that resounds most in your heart. Something you longed for at this moment. No one will read this so write it in your mother tongue. When you are finished writing, hold the paper in your hands or put it somewhere near you.

Now we invite SDB and Daughters of Mary Help of Christians to stand where we have previously told them.

In front of the altar there is a basket and a cross made of little candles. One by one, we go infront of the Altar and put our paper in the basket. Then, someone (SDB or FMAs) will give us one lighted candle with the words of our mission: "**Do whatever he tells you.**" (Joh 2, 5)

#### \*SONG

/SILENCE/

#### **\*SONG**

/While the celebrant bring the Blessed Sacrament to the altar the following song /prayer will be/sang and prayed



## O Salutaris Hostia

O SALUTARIS Hostia Quae caeli pandis ostium. Bella premunt hostilia; Da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria: Qui vitam sine termino, Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

/SILENCE/

/After the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and during the night: Eucharistic adoration Confessions Personal dialogue with SDBs or FMAs/

(During this vigil there will be appropriate prayers, songs, readings from the scripture, to help the congregation focus their attention to the worship of the Lord.

It is important to remember that **the Eucharist is the "Real Presence"** of Jesus Christ.)



# **CONFESSION and QUESTION FOR PERSONAL TIME:**

## **5 CONDITION FOR A GOOD CONFESSION:**

1. EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE: Recognize the truth about your-self

2. CONTRITION: Express sorrow for rejecting the Greatest Love in the world

3. STRONG RESOLUTION: Do your best to stay away from sin

4. SINCERE CONFESSION: Confess all your sins

5. SATISFACTION: Try to repair injuries caused by your sins.

## **EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

Am I humble?

Is salvation my biggest goal?

Do I want my friends to go to Heaven?

Am I courageous in defending my beliefs and morals?

Am I able to rebuke in a calm way, without pride?

Does evil influence my desires to fit in with others?

Do I believe with all my strength that love, faith and hope will triumph? Do I frequently read the Bible, catechism, religious books? Do I care about my formation?

Am I patient when someone is less talented than myself?

Do I only trust in God or do I trust in superstitions, fortune tellers, magic, horoscopes or non-Christian spiritualism?

Do I use profanities or swear words?

When I experience sadness, does the truth about Christ, who also suffers out of love for the Father and for humankind, console me?

Am I full of hope when I have difficulties, or do I quickly resort to complaining and whining?

When I am upset, do I become unbearable, unsociable, miserable or



angry with everything?

Do I avoid mud-slinging and gossiping?

When I deal with problems, do I avoid being too hot-blooded, emotional, argumentative, malicious or ironic?

Do I pray for those who treat me unjustly so that they might come to know the love that God has for them better?

Do I hurt others through words or action?

Do I think about how much Christ has forgiven me?

Am I person of peace?

Do I think that God is willing to forgive and does not get tired of doing so?

Do I believe in the good intentions of others?

Do I set aside time for God every day?

Am I faithful to the Eucharist every Sunday and in my daily prayer?

Do I remember in my prayers those in need?

Do I respect the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit?

Do I desire to have a pure heart?

Do I dress appropriately?

How do I speak to people?

Am I considerate, kind, helpful?

Am I free person?

Do I think about my death?

Am I always prepared for it?

Do I always strive to be in state of holy grace?



# August 16, Wednesday

We/SYM are agents of Don Bosco's vision, passion & mission TODAY.

## **Morning Prayer: Croatia**

#### Introduction in the prayer

(In the beginning of morning prayer, we will all meet in the front of Real Presence in silence and personal prayer.)

#### \*SONG

# **Prayer of the Faithful**

FOR HOLY FATHER FOR SYM FOR SALESIAN FAMILY FOR KIDS AND YOUNG IN THE WHOLE WORLD FOR PEACE IN SYRIA

#### Our Father in different languages

## Benediction

(After a period of meditation and reflection the celebrant goes to the altar, genuflects, and kneels. The following or another suitable Eucharistic hymn is sung.)



#### Down in adoration falling,

This great Sacrament we hail; Over ancient forms of worship Newer rites of grace prevail; Faith will tell us Christ is present, When our human senses fail. To the everlasting Father,

And the Son who made us free, And the Spirit, God proceeding From them Each eternally, Be salvation, honor, blessing, Might and endless majesty. Amen.

#### Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Veneremur cernui, Et antiquum documentum Novo cedat ritui; Praestet fides supplementum Sensuum defectfui. Genitori Gentioque

Laus et jubilatio, Salus, honor, virtus quoque Sit et benedictio; Procedenti ab utroque Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

#### \*SONG

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#### **PRIEST**: You have given them Bread from heaven

ALL: Having all sweetness within it

**PRIEST**: Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood, help us to experience the salvation won for us and the peace of the kingdom, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

#### ALL: Amen.

The celebrant will then bless all present with the Eucharist.

(When the priest has blessed everyone he then replaces the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and genuflects. The following acclamation may be said at this time. This acclamation is called the Divine Praises.)

## All:

Blessed be God. Blessed be his holy name. Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man. Blessed be the name of Jesus. Blessed be his most Sacred Heart. Blessed be his most Precious Blood. Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy. Blessed be her glorious Assumption. Blessed be her glorious Assumption. Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and Mother. Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse. Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints. Amen.

## \*SONG



## **Celebration of the Eucharist: SYM Slovakia**

**\*ENTRANCE SONG** 

**\*KYRIE** 

\*GLORIA

# Reading

## Philippians 4,4-9

 $_4$  Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!  $_5$  Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.  $_6$  Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.  $_7$  And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. <sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

## \*PSALM

Psalm 103,1bc-2, 3-4,8-9,13-14, 17-18 (0, bless the Lord, my soul!)

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

#### O, bless the Lord, my soul!

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills, He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

#### O, bless the Lord, my soul!

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He will not always chide, nor does he keep his wrath forever.

#### O, bless the Lord, my soul!

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him, For he knows how we are formed; he remembers that we are dust.

#### O, bless the Lord, my soul!

But the kindness of the LORD is from eternity to eternity toward those who fear him, And his justice toward his children's children among those who keep his covenant.

## O, bless the Lord, my soul!



## \*ALLELUIA

# Gospel

## Matthew 18,1-5

The disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."

#### **\*OFFERTORY**

**\*SANCTUS** 

**\*AGNUS DEI** 

**\*COMMUNION** 

**\*THANKS SONG** 

\*CONCLUDING



# **THE ORDER OF MASS**

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

*Priest*: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

#### All: Amen.

*Priest*: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### All: And also with you

My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

*All*: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

*Priest*: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

#### All: Amen.

Priest: Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.Priest: Christ, have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy.Priest: Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.

(Then, when prescribed, the Hymn is to be sung or intoned)



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father. receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

#### (On Sunday and solemnities)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: [bow during the next two lines:] by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **Eucharistic Prayer II**

The Lord be with you. ± And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts. ± We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ± It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, whom you sent as our Saviour and Redeemer, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured his Passion, so as to break the bonds of death and manifest the resurrection. And so, with the Angels and all the Saints we declare your glory, as with one voice we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.



You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them, so that they may become for us the Body and the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. He joins his hands.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you. Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.



Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with N. our Pope and N. our Bishop\* and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection, and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be coheirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

#### **COMMUNION RITE**

*Priest*: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*Priest*: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*All*: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.



