

**DBQ**



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**SALESIAN PROVINCE OF DIMAPUR**

# Don Bosco Quiz



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To  
Salesian Cooperators,  
Don Bosco Alumni,  
Parents, Benefactors  
and  
all Bosconians

## INTRODUCTION

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step” said the Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu in 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. Don Bosco is the only saint in the Church, about whom much has been written. To understand Don Bosco one must undertake the journey of reading the 19 Biographical Memoirs of Don Bosco. It is indeed a herculean task for one to go through the exercise of reading all 19 volumes.

As the Salesian Congregation celebrates the bicentenary of his birth, it is our dream to make all our students in our schools and colleges know more about Don Bosco, so that they can love and imitate him. **Don Bosco Quiz (DBQ)** is a realization of this dream. This simple compendium of knowledge known as **DBQ** is a collection of 1000 questions and answers on Don Bosco and his works. A lot of effort has been made to give accurate and correct answers to the questions on Don Bosco and Salesian Family.

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# 2020 DBQ

## When?

01. When was Francis de Sales born?  
**21<sup>st</sup> August, 1567**
02. When did Francis de Sales continue his further studies?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1578**
03. When was Francis de Sales ordained bishop of Geneva?  
**8<sup>th</sup> December 1602**
04. When did Francis de Sales die?  
**28<sup>th</sup> December 1622, Lyons in France**
05. When did Pope Alexander VII declare Francis de Sales a saint?  
**19<sup>th</sup> April, 1665**
06. When was Francis Louis Bosco born?  
**4<sup>th</sup> February, 1784**
07. When was Margaret Occhiena born?  
**1<sup>st</sup> April, 1788**
08. When did the marriage of Francis Louis Bosco and Margaret Occhiena take place?  
**6<sup>th</sup> June, 1812**
09. When was John Bosco born?  
**16<sup>th</sup> August, 1815**
10. When was John Bosco baptized?  
**17<sup>th</sup> August, 1815**

11. When did Pope Pius VII, institute the feast of Mary Help of Christians?  
**24<sup>th</sup> May, 1815**
12. When did Francis Louis Bosco, the father of John Bosco die?  
**11<sup>th</sup> May, 1817**
13. When was Louis Comollo, intimate friend of John Bosco born?  
**7<sup>th</sup> April, 1817**
14. When was John Bosco's first dream?  
**At the age of 9, in 1824**
15. When did Don Bosco's grandmother Margaret Zucca die?  
**11<sup>th</sup> February, 1826**
16. When did John Bosco receive first Holy Communion?  
**26<sup>th</sup> March, 1826**
17. When did John Bosco meet Don Calosso from Murialdo?  
**5<sup>th</sup> November 1829, after attending the Holy Mass**
18. When did John Bosco join the public school at Chieri?  
**14<sup>th</sup> November, 1831**
19. When did John Bosco receive Confirmation?  
**4<sup>th</sup> August, 1833**
20. When was the ordination of Fr. Joseph Cafasso?  
**21<sup>st</sup> September, 1833**
21. When did John Bosco receive the Clerical habit?  
**25<sup>th</sup> October, 1835**
22. When did John Bosco join the seminary at Chieri?  
**30<sup>th</sup> October, 1835**
23. When did John Bosco begin his study of theology?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> November, 1837**
24. When was Michael Rua born?  
**9<sup>th</sup> June, 1837**
25. When was Michael Rua baptized?  
**11<sup>th</sup> June 1837, in the Church of Our Lady of Snows, Turin**
26. When and where was Mary Domenica Mazzarello born?  
**9<sup>th</sup> May 1837 in a little village called 'Mornese' in Italy**

27. When did John Bosco as a young theologian preach his first sermon?  
**1838, on the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**
28. When did Louis Comollo die?  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1839**
29. When did Louis Comollo appear to John Bosco?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1839**
30. When was John Bosco ordained Deacon?  
**27<sup>th</sup> March, 1841**
31. When was John Bosco ordained Priest?  
**5<sup>th</sup> June, 1841**
32. When did Don Bosco celebrate his first Mass?  
**6<sup>th</sup> June, 1841**
33. When did Don Bosco celebrate the first Mass in his home parish at Castelnuovo?  
**10<sup>th</sup> June, 1841 on the feast of Corpus Christi**
34. When did Don Bosco say that “this was the most beautiful day of my life”?  
**June 6, 1841 after celebrating his first Mass in Turin**
35. When did Don Bosco start his Oratory for boys in Turin?  
**8<sup>th</sup> December, 1841**
36. When did Don Bosco meet Bartholomew Garelli?  
**8<sup>th</sup> December, 1841**
37. When did Don Bosco celebrate his first Mass in the church of Our Lady of Consolation?  
**7<sup>th</sup> June, 1841**
38. When was Dominic Savio born?  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1842**
39. When did Don Bosco publish his first biography on Louis Comollo?  
**1844**
40. When was the first chapel at the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales blessed?  
**8<sup>th</sup> December, 1844**

41. When did Don Bosco meet Michael Rua?  
**Sometime in September 1845, when he was eight years old**
42. When and from whom did Michael Rua receive Confirmation?  
**25<sup>th</sup> April 1845 by Archbishop Louis Fransoni**
43. When was the festive Oratory's first church, in honour of St. Francis de Sales, near Refugio blessed?  
**8<sup>th</sup> December 1845, on the feast of Mary Immaculate**
44. When was the first Mass offered in the Pinardi Shed by Don Bosco?  
**12<sup>th</sup> April, 1846**
45. When was the name feast of St. John Bosco celebrated for the first time?  
**24<sup>th</sup> June 1846, during the feast of St. John the Baptist**
46. When was the inauguration of the Oratory of St. Aloysius?  
**8<sup>th</sup> December, 1847**
47. When did the first boarder arrive at the hospice of the oratory?  
**May 1847**
48. When did Don Bosco have the dream of rose pergola?  
**In 1847**
49. When did Fr. Cinzano bless the chapel at Becchi, built by Don Bosco?  
**8<sup>th</sup> October 1848, on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary**
50. When did Mary Domenica Mazzarello receive the sacrament of confirmation?  
**30<sup>th</sup> September, 1849**
51. When did Anthony Bosco die?  
**18<sup>th</sup> January, 1849**
52. When was the oratory settled permanently in the Pinardi Shed at Valdocco?  
**19<sup>th</sup> February, 1851**
53. When did the first religious clothing ceremony at the oratory take place?  
**1851**

54. When was the Church of St. Francis de Sales blessed?  
**20<sup>th</sup> June, 1852**
55. When did Michael Rua receive his cassock?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> October, 1852**
56. When did Michael Rua join the oratory of St. Francis de Sales?  
**22<sup>nd</sup> September, 1852**
57. When was Don Bosco appointed Spiritual Director in Chief of the three oratories?  
**31<sup>st</sup> March, 1852**
58. When was the first catholic monthly magazine known as “Catholic Reading ” published by Don Bosco?  
**Beginning of March, 1853**
59. When did the cholera epidemic break out in Turin?  
**25<sup>th</sup> July, 1854**
60. When did Don Bosco meet Dominic Savio for the first time?  
**2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1854**
61. When was the name “Salesians” given to the followers of Don Bosco?  
**26<sup>th</sup> January, 1854**
62. When did Dominic Savio enter the oratory of Don Bosco?  
**29<sup>th</sup> October, 1854**
63. When did the first profession take place in the Salesian Congregation?  
**25<sup>th</sup> March, 1855**
64. When did Michael Rua make his vows in the presence of Don Bosco?  
**25<sup>th</sup> March 1855, during the feast of Annunciation**
65. When did Mamma Margaret die?  
**25<sup>th</sup> November, 1856**
66. When was Philip Rinaldi born?  
**28<sup>th</sup> May 1856, at Lu Monferrato, Italy**
67. When did Dominic Savio die?  
**9<sup>th</sup> March ,1857**

68. When was Don Bosco's congregation officially called 'Salesian Congregation'?  
**16<sup>th</sup> December, 1859**
69. When did Michael Magone die?  
**21<sup>st</sup> January, 1859**
70. When was Michael Rua ordained priest?  
**29<sup>th</sup> July, 1860**
71. When did Fr. Joseph Cafasso die?  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June, 1860**
72. When did Don Bosco have the dream of handkerchiefs?  
**15<sup>th</sup> June, 1861**
73. When did the 22 first Salesians make their public vows formally in the Congregation?  
**14<sup>th</sup> May, 1862**
74. When was Don Cagliero ordained priest?  
**14<sup>th</sup> June, 1862**
75. When was Father Michael Rua appointed as the first rector of Mirabello Monferrato?  
**12<sup>th</sup> October, 1863**
76. When was the first Salesian house opened outside Turin?  
**20<sup>th</sup> October, 1863**
77. When was the foundation stone laid for the construction of the Church of Mary Help of Christians at Valdocco?  
**27<sup>th</sup> April, 1864**
78. When did Mary Mazzarello meet Don Bosco for the first time?  
**8<sup>th</sup> October, 1864**
79. When did the first perpetual profession take place in the Salesian Congregation?  
**10<sup>th</sup> November, 1865**
80. When was the consecration of the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians at Valdocco?  
**9<sup>th</sup> June, 1868**
81. When did Don Bosco say "Mary built herself this church"?  
**9<sup>th</sup> June, 1868**

82. When did Don Bosco narrate his dream regarding hell?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1868**
83. When was the Salesian Congregation approved by Rome?  
**1<sup>st</sup> March, 1869**
84. When did Don Bosco gather the past pupils for the first time, which led to the formation of Don Bosco Past Pupils?  
**24<sup>th</sup> June, 1870**
85. When was the Association of the devotees of Mary Help of Christians formed at Turin?  
**5<sup>th</sup> April, 1870**
86. When did the first religious profession of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians take place?  
**On 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1872**
87. When did Maria Magone die at the oratory of Don Bosco?  
**20<sup>th</sup> January, 1872**
88. When did the clothing ceremony of the first Salesian Sisters take place?  
**5<sup>th</sup> August, 1872**
89. When was the Institute of the FMA founded at Mornese?  
**5<sup>th</sup> August, 1872**
90. When was Louis Orione born?  
**23<sup>rd</sup> June 1872, at Pontecurone, Italy**
91. When did Father Dominic Pestarino die?  
**15<sup>th</sup> May, 1874**
92. When was the constitution of the 'Salesian Society' approved by Rome?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1874**
93. When was the first missionary expedition sent to South America by Don Bosco?  
**11<sup>th</sup> November, 1875**
94. When was the first Salesian house opened in France?  
**21<sup>st</sup> November 1875**
95. When was blessed Louis Variara born?  
**15<sup>th</sup> January, 1875**

96. When did the Salesian missionaries land in Buenos Aires, Argentina?  
**14<sup>th</sup> December, 1875**
97. When was the second missionary expedition sent to South America?  
**7<sup>th</sup> November, 1876**
98. When did Dominic Savio appear to Don Bosco in a dream at Lanzo?  
**22<sup>nd</sup> December, 1876**
99. When did the Church approve the 'Association of the Salesian Co-operators'?  
**9<sup>th</sup> May, 1876**
100. When did Don Bosco narrate the dream of Patagonia to Pope Pius IX?  
**March 1876**
101. When did Joan Mary, the mother of Michael Rua die?  
**21<sup>st</sup> June, 1876**
102. When was the first FMA house outside Italy, opened?  
**1<sup>st</sup> September, 1877**
103. When did the first six Salesian Sisters leave for the missions of South America?  
**14<sup>th</sup> November, 1877**
104. When was the first General Chapter of the 'Salesians of Don Bosco' held?  
**5<sup>th</sup> September, 1877**
105. When did the publication of 'Salesian Bulletin' begin?  
**10<sup>th</sup> August, 1877**
106. When did Don Bosco write about his educational system called 'Preventive System'?  
**In 1877**
107. When did the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians join the missionary expeditions of the Salesians?  
**In 1877**

108. When was the formula of blessing of 'Mary Help of Christians' approved?  
**18<sup>th</sup> May, 1878**
109. When did the Latin text of the Blessing of Mary Help of Christians composed by Don Bosco appear in the Catholic News paper?  
**31<sup>st</sup> December, 1878**
110. When was the first contact of the Salesians with the natives of Patagonia?  
**In 1879**
111. When was the mother house of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians shifted from Mornese to Nizza-Monferrato?  
**In February, 1879**
112. When did Mary Mazzarello die?  
**14<sup>th</sup> May, 1881**
113. When was the Dream of Ten diamonds?  
**10<sup>th</sup> September, 1881**
114. When did the consecration of the Church of St. John the Evangelist take place?  
**24<sup>th</sup> October, 1882**
115. When did the Salesian works begin in Brazil?  
**14<sup>th</sup> July, 1883**
116. When did Don Bosco write about the deteriorating condition of the Oratory at Valdocco?  
**10<sup>th</sup> May 1884, "A letter from Rome" written by Don Bosco**
117. When was Don Rua nominated as Don Bosco's vicar?  
**1884, four years before the death of Don Bosco**
118. When was the first Salesian Bishop ordained?  
**7<sup>th</sup> December, 1884**
119. When was the first FMA General Chapter?  
**1884**
120. When was the coat of arms of the Salesian Society approved?  
**12<sup>th</sup> September, 1884**

121. When was Father Michael Rua appointed Vicar General of the Congregation and first successor of Don Bosco?  
**24<sup>th</sup> September, 1885**
122. When was the crippled girl instantaneously cured by the prayer of Don Bosco?  
**27<sup>th</sup> March, 1885**
123. When did the fire destroy one complete building at the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales in Valdocco?  
**24<sup>th</sup> January, 1886**
124. When was Zephyrinus Namuncurá of Argentina born?  
**26<sup>th</sup> August, 1886**
125. When did the consecration of the Church of the 'Sacred Heart' in Rome take place?  
**14<sup>th</sup> May, 1887**
126. When was the last visit of Don Bosco to Rome?  
**10<sup>th</sup> May, 1887**
127. When did Don Bosco celebrate Mass for the last time?  
**11<sup>th</sup> December, 1887**
128. When did Don Bosco cry several times during the Mass, at the altar of Mary Help of Christians, in the Basilica of Sacred Heart in Rome?  
**16<sup>th</sup> May, 1887**
129. When did the Salesian works begin in Chile?  
**19<sup>th</sup> March, 1887**
130. When did the first Salesians go to England?  
**14<sup>th</sup> November, 1887**
131. When did Louis Variara enter the Oratory at Valdocco?  
**In 1887, four months before the death of Don Bosco**
132. When did Don Bosco stay in Valsalice for the last time?  
**From August 18 to October 2, 1887**
133. When did the Salesians of the world renew their profession of fidelity to the founder, Don Bosco?  
**14<sup>th</sup> May, 1888**

134. When did Fr. Michael Rua, write his first letter as Rector Major?  
**19<sup>th</sup> March, 1888**
135. When did Don Bosco receive his last Holy Communion?  
**29<sup>th</sup> January, 1888**
136. When did Don Bosco die?  
**31<sup>st</sup> January, 1888**
137. When was Laura Vicuña beatified by the Church?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> September 1988, by Pope John Paul II**
138. When was Laura Vicuña born?  
**5<sup>th</sup> April, 1891**
139. When was the Episcopal ordination of Mgr. Lasagna?  
**12<sup>th</sup> March, 1893**
140. When was Stephen Ferrando born?  
**28<sup>th</sup> September 1895 at Rossiglione-Genova, Italy**
141. When was blessed Eusebia Palomino Yenes born?  
**15<sup>th</sup> December, 1899**
142. When was the “Biographical Memoirs” published?  
**1898 to 1948**
143. When was blessed Maria Romero Meneses born?  
**13<sup>th</sup> January 1902, at Granada di Nicaragua, Central America**
144. When did Laura Vicuña die?  
**22<sup>nd</sup> January, 1904**
145. When was the formal agreement made between the bishop of Mylapore and the Salesian Congregation?  
**19<sup>th</sup> December, 1904**
146. When did Zephyrinus Namuncura die?  
**11<sup>th</sup> May, 1905**
147. When was Fr. Cafasso declared Venerable?  
**23<sup>rd</sup> May, 1906**
148. When did the Salesians first come to India?  
**6<sup>th</sup> January, 1906**
149. When did the first Salesians start their work in India?  
**14<sup>th</sup> January, 1906**

150. When was Don Bosco declared “Venerable”?  
**28<sup>th</sup> July, 1907**
151. When did the first missionary to India, Fr. Vigneron die?  
**20<sup>th</sup> November, 1907**
152. When did the first International Congress of past pupils take place?  
**8<sup>th</sup> September, 1911**
153. When was Stephen Sándor born?  
**26<sup>th</sup> November 1914, in Szolnok, Hungary**
154. When was the first Salesian Cardinal appointed by the Church?  
**9<sup>th</sup> December, 1915**
155. When was blessed Albert Marvelli born?  
**21<sup>st</sup> March, 1918**
156. When did the Rector Major Fr. Paul Albera, take up the Assam mission?  
**21<sup>st</sup> July, 1921**
157. When did the first group of Salesians arrive in North East India?  
**13<sup>th</sup> January, 1922**
158. When did Daughters of Mary Help of Christians come to India?  
**24<sup>th</sup> November, 1922**
159. When did Pope Pius IX proclaim Francis de Sales as patron of journalists and Catholic writers?  
**26<sup>th</sup> January, 1923**
160. When did Fr. Stephen Ferrando come to Shillong, India as a missionary?  
**23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1923**
161. When did the first Salesian Novitiate begin in India?  
**January 1924 with 13 Novices of whom 8 were Italians and 5 Indians**
162. When did Cardinal Cagliero give crucifix to 150 missionaries on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of the Salesian Missions?  
**11<sup>th</sup> November, 1925**
163. When was Father Cafasso beatified?  
**3<sup>rd</sup> May, 1925**