#### Sign of Peace:

*Priest*: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you.

Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

#### All: Amen.

*Priest*: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### All: And also with you.

Deacon or Priest: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

#### Breaking of the Bread:

*All*: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

#### Communion:

*Priest*: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

*All*: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.



# PERSONAL REFLECTION EXERCISES



# DAY 1 THE DREAM (as narrated by Don Bosco himself)

It was at that age of nine, that I had a dream. All my life this remained deeply impressed on my mind. In this dream I seemed to be near my home in a fairly large yard. A crowd of children were playing there. Some were laughing, some were playing games, and quite a few were swearing. When I heard these evil words, I jumped immediately amongst them and tried to stop them by using my words and my fists.

At that moment a dignified man appeared a nobly-dressed adult. He wore a white cloak, and his face shone so that I could not look directly at him. He called me by name, told me to take charge of these children, and added these words: "You will have to win these friends of yours not by blows but by gentleness and love. Start right away to teach them the ugliness of sin and the value of virtue."

Confused and frightened, I replied that I was a poor, ignorant child. I was unable to talk to those youngsters about religion. At that moment the kids stopped their laughing, shouting, and swearing; they gathered round the man who was speaking.

Hardly knowing what I was saying, I asked, "Who are you, ordering me to do the impossible?"

"Precisely because it seems impossible to you, you must make it possible through obedience and the acquisition of knowledge."

"Where, by what means, can I acquire knowledge?" "I will give you a teacher. Under her guidance you can become wise. Without her, all wisdom is foolishness." "But who are you that speak so?"

"I am the son of the woman whom your mother has taught you to greet three times a day."2



"My mother tells me not to mix with people I don't know unless I have her permission. So tell me your name."

"Ask my mother what my name is."

At that moment, I saw a lady of stately appearance standing beside him. She was wearing a mantle that sparkled all over as though covered with bright stars. Seeing from my questions and answers that I was more confused than ever, she beckoned me to approach her. She took me kindly by the hand and said, "Look." Glancing round, I realised that the youngsters had all apparently run away. A large number of goats, dogs, cats, bears, and other animals had taken their place.

"This is the field of your work. Make yourself humble, strong, and energetic. And what you will see happening to these animals in a moment is what you must do for my children."

I looked round again, and where before I had seen wild animals, I now saw gentle lambs. They were all jumping and bleating as if to welcome that man and lady.

At that point, still dreaming, I began crying. I begged the lady to speak so that I could understand her, because I did not know what all this could mean. She then placed her hand on my head and said, "In good time you will understand everything."

# AGENTS OF DON BOSCO'S VISION - PASSION - MISSION

Dreams are powerful. They guide our daily life and give strength in our struggles and difficulties. The dream played a vital role in the life of Don Bosco to develop the mission for the young.

1. What is the dream of your life and how do you realize it in your daily life?



# DAY 2 CAPRIGLIO & COLLE DON BOSCO

### **HISTORICAL DESCRIPTION**

**Capriglio** is the birth place of Don Bosco's mother: Margaret Occhiena. In this place, little John had the opportunity to begin the first studies. By the help of his aunt Marianna, John Bosco was employed in the parish house and attended the elementary courses from 1824 to 1825. The school, however was a luxury and was allowed in winter alone when there is no work in the fields. Cecca is the village, where Margaret was born, on April 1, 1788. The brother of Margaret, Michael, was an important figure for John Bosco: in fact, he supported the nephew in his choice to continue his studies and, in the light of his intervention, could find a place in Chieri. Margaret's father, Melchiorre, had the joy of seeing his sacerdotal grandson because he died at the age of 92, in 1844. At Capriglio, approximately one kilometer from the house of Occhiena, is the parish church where Margaret was baptized and where she married Francesco Bosco.

**Colle**: In the municipality of Castelnuovo. near the hamlet of Becchi. one comes upon Colle don Bosco. However, in 1815 the landscape looked quite different; there were a modest house and Biglione's farmstead. And that was where, on 16 August, the baby who would have become St. John Bosco was born. His parents, Margarita and Francis, had two sons. Joseph and John, and a stepson, Antony, from Francis's first marriage. Their lives changed when in May 1817. Francesco Bosco died of pneumonia before the age of 34. Margaret moved together with her sons into a smaller house that Francesco had bought before dying. Theirs was the poorest house in the whole ham-let, but it held the greatest treasure, young John Bosco and it was here that the boy had a life-changing dream...



#### WORD OF GOD

<sup>4</sup> Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. (*Luke 2:4-7*)

- Spend some time in silence meditating on the above passage.
- Underline words or sentence you like
- My reflections on the passage
  - 1.
  - 2.

• Write your own prayer on the Gospel:



#### **WORDS OF DON BOSCO** (Memoirs of the oratory p 10)

I was not yet two years old when the merciful Lord hit us with a sad bereavement. My dearly loved father died unexpectedly. He was strong and healthy, still young and actively interested in promoting a good Christian upbringing for his offspring. One day he came home from work covered in sweat and imprudently went down into a cold cellar. That night he developed a high temperature, the first sign of a serious illness. Every effort to cure him proved vain. Within a few days he was at death's door. Strengthened by all the comforts of religion, he recommended to my mother confidence in God, then died, aged only thirty-four, on 12 May 1817.

I do not know how I reacted on that sad occasion. One thing only do I remember, and it is my earliest memory. We were all going out from the room where he had died, and I insisted on staying behind.

My grieving mother addressed me, "Come, John, come with me."

"If papa's not coming, 1 don't want to come," I answered.

"My poor son," my mother replied, "come with me; you no longer have a father." Having said this, she broke down and started crying as she took me by the hand and led me away. I began crying too because she was crying. At that age I could not really understand what a tragedy had fallen on us in our father's death.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

Don Bosco always cherished the memory of his family especially of his childhood. He valued and held in great esteem the family and the conditions. The mother of Don Bosco was a woman of great faith. She taught her son to face hard realities of life (in this case death of his father) with enduring faith. AGENTS OF DON BOSCO'S VISION - PASSION - MISSION

1. How do you appreciate your family, father, mother, brothers and sisters?

2. Could you narrate the sorrowful experiencewhich you managed to overcome with faith in God?

#### PERSONAL TASKS (My resolutions)

1.

2.

MY FAMILY TREE (WRITE THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY)



## DAY 3 TURIN - VALDOCCO

Turin and DonBosco became inseparable in the history. There are many places very much close to Don Bosco. To know Don Bosco's Turin one has to start with the Visitation Church, where Don Bosco makes spiritual exercises for three times. In this church Giovanni Bosco spends hours of fervent prayer in the days immediately preceding priestly ordination. Arcivescovado church which is normally closed to the public, is where Don Bosco received minor orders, the diaconate and the ordination. On June 5, 1841, the archbishop of Turin Luigi Fransoni ordained John Bosco. From this moment everything changes: John Bosco, at the age of 26, became don Bosco. Don Bosco celebrated his first mass in the chruch of Francis of Assisi at the altar of Guardian Angel assisted by Don Cafasso. It is in this chruch, that Don Bosco met Bartolomeo Garelli in the sacristy on 8th December 1841.