164. When did the Salesian work start in Kolkata?  
**11 November 1925, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Salesian Missionary Expedition to South America**
165. When did Fr. George Tomatis, the leader of the first Salesian Missionaries to India die?  
**25<sup>th</sup> November 1925, at St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore**
166. When was the Salesian Province of St. John Bosco, Kolkata erected?  
**28 May 1926**
167. When was Don Bosco declared 'Blessed'?"  
**2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1929**
168. When and where was the bronze monument of Don Bosco unveiled by the Rector Major Fr. Philip Rinaldi?  
**24<sup>th</sup> April, 1929 at Valdocco**
169. When was Don Bosco declared a Saint?  
**1<sup>st</sup> April, 1934**
170. When was the corner stone for the altar of Don Bosco laid in the church of Mary Help of Christians?  
**12<sup>th</sup> April, 1934**
171. When was the Salesian Province of St. Thomas, Chennai erected?  
**24 January, 1934**
172. When was Fr. Stephen Ferrando elected as Bishop of Krishnagar, India?  
**9<sup>th</sup> July, 1934**
173. When was Mgr. Mathias nominated as Archbishop of Madras?  
**In 1935**
174. When did Bishop Stephen Ferrando come to shillong as it's second bishop?  
**26<sup>th</sup> November, 1935**
175. When was the statue of Don Bosco with Dominic Savio and Zephyrinus Namuncura installed at St. Peter's?  
**31<sup>st</sup> January, 1936**
176. When did the universal Church declare the feast day of St. John Bosco?  
**25<sup>th</sup> March, 1936**

177. When was Maria Mazzarello beatified?  
**20<sup>th</sup> November, 1938**
178. When did Stephen Sándor become a Salesian Brother?  
**8<sup>th</sup> September, 1940**
179. When was the martyrdom of Francis Késy and companions?  
**24<sup>th</sup> August, 1942**
180. When did Bishop Stephen Ferrando found the Congregation of Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians?  
**24<sup>th</sup> October, 1942**
181. When was Don Bosco declared as the patron of Catholic Publishers?  
**24<sup>th</sup> May 1946**
182. When was the canonization of Fr. Joseph Cafasso?  
**2<sup>nd</sup> June 1947**
183. When was Dominic Savio beatified?  
**5<sup>th</sup> March 1950**
184. When did Salesian Brother Artemide Zatti die?  
**15<sup>th</sup> March 1951**
185. When was Mary Mazzarello canonized?  
**24<sup>th</sup> June, 1951**
186. When was the cause of the first Salesian martyrs of China introduced?  
**27 May 1952**
187. When was Dominic Savio declared a saint?  
**12<sup>th</sup> June 1954**
188. When was the canonization of Pope Pius X?  
**May 1954**
189. When did the first Indian Salesian Bishop Mariaselvam die?  
**25<sup>th</sup> June 1954**
190. When did Fr. Ceria the author of 9 volumes (Vol.11- 19) of the 'Biographical Memoirs of Don Bosco' die?  
**21<sup>st</sup> January 1957**

191. When did the Cardinal Protector of the Salesian Society, Pope Pius XII die?  
**9<sup>th</sup> October 1958**
192. When was the Salesian Province of Mary Help of Christians, Guwahati erected?  
**17 October 1959**
193. When was the Basilica of St. John Bosco at Becchi consecrated?  
**2<sup>nd</sup> May 1959**
194. When was Louis Guanella beatified?  
**25<sup>th</sup> October 1964, by Pope Paul VI**
195. When was Don Rua beatified?  
**29<sup>th</sup> October, 1972**
196. When was the Salesian Province of St. Francis Xavier, Mumbai erected?  
**31 January, 1972**
197. When was blessed Michael Rua beatified?  
**29<sup>th</sup> October, 1972**
198. When did Bishop Stephen Ferrando die?  
**20<sup>th</sup> June, 1978**
199. When was the Salesian Province of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bangalore erected?  
**19 March, 1979**
200. When was Louis Orione canonized by the Church?  
**26<sup>th</sup> October 1980, by Pope John Paul II**
201. When was the first Indian Salesian Missionary Expedition to Africa?  
**29<sup>th</sup> August, 1980**
202. When was the Salesian Province of St. Francis de Sales, Dimapur erected?  
**8 December, 1981**
203. When was the beatification of Mgr. Luigi Versiglia and Don Callisto Caravario?  
**15<sup>th</sup> May, 1983**

204. When was the first death centenary of Don Bosco celebrated?  
**31<sup>st</sup> January, 1988**
205. When did Pope John Paul II officially declare Don Bosco as the “Father and Teacher of the Young”?  
**24<sup>th</sup> January, 1989**
206. When was Philip Rinaldi beatified by the Church?  
**29<sup>th</sup> April 1990, by Pope John Paul II**
207. When was the Salesian Province of St. Joseph, Hyderabad erected?  
**24<sup>th</sup> April, 1992**
208. When was Bro. Simon Srugi made venerable by the Church?  
**2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1993**
209. When was the Salesian Province of Jesus the Good Shepherd, New Delhi erected?  
**24 January, 1997**
210. When was the Salesian Province of Our Lady of Annai Velankanni, Tiruchy erected?  
**25 March, 1999**
211. When were Francis Kêsy and companions beatified?  
**13<sup>th</sup> June 1999, by Pope John Paul II**
212. When were the two Salesian martyrs of China canonized?  
**On 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2000**
213. When was the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Salesian missionary expedition?  
**11<sup>th</sup> November, 2000**
214. When was blessed Joseph Calasanz Marques beatified by the Church?  
**11<sup>th</sup> March, 2001**
215. When was sister Maria Romero Meneses beatified by the Church?  
**14<sup>th</sup> April 2002, by Pope John Paul II**
216. When was the Salesian Brother Artemides Zatti beatified by the Church?  
**14<sup>th</sup> April 2002, by Pope John Paul II**

217. When was Louis Variara beatified by the Church?  
**14<sup>th</sup> April, 2002 by Pope John Paul II**
218. When was Albert Marvelli beatified by the Church?  
**5<sup>th</sup> September, 2004**
219. When was Eusebia Palomino Yenes beatified by the Church?  
**25<sup>th</sup> April, 2004, by Pope John Paul II**
220. When was the Salesian Province of Blessed Joseph Vaz, Panjim erected?  
**15 June 2007**
221. When was Zephyrinus Namuncura beatified by the Church?  
**11<sup>th</sup> November 2007, by Pope Benedict XVI**
222. When was Henry Saiz Aparicio canonized by the Church?  
**28<sup>th</sup> October, 2007**
223. When was Louis Guanella canonized by the Church?  
**23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011, by Pope Benedict XVI**
224. When was the Salesian Province of St. John Paul II, Silchar erected?  
**24<sup>th</sup> May, 2012**
225. When was Salesian Brother Stephen Sándor beatified by the Church?  
**19<sup>th</sup> October 2013, by Pope Francis**
226. When is the feast of Don Bosco celebrated in the Universal Church?  
**31<sup>st</sup> January**
227. When there were two seminarians with the name of 'Bosco', what name did John Bosco choose to call himself?  
**“Willow Wood” which is soft, tender and flexible**
228. When did Don Bosco write his early life history at the request of the Pope?  
**At the age of 58**
229. When did the Salesian Congregation officially launch “the Project Africa”?  
**In 1988, on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Don Bosco**

## Who?

230. Who advised Don Bosco to found a religious Congregation?  
**Pope Pius IX**
231. Who were the parents of John Bosco?  
**Francis Bosco and Margaret Occhiena**
232. Who were the brothers of John Bosco?  
**Anthony and Joseph**
233. Who was the uncle of John Bosco?  
**Michael Occhiena**
234. Who was the aunt of Don Bosco?  
**Marianna Occhiena**
235. Who was the mother of Francis Louis Bosco?  
**Margaret Zucca**
236. Who said to Don Bosco “Overeating is the root of thousand evils.”?  
**Mamma Margaret**
237. Who was the founder of the society of St. Francis de Sales?  
**Don Bosco**
238. Who declared Don Bosco “venerable”?  
**Pope Pius X**
239. Who declared Don Bosco 'blessed’?  
**Pope Pius XI**
240. Who canonized Don Bosco?  
**Pope Pius XI**
241. Who was the first seminarian from the oratory of Don Bosco, who became the rector of Refuge?  
**Ascanio Savio**
242. Who is the patron saint of editors?  
**St. John Bosco**
243. Who was the intimate friend and spiritual monitor of John Bosco in the seminary at Chieri?  
**Louis Comollo**

244. Who were the first group of boys John Bosco met in the city market after becoming a priest?  
**“Brick layers, stone-cutters, plasterers, pavers, tile-setters and others who hailed from distant places.”**
245. Who was Don Bosco?  
**Don Bosco was a saintly priest of Italy, who worked for the poor and abandoned. He is the founder of the Salesian Society**
246. Who was the first successor of Don Bosco?  
**Blessed Michael Rua**
247. Who canonized Mary Mazzarello?  
**Pope Pius XII**
248. Who consecrated the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians?  
**Bishop Ricardi di Netro**
249. Who blessed the corner stone of the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians?  
**Bishop John Anthony Odone of Susa**
250. Who was the bishop who greatly opposed Don Bosco's work?  
**Msgr. Gastaldi, Archbishop of Turin**
251. Who volunteered to teach Latin to John Bosco in preparation to join the seminary?  
**Don Calosso**
252. Who was Father Joseph Cafasso?  
**Father Joseph Cafasso was the professor of pastoral theology at Convitto and the spiritual guide of Don Bosco**
253. Who advised Don Boco to join the 'Convitto Ecclesiastico'?  
**Fr. Joseph Cafasso**
254. Who was known as the cow boy of Becchi?  
**John Bosco**
255. Who were the majestic persons who appeared to John Bosco in the famous dream at the age of nine?  
**Jesus and Mary**
256. Who taught John Bosco violin, organ, tailoring etc.?  
**Mr. John Roberto, tailor and musician**

257. Who ordained John Bosco a priest?  
**Archbishop Luigi Fransoni**
258. Who promised John Bosco four cents if he repeated four words from the sermon?  
**Fr. John Melchior Calosso**
259. Who gave lodging to John Bosco during his study at Chieri?  
**Lucy Matta**
260. Who were the parents of Dominic Savio?  
**Charles Savio and Bridgit Savio**
261. Who was Don Bosco's first oratory boy?  
**Bartholomew Garelli**
262. Who founded the first oratory in Turin?  
**Fr. Cocchi in 1841**
263. Who was the parish priest who suggested John Bosco that he join the Diocesan seminary instead of the Franciscan Order?  
**Fr. Dassano**
264. Who was the spiritual director John Bosco consulted before joining the seminary?  
**Fr. Joseph Cafasso**
265. Who was the first Salesian co-operator?  
**Pope Leo XIII**
266. Who requested Don Bosco to build the Basilica of 'Sacred Heart' in Rome?  
**Pope Leo XIII**
267. Who was the founder of the Refugio?  
**Marchioness Barolo**
268. Who advised Don Bosco that he should take his mother as a house-keeper?  
**Father Anthony Cinzano**
269. Who was the first protector of the Salesian Society?  
**Pope Pius IX**
270. Who is the patron saint of the Salesian Congregation?  
**St. Francis de Sales**

271. Who was called the 'living rule' of Don Bosco?  
**Don Rua**
272. Who beatified Michael Rua?  
**Pope Paul VI**
273. Who was the best boy in the oratory of Don Bosco?  
**Dominic Savio**
274. Who declared Dominic Savio Blessed?  
**Pope Pius XII**
275. Who approved the formula of the blessing of Mary Help of Christians?  
**Pope Leo XIII**
276. Who was the leader of the first missionary expedition?  
**John Cagliero**
277. Who were the first clerics of Don Bosco?  
**Rua, Buzzeti, Cagliero and Francesia**
278. Who was the first Salesian missionary to die within a year after his arrival in India?  
**Fr. Vingeron**
279. Who substituted Fr. Vingeron after his death in India?  
**Fr. Eugene Mederlet**
280. Who was the first Salesian Archbishop of India?  
**Mgr. Eugene Mederlet**
281. Who was the first Novice Master in the Salesian Congregation?  
**Father Julius Barberis**
282. Who is a Salesian Brother?  
**A Salesian Brother is a consecrated layman, called and chosen by God to follow Jesus in the path of Don Bosco**
283. Who is the 10<sup>th</sup> successor of Don Bosco (present Rector Major)?  
**Rev. Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime**
284. Who was Saint Francis de Sales?  
**St. Francis de Sales was the bishop of Geneva, who worked for the faith renewal of his people. Because of his gentle behaviour, he was called a 'gentleman saint.'**

285. Who are the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians?  
**They are Salesian Sisters, who work for the welfare of the poor and abandoned girls with the same spirit of Don Bosco**
286. Who is the patron saint of Journalists and Catholic writers?  
**St. Francis de Sales**
287. Who was Grigio?  
**Grigio was the name of the mysterious dog which safeguarded Don Bosco on several occasions when he was attacked by his enemies**
288. Who was the co-foundress of the society of Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (the Salesian Sisters)?  
**St. Mary Mazzarello**
289. Who are the two Salesian Martyrs of China, canonized by Pope John Paul II?  
**Bishop Louis Versiglia and Priest Callistus Caravario**
290. Who are the co-operators?  
**The co-operators are lay persons, single or married, who make public promise to live the Salesian Charism and spirituality in their everyday lives. They follow their Salesian Vocation while being good and dedicated Catholics in the society.**
291. Who was the 2<sup>nd</sup> superior general of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians?  
**Mother Catherine Daghero**
292. Who is the present superior general of Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA)?  
**Mother Yvonne Reungoat**
293. Who was the first Salesian Prefect Apostolic of Assam?  
**Mgr. Louis Mathias**
294. Who were the first Indian Salesians?  
**Fr. Ignatius Muthu and Brother Savarimuthu**
295. Who was the mother of Michael Magone?  
**Maria Magone**
296. Who were the parents of Laura Vicuna?  
**Joseph Dominic Vicuna and Mary Mercedes Pino**

297. Who blessed the statue of Don Bosco weighing 22tons and 5.87m height?  
**Cardinal Pacelli**
298. Who was the first Salesian Brother admitted to the congregation by Don Bosco?  
**Joseph Rossi**
299. Who was the first boy to die in the oratory, whose death was predicted by Don Bosco?  
**Anthony Ferraris**
300. Who was cured miraculously on the death anniversary of Dominic Savio?  
**Antonia Micelli of Lecce, Italy**
301. Who was the author of the first 9 volumes of the Biographical Memoirs?  
**John Baptist Lemoyne**
302. Who was the second Salesian Bishop?  
**Mgr. Lasagna**
303. Who requested Don Bosco to be the intermediary between the Italian government and the Holy See?  
**Minister Lanza**
304. Who was the first to make profession in the Salesian Congregation?  
**Michael Rua**
305. Who was the elder brother of Michael Rua at the oratory of Don Bosco?  
**Luigi Rua**
306. Who was the prime minister of Italy, present during the national feast held in honour of St. John Bosco?  
**Benito Mussolini, the Prime Minister of Italy**
307. Who was the first rector of Mirabello, the first house outside Turin?  
**Michael Rua**
308. Who was the Bishop in North East India who knew 12 languages?  
**Most Rev. Bishop Orestes Marengo**

309. Who are the two great people born on May 9, 1837?  
**1. Mary Mazzarello 2. Michael Rua**
310. Who baptized Zeffirino Namuncura?  
**Mgr. Cagliari**
311. Who were the two modern saints according to Pope John XXIII?  
**St. Pius X and St. John Bosco**
312. Who was the spiritual director of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians for the first 11 years?  
**Father Dominic Pestarino**
313. Who said “for me Don Bosco is the greatest miracle of our century”?  
**Minister Rattazzi**
314. Who was the first Indian Salesian Bishop?  
**Bishop Paul Maria Selvam**
315. Who was the friend with whom John Bosco exchanged his white bread?  
**Matta Secundo**
316. Who invested John Bosco with the clerical habit?  
**Fr. Pietro Anthony Cinzano, the parish priest**
317. Who wished to make Don Bosco a Cardinal?  
**Pius IX**
318. Who assisted Don Bosco's first Mass?  
**Fr. Joseph Cafasso**
319. Who was the pope when Don Bosco was born?  
**Pope Pius VII**
320. Who defended Don Bosco saying, “When did Don Bosco not pray?”  
**Pope Pius XI**
321. Who was elected as the first Salesian Cardinal?  
**Mgr. Giovanni Cagliari**
322. Who ordained bishop Cagliari a Cardinal?  
**Pope Benedict XV**
323. Who was the moderator of the first General Chapter?  
**Father Michael Rua**