Valdocco is a quarter of the city of Turin, located in the urban district Aurora. The name Valdocco comes from the Latin vallis occisorum (Valley of the Slain) since several death sentences were carried out on this site. But this was transformed by Don Bosco into valley that gave life to thousand of young people during his life time and millions of young people till today. It is the cradle of Salesian Mission. It was the place of first permanent oratory. Here Don Bosco lived from 1846 till his death 1888. It is where all the extensions and expansions of the charism of Don Bosco took shape and became a history.

1846 Establishing the Oratory at Pinardi Chapel on Easter Sunday

1846-52 He first rents and then buys the Pinardi house, he organises both evening and Sunday classes and the home for the young and poor. AGENTS OF DON BOSCO'S VISION - PASSION - MISSION

1852 Inaugurates the St. Francis of Sales Church.

1853-1863 Builds new premises for students and craftsmen with workshops for carpenters, printers, shoemakers etc. He writes books and gives them to the people.

1854 The Salesian Congregation is officially born.

1868 The Sanctuary's solemn consecration.

1872 Together with Maria Mazzarello he founds the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians

1875 The first ten Salesians missionaries leave for South America.

1876 He founds the Union of Salesian Cooperators.

1888 He dies on 31 January.

## WORD OF GOD

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he



began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:16-21)

- Spend some time in silence meditating on the above passage.
- Underline words or sentence you like
- My reflections on the passage

1.

2.

• Write your own prayer on the Gospel:

#### WORDS OF DON BOSCO

At the end of the holidays, I had three situations to choose from. I could have taken a post as tutor in the house of a Genoese gentleman with a salary of a thousand francs a year. The good people of Murialdo were so anxious to have me as their chaplain that they were prepared to double the salary paid to chaplains up to then. Last, 1 could have become a curate in my native parish.

Before I made a final choice, I sought out Fr Caffasso in Turin to ask his advice. For several years now he had been my guide in matters both spiritual and temporal. That holy priest listened to everything, the good money offers, the pressures from relatives and friends, my own goodwill to work. Without a moment's hesitation, this is what he



said: "You need to study moral theology and homiletics. For the present, forget all these offers and come to the Convitto." I willingly followed his wise advice; on 3 November 1841, I enrolled at the Convitto.

The Convitto Ecclesiastico completed, you might say, the study of theology. In the seminary we studied only dogma, and that speculative; and in moral theology only controversial issues. Here one learnt to be a priest. Meditation, spiritual reading, two conferences a day, lessons in preaching, a secluded life, every convenience for study, reading good authors — these were the areas of learning to which we had to apply ourselves. (Memoirs of the Oratory p 102)

#### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

• The contact with the prisons makes him touch with the hand the misery of the poor, abandoned and in danger, unleashing his apostolic passion in the direction wanted by God. TODAY it is necessary to be in the midst of those in need, to look into their eyes, to know their needs and to experience them in some way, to understand why Jesus had a preference for the poor and the sinners, and also to understand Don Bosco's vocation.

• To abandon oneself totally to the Providence of God, to surrender life without thinking much of itself, but of those whom it loves and who need it. TODAY my security is in God, not in the possessions I possess, not even in the qualities received or in the acquired capacities. "To put into the hands of the Lord the results, since without Him



all human efforts are useless."

1. How was your academic journey? Kindly draw a Map of your academic flash back from your maternal schooling up to now.

2. Do you have a spiritual director? How often you talk to him? How do you feel about being guided by someone in your crucial moments?

3. What are the realities in today's context (new forms of poverty – social exclusion – terrorism – human trafficking – immigrants , etc) affect you?

### **PERSONAL TASKS**

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# DAY 4 MAZZARELLI - VALPONASCA - ORATORY

**MAZZARELLI**: Mary Mazzarello was born on May 9, 1837, at the Mazzarelli and was baptized on the same day. She was the first of thirteen children. Her parents, Joseph and Mary Magdalene, were proud of their eldest daughter. Mary learned common sense and deep faith from her parents. Once, Mary asked her father Joseph, "What did God do before He created the world?" Her question indicates her profound spirituality even at a tender age. Her father answered, "God contemplated Himself, loved Himself, and was happy with Himself. You see, God is not alone. It's kind of like me, you, your mom, and your sister Felicina...we love each other, right? That's how God is. He loves. That's what He did before He created the world." Her parents were hardworking farmers. Mary learned from a young age how to be a caring and efficient person; she took care of her younger sisters and brothers.

**VALPONASCA**: Mary Mazzarello lived her adolescent and young adult years at the Valponasca. She was like any other lively and intelligent young woman. Here at the Valponasca, the rhythm of her life changed. Until then, she had been the helpful support of her mother; now that her younger sister Felicita had grown, Mary could work with her father in the fields. Work and prayer sustained her. Mary Mazzarello had found a place which became the strong point of her busy day while she worked in the vineyards. Mary used to go to Mass every morning, and also in the evening, she found a way of joining the people gathered together in the Parish church for prayer. She would go to the little window of the Valponasca and connect herself with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. When her mother realized what Mary's evening escapes were about, she arranged for the whole family to gather by that window for their evening prayer. Mary Mazzarello had learned to live an intense spiritual life. She had learned the real meaning of



contemplation which, according to the Gospel, makes one responsible for one's brothers and sisters. Here at the Valponasca, Mary Mazzarello nurtured her religious vocation and brought it to maturity, even though she didn't know how she could ever fulfill it.

**ORATORY**: The Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians is a living part of the Salesian Family which throughout history relives in different ways the spirit and mission of Don Bosco, thus expressing its perennial newness (FMA Const. 3) One day while walking along Borgoalto, she seemed to see before her a large building with all the appearances of a boarding school for numerous young girls. Amazed, she stopped to look at it, then she heard a voice saying:" I entrust them to you!" (from the Cronistoria FMA Inst.).

#### WORD OF GOD (John 4: 5-15)

On the way Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me something to drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'You are a Jew. How is it that you ask me, a Samaritan, for something to drink?' – Jews, of course, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied to her: If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me something to drink,' you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water. 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered, ' and the well is deep: how do you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: Whoever drinks this water will be thirsty again; but no one AGENTS OF DON BOSCO'S VISION - PASSION - MISSION

who drinks the water that I shall give will ever be thirsty again: The water that I shall give will become a spring of water within, welling up for eternal life. 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never be thirsty or come here again to draw water.'

- Spend some time in silence meditating on the above passage.
- Underline words or sentence you like
- My reflection on the passage

1.

2.

• Write your own prayer on the Gospel:

## WORDS OF MARY MAZZARELLO

It is in this house at the Valponasca that I spent my adolescence and young adulthood, from 11 to around 21 years of age (1848/49-1858). This period at the Valponasca was like an intense school of life. Contact with nature and the work in the fields helped me to live an authentic spiritual life rooted in prayer and in service. The days started very early. While it was still dark, I was already going to the village in order to participate at the morning Mass, and upon coming back, before the others would wake up, I prepared breakfast, tidied the house, and went to the fields to work.

It was here that I learned to unite prayer and work, and to live my faith



in a personal way. The presence of a guide was decisive at this phase of my life. Two persons were very significant for me: my father Joseph and Fr. Dominic Pestarino, the parish priest of Mornese.