324. Who appointed Don Bosco as the Spiritual Director in Chief of the three oratories?  
**Archbishop Fransoni**
325. Who was the first director of the new oratory of St. Aloysius?  
**Fr. Carpano**
326. Who became the general secretary of the Salesian Society and later Don Bosco's Biographer?  
**Fr. John Baptist Lemoyne**
327. Who baptized John Melchior Bosco?  
**Rev. Fr. Joseph Festa**
328. Who were the God parents of John Melchior Bosco?  
**Melchior Mark Occhiena and Mary Magdalene Bosco**
329. Who approved the Association of Salesian Co-operators?  
**Pope Pius IX**
330. Who was the grandmother of John Melchior Bosco?  
**Margaret Zucca**
331. Who was called “modern St. Aloysius”?  
**Louis Comollo**
332. Who founded the society of volunteers with Don Bosco (CDB)?  
**Fr. Egidio Viganò**
333. Who founded the women volunteers of Don Bosco (VDB)?  
**Blessed Philip Rinaldi**
334. Who was called 'Don Bosco's Benjamin' at the oratory?  
**Paul Albera**
335. Who was the Salesian, came to North East with the first group, but the last to die?  
**Brother Cid**
336. Who was the Salesian called “The apostle of the Khasi Hills”?  
**Fr. Constantine Vendrame**
337. Who was the Salesian called “The Lion of the Brahmaputra”?  
**Fr. Leo Piasecki**
338. Who is in-charge of Youth Pastoral in the Salesian Congregation?  
**Fr. Fabio Attard**

339. Who is in-charge of Social Communication in the Salesian Congregation?  
**Fr. Filiberto Gonzalez**
340. Who is in-charge of Formation in the Salesian Congregation?  
**Fr. Ivo Coelho**
341. Who was the first non-Italian Rector Major of the Salesian Congregation?  
**Rev. Fr. Pascual Chavez**
342. Who is the second non-Italian Rector Major of the Salesian Congregation?  
**Rev. Fr. Angel Fernandez Artime**
343. Who can become the member of the Association of Salesian Cooperators?  
**Anyone who has completed 16 years of age, of good conduct, a good Catholic, obedient to the church and to the Roman Pontiff can become the member of Association of Salesian Cooperators.**
344. Who was instrumental in bringing the Salesians to Lanzo?  
**Fr. Federico Albert, the pastor of Lanzo**
345. Who succeeded Fr. Michael Rua as Director of the boarding school at Mirabello?  
**Fr. Giovanni Bonetti**
346. Who is the present world Confederation president of Don Bosco Alumni?  
**Francesco Muceo**
347. Who was the first Coadjutor Brother of the Salesian Congregation?  
**Giuseppe Rossi**
348. Who was made the first Salesian Bishop in the world?  
**Mgr. John Cagliero**
349. Who was the second successor of Don Bosco?  
**Rev. Fr. Paul Albera**
350. Who was the third successor of Don Bosco?  
**Rev. Fr. Philip Rinaldi**

351. Who wrote the Volumes 11 to 16 of the biographical memoirs of Don Bosco?  
**Fr. Eugene Ceria**
352. Who was the first Salesian pupil from Argentina, on the way to Sainthood?  
**Zephyrinus Namuncura, the son of the Chief of Araucan Tribe, of south central region, Pampas, Argentina.**
353. Who was the first Indian Salesian to be a member of the Superior Council?  
**Rev. Fr. Thomas Panakezham**
354. Who was the leader of the first Salesian missionaries to come to India?  
**Fr. George Tomatis**
355. Who ordained deacon Michael Rua a priest?  
**Bishop John Anthony Balma**
356. Who were the parents of Michael Rua?  
**John Baptist and Joan Mary Ferrero**
357. Who are the maternal grandparents of John Bosco?  
**Melchior Occhiena and Domenica Bassone**
358. Who are the paternal grandparents of John Bosco?  
**Margherita Zucca and Philip Anthony Bosco**
359. Who introduced John Bosco to the headmaster of the school at Chieri to enroll in the sixth class?  
**Fr. Eustace Valimberti**
360. Who is the President of the Salesian Provincial Conference of South Asia?  
**Fr. Maria Arokiam Kanaga**
361. Who were the three people ready to contribute 7 lire a month to help John Bosco to complete his studies?  
**Father Anthony Cinzano, Mayor Pescarmona of Castelnuovo and Mr. Sartoris**
362. Who were the parents of Francis de Sales?  
**Francoise de Sionnaz (the mother) and Francois de Sales de Nouvelles de Boisny (Father)**

363. Who was known as 'teacher of Christian grammar'?  
**Jean Menec, who was the instructor of Francis de Sales**
364. Who was the spiritual director of Francis de Sales?  
**Fr. Antonio Possevino, a Jesuit priest**
365. Who coined the maxim "to speak well, one needs only to Love well"?  
**St. Francis de Sales**
366. Who is the patron of 'social communication' and 'Catholic writers'?  
**St. Francis de Sales**
367. Who photographed Don Bosco hearing confessions?  
**Francis Serra**
368. Who was called in France petit Don Bosco (Small Don Bosco)?  
**Don Albera, the second successor of Don Bosco**
369. Who is the earliest known ancestor of Don Bosco?  
**John Francis Bosco born in 1638**
370. Who wrote the first biography of Mamma Margaret?  
**Fr. Lemoyne in 1886**
371. Who said, "Monk or no monk, I will always remain with Don Bosco"?  
**John Cagliero**
372. Who was the count who became a Salesian priest at the age of 60?  
**Count Charles Cays**
373. Who was Fr. Pestarino?  
**He was a pious priest from Mornese who was the spiritual director of Mary Mazzarello and her companions**
374. Who was appointed as the house doctor for the Oratory boarders?  
**Doctor Vella of Cavaglia, a great friend of Don Bosco**
375. Who said "Don Bosco really kills himself for his boys"?  
**Father Ignatius Vola**
376. Who was Mary Domenica Mazzarello?  
**She was the cofoundress and the first Superior General of the FMA Institute**

377. Who made the first contribution towards the construction of the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians?  
**Pope Pius IX with a contribution of 500 lire**
378. Who designed the coat of arms of the Salesian Society?  
**Prof. Biodi**
379. Who were the parents of Mary Domenica Mazzarello?  
**Joseph Mazzarello and Magdalene Calcagno**
380. Who prompted Don Bosco to dedicate the oratory to St. Francis de Sales?  
**Fr. Cafasso talking to Fr. Borel about Don Bosco's difficulties, his patience in all his dealings, and the continuous growth of the oratory, he suggested to Don Bosco that his work could be placed under the protection of a patron saint 'St. Francis de Sales'.**
381. Who were the first Salesians to be sent to England by Don Bosco?  
**Fr. Edward Patrick, Fr. Macey and Bro. Rossaro**
382. Who was the commander of Swiss Guards who requested Don Bosco to be enrolled as a Salesian Cooperator?  
**Commander Lambertini**
383. Who is the Polish prince who became a Salesian priest and has now been declared a blessed?  
**Augustus Czartoryski**
384. Who was the saint to whom Don Bosco entrusted the direction of St. Aloysius Oratory in Turin?  
**Leonard Murialdo**
385. Who was the personal physician of Don Bosco?  
**Dr. John Albertotti**
386. Who was the botanist priest who visited Don Bosco many times?  
**Fr. James Gresino**
387. Who was appointed sacristian of the shrine of Mary Help of Christians by Don Bosco?  
**Dominic Palestrino**
388. Who manifested sanctity from 'head to foot'?  
**Don Rua**

389. Who is referred to as “a salesian of the old bread” from the school of Don Bosco?  
**Don Albert Caviglia**
390. Who installed the statue of Mary Help of Christians in the school of Novara in 1901?  
**Mgr. Cagliari**
391. Who was holding the bag of chestnuts which Don Bosco multiplied on January 3, 1886?  
**Don John Vallino**
392. Who was the first Salesian missionary to set foot in Nagaland?  
**Mgr. Emmanuel Bars**
393. Who was the pioneering Salesian missionary to establish the Catholic Church in Nagaland?  
**Fr. Umberto Hubert Marocchino was the first Catholic, Salesian missionary to stay in Kohima, Nagaland since 1952 to establish the Catholic Church.**
394. Who was the pioneering Salesian missionary who gave a major boost to the establishment of the Catholic Church in Manipur since 1952?  
**Father Aloysius Ravalico**
395. Who was the first Salesian missionary to set foot in Manipur?  
**Fr. Leo Piasecki**
396. Who is the pupil of Don Bosco who later became an esteemed professor in the University of Turin?  
**Professor Hanibal Pastore**
397. Who made the wooden altar on which Don Bosco celebrated Mass in his last days?  
**Mr. Aloysius Perdoni**
398. Who was the catechist of the students towards the end of Don Bosco's earthly life?  
**Don Stephen Trione sdb**
399. Who was called 'Another Don Bosco'?  
**Don Rinaldo Ruffini sdb**
400. Who invited Don Bosco to begin his work at La Spezia?  
**Pope Pius IX**

401. Who said, "Teach me, to meditate well."?  
**Don Ceria**
402. Who wrote the book "Don Bosco, in his footsteps"?  
**Fr. Teresio Bosco sdb**
403. Who wrote the book "Smiling Don Bosco"?  
**Fr. JL Chiavarino SJ**
404. Who wrote the book "Don Bosco meets his boys"?  
**Claudio Russo, a Salesian Cooperator**
405. Who wrote the book "Don Bosco, a new biography"?  
**Fr. Theresio Bosco sdb**
406. Who wrote the book "The Educational Philosophy of Saint John Bosco"?  
**Fr. John Morrison sdb**
407. Who wrote the book "Don Bosco and the Salesians"?  
**Fr. Morand Wirth sdb**
408. Who did the compilation of the book "With Don Bosco through the Year"?  
**Fr. Joseph Puthenkalam sdb**
409. Who did the compilation of the book "Back to the Future with Don Bosco for a secure future"?  
**Fr. Anthony Mampra sdb**
410. Who wrote the book "Don Bosco and the Spiritual Life"?  
**Fr. Francis Desramaut sdb**
411. Who directed the film "St. John Bosco: Mission to Love"?  
**Lodovico Gasparini**
412. Who was the famous actor in the film: "St. John Bosco Mission to Love"?  
**Flavio Insinna**
413. Who was the director of the film "Don Bosco" in 1988?  
**Leandro Castellani**
414. Who wrote the book "The Blessed Friend of Youth - Saint John Bosco"?  
**Fr. Neil Boyton SJ**

415. Who wrote the book "Don Bosco's Educational System"?  
**Fr. Pietro Braido sdb**
416. Who was Fr. Michael Unia?  
**A great missionary known as the 'Salesian Apostle of Lepers' of Colombia, who met Don Bosco as a boy at Lanzo, in 1885.**
417. Who was the first successor of Mary Mazzarello?  
**Catherine Daghero**
418. Who had the initial idea of inviting the Salesians to India?  
**Msgr. Antonio De Souza Barosso, Bishop of Mylapore, Madras**
419. Who authored 7 volumes of "Don Bosco History and Spirit"?  
**Fr. Arthur J. Lenti sdb**
420. Who were the parents of Stephen Ferrando?  
**Augustine Ferrando and Josephine Salvi**
421. Who said "Don't you know that Don Bosco works miracles, hand in hand with the Madonna."?  
**Don Vespignani sdb**
422. Who wrote the book "Saint John Bosco, The Friend of Youth"?  
**Fr. F.A. Forbes**
423. Who were the first two spiritual directors of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians?  
**Fr. Attilio Colussi sdb and Fr. Noel Joseph Kenny sdb**
424. Who is the Principal Patroness of the society of St. Francis de Sales?  
**Mary Help of Christians**
425. Who told the girls "Make every stitch an act of Love of God"?  
**Mary Mazzarello**
426. Who told the members of the Congregation "Speak little to creatures but speak much with God. He will make you wise."?  
**Mary Mazzarello**
427. Who put up a tablet commemorating Mamma Margaret at Becchi after the canonization of Don Bosco?  
**The women of Catholic Action along with some mothers of priests and clerics**
428. Who said, "Singing at the Oratory carries you to heaven"?  
**Bishop Bertolini after his visit to the Oratory at Turin**

429. Who first proposed the idea of a universal catechism?  
**Don Bosco, to Pope Leo XIII**
430. Who painted the famous picture of 'Don Bosco's Madonna'?  
**Thomas Lorenzone, an Italian Painter who took 3 years to complete it**
431. Who was the first Salesian missionary to set foot in Golaghat, the oldest mission of upper Assam?  
**Fr. Peter Jean Neyens**
432. Who directed the two 35mm film "Johnny & Bosco", on St. John Bosco?  
**Fr. Prince Puthanangady**
433. Who was the past pupil of Don Bosco, who became the Prime Minister of Italy?  
**Silvio Berlusconi**
434. Who was the past pupil of Don Bosco who became the President of Austria?  
**Thomas Klestil**
435. Who was the past pupil of Colombia, who became world famous Pop Singer?  
**Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll**
436. Who was the past pupil of Don Bosco Egmore, Chennai, who became Indian Chess Grand Master?  
**Viswanathan Anand**
437. Who was the past pupil of Don Bosco Bhutan, who became the king of Bhutan?  
**King Jigme Singye Wangchuck**
438. "You'll not die even if I throw you out of the window." Who said this to whom?  
**Don Bosco said these words in 1867 to Don Michael Rua when he was bed ridden.**
439. Who is the present Mother General of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians Congregation (MSMHC)?  
**Sr. Philomena Mathew**

440. Who was the first Mother General of the Congregation of Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians?

**Mother Mary Rose Thappa**

441. Who started the practice of giving 'strenna' to the Salesian Family members?

**Don Bosco**

442. Who was the first Salesian missionary to set foot in East Arunachal Pradesh?

**Bishop Thomas Menampampil, the then Rector of Don Bosco Shillong in 1978**

## **Varia: How? Where?Which?Why?Name ?Whom?**

443. How old was Francis Bosco when he died?  
**33 years**
444. How many Salesians were there in the first missionary expedition to Patagonia?  
**10 (Ten)**
445. How many Salesian missionaries were there in the first expedition to India?  
**6 (Six)**
446. How many Salesian provinces are there in India?  
**11 (Eleven)**
447. How many pages of notebooks did Don Bosco write about the memoirs of the Oratory?  
**180 Pages**
448. How are the Salesian Cooperators known?  
**Extern Salesians**
449. How many years did John Bosco work as a stable boy at the Moglia Farm?  
**3 years**
450. How old was John Bosco when his father died?  
**2 Two years old**
451. How did Don Bosco begin his work for the boys?  
**Don Bosco met Bartholomeo Garelli in the sacristy of St. Francis of Assisi, Turin and began to teach him the catechism. This marked the beginning of his work for the young the beginning of the Oratory.**
452. How did John Bosco collect the needed money to go to Chieri for his studies?  
**He went knocking door to door saying: "I am Margaret Bosco's son. I am going to Chieri to study for the priesthood. My mother is poor. Please help me if you can."**

453. How did Don Bosco call the place where he assembled the boys?  
**Don Bosco called it the “Oratory” meaning a place of prayer**
454. How were the oratories or youth centres conducted?  
**The boys had games, singing and other interesting activities. This was followed by catechism and Holy Mass**
455. How does Pius XII praise Don Bosco?  
**“Don Bosco is one of the purest Glories of the Church.”**
456. How did Pope Leo XIII express his love for the Salesians?  
**“Don Bosco I love you, I want to be everything to the Salesians. I want to be considered the first of your co-operators.”**
457. How **did** John behave with his **class-mates** in the school?  
**He showed himself humble and treated everyone with kindness.**
458. How many Salesian Family Members have been declared as 'saints' of the Church?  
**9 (Nine)**
459. How many General Chapters took place during the life time of Don Bosco?  
**4 (Four)**
460. How many General Chapters of the Salesians were held, to date?  
**27 (Twenty Seven)**
461. How many members were there when the Salesian Society was formed?  
**18 (including Don Bosco)**
462. In how many institutions are the Salesians working in India?  
**340**
463. How many volumes of “the Biographical Memoirs” of Don Bosco are there with the Salesian Congregation?  
**19 (Nineteen)**
464. In how many countries do the Salesians of Don Bosco work in the world?  
**132 Countries**

465. How many Salesian Family Members are declared as 'Blessed' in the Church?  
**20 (Twenty)**
466. How many Salesian Family Members are declared as 'Venerable' in the Church?  
**12 (Twelve)**
467. How many Salesian Family Members are declared as the 'Servants of God'?  
**19 (Nineteen)**
468. How many FMA provinces are there in the world?  
**83 Provinces**
469. In how many countries of the world are the Salesian Sisters working?  
**94 Countries of the world**
470. For how many years was Don Bosco a priest?  
**47 Years**
471. How many Salesian Missionaries came to North East India, in the first missionary expedition?  
**11 (Eleven)**
472. How many Salesian Bishops and Archbishops are there in India?  
**There are 7 Bishops and 4 Archbishops in India**
473. How did Don Bosco express his love for the boys?  
**He said: "for you I study, for you I work, for you I live, for you I am ready even to give my life."**
474. How was Don Bosco's love for souls of the young expressed?  
**Don Rua said about Don Bosco: "he took no step, he said no word, he took up no work that was not directed to the saving of the young."**
475. How did Don Bosco guide the young?  
**He taught them to be always cheerful. He said, "Let us serve the Lord in holy joy."**
476. How did Dominic Savio explain 'cheerfulness'?  
**"Here we make sanctity consist in being cheerful. We try to avoid sin which robs our hearts of joy."**