Fr. Pestarino guided me to work on my character. It wasn't easy, but I understood that it was necessary so that my spiritual life would have a strong foundation. I committed myself with tenacity and perseverance. I recognized that Fr. Pestarino was God's instrument for me to reach the ideal, that is, a life of total service to God. I've always felt God's love for me and I dearly loved God too!

The greatest desire in my life at this time was God! God's presence in my life became my constant strength and joy. Every evening I woulg go up to the attic and glanced at the faraway parish church. With the eyes of the heart I met my Lord! Such was my desire to meet Jesus that I seemed to see the lighted candles reflected on the stained glass window. (from the Cronistoria FMA Inst.)

#### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

Mary Mazzarello prayed, contemplated, nurtured her religious vocation, and brought it to maturity by living her day to day life in an extraordinary way. Mary Mazzarello chose to do the will of God expressed through her Spiritual Guide

- How do you discern and nurture your vocation? God's plan for you?
- Can you recall any experience where your will was contradicted by your Spiritual Guide with his/her counsel? (This could be any one)
- A brief prayer thanking God for the gift of Faith and Spirirtual guide



## PERSONAL TASKS (My resolutions)

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## DAY 5 CASTELNUOVO - MORIALDO

A big rural centre, in Castelnuovo Giovanni Bosco resumed his lessons. He had to cover the road from Becchi and Castelnuo¬vo, a hard feat in winter, when fields were frozen. Whenever he could, he walked barefoot to save his shoes. Then his mother found him an accommodation in Castelnuovo, at Giovanni Roberto's, where don Bosco learned how to sew (his host was a tailor), to play the pipe organ and to ride. In the church in Castelnuovo Giovanni was baptized, recei¬ved the first Holy Communion and studied catechism. Don Bosco spent his childhood in Castelnuovo praying, wor¬king and studying.

Morialdo. The second home of Dominic Savio is 20 minutes away from Don Bosco's. in the town of Morialdo, where his family moved to with one-year-old Do¬minic. He was born in Saint John Riva of Chieri in 1842. His third home is in Mondonio. where his family moved in 1853. Dominic met don Bosco on 2nd October 1854 and was later accep¬ted into the Valdocco Oratory. Unfortunately, he got sick and had to go back to his old home, where he died on 9th March 1857. Announcing his death to his friends, Don Bosco said. "This evening earth has lost an angel and heaven has gained one'

#### WORD OF GOD (Luke 2:41-52)

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to



Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

- Spend some time in silence meditating on the above passage.
- Underline words or sentence you like
- My reflections on the passage
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  - 2.
- Write your own prayer on the Gospel:



#### WORDS OF DON BOSCO

My mother, seeing how upset I was because of the obstacles in the way of my studies, and not having any hope of getting the consent of Anthony, who was now over twenty, thought about dividing our inheritance. There were serious difficulties, however, since Joseph and I were minors. Division of the property would be a complicated and costly business. Nevertheless she went ahead. My grandmother had died some years previously, so our family now consisted of my mother, Joseph, who did not want to be separated from me [and me].

This division took a load off my mind and left me completely free to go ahead with my studies. However, it took some months to complete all the formalities of the law. It was around Christmas before I was able to enroll at the elementary school in Castelnuovo. It was 1828, and I was thirteen years old.

Since I had done my studies privately and was starting a public school with a new teacher, I faced some draw- backs. Practically, I had to begin my Italian grammar all over before I could start studying Latin.

For some time, I walked from home to school every day. But that was nearly impossible during the harsh winter; I had to make four trips back and forth, covering twelve and a half miles daily. I found lodgings with an upright man, a tailor, John Roberta; he had a taste for singing, especially plain chant. Since I had a good voice, I took up music wholeheartedly. In a few months, I could take the stage to accompany him with fair success.

Eager to use my free time, I took up tailoring. Before long I was able to make buttonholes and hems and sew simple and double seams. Later I learned how to cut out underwear, waistcoats, trousers, and coats. I like to think I became a master tailor.

In fact my landlord, seeing how I had taken to the trade, made me a



good offer to get me to stay with him and carry on the business. I had other ambitions, however. I wanted to pursue my studies. While I tried my hand to keep myself busy, I never lost sight of my main objective. (Memoirs of the Oratory P 32)

#### **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

For Don Bosco, Castelnuovo stands for primary education and sacraments of initiation. His ardent love for sacraments and his quest for studies were built on the experiences he had in this small town. While studying he learned music and tailoring which he would use for the young in the later stages.

1. Recall your childhood experiences of learning and share in the group

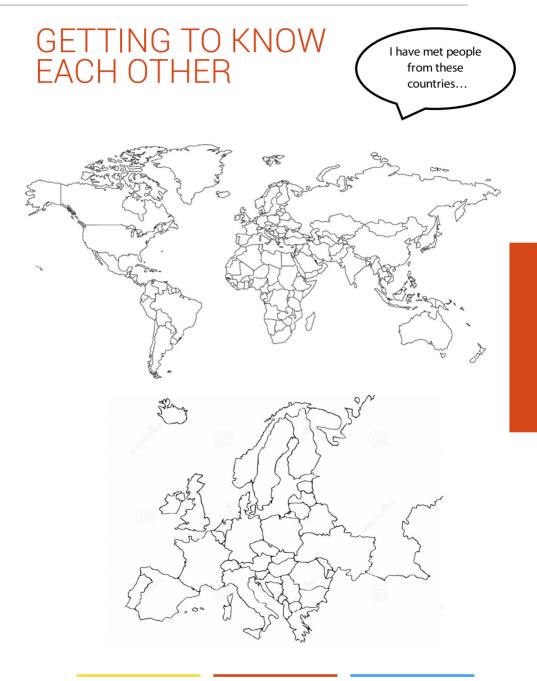
2. Any unforgettable experience in frequenting the sacrament when you were an adolescent.

### **PERSONAL TASKS**

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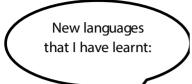


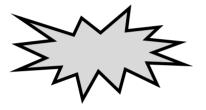


A person who...

speaks as good Italian as me:	is a football fan:	has been in Turin more than 5 times:
has the same age like me:	has more than 2 siblings:	has participated at a Confronto before:
has visited more than 10 countries:	was born in the same month as you:	lived at least one year abroad:
speaks more than 5 languages:	is an SDB or FMA in another country:	plays a musical instru- ment:
has a pet:	is left-handed:	has at least two things in common with me:



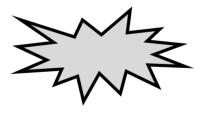






Grazie! Ciao!









NAME:	COUNTRY:	CONTACT:	I REMEMBER THIS:



# **HYMNS**



# SONGS

- 1. SYM EUROPE ANTHEM
- 2. Above all
- 3. Adoramus te Domine
- 4. Agnus dei
- 5. Alleluja
- 6. A treze de Maio
- 7. Halleluja
- 8. A man with a dream
- 9. As I kneel before you
- 10. Ave Maria, Glorious
- 11. Blessed be your name
- 12. Bless the Lord, my soul
- 13. Bless the Lord, oh my soul
- 14. Come and worship
- 15. Confitemini Domini
- 16. Dios te salve, Maria
- 17. Eat this bread
- 18. Emmanuel
- 19. En mi debilidad
- 20. Gloria, Gloria
- 21. Halleluja
- 22. Heaven is a wonderful place
- 23. Here I am, Lord
- 24. Hevenu shalom
- 25. Here I am to worship
- 26. Holy God
- 27. I believe in Jesus
- 28. Jesus Christ, you are my life
- 29. Jubilate Deo

- 30. Kumbayah
- 31. Kyrie
- 32. Kyrie eleison
- 33. Laudate omnes gentes
- 34. Lord I lift your name up high
- 35. Magnificat (Taize)
- 36. Nada te turbe
- 37. Ne crains pas
- 37. Oh happy day
- 39. O Lord hear my prayer
- 40. Saint est le Seigneur
- 41. Open the eyes of my heart Lord
- 42. O Senhor é meu pastor
- 43 Padre maestro
- 44. Santo
- 45. Tantum Ergo
- 46. The Thirteenth of May
- 47. Shine, Jesus, shine
- 48. Shout to the Lord
- 49. Tu sei la mia vita
- 50. Ubi caritas
- 51. Who? Don Bosco!!!
- 52. Veni Sancte Spiritus
- 53. You are holy



#### **1. SYM EUROPE ANTHEM**

MGS Italia Meridionale Autore : Alfredo Franciosa e Antonella Caputo Traduttore : Francesca Giaquinto Arranger : Espedito Barrucci

#### Intro: D G B - A G (2 volte/ FOR TWO)

#### " You're in me Don Bosco "

#### D

LUI : Turning up my heart With the sound of all the heartbeats B-That I hear here in my soul **G** A n And through the smile of all the people around me D G B-AG All around me D LEI : This is not the past You're in our daily choices B-And in darkness you're around G Just to show us all the magic **B** -B-/A INSIEME : and beauty of life



G When the things just go down, E -You make us believe C G A That there('s) still GONNA BE light

#### D

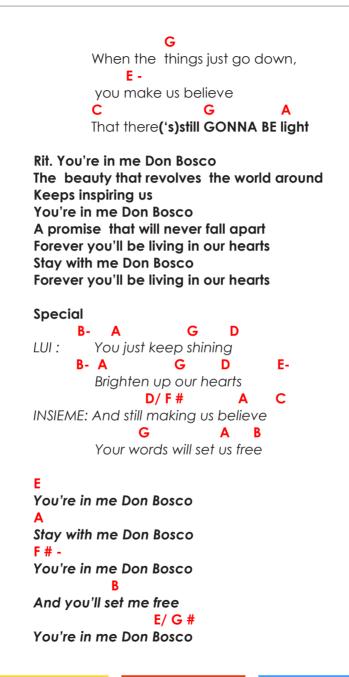
Rit. You're in me Don Bosco G Ε-The beauty that revolves the world around Keeps inspiring us D/F# You're in me Don Bosco B-Ε-A promise that will never fall apart AGD Α R-Forever you'll be living in our hearts Ε-Stay with me Don Bosco Α Forever you'll be living in our hearts GB-AG

#### D

LUI : So the come on and turn around G This is our mission B -And it's a dream that's all about G Keeping showing all the magic

B- B - / A INSIEME: and beauty of life







C #-	F # -
A promise that will never	er fall apart
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Stay with me don Bosco	oForever you'll be living
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E in our hearts

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#### 2. Above all































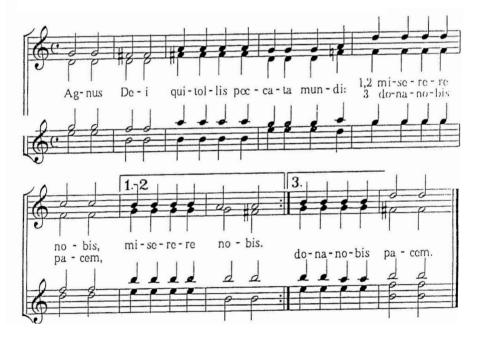




# 3. Adoramus te Domine



# 4. Agnus dei





# 5. Alleluja



# 6. A treze de Maio

A treze de Maio Na Cova da Iria, Apareceu brilhando A Virgem Maria.

#### Avé, Avé, Avé Maria! Avé, Avé, Avé Maria!

A Virgem Maria Cercada de luz, Nossa Mãe bendita E Mãe de Jesus. **Avé** 

Foi aos pastorinhos, Que a Virgem falou, Desde então nas almas, Nova luz brilhou. **Avé** 