477. How did Don Bosco know that the Salesians were not to be expelled from France?  
**In a dream Don Bosco saw our Lady protecting the Salesian houses in France under her mantle; it was written "I love those who love me."**
478. How is Don Bosco recognized in the Church and in the world?  
**As "Father, Friend and Educator of the Young "**
479. How many missionary expeditions did Don Bosco send in his life time?  
**8 (Eight missionary expeditions)**
480. How many vocations did Don Bosco give to the Church during his life time?  
**2500 priestly vocations**
481. How did Don Bosco start the oratory?  
**With a simple catechism class**
482. How many times was the Companion of Youth reprinted during Don Bosco's lifetime?  
**Over 100 times**
483. How did Don Bosco acknowledge our Lady's help in the building of the Basilica?  
**He said; "Every brick of it is a miracle of Mary Help of Christians."**
484. How were the boys calling the mother of Don Bosco?  
**They called her 'Mamma'**
485. How is Easter connected with Don Bosco?  
**Don Bosco made his first communion on Easter Sunday and he was canonized as a Saint of the Church on Easter Sunday**
486. How did Johnny Bosco manage the Seminary expenses for his studies?  
**Fr Joseph Cafasso helped him. He also got every year the scholarship money for the best student of his course. As the Sacristan of the Church he was paid a small salary.**
487. How many bishops were appointed through the mediation of Don Bosco?  
**More than 100**

488. How many years did Michael Rua remain in office as the superior general of the Congregation?  
**21 Years**
489. How old was Dominic Savio when he was allowed to receive Holy Communion?  
**7 years old**
490. How many biographies of Popes did Don Bosco publish?  
**31 (thirty one)**
491. How much land did Francis Bosco own in his life time?  
**2.5 acres**
492. How many major works did Don Bosco publish in his life time?  
**170 (one hundred and seventy)**
493. How many books were authored by Don Bosco by 1856?  
**26 (twenty six)**
494. How was the Don Bosco Alumni formed?  
**On 24 June, 1870 on the feast day of Don Bosco, Mr. Carlo Gastini and eleven other artisans came to solemnize the feast day at Valdocco. Thus the Alumni (Pastpupils) movement was formed with an aim to live and spread the educational values of Don Bosco.**
495. How many congregations are officially recognized as the members of the Salesian Family?  
**30 (Thirty)**
496. How did Don Bosco explain the importance of obedience?  
**Through the symbol of “Handkerchief”**
497. How many times did Don Bosco visit Rome?  
**19 times**
498. How many Mothers General did the Salesian Sisters have, up to now?  
**9 (Nine)**
499. How many Salesian Sisters are there in the world?  
**13,153 Sisters (including the novices)**
500. How did Pope Pius XI call Don Bosco?  
**“A great giant of sanctity”**

501. How did John Bosco summarize his happy days of seminary life in the “Memoirs of the Oratory”?

**“My stay in the seminary was pleasant and fruitful, and I enjoyed the friendship of both my companions and superiors. It was customary at the midyear examination to award 60 lire to the student in each class who ranked first in both studies and conduct. I was truly blessed by the Lord because I won this prize every year during my six years in the seminary.”**

502. How many years was Fr. Michael Rua appointed as the Rector Major of the Salesian Congregation by the Decree of the Church?

**By the Decree of the Church Fr. Michael Rua was appointed as the Rector Major for twelve years beginning from 11<sup>th</sup> February 1888**

503. How many General Chapters were conducted during the reign of Fr. Michael Rua as a Rector Major?

**6 General chapters. Fifth in 1889, Sixth in 1892, Seventh in 1895, Eighth in 1898, Nineth in 1901 and Tenth in 1904**

504. How did Joseph Blanchard recall his friendship with his friend John Bosco?

**Often he related that “Don Bosco never forgot me. Nor was he embarrassed in acknowledging what little I had done for him when he had been a young man in very strained circumstances.”**

505. How did John Bosco help his companions in the seminary at Chieri?

**John Bosco assumed the triple role of advisor, friend and tutor. Struggling students found his help of great value. John would summarize the text of an author before examinations when the students were overwhelmed by the bulky treatises they had to read. He generously lent his books to anyone who wished to borrow them. He often wrote sermonettes for seminarians who had been invited to preach in the parish but lacked either time or ability.**

506. How did the schoolmates of John Bosco affectionately call him?  
**“Bosco of Castelnuovo”**
507. How many years did Francis de Sales serve as the bishop of Geneva?  
**20 years and 26 days**
508. How did the people call Francis de Sales when they saw him extremely popular preacher?  
**“The forerunner of the great Christian orators, of the grand century of French spirituality”**
509. How did Mamma Margaret explicitly show her nobility of character, when a second marriage proposal was made?  
**“God gave me a husband and God has taken him away. With his death the Lord put three sons under my care. I would be a cruel mother to abandon them when they needed me most.”**
510. How many missionary expeditions did Don Rua send during his time as Rector Major of the Salesian Congregation?  
**31 missionary expeditions with 1473 Salesians**
511. How many General Chapters were convoked by the Rector major Fr. Pascual Chavez Villanueva?  
**3 (Three), it is 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> General Chapter**
512. How many times did the mysterious dog known as 'Grigio' save Don Bosco?  
**4 (four) times**
513. How many hours did Don Bosco sleep from 1866 to 1871?  
**6 (six) hours of sleep, and a night's vigil each week**
514. How did the statue of Mary Help of Christians come to be christened “Queen of the Missions”?  
**The Salvatorian missionary who brought the statue of Mary Help of Christians to Shillong christened it as Queen of the Missions.**
515. How did the French media speak of Don Bosco?  
**“A man of God, the nineteenth century healer and Italy's Vincent de Paul.”**
516. How did Don Bosco come to choose the site for the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians in Turin?  
**The spot was indicated to him in a dream in 1854 as the place of the martyrdom of Sts. Adventor and Octavius.**

517. How much money did Don Bosco have while starting the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians?  
**8 soldi or small coins.**
518. How old was Don Bosco when Mary Mazzarello was born?  
**22 years old**
519. How did Fr. Guala, the founder of Convitto Ecclesiastico help the people, in particular the young students, priests and religious to put an end to the heresies of the times?  
**By spreading good literature among the young students and presenting to the pastors and other priests the works of St. Alphonsus Liguori.**
520. How did Don Bosco show his gratitude to his mentor and spiritual guide Fr. Joseph Cafasso?  
**Don Bosco put down in writing the following: "If I have done some good in my life, I owe it to this worthy priest, into whose hands I entrusted every decision, every deliberation, every plan, every undertaking of mine."**
521. How did Don Bosco express his keen interest in meteorology?  
**He planned to study atmospheric phenomena from the famous meteorologist Fr. Denza to see whether these findings could be applied to other areas.**
522. How did Don Bosco seek to popularize the metric system when it was first introduced by the Government?  
**He wrote a book, "The Metric system" as well as a three act comedy**
523. How did the name 'Salesians' come about?  
**The word 'Salesian' comes from 'Sales' (St. Francis de Sales), whom Don Bosco took as his patron.**
524. Name the two Salesian brothers who were beatified?  
**Bro. Artemide Zatti**  
**Bro. Stephen Sandor**
525. How many missionary expeditions did Don Bosco send during his life time?  
**12 missionary expeditions with 150 Salesians**

526. How many Salesian Brothers are there in the World?  
**1,758**
527. How many Salesian Past Pupils (Alumni) are there in the World?  
**3,000,000**
528. How many Salesian Cooperators are there in the World?  
**32,000 belonging to 58 countries of the world**
529. How many Salesian Cooperators Units are there in India?  
**110 (Hundred and Ten)**
530. How many Salesian Past Pupils Units are there in India?  
**106 (Hundred and Six)**
531. How many Don Bosco centres are there in India?  
**369 (Three Hundred and sixty nine)**
532. How many Don Bosco centres are there in the world?  
**1965**
533. How many Don Bosco Schools are there in the world?  
**2933**
534. How many institutions of Daughters of Mary Help of Christians were there at the time of Don Bosco's death?  
**50 houses, 390 sisters and 99 novices**
535. How many institutions of Daughters of Mary Help of Christians were there at the time of Father Rua's death?  
**294 houses, 2666 sisters and 255 novices**
536. How many institutions of Daughters of Mary Help of Christians are there today in the world?  
**1408 houses, 13249 sisters and 275 novices**
537. How many missionary expeditions were sent by the Salesian Congregation since 1875?  
**145 (one hundred and forty five)**
538. How many Salesian missionaries were sent to the five continents of the world on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011?  
**74, of whom 31 SDB's, 21 FMA's, 5 Caritas Sisters of Jesus, 3 members of the Mission of the Lay Community of Don Bosco and 14 lay members of the Salesian NGO**

539. How did Don Bosco become the owner of an ornithological museum?  
**He purchased it in 1871 from a man who had collected these over the years.**
540. How did the Geographical Society honour Don Bosco for his contribution towards the knowledge of flora and fauna of Patagonia?  
**They had a gold medal specially struck for him**
541. How many Salesian Sisters are there in India?  
**1275**
542. How many FMA institutions are there in the world?  
**1408**
543. How many FMA provinces are there in the world?  
**85 (Eighty five)**
544. How many FMA provinces are there in India?  
**6 (Six)**
545. What is the total number of Missionary Sisters of Mary Help Christians in the world?  
**1107**
546. How many Missionary Sisters of Mary Help Christians are there in India?  
**1048**
547. In how many Countries do the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help Christians work in the world?  
**7 Countries of the world**
548. Where was John Bosco born?  
**At Becchi in Castelnuovo, North Italy**
549. Where did John Bosco receive first Holy Communion?  
**At Castelnuovo**
550. Where did Don Bosco celebrate his first Mass?  
**In the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Turin**
551. Where did Don Bosco receive his primary education?  
**Don Bosco received his primary education in the public school of Caprilio.**

552. Where did Don Bosco record the main events of his life and that of the Oratory, at the insistence of Pope Pius IX?  
**In the 'Memoirs of the Oratory of St. Francis De Sales' which was an autobiography written by Don Bosco.**
553. Where and by whom was the first monument erected in honour of Don Bosco?  
**At Castelnuovo D'Asti by his fellow villagers, in 1898**
554. Where did John Bosco preach his maiden Sermon as a young theologian?  
**At Alfiano**
555. Where did Mary Mazzarello die?  
**At Nizza Monferrato**
556. Where did Don Bosco finish his seminary studies?  
**At Chieri**
557. Where is the headquarters of the Salesian Congregation?  
**Pisana Rome, in Italy**
558. Where did the first Salesians start their work in India?  
**At Thanjavur, in Tamil Nadu**
559. Where was Don Bosco's body kept after his death?  
**It was kept in the Church of St. Francis de Sales.**
560. Where was Don Bosco buried?  
**Don Bosco was buried at Valsalice near Turin**
561. Where are the mortal remains of Don Bosco preserved now?  
**In the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians, at Turin**
562. Where did the Salesians start their first Novitiate?  
**At San Benigno Canavese**
563. Where was the first Salesian missionary expedition sent by Don Bosco?  
**Patagonia in Argentina**
564. Where was the first General Chapter of the Salesians held?  
**At Lanzo**
565. Where do we find the baptismal record of John Melchior Bosco?  
**St. Andrew Parish church of Castelnuovo**

566. Where was the first Salesian house outside Turin opened by Don Bosco?  
**Mirabello at Monferrato**
567. Where did the Salesians start their second house in India?  
**At St. Bede's, Mylapore, Chennai, the Salesians took charge of the Orphanage for Anglo Indian Boys**
568. Where was Dominic Savio born?  
**At Riva in Chieri**
569. Where was the first permanent oratory?  
**At Valdocco**
570. Where was the first municipal Salesian boarding school established by Don Bosco?  
**At Lanzo Torinese, Turin**
571. Where did Michael Rua complete his elementary studies before joining Don Bosco's Oratory?  
**At the institute of Christian Brothers**
572. Where was the first Salesian Novitiate started in India?  
**In Shillong, Meghalaya**
573. Where was the first Novitiate of the Salesian Congregation?  
**San Benigno**
574. Where was the funeral Mass of Don Bosco celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1888?  
**At the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians**
575. Where was the first academic and technical school started by Don Bosco?  
**Valdocco**
576. Where was Francis de Sales born?  
**At Château de Sales, in the village of Thorens, France**
577. Where did Francis de Sales get his elementary education?  
**At La Roche-sur-Foron**
578. Where did Francis de Sales do his university studies?  
**At "University of Studies of Padua", Italy**

579. Where was Francis de Sales appointed after completing his doctorate in both 'civil' and 'canon law'?  
**Appointed as a lawyer to the 'Senate of Savoy'**
580. Where was Don Bosco called "St. Vincent de Paul of Italy"?  
**At Lille in France**
581. Where was the first Salesian presence in Mumbai?  
**At Tardeo in 1928**
582. Where is the International Headquarter of the Institute of the FMA?  
**Rome in Italy**
583. Where did Don Bosco often take his oratory boys on Sundays, for a hike?  
**To the famous basilica of Superga, dedicated to the Mother of God**
584. Where was the first Salesian institution in Great Britain opened?  
**Battersea (London)**
585. From where did the statue of Mary Help of Christians which the first Salesian missionaries found in Shillong come from?  
**The statue was bought by a Salvatorian missionary from a Salesian shop selling religious articles in northern Italy.**
586. Where did Fr. Cafasso send Don Bosco, for the priestly ministry after completing his course at Convitto?  
**" To the Rifugio, where you will be chaplain of St. Philomena Hospital, and at the same time, with Father Borel you will exercise your priestly ministry on behalf of the girls in Marchioness Barolo's institution."**
587. Where did Don Bosco stay when he was returning from Spain in 1886?  
**In the seminary of Grenoble**
588. Where is the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Rome built?  
**At Castro Pretorio**
589. Where in Rome do you find the following written: "They founded the Church by shedding their blood."?  
**In the Church of St. Stephen Rotondo**
590. Where did Stephen Ferrando continue his studies?  
**At the Oratory of Don Bosco, in Turin**

591. Why John Bosco was called Don Bosco?  
**In the Italian language, "Don" means 'priest' or 'father'. Therefore, after the ordination, John Bosco was called Don Bosco.**
592. Why were the friends of Don Bosco afraid of his oratory work?  
**Because they thought that Don Bosco was becoming mentally insane.**
593. Why was Don Bosco called the 'Father of Youth'?  
**He was rightly called 'Father of Youth' because he was the father of millions of orphans and unwanted youth.**
594. Why did Don Bosco choose St. Francis de Sales as his patron?  
**Don Bosco chose St. Francis de Sales as his patron because he was a 'model of charity and affability'**
595. Why did Count Cavour want to put a full stop to the oratory of Don Bosco?  
**He was afraid that Don Bosco's oratory would become the foundation for a political organization**
596. Why did Don Bosco propagate devotion to St. Aloysius Gonzaga?  
**To encourage his boys to love the virtue of purity**
597. Why did the Pope choose Easter Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1934 as the date of Don Bosco's canonization?  
**It marked the conclusion of the 19<sup>th</sup> centenary of the redemption of the human race and Pope Pius XI felt that Don Bosco had received a special mandate from God to continue the work of redemption, extend it and widely share its precious fruits.**
598. Which are the great Churches that Don Bosco built?  
**The Basilica of Mary Help of Christians in Turin and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in Rome.**
599. Which was the Order John Bosco wanted to join at first?  
**Franciscan Order**
600. Which Salesian founded the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians?  
**Bishop Stephen Ferrando**

601. Which Salesian founded the Congregation of the Visitation Sisters of Don Bosco?  
**Archbishop Hubert D' Rosario**
602. Which Salesian founded the Congregation of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate?  
**Bishop Louis Morrow**
603. Which is according to Don Bosco the distinctive mark of the Salesian society?  
**Don Bosco said "anyone devoting his life to destitute youth should certainly strive to enrich himself with every virtue but the virtue he should specially cultivate is 'chastity'."**
604. Which are the countries, where the Salesians opened houses during Don Bosco's life time?  
**France (1875), Argentina (1875), Uruguay (1876), Spain (1881), Brazil (1882), Austria (1887) and England (1887)**
605. Which was the feast day on which Don Bosco started his work for the poor boys?  
**The feast of the Immaculate Conception**
606. Which was the famous miracle worked by Don Bosco on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1886?  
**The multiplication of Chestnuts**
607. Which are the continents of the world the Salesians carry out their youth work?  
**Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Australia and Europe**
608. Which was the last General Chapter presided over by Father Rua?  
**10<sup>th</sup> General Chapter**
609. Which country is known as the land of Don Bosco's dream?  
**Argentina**
610. Which newspaper called Don Bosco a "Socialist priest"?  
**Secolo of Milan**
611. Which day was celebrated as Don Bosco's birth day till 1870?  
**15<sup>th</sup> August**

612. Which bishop offered his own life for Don Bosco while he was seriously ill in 1879?  
**Bishop Galletti of Alba**
613. Which are the three sins that Don Bosco was most unwilling to tolerate?  
**Blasphemy, immorality and stealing**
614. Which was the first actual biography of Don Bosco?  
**D'Espiney's "Don Bosco" published in Nice in 1881**
615. Which book of Don Bosco created controversy and was about to be banned?  
**"St. Peter's Centenary"**
616. Which city did Don Bosco name as the city of the Blessed Sacrament and of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary?  
**Turin**
617. Which Archbishop opposed the approval of the Salesian Constitution by Rome?  
**Msgr. Lorenzo Gastaldi, Archbishop of Turin**
618. Which are the three miracles of multiplications performed by Don Bosco?  
**Multiplication of buns, chestnuts and Sacred Hosts**
619. To whom did Don Bosco attribute his method of Education?  
**To Mamma Margaret, who was full of kindness but with firmness; and also to Francis de Sales who was model of gentleness and kindness**
620. To whom did Don Bosco dedicate his oratory?  
**Saint Francis de Sales**
621. Whom did Don Bosco question, asking whether, the child was being sold to him?  
**The mother of John Cagliero, Teresa Cagliero**
622. Whom did Dominic Savio and the members of the Immaculate Conception Sodality take as their model?  
**Louis Comollo**

623. Whom did Don Bosco introduce, to all the priests as one of his first benefactors?

**Joseph Blanchard, one who often shared his bread and fruit with him when John Bosco was a student.**

624. Whom did Don Bosco think of sending to Sri Lanka to begin a mission there in 1876?

**Fr. John Cagliero**

625. To whom did Don Bosco make his confession while at La Spezia?

**Don Angelo Rocco**

626. To whom did Don Bosco say, "I am willing to give up your cherished friendship; but I shall not abandon the recitation of the Rosary?"

**Robert D`Azeglio, an Italian Painter**

627. To whom did Don Bosco say, "Be good, be devoted to the Madonna."?

**Fr. Peter Righini SJ**

628. To whom did Don Bosco pray when he was in difficulty?

**Mary Help of Christians**

629. Name the 11 Salesian provinces of India.

**Bangalore, Chennai, Dimapur, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Konkan, Mumbai, New Delhi, Silchar, and Tiruchy**

630. Name the Salesian Saints.

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| <b>1. St. John Bosco</b>     | <b>2. St. Mary Mazzarello</b>    |
| <b>3. St. Dominic Savio</b>  | <b>4. St. Aloysius Versiglia</b> |
| <b>5. St. Caravario</b>      | <b>6. St. Leonardo Murialdo</b>  |
| <b>7. St. Joseph Cafasso</b> | <b>8. St. Luigi Orione</b>       |
| <b>9. St. Luigi Guanella</b> |                                  |

631. Name the three saintly boys of the oratory whose biographies were written by Don Bosco

**1. Dominic Savio (1859) 2. Mickey Magone (1861) 3. Francis Besucco (1864)**

632. Name the six popes who lived during Don Bosco's time.

**Pope Pius VII, Pope Leo XII, Pope Pius VIII, Pope Gregory XVI, Pope Pius IX and Pope Leo XIII**

633. Name the successors of Don Bosco
1. **Michael Rua**
  2. **Paul Albera**
  3. **Philip Rinaldi**
  4. **Peter Ricaldone**
  5. **Renato Ziggiotti**
  6. **Aloysius Ricceri**
  7. **Egidio vigano**
  8. **Juan Vecchi**
  9. **Pascual Chavez**
  10. **Ángel Fernández Artime**
634. Name the Congregations founded by Don Bosco.
1. **The Salesian society (The Salesians of Don Bosco SDB)**
  2. **The Salesian Sisters (The society of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians FMA)**
635. Name the first three oratories founded by Don Bosco in Turin.
1. **The oratory of St. Francis de Sales,**
  2. **The oratory of Aloysius Gonzaga**
  3. **The oratory of Guardian Angel**
636. Name the first three provinces created by Don Bosco on February 6, 1879.
- Provinces of Piedmont, Liguria and South America**
637. Name the Salesian Sister who was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2004?
- Palomino Yenes Eusebia**
638. Mention two of the seven resolutions taken by John Bosco before entering the seminary
1. **I will read only spiritual literature.**
  2. **I will observe temperance in eating, drinking and sleeping**
639. Give two recommendations given by Don Bosco to Fr. Cagliero who was the leader of the missionary expedition?
1. **Take good care of the health and moral conduct of all, and make sure they get sufficient rest.**
  2. **Do the best you can; God will do what we cannot do. Leave everything to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will realize what miracles are.**
640. Name the boy who was apparently one of the gang leaders, later to become one of the finest boys at the oratory of Don Bosco?
- Mickey Magone**

641. Mention the two boys whom Don Bosco predicted would become Bishops?

**Cagliero and Costamagna**

642. Name the congregations from India belonging to the Salesian Family

**1. Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (MSMHC)**

**2. Catechist Sisters of Mary Immaculate and Help of Christians (SMI)**

**3. Disciples (Don Bosco Secular Institute)**

**4. The Visitation Sisters of Don Bosco (VSDB)**

643. Name the past pupil of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians who is the 'servant of God'.

**Laura Vicuña**

644. Name the first international president of the Salesian Past Pupils.

**Professor Gribaudo**

645. Name the autobiography of Don Bosco

**Memoirs of the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales**

646. Name the two books written by D' Bonetti.

**1. The early apostolate of Don Bosco**

**2. Practical exhortation on the love of God**

647. Name the Association in which Mary Mazzarello was a member as a young girl.

**The Association of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate**

648. Name the Salesian Bishops of West Bengal?

**1. Most Rev. Joseph Suren Gomes**

**2. Most Rev. Lucas Sirkar**

649. Name the two miracles accepted as authentic for the beatification of Don Bosco.

**Cure of Sr. Provina Negro suffering from ventricular ulcer and the cure of Teresa Callegari suffering from polyarthritis**

650. Name of the dreams in which Our Lady appeared to him and guided him in his mission.

**The dream at the age of nine, Dream of the pergola of roses, Dream of the fiery globe, Dream of the elephant, Dream of the raft**

651. Name the Pope who considered Don Bosco's life a true martyrdom.  
**Pope Pius XI**
652. Name the workers union founded by Don Bosco in 1851.  
**Mutual Aid Society**
653. Name the Salesian Bishops of North East India.  
**1. Most Rev. Aind Joseph**  
**2. Most Rev. Dominic Jala**  
**3. Most Rev. Robert Kerketta**  
**4. Most Rev. Thomas Menampampil**  
**5. Most Rev. George Pallipambil**
654. Name the Salesian Bishops of South India.  
**1. Most Rev. Malayappan Chinnappa**  
**2. Most Rev. Joseph Anthony Irudayaraja**  
**3. Most Rev. Periyamayagam Soundaraj**  
**4. Most Rev. Kuttinadar George Rajendran**
655. Name the princess to whom Don Bosco gave the advice, "you will be a mother not a nun".  
**Princess Caroline de Bourbon**
656. Name 21 countries that have released the commemorative stamps on Don Bosco?
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| <b>1. Argentina</b>          | <b>2. Austria</b>       |
| <b>3. Belgium</b>            | <b>4. Bolivia</b>       |
| <b>5. Brazil</b>             | <b>6. Chile</b>         |
| <b>7. Costa Rica</b>         | <b>8. Croatia</b>       |
| <b>9. Dominican Republic</b> | <b>10. Ecuador</b>      |
| <b>11. El Salvador</b>       | <b>12. Germany</b>      |
| <b>13. Guatemala</b>         | <b>14. India</b>        |
| <b>15. Malta</b>             | <b>16. Panama</b>       |
| <b>17. Peru</b>              | <b>18. Philipines</b>   |
| <b>19. Spain</b>             | <b>20. Vatican City</b> |
| <b>21. Venezuela</b>         |                         |

657. In Don Bosco's passport of 1850, what was his profession?  
**Elementary School Teacher**
658. On what occasion was an orphanage set up at Becchi?  
**The golden jubilee of Don Bosco's death**
659. Under whose guidance did Francis de Sales complete his doctoral studies in Civil and Canon law?  
**Under the guidance of 'Guido Panciroli', a jurist, law professor and philologist**
660. At the time of their foundation whom did Don Bosco invite to assist in the formation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians?  
**Sisters of St. Anne**
661. a) Whose maxim did Don Bosco follow, "request nothing, and refuse nothing."?  
**St. Francis de Sales**
661. b) Where did Francis de Sales continue his further studies?  
**At the Collège de Clermont in Paris, an institution run by the Society of Jesus**
661. c) Where was Francis de Sales ordained bishop of Geneva?  
**In the Church of 'Saint Maurice' where he was baptized**
661. d) Where was Michael Rua baptized?  
**In the Church of Our Lady of Snows, Turin**
661. e) Where was Mary Mazzarello born?  
**In a little village called 'Mornese' in Italy**
661. f) Where was Stephen Ferrando born?  
**At Rossiglione-Genova, Italy**
661. g) Where was blessed Maria Romero Meneses born?  
**At Granada di Nicaragua, Central America**
661. h) Where was John Bosco born?  
**At Castelnuovo d'Asti, Becchi in Italy**



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662. What was the baptism name of John Bosco?  
**John Melchior Bosco**
663. What did Francis Bosco tell Mamma Margaret on his death bed?  
**"I entrust our children to you, but take special care of little Johnny."**
664. What were the two important events that took place during the year of Don Bosco's birth?  
**Napoleon went into exile and Pope Pius VIII returned from exile**
665. What was the frequent saying of Mamma Margaret to Don Bosco?  
**'God Sees You'**
666. What were the parting words of Mamma Margaret?  
**"God knows how much I have loved you all my life long. I hope I can love you even more in heaven. Tell our dear boys that I worked for them and loved them as a mother. Please ask them to pray for me."**
667. What were the wonderful virtues of Mamma Margaret, a truly Christian mother?  
**"She was gentle, approachable, patient, and full of love for all the poor little orphans."**
668. What is the name of the priest who volunteered to help Johnny Bosco in preparation to join the seminary?  
**Don Calosso**
669. What did Don Bosco pray for during his first Mass?  
**He prayed for the gift of eloquence**
670. What was the memorable advice of Mamma Margaret at the ordination of Don Bosco?  
**"Today you are a priest and you will offer Mass every day. Therefore you are near Christ. But remember to say Mass means to suffer."**
671. What is the name of the village of Mamma Margaret?  
**Capriglio**

672. What were the offers before Don Bosco after becoming a priest?
- 1. To be a tutor to a noble family of Genoa**
  - 2. To be a chaplain at Murialdo**
  - 3. To be an assistant priest at Castelnuovo**
673. What was the advice of Fr. Cafasso to Don Bosco before deciding one of the three offers after becoming a priest?
- “You need to study moral theology and preaching. For the present, forget all these offers and come to the Pastoral Institute.”**
674. What was the total number of Salesians at the death of Don Bosco?
- 768**
675. What was the first practice of piety John learned from his mother?
- Recitation of the rosary**
676. What was the answer given by Mamma Margaret to Anthony when he opposed John being sent to the school?
- “Education is becoming more and more important with the passing of years. Even cobblers and tailors go to school. It would be useful to have someone in the house who can write and keep accounts.”**
677. What is the name of the farm where John Bosco started working as a stable boy?
- Moglia Farm**
678. What was the answer of John Bosco to his uncle Michael, to the question whether he is happy to work at the Moglia farm?
- “No. They treat me very well. But I want to study. Years are slipping by. I am already 14, and have made no progress.”**
679. What did Fr. Calosso say to Margaret seeing her son's desire to study in order to become a priest?
- “Your son has a prodigious memory. He must begin to study immediately, without wasting time. I am an old man, but I will do whatever I can do to help him.”**

680. What was the promise made by Fr. Calosso to John Bosco about his future?  
**“Do not worry about your future. As long as I live you will not want for anything. And if I die, you will be provided for.”**
681. What was the amount of money kept in the drawer by Fr. Calosso for John Bosco's future study?  
**Six thousand lire**
682. What did John Bosco do with the key of the drawer and the money offered by Fr. Calosso?  
**Though he was only 15 years, as a sign of detachment John Bosco handed over the key and the money to the nephews of Fr. Calosso.**
683. What was the comment made by Fr. Virano when he read the excellent essay of John Bosco?  
**“A boy who writes essays like this can wear whatever shoes he wants. What counts in life is the head, not the shoes.”**
684. What did John Bosco tell his friends when he found the parish priest and assistant indifferent to his greetings?  
**“If I ever become a priest, I'll do just the contrary. I'll be the first to approach the young, befriend them with kind words and give them good advice.”**
685. What did Mamma Margaret tell John Bosco at the death of his father?  
**“Here you are, Johnny, you no longer have a father.”**
686. What are the qualities Don Bosco inherited from his mother?  
**Patience, simplicity, gentleness, courage, fear of God, endurance in suffering, and generosity**
687. What was the motto of the Cheerful Club?  
**“Whatever comes we shall be happy and make others happy. Do not commit sin.”**
688. What was Fr. Cafasso used to saying about Don Bosco?  
**“Don Bosco is destined to become the apostle of Turin.”**
689. What did Pope Pius IX say about Don Bosco?  
**“Don Bosco is the treasure of Italy.”**

690. What did Pope Pius IX say to Don Bosco in 1858?  
**“Write down everything; I grant you everything that I can grant you.”**
691. What did Cardinal Alimonda say about Don Bosco?  
**Cardinal Alimonda said “It was Don Bosco who brought God into the XIX century.”**
692. What were the comments in 'Times of London' about Don Bosco?  
**“Don Bosco was the St. Vincent De Paul of the XIX century.”**
693. What did Cardinal Nina say to Pope Leo XIII about Don Bosco?  
**“I do not believe him to be a man, but a Giant with long arms, who succeeded in embracing the whole world.”**
694. What advice did Mamma Margaret give Johnny Bosco on Our Lady, after he received the cassock?  
**“When you began your schooling, I recommended you almost exclusively to the Madonna. Now I beg you to belong to her entirely. Love her, and if you become a priest some day, constantly promote devotion to the good mother.”**
695. What were the words of Pope Paul VI on Don Bosco?  
**“Don Bosco was a prophet. He was able to anticipate the needs of the times.”**
696. What was the main purpose of the oratory?  
**To teach religion, Christian virtues and to give sound education to the youth so that they attain their salvation.**
697. What is the meaning of 'oratory'?  
**The meaning of 'oratory' is a 'place of prayer.'**
698. What did Don Bosco say on work?  
**“Work, work and work; yours will be a handsome wage at the end of your life.”**
699. What did Pope Leo XIII say to Don Bosco about his work?  
**“Your work is undoubtedly God's work. Hence, go forward, courageously and fearlessly.”**

700. What did the person with the majestic appearance tell him in the dream at the age of nine?  
**“You will have to win these friends of yours not with blows, but with gentleness and kindness. So begin right now to show them that sin is ugly and virtue is beautiful. And “I will give you a teacher, under whose direction you can become wise and without whom all wisdom is foolishness.”**
701. What did the woman of majestic appearance tell John Bosco in his dream at 9?  
**“Make yourself humble, steadfast and strong.”**
702. What did Johnny's mother say when he received the cassock?  
**“A person's character is made by his virtues. The cassock does not make the priest. I prefer you to be a poor peasant than a bad priest. If you think that you will not be faithful to your priestly duties, remove your cassock.”**
703. What was the resolution Don Bosco took on his ordination day?  
**“I will spend every moment of my life doing good.”**
704. What did a friar in a dream say to John Bosco about joining the monastery?  
**“If you are looking for peace, you will not find it here. God is preparing some other place for you.”**
705. What did Fr. Comollo, the uncle of Louis Comollo, write to him regarding John Bosco's decision to joining the monastery?  
**“All things considered, I would advise your companion not to enter the monastery. Let him don the clerical habit and have no fear of losing his vocation. With recollection and piety he will overcome all obstacles.”**
706. What did Fr. Cafasso tell John Bosco regarding finance and personal difficulty in joining the seminary?  
**“Finish your studies and then enter the seminary. Divine providence will let you know what you should do. And don't worry about money: someone will provide.”**
707. What was written on the main entrance to the Church at Becchi?  
**“ Truly God dwells here but I did not perceive His presence.”**

708. What was the title given to Johnny Bosco by the students of the college of Chieri?  
**'A day dreamer'**
709. What was the age of Don Bosco when he died?  
**72 years**
710. What is the total number of Salesians at present in the world?  
**15,298**
711. What is the total number of Salesians in India?  
**2,676**
712. What was the size of the picture of Don Bosco's Madonna painted by Lorenzone?  
**24 feet**
713. What did Dominic Savio see on the walls of the room of Don Bosco?  
**"Give me souls and take away the rest"**
714. What were the means adopted by Don Bosco to educate his boys in the oratory?  
**Dialogue, entertainment, music and catechism lesson.**
715. What is the motto of the Salesians?  
**Work and Temperance**
716. What is the motto of the Salesians as given on the coat of arms?  
**Da mihi animas, cetera tolle which means "Give me souls, take away the rest."**
717. What is the name given to the educational system of Don Bosco?  
**Preventive System**
718. What is the meaning of "Salve, Salvando and Salvati"?  
**"By saving others you save yourself."**
719. What did Don Bosco promise his children?  
**Work, Bread and Heaven**
720. What did Don Bosco say about the Salesian Brothers?  
**"I need helpers. There are things that priests and clerics cannot do. These you can do."**