Com doces palavras, Mandou-nos rezar, A Virgem Maria, Para nos salvar. **Avé** 

#### Em espanhol

A tres pastorcitos, la Madre de Dios descubre el misterio de su corazón. **Avé** 

Haced penitencia, haced oración por los pecadores, implorad perdón. **Avé** 

El Santo Rosario, constantes rezad y la paz del mundo el Señor dará. **Avé** 

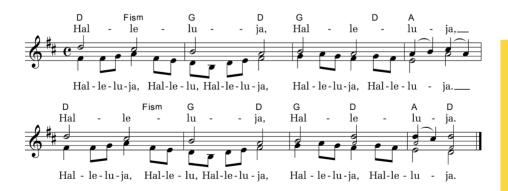


#### Italiano

Splendente di luce veniva Maria e il volto suo bello un sole apparia. **Avé** 

In mano un Rosario portava Maria, che addita ai fedeli del cielo la via. **Avé** 

# 7. Halleluja

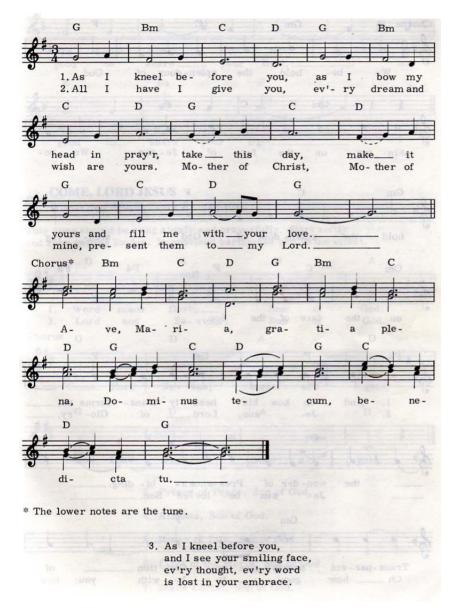


# 8. A man with a dream





### 9. As I kneel before you

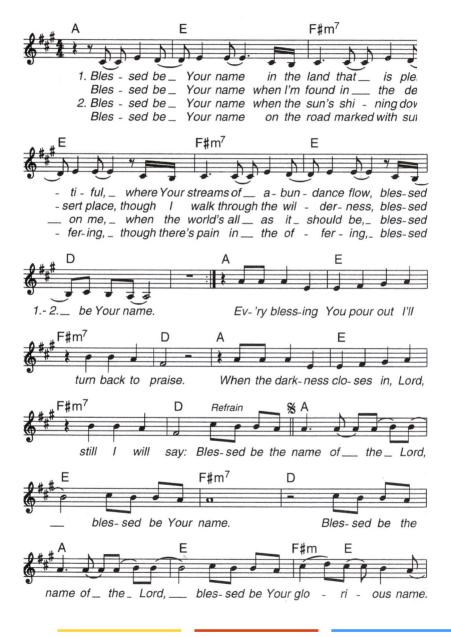


# 10. Ave Maria, Glorious

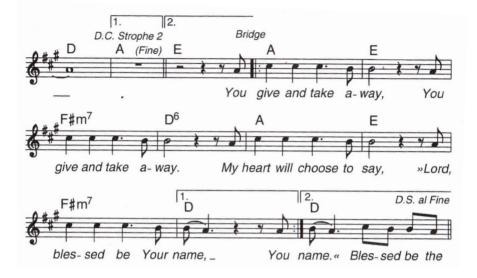




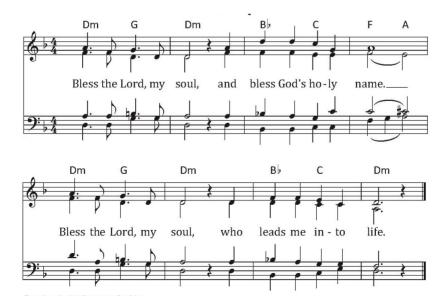
### 11. Blessed be your name







### 12. Bless the Lord, my soul





### 13. Bless the Lord, oh my soul

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#### 14. Come and worship



### **15. Confitemini Domini**



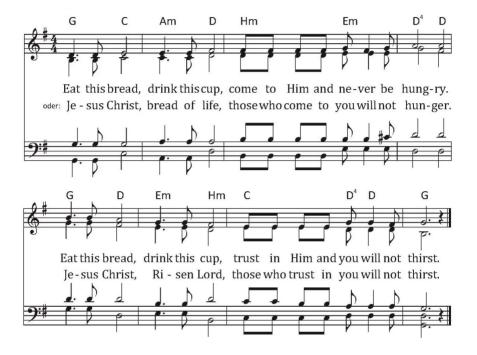


# 16. Dios te salve, Maria





# 17. Eat this bread





### 18. Emmanuel

MI

Dall'orizzonte una grande luce SI viaggia nella storia LĂ e lungo gli anni ha vinto il buio SL S17 facendosi Memoria MI e illuminando la nostra vita SI chiaro ci rivela LA che non si vive se non si cerca FA#- SI MI S17 (FA#- SI S17) la Verità. MI Da mille strade arriviamo a Roma SI sui passi della fede, LA sentiamo l'eco della Parola SI S17 che risuona ancora MI da queste mura. da questo cielo SI per il mondo intero: LA è vivo oggi, è ]'Uomo Vero FA#- S17 Cristo tra noi. mi Siamo qui I A sotto la stessa luce.

#### FA#---

sotto la sua croce, SI S17 RF cantando ad una voce. mi si la SI S17 E' l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel. LA (MI S17, solo in questo punto) mi si E' L'Emmanuel. l'Emmanuel.

#### mi

Dalla città di chi ha versato il sangue per amore ed ha cambiato il vecchio mondo vogliamo ripartire. seguendo Cristo, insieme a Pietro, rinasce in noi la fede. Parola viva che ci rinnova e cresce in noi. Siamo qui sotto la stessa luce. sotto la sua croce

cantando ad una voce.

E' l'Emmanuel l'Emmanuel l'Emmanuel E' l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel,

#### SOL

Un grande dono che Dio ci ha fatto RĒ è Cristo, il suo Figlio DO e l'umanità è rinnovata, RF RE7 è in Lui salvata. SOL E' vero uomo, è vero Dio, RE è il Pane della Vita, DO che ad ogni uomo ai suoi fratelli LA- RE7 ridonerà. SOL Siamo qui DO sotto la stessa luce.

I A--sotto la sua croce,

RF RF7 FA cantando ad una voce.

> REDO RF RF7

SOL è l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel. l'Emmanuel. RE DO SOL E' l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel.

#### mi

La morte è uccisa. la vita ha vinto. è Pasqua in tutto il mondo, un vento soffia in ogni uomo lo Spirito fecondo, che porta avanti nella storia la Chiesa sua sposa sotto lo squardo di Maria, comunità Siamo qui sotto la stessa luce sotto la sua croce. cantando ad una voce.

E' l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel, E' l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel.

#### SOL

Noi debitori del passato di secoli di storia. di vite date per amore, di santi che han creduto, di uomini che ad alta quota insegnano a volare di chi la storia sa cambiare, come Gesù.

# SYM EUROPE



Siamo qui sotto la stessa luce sotto la sua croce cantando ad una voce.

E' l'Emmanuel, l'Ernmanuel, l'Emmanuel. E' l'Ernmanuel, l'Emmanuel.

#### LA

E' giunta un'era di primavera, mi è tempo di cambiare. RE E'oggi il giorno sempre nuovo mi M17 per ricominciare. IA per dare svolte. parole nuove mi e convertire il cuore. RE per dire al inondo, ad ogni uomo: si- mi Signore Gesù. LA Siamo qui RF sotto la stessa luce. sisotto la sua croce. SOL MI MI7 cantando ad una voce.

#### la MI RE MI M17

E'l'Emmanuel. l'Emmanuel. l'Emmanuel. LA mi RE E'L'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel. (Sotto la stessa croce, cantando ad una voce.)

#### si FA#

E'l'Emmanuel (Dio con noi.) mi FA#7 l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel. (Cristo fra noi.) si FA# mi E' l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel. (Sotto la stessa croce, cantando ad una voce.)

E'l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel (Sotto la sua croce.) E' l'Emmanuel. l'Emmanuel.

#### SOL

This city which has poured out its life-blood out of love and has transformed the ancient world will send us on our way, by following Christ together with Peter, our faith is born again, the living word that makes us new LA-RE SOL RE DO RE RE7 and grows in our hearts.

#### SOL

Ce don si grand que Dieu nous a fait le Christ son Fils unique; l'humanité renouvelée par lui est sauvée. Il est vrai homme, il est vrai Dieu, il est le pain de la vie qui pour chaque homme pour tous ses frères LA- RE SOL RE se donne ancore, DO RE RE7 se donne ancore.

#### SOL

Llegó una era de primavera el tiempo de cambiar: hoy es el día siempre nuevo para recomenzar cambiar de ruta y con palabras nuevas cambiar el corazón para decir al mundo, a todo el mundo: Cristo Jesus.

Y aquí bajo la misma luz, bajo su misma cruz, cantamos a una voz. mi E' l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel. E' l'Emmanuel. l'Emmanuel. (Sotto la stessa croce, cantando ad una voce.)

#### SOL

E' l'Emmanuel, l'Emmanuel. l'Emmanuel. (Cantando ad una voce.) E' l'Emmanuel l'Emmanuel.



# 19. En mi debilidad





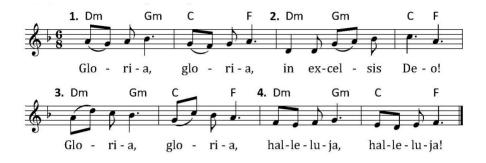




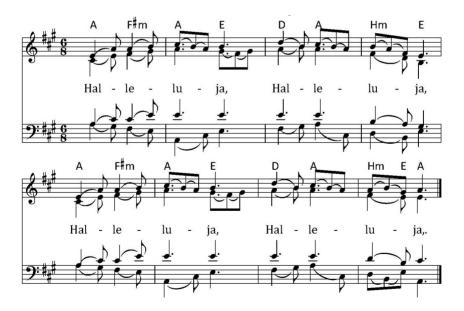




# 20. Gloria, Gloria



# 21. Halleluja





# 22. Heaven is a wonderful place





### 23. Here I am, Lord



# 24. Hevenu shalom





### 25. Here I am to worship

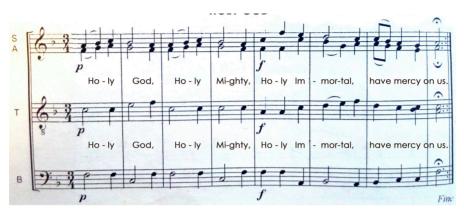








# 26. Holy God



# 27. I believe in Jesus





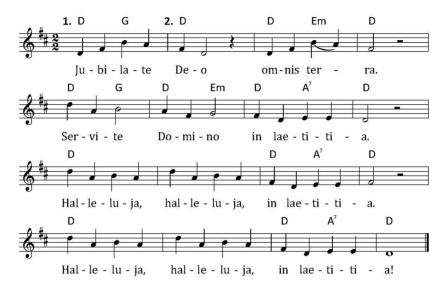
### 28. Jesus Christ, you are my life



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### 29. Jubilate Deo



# 30. Kumbayah

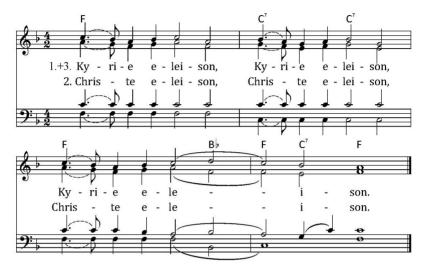


### 31. Kyrie

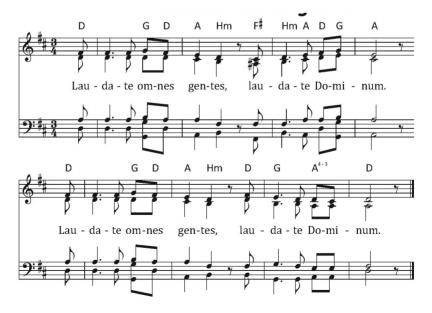




# 32. Kyrie eleison

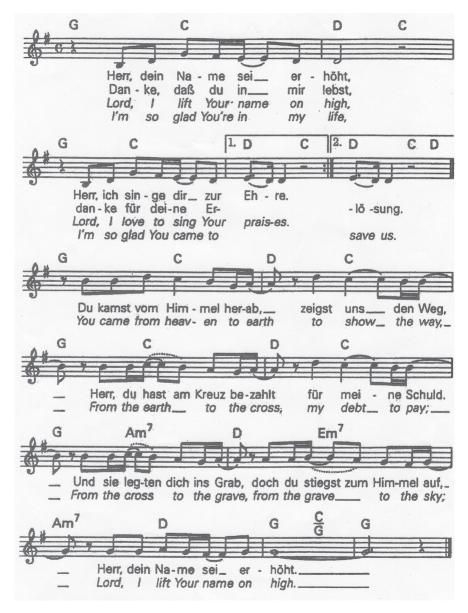


### 33. Laudate omnes gentes



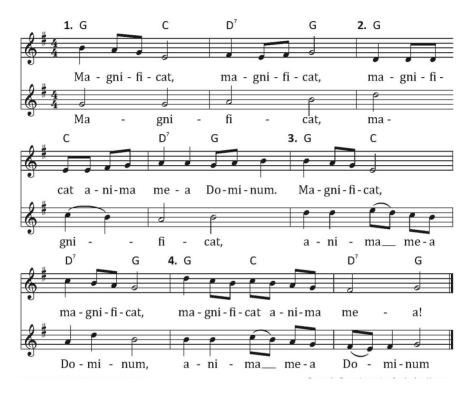


# 34. Lord I lift your name up high



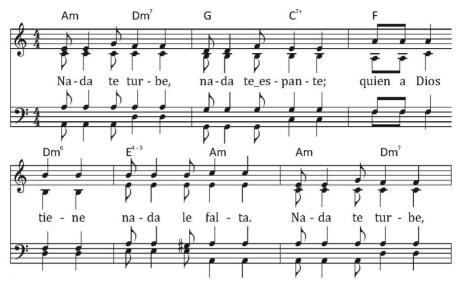


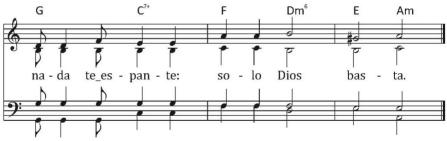
# 35. Magnificat (Taize)





# 36. Nada te turbe







# 37. Ne crains pas



Pour les arrangements instrumentaux, privilégier les instruments doux et médium. Pour une réexposition en force du chant, monter en mi.



# 38. Oh happy day





# **39. O Lord hear my prayer**



### 40. Saint est le Seigneur



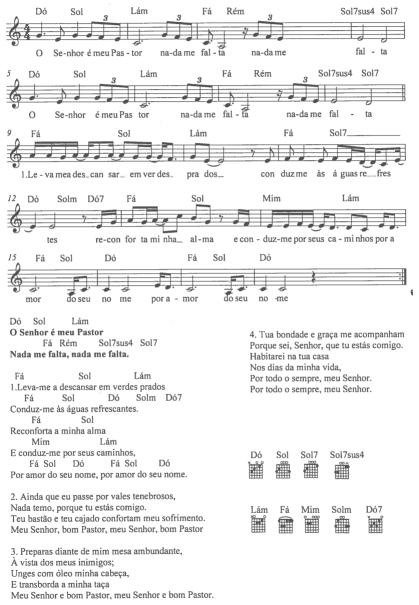


# 41. Open the eyes of my heart Lord





### 42. O Senhor é meu pastor



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# 43. Padre maestro

G Δ D G A D G A Hm Em A D 7 Intro/Zwischen-Oh... Oh... 0h... Oh... Oh... 0h... Oh... 0h... 0h... Oh... Oh... 0h... und Nachspiel D G A D G A 1. Va - ter, du Va-ter von so vie-len, du hö-re uns-re 2. Freun-de, das Le-ben wird zum Fes-te, das Le-ben wird zum 3. Pa - dre, di mol-te gen - ti pa-dre, il nos-tro gri-do a-4. Fe - sta, con te la vi - ta\_è fe - sta, con te la vi - ta è F#m A4 G A Stim-me, hör un - ser Le - bens - lied. 4 zum Aus-druck uns - rer Freu-de.\_\_ Sin-gen, Die scol - ta: è\_il can - to del - la vi - ta.\_\_ 4 è fre - mi - to can - to: di 4 gio - ia.\_\_\_ D G D A G A Dein Herz war im-mervoll von Lie - be. Dein Geist, der wird nie Lie - be, die du für uns em-pfan-dest, für al - le dei - ne Quel - la pe-ren-ne gio-vi-nez-za che tu por - ta - vi\_in Og - gi tra noi an-co-ra\_è vi-vo l'a - mo - re che nu -F#m  $A^4$ G A O mü-de, was schenkst du uns da von? \_ Kin-der, die lebt noch un - ter uns. cuo - re per ché non do ni\_a noi? tri - vi tut - ti\_i per fi - gli tuoi.





stie-ni\_il nos-tro\_im - pe - gno in que - sta so - cie - tà.