721. What was the name of the minister who encouraged Don Bosco to form a society?  
**Minister Urban Ratazzi, the minister of Justice in Italy.**
722. What are the three devotions or three loves inculcated by Don Bosco in his boys?  
**1. Devotion to the Holy Eucharist**  
**2. Devotion to Mary Help of Christians**  
**3. Devotion to the Pope**
723. What are the three elements of the Educational System of Don Bosco inspired by the teaching of St. Francis de sales?  
**Reason, Religion and Kindness**
724. What was the name of the Salesian bishop present at the death bed of Don Bosco?  
**Bishop John Cagliero, who later became a cardinal.**
725. What were the words written on his tomb?  
**“Priest and father of orphans rests in peace with Christ ”**
726. What did Don Bosco say about cheerfulness quoting St. Philip Neri?  
**“Play, Jump about, Shout, Enjoy yourselves as much as you please, but don't commit sin.”**
727. What did Cardinal Cardijn founder of the 'Young Christian Workers' say of Don Bosco?  
**“Don Bosco was the first person in the Church, to dedicate himself entirely to working for the youth.”**
728. What were the last words of Don Bosco?  
**“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give my soul into your hands.”**
729. What was the age of Dominic Savio when he died?  
**15 (Fifteen Years)**
730. What does Don Bosco say about sin?  
**“When it is a matter of preventing sin let nothing stand in your way. Prevent sin at any cost.”**

731. What does Don Bosco say about charity?  
**“Charity is what sets the sons of God apart from the sons of Satan and of the world.”**
732. What does Don Bosco say about idleness?  
**“Avoid idleness and be most diligent in your scholastic and religious duties. Idleness is the father of all vices.”**
733. What was the first biography written by Don Bosco?  
**Biography of “Louis Comollo”**
734. What was the name of the society founded by Johnny Bosco to help his companions at Chieri?  
**The Society of Cheerfulness**
735. What did Mamma Margaret say to Don Bosco about riches?  
**“Remember that I was born poor, that I have lived poor and that I wish to die poor, and I assure you that should you become a parish priest and become rich, I will never set foot in your house.”**
736. What was the motto of St. Francis de Sales that Don Bosco adopted?  
**'Give me souls and take away the rest.'**
737. What was the name of the prayer book composed by Don Bosco, printed more than a hundred editions?  
**'The Companion of Youth'**
738. What did Don Bosco say about his oratories while shifting from place to place?  
**A cabbage grows better when it is transplanted, so too the oratory.**
739. What happened on the night of April 3, 1839?  
**Louis Comollo the closest friend of Don Bosco appeared to him as he had promised before his death.**
740. What did Don Bosco expect of his Salesian Brothers?  
**“Observance of the vows and ordinary life of a good Christian well lived.”**
741. What did Don Bosco expect of his priests?  
**“Observance of the vows and the exact fulfilment of ordinary and Sacerdotal duties.”**

742. What did Archbishop Fulton Sheen say about the Salesians?  
**“The Salesians remind me of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. The growth of the society is due to the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Don Bosco and nothing short of a miracle.”**
743. What is known as the fourth vow of the Salesians?  
**The Preventive System**
744. What did Franklin D Roosevelt say about Don Bosco?  
**“A real educator, master in the direction of vocations and a pioneer of professional and agricultural schools.”**
745. What did Johnny Bosco say to the owner of the farm Mr.Moglia regarding prayer?  
**“Plant two seeds, if you pray four shoots will spring up. If you don't pray, from four seeds only two shoots will spring up.”**
746. What did Don Bosco say about the Good Night talk?  
**“They are the keys to piety, safeguards of morals, sustainers of religious and ecclesiastical vocations.”**
747. What did Don Bosco say about music in a Salesian Oratory or a Salesian House?  
**“An Oratory without music is like a body without soul.”**
748. What did Don Bosco say in Florence to Minister Ricasoli in 1866 about himself?  
**“Your Excellency, know that Don Bosco is a priest at the altar, a priest in the confessional, a priest in the midst of his boys, and as he is a priest in Turin so also a priest in Florence, a priest in the house of the poor, a priest in the palaces of kings and ministers.”**
749. What did Don Bosco tell his Salesians in the last will about the observance of rules?  
**“If you have loved me in the past, continue to do so in the future by the exact observance of our constitutions.”**
750. What did Don Bosco say to Count Cavour about his relation with the Pope?  
**“I am with the Pope and on his side and shall remain till I die.”**

751. What are the pillars of Don Bosco's system of education?  
**Frequent confessions and communion and daily Mass are the pillars, which support the edifice of education.**
752. What is the end of education according to Don Bosco?  
**The end of education according to Don Bosco is to form the pupils into 'Honest citizens and exemplary Christians'.**
753. What did Mamma Margaret say when the crops were destroyed by natural calamity?  
**“God has given and God has taken away. He is the master of the crops. He knows what is best for us.”**
754. What did little Johnny Bosco do to attract his companions?  
**He learned different types of tricks like hand tricks, changing colour of things, walk on the tight rope, dance and sing.**
755. What was the aim of the Cheerful club founded by Don Bosco?  
**The aim of the Cheerful club was to guide its members, to live an upright life and to be happy by avoiding evil.**
756. What was the self-imposed rule that John Bosco followed in the Seminary?  
**John Bosco had a self-imposed rule of never wasting a moment of time. He studied also outside the appointed study hours, read an enormous amount of books and acquired a vast knowledge of many subjects.**
757. What did Don Bosco say about helping young people in need?  
**He said: “In those things which are for the benefit of young people in danger, or which serve to win souls to God, I push ahead even to the point of temerity.”**
758. What was Dominic Savio's response to Don Bosco's guidance to holiness?  
**He said: “I never knew it could be easy to become a saint, but now I see that one can be happy and holy too. I simply want to become a saint.”**

759. What is the Salesian Family?  
**The Salesian Family consists of various Religious Congregations that are united with the Salesian Congregation in the spirit and charism of Don Bosco. At present 30 Congregations are officially included in the Salesian family.**
760. What were the final words of Don Bosco to Cardinal Cagliero?  
**“Rush! Save souls.”**
761. What is the primary aim of the Salesian Congregation?  
**To work for the poor and abandoned boys, and helping them to become good Christians and honest citizens is the primary aim of the Salesian Congregation.**
762. What are the three important characteristics of Salesian life?  
**Consecration, Life in common and Apostolate to the young.**
763. What are the three marks of Religious consecration?  
**Obedience, Poverty and Chastity**
764. What does Don Bosco say about the growth of the Salesian Society?  
**“Work and Temperance will make the congregation flourish.”**
765. What is the Salesian Spirit?  
**Attentive to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit, living and working together in the apostolate of the young with cheerfulness, joy and optimism is known as Salesian Spirit.**
766. What was the occupation of Johnny Bosco in his youth?  
**He looked after sheep and cattle and did a lot of work at home.**
767. What did Don Bosco say about obedience?  
**Substitute acts of penance with acts of obedience.**
768. What did Johnny say to his friends about his future?  
**“I want to study and become a priest.”**
769. What are the dominant characteristics of a Salesian House?  
**Family atmosphere, Minimum of restraint and Healthy environment are the dominant characteristics of a Salesian House.**

770. What advice did Don Bosco give to the first Salesian missionaries when they were leaving for Patagonia?  
**“Do not look for power and money, look only for souls. If you want to obtain God's blessings and the good will of men show kindness to all especially the sick, the poor, the old and the young. Be obedient to the local religious and government authorities.”**
771. What are the aims of 'Theatre' according to Don Bosco?  
**“ To entertain, to instruct and to educate are the aims of theatre.”**
772. What were the means Don Bosco used to spread devotion to Mary Help of Christians?  
**Novena to Mary Help of Christians, the invocation: Mary Help of Christians, Pray for us, wearing the medal of Mary Help of Christians and the blessings of Mary Help of Christians were the means used by Don Bosco to spread devotion to Mary.**
773. What did Don Bosco say about love of money?  
**“Why risk eternal salvation because of money. I do not want it. I would rather have heaven, than all the riches and money in the world.”**
774. What was Don Bosco's opinion regarding detachment?  
**“One day we shall have to leave this world's goods. If we give them up now, the Lord will reward us; if not, we shall have to leave them at death and receive nothing in return.”**
775. What did Don Bosco say about correction?  
**“Receive the corrections gratefully and if necessary, humbly accept the punishment, without any feeling of hatred or spite.”**
776. What did Don Bosco say to the boys regarding obedience to the superiors?  
**“Obey your superiors readily and accept their advice willingly then you will certainly grow in knowledge.”**
777. What did Don Bosco say about speaking about others?  
**“Either speak well or remain silent.”**

778. What did Don Bosco say about idleness?  
**“Do you want to outwit the devil? Never let him catch you idle. Work, Study and Pray, you will surely overcome your spiritual enemy.”**
779. What did Don Bosco say on the devil's fears?  
**“There are two things the devil is deadly afraid of -frequent communion and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament.”**
780. What is the meaning of SDB?  
**'SDB' is the acronym for “Salesians of Don Bosco.”**
781. What is the meaning of FMA?  
**'FMA' is the acronym for “Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice.” Which means “Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.”**
782. What is the aim of the Salesians of Don Bosco?  
**The aim of the Salesians of Don Bosco can be stated as follows: “to be signs and bearers of the love of God for young people, especially those who are poor.”**
783. What is special about the Church of St. John the Evangelist?  
**It is the third church built by Don Bosco, it was to be a monument to the memory of his great friend and benefactor, Pope Pius IX.**
784. What are the two associations affiliated to the Salesian Society?  
**The Association of the Salesian Co-operators and the Association of the Salesian Past Pupils or Don Bosco Alumni**
785. What was the name of the mother of Fr. John Cagliero?  
**Teresa Cagliero**
786. What did Don Bosco write at the eleventh line on the memoirs of the oratory?  
**“I write for my dearest sons, my Salesians. I forbid them to publish these things, whether before or after my death.”**
787. What did Louis Orione say about the death of Fr. Calosso?  
**“I would walk on live coals to be able to see him once more and say thank you.”**
788. What did the first Salesian Missionaries find in the old Cathedral of Shillong?  
**A statue of Mary Help of Christians**

789. What was the code of conduct made by John Bosco to the Cheerful club?
- 1. No actions and no words unbecoming of a Christian**
  - 2. Fulfill one's scholastic and religious duties**
  - 3. Keep cheerful**
790. What does Henri Bosco, a Frenchman say about the Piedmontese character?
- “The Piedmontese is neither brilliant nor witty, do not act on impulse, forbearing, positive, patient in spirit and patient at heart, faithful, and courageous.”**
791. What did Don Bosco say regarding the role of Mary in the Congregation?
- “Mary most holy is the foundress and she will be the sustainer of our work.”**
792. What did Don Bosco say to his Salesians about devotion to Mary Help of Christians?
- “Have devotion to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are.”**
793. What did Don Bosco say about his various achievements?
- “Mary did it all.”**
794. What were the initial remarks of Don Bosco to Dominic Savio and what was his reply?
- Don Bosco said “You seem to have good stuff in you, good for a lovely vestment to give the Lord.” And Dominic replied “Then you are the tailor and I'm the cloth. Take me with you and make me into a beautiful vestment for him.”**
795. What did Dominic Savio say on seeing the words “Lord, give me souls, take away the rest” in Don Bosco's room?
- Dominic Savio exclaimed, “I see, here you don't do business in money but in souls. I understand. I hope you will deal with my soul.”**
796. What did Pope Paul VI say about Dominic Savio?
- “Dominic Savio is a magnificent and tender example of youthful sanctity.”**

797. What did Don Bosco tell Cagliero about devotion to our Lady?  
**"The Madonna wishes that we honour her under the title 'Mary Help of Christians'."**
798. What did Pope John Paul II say about pedagogy of Don Bosco?  
**"To understand and to love: here we have the unequalled pedagogical formula of Don Bosco."**
799. What did Don Bosco say about Michael Rua in 1867?  
**Don Bosco held out the palm of his left hand to Rua while seeming to cut it in half with his right, and said 'Take it Mike' I wanted to tell you that one day I would go fifty fifty with you indicating that he would become his successor.**
800. What are the Ten Diamonds listed in Don Bosco's dream of ten diamonds?  
**Faith, Hope, Charity, Work, Temperance, Obedience, Poverty, Chastity, Reward and Fasting.**
801. What was the opinion of the parish priest after hearing Don Bosco preach his first sermon?  
**"Very good, well drawn up. You will become a good preacher."**
802. What magazine did Don Bosco bring out against the bad press?  
**The Friend of Youth**
803. What was the name of the saintly boy who died in 1857?  
**Dominic Savio**
804. What did Don Bosco tell Cagliero in 1862?  
**Up to now we have honoured the Immaculate; now on we shall honour the Help of Christians.**
805. What was the motto of Archbishop Louis Mathias?  
**Dare and Hope**
806. What is the name of the Cardinal who was a close friend of Don Bosco?  
**Cardinal Gaetano Alimonda**
807. What did Don Bosco see on the Sundial in front of the Seminary?  
**"Time flies slowly for the sad, but quickly for the cheerful."**
808. What did Don Bosco call his life principle: 'Souls to be saved and poor boys to be fed and educated'?  
**" The politics of the Our Father "**

809. What was the maxim of St. Ignatius that was followed by Don Bosco?  
**“Whatever you do, work as if it all depended on you, then, when the task is completed, give praise to God as if you had nothing to do with it.”**
810. What was the answer of John Bosco when his mother told him not to play with little rascals?  
**“I won't go any more, if you wish. But see, mamma, when I am with them, they are careful not to use certain words.”**
811. What did the teacher tell John Bosco when he forgot to bring his Latin text book?  
**“I shall forgive your negligence because of your amazing memory. You are lucky. Make good use of such a talent.”**
812. What was the advice given by Don Bosco to Fr. Perrot on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1878?  
**“Go in the name of the Lord. Go not as a superior, but as a friend, a brother, and a father.”**
813. What did Don Bosco say about the aim of the Salesian society on 9 June 1867?  
**“The primary aim of our society is the sanctification of its members. On entering it, therefore, everyone must discard any other intention and concern. It would be wrong to enter in order to enjoy a tranquil life, complete one's education or free oneself of parental or other authority.”**
814. What did Don Bosco say on 6 January 1884 regarding Hard Work?  
**“We cannot go to heaven in a carriage. We have not become religious for an easy and comfortable life, but to work and to suffer and thus gain merit for heaven.”**
815. What did Don Bosco tell Bishop Cagliero on 18 January 1888, regarding love for the missions?  
**“Let those who desire graces from Mary Help of Christians, help the missions and they will be heard.”**
816. What did Don Bosco say to Fr. Sala regarding Mary's protection?  
**“Our congregation is guided by God and protected by Mary Help of Christians.”**

817. What was the scope of Salesian Cooperators as explained by Don Bosco on 25 January 1883?  
**“In a conference to the Salesian Cooperators Don Bosco explained the scope of the pious union: to form exemplary Christians who want to do good to others, especially on behalf of poor youth.”**
818. What did Don Bosco say to Fr. Bonetti regarding meeting his boys in heaven?  
**“Tell the boys that I wait for them in heaven. Preach often on frequent confession and devotion to the Blessed Virgin.”**
819. What is the name of the sick girl who was cured miraculously from cancer on January 30, 1880 by Don Bosco?  
**Miss Perier**
820. What is the name of the rector to whom Don Bosco appeared through bilocation while he was in Turin?  
**Father Branda, Rector of the house in Spain.**
821. What did Don Bosco give to father Cagliari on January 31, 1883?  
**“Don Bosco gave a small sealed box and said: this is for you. Sometime later overcome by curiosity, Cagliari opened it. Inside he found a precious ring.”**
822. What happened when the lifeless hand of Don Bosco was brought to the eyes of a blind sister?  
**The blind FMA sister was immediately cured on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1888.**
823. What was the dream that was narrated to the Rectors on February 3, 1868?  
**The dream of 'hidden thorns'**
824. What did Pope Pius IX tell Don Bosco on February 7, 1869?  
**“Don Bosco, I would like you to do me a favour. Would you be willing to open a house of studies and an oratory, like the one you have in Turin, right here in Rome?”**
825. What was the secret told by Don Bosco to the boys to be in heaven?  
**“Say a Hail Mary at Mass, preferably at the Consecration.”**