#### Englisch:

- 1. Father, / for many peoples father, / please listen to our voice / which is the song of life. / Your heart was always full of love, / your spirit always young: / what can you do for us?
- Kv Father, our guide and our friend, / young people of the world/ we still rely on you. / Open our hearts to Jesus Christ, / support our commitment / in this community.
- 2. Joyful, / the life with you is joyful, / the life with you is usic: / a melody of love. / The love you had for all your children / is still alive among us / and it shall never die.

#### Spanisch:

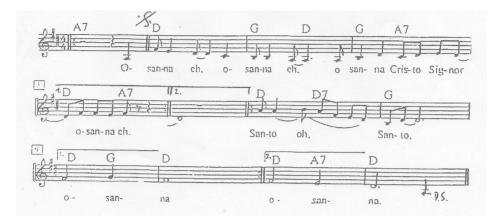
1. Padre, / de muchos hijos padre /, escucha nuestro grito / de vida y juventud, / vuelve, don Bosco siempre jóven, / que el mundo se hace viejo, / sin fe y sin corazón!

Kv Padre, maestro y amigo, / los jóvenes del mundo / iremos tras de ti. / Abre a Cristo nuestra vida, / anima el compromiso / en esta sociedad.

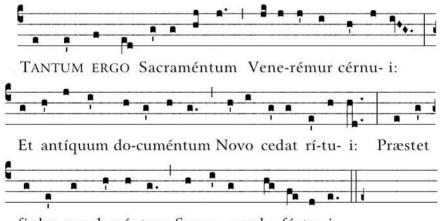
 Piesta, contigo siempre es fiesta, / contigo hay alegría: / se siente tu amistad. / Vuelve, revive entre nosotros / tu amor de buen amigo / con jóvenes de hoy.



### 44. Santo



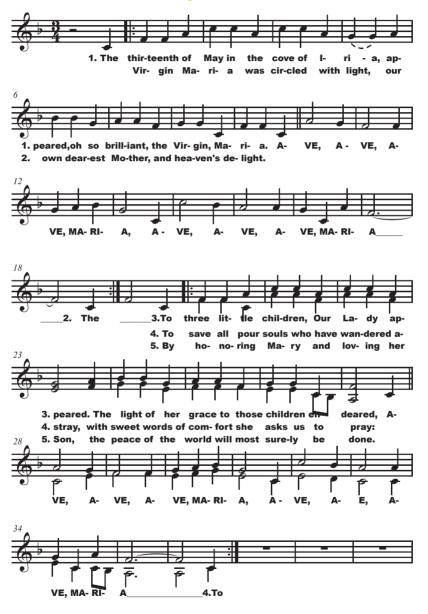
# 45. Tantum Ergo



fi-des suppleméntum Sensu- um de- féctu- i.



## 46. The Thirteenth of May





## 47. Shine, Jesus, shine

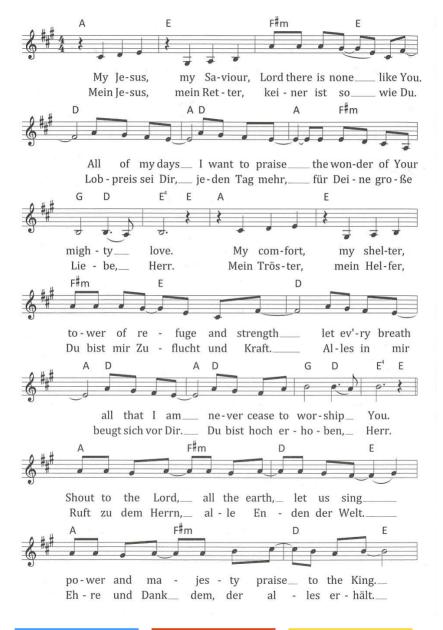




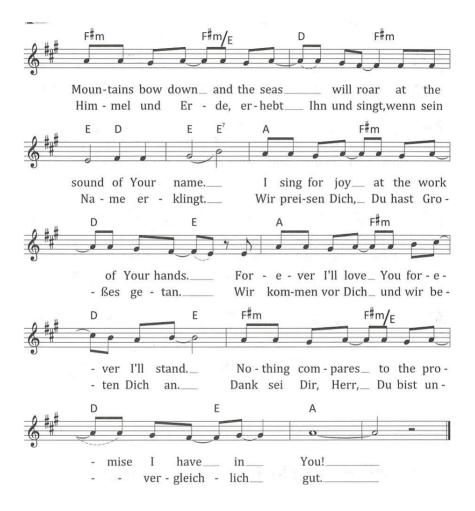




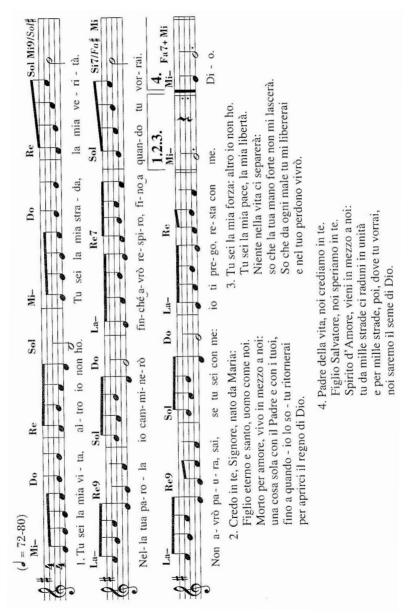
## 48. Shout to the Lord







# 49. Tu sei la mia vita





## 50. Ubi caritas

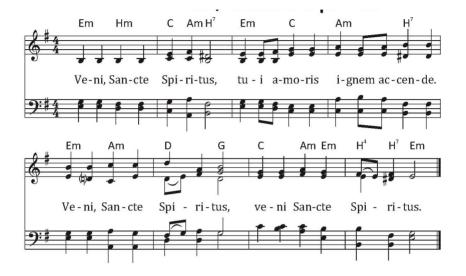


# 51. Who? Don Bosco!!!





# 52. Veni Sancte Spiritus





#### 53. You are holy

You are holy (You are holy) r You are mighty (You are mighty) Am You are worthy (You are worthy) D Worthy of praise (Worthy of praise) G I will follow (I will follow) С I will listen (I will listen) Am I will love You (I will love you) DDGG DDG G All of my days (All of my days) Chorus: (GIRLS) (GUYS) С I will sing to (You are Lord of Lords) D And worship (You are King of Kings) Em The King who (You are mighty God) Rm Is worthy (Lord of everything) C I will love and (You're Emmanuel) D Adore Him (You're the Great I am) Fm And I will bow down (You're my Prince of peace) Bm before Him (Who is the Lamb) C (You're my living God) I will sing to D And worship (You're my saving grace) Fm The King who (You will reign forever) Bm (You are ancient of days) Is worthy C I will love and (You are alpha, omega) D Adore Him (beginning and end) Fm And I will bow down (You're my Savior, Messiah) Bm Before Him (Redeemer and friend) C You're my Prince of Peace D G

And I will live my life for You.



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