826. What is the name of the monthly magazine published by Don Bosco?  
**Catholic Readings**
827. What did Don Bosco say to the major seminarians at Marseille in 1883?  
**“A priest will never go to heaven or to hell alone, but will be accompanied by the souls he has saved through his words and good example, or he will be accompanied by those souls he has ruined through a scandalous life.”**
828. What was the gift presented by Fr. Ricaldone to Pope Pius XI?  
**“‘Precious relic’ of Don Bosco and a ‘Life of Don Bosco’ written by Salotti, the secretary General of the Propagation of Faith.”**
829. What did Don Bosco tell the Assumptionist Fathers about the preventive system?  
**“The preventive system is based on 1. Confession 2. Frequent communion and 3. Assistance everywhere.”**
830. What was the answer to Marchioness Barolo when she wanted Don Bosco to abandon his work for poor boys?  
**“I have dedicated my life wholly to the welfare of these poor boys and no one will ever make me stray from the path.”**
831. What was the advice given by Don Bosco in 1884 to the Salesians regarding the youngsters?  
**“That the youngsters should not only be loved, but that they should know that they are loved.”**
832. What was the age of Zeffirino Namuncura when he died?  
**18 years**
833. What did Dr. Combal tell about Don Bosco's physical health?  
**“Don Bosco has no special sickness, but he is completely exhausted. His body is worn out with his daily fatigue. He eats very little, but continues to work day after day. For me this is the greatest miracle.”**
834. What is the name of the first church built by Don Bosco?  
**Church of St. Francis de Sales**

835. What is the name of the saint proposed by Don Bosco as an example of purity to his boys?

**St. Aloysius**

836. What was the name of the first sodality founded by Don Bosco?

**Sodality of St. Aloysius**

837. What was the request of Dominic Savio during the celebration of the name feast of Don Bosco?

**“I ask only that you help me to save my soul and become a saint.”**

838. What did Mgr. Bertagna, the auxiliary bishop of Turin say about Don Bosco on the occasion of his name feast?

**“There is no need of searching the heavens for saints, they are here with us. Take Don Bosco, for example, he possesses all the virtues of his patron, St. John the Baptist.”**

839. What did Fr. Lemoyne present to Don Bosco in 1886, on the occasion of his name feast?

**The biography of his mother Mamma Margaret**

840. What did Don Bosco tell his spiritual sons when they asked him to take rest?

**“I shall rest in heaven. Till then the word 'rest' is not in my dictionary. Only when the devil rests, can I take rest.”**

841. What is the name of the first school text book written by Don Bosco?

**A Church History for Schools**

842. What are the other school text books written by Don Bosco?

**Sacred History, Matric Decimal System and the History of Italy**

843. What did Don Bosco tell Michael Rua when he met him near the Mills?

**“You and I will always go halves in everything.”**

844. What did Don Bosco tell his Salesians after forty five years of his work for the youth?

**“All the blessings we have received from heaven are fruit of that first Hail Mary said with fervor and right intention.”**

845. What type of marble was used for the statue of Don Bosco kept in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome?  
**Carrara Marble**
846. What did Don Bosco write to Fr. Bodrato on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1880?  
**“Urge our dear confreres: To observe our rules. How tragic if we were to know them and not practise them.”**
847. What did bishop Galletti of Alba write to father John Cagliero when he heard Don Bosco was seriously sick?  
**“My Life is worth little or nothing. Don Bosco's is not only precious, but most useful to the welfare of the Church. Compared to his, my life has utterly no value. He is a saint, and saints, we know, are in this world for good reasons.”**
848. What was presented to Pope John XXIII by the five athletes from five continents?  
**A statue of St. John Bosco made by 90 year old Peter Canonica in compliance with the order of Minister Andreotti.**
849. What are the three things which undermine religious congregations according to Don Bosco?  
**Idleness, fussy about good food and egoism or grumbling**
850. What was the sickness of Francis Bosco and Margaret that led to their death?  
**Severe attack of Pneumonia**
851. What are the three words that explain the 'Educational Philosophy' of Don Bosco?  
**Familiarity, Affection and Trust**
852. What was the prayer of the oratory boys on July 1846 when they heard that Don Bosco was dying?  
**“Lord, don't let him die.”**
853. What was the message given to the oratory boys when he was cured after his serious illness?  
**“I owe my life to you. But be sure of this: from now on, I will spend it entirely for you.”**
854. What were the three diamonds on the front of the mantle of the personage in the dream of ten diamonds?  
**Faith, Hope and Charity**

855. What was written on the right shoulder in the dream of 10 diamonds?

**Work and Temperance**

856. What was written on the back of the mantle in the dream of 10 diamonds?

**Obedience, Poverty, Reward, Chastity and Fasting**

857. What was the advice given by Don Bosco to Fr. Dalmazzo?

**“Practise, St. Francis de Sales' virtues of Charity, Patience and Sweetness.”**

858. What did Don Bosco say about the apostolate of the press?

**“This is one of the most important apostolates entrusted to me by Divine Providence; and you know how hard and untiringly I worked at it, even when engaged in a thousand other tasks.”**

859. What was the difference between 'Festive Oratories' and 'Don Bosco's Oratories'?

**Festive oratories met only on Sundays and feast days, only for a few hours in the afternoon. But Don Bosco's oratory gathered the young people for the whole day providing all that was required.**

860. What was the name given to the traditional Oratories?

**Festive Oratories**

861. What was the desire of Don Bosco regarding the characteristics of the Oratory?

**“The 'Oratory' for young people should be a home, a church, a school and a playground.”**

862. What was the agreement between Don Bosco and Madam Vaglianti regarding the shed for his boys?

**“If you will pray God to preserve me from the lightning, I will let you have the house for the sum you offer that is 450 lire a year.”**

863. What was the advice of Father Francis Ternavasio to John Bosco when he asked him what he must do to be a good seminarian?

**“Just one thing, the exact fulfilment of your duties.”**

864. What did Don Bosco write in the Memoirs of the Oratory regarding the Bosco family praying together morning and evening?

**“When I was still very small, my mother herself taught me to pray. As soon as I was old enough to join my brothers, she made me kneel with them morning and evening. We would all recite our prayers together, including the rosary.”**

865. What did Don Bosco's mother Margaret tell when a proposal for remarriage came from an unnamed gentleman?

**“All the gold in the world could never make me abandon these sons of mine.”**

866. What is the new name given to “the Hill of Becchi”?

**“Colle Don Bosco”**

867. What is the aim of Don Bosco's preventive system?

**Human and Christian formation**

868. What type of holistic education was given at the oratory?

**“Sanita, Sapientia and Santita”, the formation of the body, intellect and spirit**

869. What was 'Convitto Ecclesiastico'?

**It was a residence for priests who were attending lectures in Moral and Pastoral theology.**

870. What was the advice of Don Bosco to the missionaries who left for Argentina?

**“Spread devotion to Mary Help of Christians and you will see miracles.”**

871. What was the keepsake Don Bosco took during his retreat as a preparation for his priestly ordination?

**“A priest does not go to hell or to heaven alone, but always accompanied by those who may have been lost or saved on his account.”**

872. What was the axiom that St. Francis de Sales followed in his life?

**“A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.”**

873. What was the deliberation of the General Chapter 1, 1877 with regard to Salesian Cooperators?  
**“The Salesian Cooperators, both men and women are nothing but committed Christians who, though living with their families, make present in society the Salesian spirit. They also give the Congregation of St. Francis de Sales moral and material help for the purpose of advancing in a special manner the Christian education of young people. They are a kind of third order, but their aim is the practical exercise of charity toward neighbour, in particular toward young people at risk.”**
874. What is the total number of Salesian Family members today?  
**4,02,500**
875. What did Don Bosco say about 'good nights'?  
**“It is a key to good behaviour, to the smooth running of school and boarding, and success in education.”**
876. What is the name of the professor, in whose class, John Bosco without bringing book, amazed the students and the teacher with prodigious memory?  
**Professor Vincent Cima**
877. What was told to Don Bosco in the dream of 1844 regarding the site to build a church for Mary Help of Christians?  
**“Hic domus mea, inde Gloria mea” which means 'Here is my house and hence my glory will come forth'**
878. What did Don Bosco say in his “letter from Rome” about the relationship between educator and the educand?  
**“Let the educator be all things to everyone, ready to listen to the troubles or complaints of the boys, watching over their conduct with a father's care, wholehearted in his efforts for the spiritual and temporal welfare of those whom Providence has entrusted to him.”**
879. What was the special mark of Don Bosco's spirituality?  
**Loving Kindness**
880. What was the name of the important dream Don Bosco had in 1847?  
**The “Dream of the Pergola of Roses.”**

881. What are the ways the Salesians of Don Bosco around the globe work for youth?

**Formal and Non formal schools, Colleges, Agricultural schools and colleges, Parishes, Youth Centres, Publishing Houses, Various Club activities, Printing presses, Developmental works, Street Children Homes, Rehabilitation Homes, Counselling Centres, Retreat/Prayer Centres, Career Guidance Centres, Communication Centres and Media education.**

882. What was the reason for Don Bosco to start the “Catholic Reading”?

**Don Bosco was eager to spread good literature among young people. He proposed it as one of the effective means to counteract the false teachings and the heresies that were fast spreading in his time.**

883. What were the words of the Salesian missionaries to Shillong, on seeing the statue of Madonna?

***“The Madonna is here, she has preceded us.”***

884. What did Pope John XXIII say when the mortal remains of Don Bosco was brought to Rome?

**“Don Bosco, the whole world admires you, the whole world loves you.”**

885. What did Pope Benedict XVI say about Don Bosco?

**“Inflamed with love of Jesus the Good Shepherd he cared for the most underprivileged and became their father, their teacher.”**

886. What is the special feature of the statue kept above St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome?

**The statue of Don Bosco that is kept above St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, is 18 ft. high and 22 ton in weight. Don Bosco is seen with St. Dominic Savio and Blessed Namuncura.**

887. What was the praise given to Don Bosco by the Princess and her husband Minister Rattazzi in 1867?

**After the visit to Valdocco, the princess was so impressed that she sent a telegram to her husband that Don Bosco was one of the 'Marvels of the XIX century.' To this the minister replied that 'Probably the greatest marvel of the century.'**

888. What did Don Bosco tell about the congregation in 1877?  
**“Every enterprise we put our hand to, succeeds beyond all expectations, even though we constantly see others forced to retreat time after time from positions they long held. It is truly the Lord who makes us forge ahead under full sail. We would deserve to become blind if we failed to see God's hand everywhere in all we do.”**
889. What did Don Bosco say about the goal of the Salesian Cooperators?  
**“To help in the teaching of Catechism, to spread proper literature, and to send young people to good schools..If the cooperators have a clear understanding of their goal, they will not only help us but will abundantly accomplish the works which are proper to the Salesians.”**
890. What title did Mary Matta, paternal grandmother of Father Secundus Marchisio give to Mamma Margaret?  
**“A Queen among Christian mothers”**
891. What did Don Bosco say to Charles Gastini about his confidence in God?  
**“All abandon me, but I have God with me, so what should I fear? The work is His, not mine, and He will see that it continues.”**
892. What did Don Bosco say to the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians regarding detachment?  
**“I can assure you that your institute will have a great future as long as you all remain simple and poor, and practice mortification.”**
893. What did Don Bosco say about 'work' in a conference of 1875?  
**“Let us work hard to do much good, doing whatever we can as thoroughly as possible. As to the rest, let people talk. Let us ignore what others say about us. On our own part, however, let us always speak well of everybody.”**
894. What did Don Bosco say to those who wish to join the society?  
**“Those who join the society should work, obey, and abandon all worldly possessions exclusively for God's sake so that, at the end of their lives, they can tell their Saviour, behold, we have left all and followed you. What then shall we have?”**

895. What was the advice given by Don Bosco regarding criticism and gossip?

**“Let us also react gently to those who criticize us, taking as our motto this precious maxim “Do good and never mind gossip”. If we pick a quarrel with somebody, we are the losers, even if we win an argument.”**

896. What did Don Rinaldi say about 'Salesian Brother'?

**“The genial creation of the greater heart of Don Bosco”**

897. What did Fr. Cinzano say about Don Bosco?

**“I always felt that there was something special in Don Bosco: his piety, his cheerfulness, his reserve, his obedience, and his humility were outstanding. In short, he was extraordinary in everything, Don Bosco like all saints, was always odd, fantastic and headstrong.”**

898. What was told of Don Bosco regarding his calm composure and serenity?

**“When means were lacking or other difficulties arose, Don Bosco looked even more cheerful than usual and told more jokes. If he appeared to be in a lighter mood it meant that he really had troubles.”**

899. What was the attitude of Don Bosco regarding 'patience' during sickness?

**God tried his faithful servant by sending him various ailments “An ailment which he uncomplainingly endured and hardly ever mentioned for over thirty years was the swelling on his legs.”**

900. What did Don Bosco write to Michael Rua on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1858?

**“Man's life on earth is like smoke which blows away, like a vanishing trace, a shadow which appears, a wave that flows on. Consequently we should have little esteem for the goods of this life and ardently seek those of heaven.”**

901. What are the three things Don Bosco usually wanted from his Oratory boys?

**Cheerfulness, Work and Piety**

902. What did Pope Leo XIII tell Don Bosco during his audience on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1884?  
**“You are not in good health; you need to rest and be looked after. You need someone alongside you; someone who can capture your traditions, and keep alive those many things that are not written down.”**
903. What did John Cagliero, who became a cardinal say about Fr. Michael Rua?  
**“I was his companion as a boy, as a cleric and as a priest, then as Rector and member of the Superior Chapter, and I can confirm that, at every stage of his life, he was always the first among equals, first in virtue, first in work, first in study and sacrifice, just as he was always first in his holy and strong love for Don Bosco and for young people, for whose sake he was nothing but enthusiasm, care and fatherly love.”**
904. What was the acronym used by Fr. Michael Rua, when he addressed the new aspirants at Valsalice on 16 August 1909?  
**BOSCO: in Italian B- Bontà (Kindness), O- Orazione (Prayer), S-Studio (Study),C-Castità (Chastity),and O-Obbedienza (Obedience)**
905. What did Mamma Margaret tell John Bosco in 1834 when he was deciding about his future vocation?  
**“Listen John, I have nothing to say to you about your vocation, except that you should follow wherever God leads you. Don't worry about me. I don't expect anything from you.”**
906. What did Mrs. Josephine tell about John Bosco to Father Bonetti in 1889?  
**“My brother the priest was forever speaking admiringly about one of his pupils, a John Bosco. Although a teacher himself, he had John tutor one of our own brothers in his third year of high school because he was doing very poorly and caused the family great concern. John taught him so well that he became serious, studious, attentive and fond of his work. At the end of the year my brother was promoted with good marks.”**

907. What was the solution given by Don Bosco regarding bad companions?  
**“Keep an eye on bad companions and avoid them; look for good companions and imitate them. God's grace is the greatest of treasures: the fear of God is the first among all riches.”**
908. What are the three fundamental reminders of Don Bosco, known as the three F's?  
**1. Flight from idleness**  
**2. Flight from companions who indulge in bad talk or give bad advice**  
**3. Frequent Confession and fervent, fruitful communion**
909. What was the name of the oldest Salesian (by Profession) in North East India who died on 27 August 2014?  
**Fr. Joseph Topno sdb**
910. What does one find written in the roster of the seminarians 1841, kept in the Chancery archives of Turin, against the remarks column of John Bosco?  
**“Zealous and promising”**
911. What was the answer given by John Bosco to Joseph Turco, his close friend, when he asked him, what he would do when he becomes a priest?  
**“I have no inclination for parish work, whether as a pastor or curate. But I would like to gather around me poor and abandoned boys, teach them and give them a religious education.”**
912. What did John Bosco and twenty other theology students hear on the night between 3 and 4<sup>th</sup> of 1839, after the burial of Comollo?  
**Three times in succession, the Comollo's voice: “Bosco, Bosco, Bosco, I'm saved.”**
913. What was written on the bookmark of Louis Comollo in 1836?  
**“He does much who, though doing little, does what he must; he does nothing who does much, but not that which he should do.”**
914. What did Father Alvin Massa, pastor at Corio tell about Don Bosco?  
**“He was a model seminarian.”**

915. What did Father Anthony Giacomelli tell about Don Bosco?  
**“From the very first days that I met him in the seminary I looked on him as though he were already a priest because of his mature deportment.”**
916. What did Father Charles tell about Don Bosco?  
**“He always was an outstanding example of piety and obedience. All the seminarians held him in such esteem that they looked upon him more as a Superior than as a companion. Already at that time we regarded him highly for his virtue and piety.”**
917. What did Father Vincent Sosso, tell about Don Bosco?  
**“In the seminary we used to call him 'Father' because he was so mature, staid and orderly.”**
918. What did Father Grassini, pastor of Scalenghe tell about Don Bosco?  
**“Don Bosco was always the peace maker among us.”**
919. What did Mamma Margaret tell John after the first communion?  
**“My dear son, this is a great day for you. I am convinced that God has really taken possession of your heart. Now promise him to be good as long as you live. Always be obedient, go willingly to catechism and sermons. But for the love of God avoid like the plague those who indulge in bad talk.”**
920. What was the name of the Jewish friend who sought religious advice from John Bosco, who later became a Catholic by baptism?  
**'Jonah' whose baptism name was 'Aloysius'**
921. What did Pope Pius IX send to the boys at the oratory who collected 35 francs as an offering to the Pope in 1850?  
**60 dozen rosaries**
922. What was the baptism name of Francis de Sales?  
**Francois Bonaventure**
923. What were the three crises faced by Francis de Sales in his youth?  
**Crisis of humanism, Crisis of devotion and Crisis of intellectual knowledge**

924. What was the best known written works of Francis de Sales?  
**“Introduction to the Devout Life”**
925. What was the message Francis de Sales wants to communicate through his famous written work “Introduction to Devout Life”?  
**“Holiness is attainable”**
926. What was the name given by Pope Pius IX to Francis de Sales?  
**“The master and restorer of sacred eloquence”**
927. What is the means of maintaining discipline among the boys according to Don Bosco?  
**The constant presence of the Salesians among the youngsters.**
928. What did Don Bosco propose to forestall punishments?  
**“Informal supervision and recreation.”**
929. What was Francis Besuccio's regret at the end of his life?  
**“I regret that I have not loved God as He deserves.”**
930. What was the biography of Besuccio written by Don Bosco entitled?  
**“The little shepherd of the Alps.”**
931. What was Don Bosco's opinion regarding correction of youngsters?  
**“If you must admonish someone, do it privately and most kindly.”**
932. What was Don Bosco's reaction when he heard of a cholera outbreak in India in 1884?  
**Don Bosco was ready to accept any orphan sent to him from India.**
933. What did Don Bosco say regarding funds for the construction of the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians?  
**“Our Lady herself will provide the funds.”**
934. What was the prayer of Mary Mazzarello when she went to Church after her long illness?  
**“Lord, if in your goodness, you wish to give me a few more years of life, grant that I may live ignored and forgotten by everyone except you.”**
935. What did Don Bosco see on the main entrance of Canon Joseph Cottolengo's charitable institution at Valdocco?  
**“Charitas Christi urget nos” which means 'The love of Christ impels us'**

936. What did Don Bosco write in the biography about Fr. Cafasso?  
**“Remarkable was his ready, concise and lucid manner of answering. He had a talent for resolving even the most complicated doubts, difficulties and queries...The feeling was that his lectures were never long enough for them. He had a rare and wonderful talent for stimulating interest even in subjects that of themselves were thorny and unattractive.”**
937. What were the two literary firstfruits of Don Bosco to the Blessed Virgin?  
**1. The biography of Louis Comollo, which was an illustration of Mary's protection in life and death of a devoted seminarian**  
**2. Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary, brief meditations designed as a Way of the Cross**
938. What was the advice of Father Cafasso to Don Bosco after the spiritual retreat in view of making a right decision of his vocation?  
**“My dear Don Bosco, forget about becoming a religious. Unpack your trunk, if you ever did pack it, and continue to work for your boys. This and naught else is God's will.”**
939. What did Fr. Cinzano, the pastor of Castelnuovo tell Don Bosco about his mother Margaret Occhiena?  
**“Take your mother along with you to Turin. No one is better suited than she for the task. Stop worrying. She will be an angel at your side.”**
940. What was the prayer that Don Bosco insisted among the boys to recite in the morning, at night and during the day?  
**“Dear Mother Mary ever Virgin, help me to save my soul”**
941. What did Father Ascanio Savio, Don Bosco's first seminarian from the oratory, say about Don Bosco?  
**“He was the true image of what a holy priest should be, if all priests were like him, the whole world would be converted.”**
942. What did Don Bosco say about the most effective sermon?  
**“The most effective sermon is the one that is best prepared.”**
943. What are Don Bosco's norms for corrections?  
**Not to be given immediately, not to be given in the presence of others, not to be given when one is angry.**

944. What were the two miracles attributed to Don Bosco that were accepted for his canonization?

**The cure of Anna Maccolini who was stricken with bronchial-pneumonia coupled with phlebitis when a relic of Don Bosco was put on her. The cure of Catherine Pilanga-Lanfranci who was cured of arthritic diathesis while praying before the bier containing the body of Don Bosco.**

945. What was Don Bosco's second monument to Mary Help of Christians?

**The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.**

946. What were the two posters that Don Bosco wanted to be put up in the convent at Mornese?

**"Mortification is the ABC of Perfection" and "Every Moment is a Treasure."**

947. What was the gift that most pleased Don Bosco during his feast day celebrations in 1886?

**The portrait of Mamma Margaret painted by Rollini**

948. What did Don Bosco say after looking at the portrait of Mamma Margaret painted by Rollini?

**"This is truly her! The only thing missing is her spoken word."**

949. What are the four achievements of Don Bosco celebrated in the song written by Fr. Lemoyne and set to music by Dogliani?

**The Salesian Society, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, the Sons of Mary Progame and the Salesian Cooperators.**

950. What was Mamma Margaret's advice to John Bosco before his departure for the Seminary?

**"It is not the habit that brings honour to your state in life, but only the practice of virtues."**

951. What part of Don Bosco's body was found to be intact upon exhumation in May 1929?

**The tongue of Don Bosco**

952. What did Don Bosco tell Eugene Ceria when he met him before profession?

**"Well, now go ahead like a giant, to run the race."**

953. What did Mgr. Cagliero write to Don Costamagna about the death of Don Bosco?  
**"The body of Don Bosco emanated a fragrance as that of Roses."**
954. What did Francis Cottrino say after reading the life of Francis Besuccio written by Don Bosco?  
**"I too would be very happy to be like him and be with Don Bosco"**
955. What did Don Bosco call Don Francesia in his letter from Marseilles on April 12, 1885?  
**" The pupil of his eye"**
956. What did Don Bosco tell his boys during disastrous events in 1850?  
**"Eat and don't worry. God will provide for tomorrow."**
957. What did Joseph Brosio tell Father John Bonetti about Don Bosco?  
**"Don Bosco is like a father to me, and I wouldn't quit or betray him for all the gold in the world."**
958. What did Don Bosco tell his mother before leaving for Stresa and England?  
**"I'm leaving you to follow my vocation, but you must not grieve. Resign yourself to God's will. Consider Don Bosco and his poor boys as sons in my place. Lavish on them the care you would give me, and you will greatly please me and find rich merit in the eyes of the Lord."**
959. What did Don Bosco say to his boys about moderation in eating and sleeping?  
**"A boy who is moderate in eating, drinking, and sleeping will be upright, diligent, generous and thoroughly good, but one who overeats or oversleeps will gradually acquire every vice. He will become careless, lazy, and restless; everything will go ill with him."**
960. What did Don Bosco say about gluttony?  
**"Gluttony has been the ruin of many a boy. Youth and wine are highly flammable. Wine and chastity can never go together."**

961. What was one of Don Bosco's favorite maxims?  
**"Man should eat to live, not live to eat."**
962. What was the reply of Don Bosco, to those who asked him 'how he managed under such a heavy workload'?  
**"Thanks be to God, hard work is for me more of a delight and relaxation than a burden."**
963. What did Don Bosco say to his boys about the importance of work?  
**"My dear children, I don't ask you to fast or scourge yourselves. I exhort you to work, work, and work."**
964. What was the maxim of St. Ignatius Loyola which Don Bosco took as his rule of life?  
**"Work as though the outcome of any undertaking depended entirely upon your efforts, and at the same time distrust yourself as though everything depended entirely on the Lord."**
965. What did Don Bosco tell his mother when she asked 'where will you get the money to build a Church' in honour of St. Francis de Sales?  
**"God, who is much more generous and goodhearted than you are, has money all over the world. And I hope He will give me some when and where it will be needed for His greater glory."**
966. What is the meaning of 'Strenna'?  
**The 'strenna' is a single sentence, relevant and meaningful quotation, formulated by the General Superior of the Salesians of Don Bosco, to focus on a particular theme to be studied by the salesians and the members of the Salesian Family all over the world.**
967. What is the Strenna of the Rector Major for 2015?  
**"Like Don Bosco, with the Young, for the young!"**
968. What was the Strenna of the Rector Major for 2014?  
**"Let us draw upon the spiritual experience of Don Bosco, in order to walk in holiness according to our specific vocation 'The glory of God and the salvation of souls!'"**

969. What was the Strenna of the Rector Major for 2013?  
**“Like Don Bosco the educator, we offer young people the Gospel of joy through a pedagogy of kindness.”**
970. What was the Strenna of Rector Major for 2012?  
**“Let us make the young our Life's mission by coming to know and imitate Don Bosco.”**
971. What was the Strenna of the Rector Major for 2011  
**“Look here is the Lamb of God! What are you looking for? Rabbi, where do you live? Come and see.”**
972. What was the Strenna of Rector Major for 2010?  
**“In imitation of Don Rua, as authentic disciples and zealous apostles, let us bring the Gospel to the young.”**
973. What was the Strenna of the Rector Major for 2009?  
**“Let us commit ourselves to making the Salesian Family a vast movement of persons for the salvation of the young.”**
974. What was the Strenna of the Rector Major for 2008?  
**“Let us educate with the heart of Don Bosco, to develop to their full potential the lives of young people, especially the poorest and most disadvantaged, promoting their rights.”**
975. What was the Strenna of the Rector Major for 2007?  
**“For a true culture of Human Life.”**
976. What was the Strenna of Rector Major for 2006?  
**“Ensuring that special attention be given to the family the cradle of life and love and where one first learns how to become human.”**
977. What was the Strenna of Rector Major for 2005?  
**“Rejuvenate the face of the Church, the Mother of our faith.”**
978. What was the strenna of the Rector Major for 2004?  
**“Let us propose wholeheartedly to all young people joy in the call to holiness as the high standard of ordinary Christian living.”**
979. What was the strenna of the Rector Major for 2003?  
**“Let us make every family and every community “the home and school of communion” by fostering a “spirituality of communion” in the building of a culture of solidarity and peace.”**

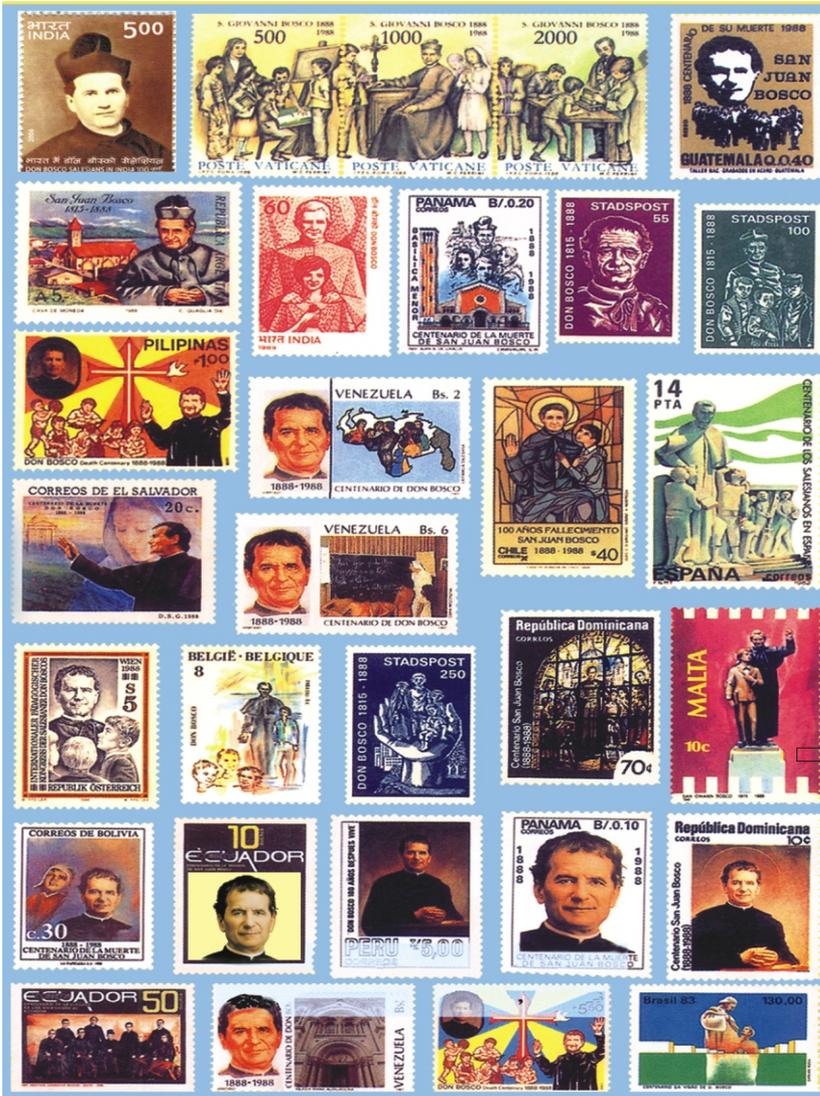
980. What was the Strenna of the Rector Major for 2002?  
**“Duc in Altum: Put out into the high seas and cast your nets wide and deep.”**
981. What was the saying of St. Augustine, Don Bosco often repeated to new catechists?  
**“If you save a soul, you assure the salvation of your own.”**
982. What were the two life stories Don Bosco used to narrate to his boys?  
**1. The Lamp at the Shrine**  
**2. The Life of St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr**
983. What did Bishop John Cagliero say about Don Bosco while facing lack of funds?  
**“His trust in God and in the Blessed Virgin was incredible. During the thirty five years I lived by his side, I don't remember having seen him even momentarily worried, downhearted, or uneasy about the debts he had contracted for the daily feeding of his boys.”**
984. What did Don Bosco tell his boys on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1850, when he was faced with a large debt, but had no money at all?  
**“Today I need a special favour from our Lord. While I'm in town, I want you take turns before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for my intention until my return.”**
985. What did Joseph Rossi, who came to Don Bosco after reading 'The Companion of Youth', write about Don Bosco?  
**“When I first found myself face to face with Don Bosco, I was highly impressed by his fatherliness and affability and immediately felt a filial affection for him.”**
986. What were the four things Don Bosco told cleric Joseph Bongiovanni, as secret for good health and long life?  
**1. A clear conscience when you go to bed at night**  
**2. Moderation in eating**  
**3. An active life**  
**4. Good companions, that is, fleeing from those who are corrupt**

987. What did Don Bosco say about his love for young people?  
**“To know that you are young is sufficient reason for me to care for your welfare. For you I study, for you I work, for you I live, for you I am ready even to give my life.”**
988. What made Dominic Savio to start and live a good and holy life?  
**Don Bosco in his sermon told the boys that:**  
**1. God wants all of us to become saints**  
**2. To become saint is easy: you too can become saint**  
**3. There is a great reward for those who become saints**
989. What is the name of the oldest Salesian living in North East India.  
**Fr. Porcu Mario sdb**
990. What did Don Bosco say about Mary?  
**“Mary is our Salvation, our life, our hope.”**
991. What did Don Bosco say to Fr. Sala in 1888?  
**“Our Congregation is led by God and protected by Mary Help of Christians.”**
992. What did Don Bosco often say about obedience?  
**“Be obedient, and you will become saint.”**
993. What did Don Bosco say on 24 December 1887?  
**“Please look into the pockets of my clothes for wallet and a small purse. I think they are empty, but at any rate give all money you may find to Fr. Rua.”**
994. What was the motto of Bishop Stephen Ferrando?  
**“Apostle for Christ”**
995. What did Don Bosco tell the students regarding three S's  
**“Sanita, Studio and Santita” which means “Health, Knowledge and Sanctity”**
996. What did Don Bosco often repeat to the Salesians and postulants?  
**“While on earth let us constantly work to save our own souls and many others as well. We shall rest in heaven.”**

997. What was the solemn declaration by Pope Pius XI on March 19, 1929, while approving the miracles presented for Don Bosco's beatification?  
**“Think of the great enterprises which he started truly from nothing, look at the wonderful development of his undertakings, the Society of St. Francis de Sales, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, and the admirable legion of cooperators; How could it all come about? There can only be one answer the grace of God, the hand of the Almighty.”**
998. What was the message that the two carrier pigeons carried, from the Rector Major Fr. Ricoldone to the Mother House at Turin, on the occasion of the canonization of Don Bosco?  
**“Vatican City, 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.15 am, the Vicar of Christ has just proclaimed Don Bosco a saint. May he bless Turin, Italy and the world.”**
999. What message did the dream of the phylloxera (a parasite that kills plants) offer Don Bosco?  
**“The wind of grumbling carries the phylloxera of disobedience.”**
1000. What did Cardinal Nina say to Leo XIII about Don Bosco?  
**“I do not believe him to be a man but a Giant with long arms, who succeeded in embracing the whole world”.**
1001. What was the motto of Dominic Savio?  
**“Death rather than sin”**
1002. What is the meaning of 'bicentenary celebration' of the birth of Don Bosco?  
**'Century' means hundred and 'bi' means two; hence 'bicentenary' means two hundred years. Bicentenary of the birth of Don Bosco means, a celebration to commemorate 200<sup>th</sup> year of the birth of a giant of sanctity St. John Bosco, the father, teacher and friend of youth.**
1003. Why to celebrate the 'bicentenary of the birth of Don Bosco'?  
**1. To thank God for the person of Don Bosco, who was an agent of God's love for the poor and abandoned.  
 2. To thank God for the marvels he worked in the life of a poor boy of Becchi who in turn becomes a blessing for the young people of the world.  
 Since the birth of Don Bosco (1815) and up to this day (2015), for 200 years, millions of young people have experienced God's love through the Salesian Family members. Therefore, it is a time of joyful celebration.**

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