



*Signore,  
vogliamo vedere Gesù*

**Salesian Community Prayers - FIN 2010**



# Foreword

January 31, 2010  
Feast of St. John Bosco

Dear Confreres,

Here are the updated prayers we say each day for each of our communities in the Province as suggested. We express our love for our confreres and the people in our works when we desire for them far more than it is in our power to give them, which leads us at the start or the end of the day to prayer.

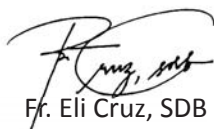
This time, however, the prayers are not only intercessory but instructive. To pray for one another is not only a biblical doctrine (Ephesians 6:18; James 5:16) but also an act of charity and connectivity to our confreres. But how do we pray for one another when we do not know each other's concerns? That is why these prayers are instructive of the vision and mission of our settings, as well as of the areas of good things and the things needing growth in the particular settings.

This time, too, we have included prayers for the present concerns of the Province: to "walk the talk"

of General Chapter 26 and to “pay a premium” to initial and ongoing formation. And so we describe these prayers as “talking to God about what we are doing together.”

In doing God’s work there is no substitute for praying. By not praying we truly misrepresent God’s will. We pray that by becoming men of prayer we can truly represent God’s plan before our people.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Cruz, SDB". The signature is stylized with a large initial 'E' and 'C'.

Fr. Eli Cruz, SDB  
Provincial Superior - FIN



## **Blessed Michael Rua**

(1837-1910)

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# MEDITATION PRAYERS

# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

## 1st Form

**C**OME, HOLY SPIRIT,  
Creator of all things;  
Come, visit our hearts with your power.  
Fill with grace, friendly Guest,  
The hearts which you have created.

You are called the Consoler,  
Gift from the hand of God,  
Source of life, light, love  
and flame, highest good.

You are the pledge of sevenfold grace,  
Finger of the Father's hand,  
Promised us by him,  
And you make our tongues speak the truth.

Cast light on our senses,  
Pour love into our hearts.  
Grant our weak bodies strength  
That they may never grow weary of doing good.

Keep the enemy far from us,  
Give us peace always,  
Let us willingly follow in your footsteps  
That we may be far removed from sin.



Grant that through you we may grow  
In knowledge of the Father and of the Son,  
And that we may ever strongly  
Believe in you, the Spirit of both.

Praise and honor be forever  
To the Father on the highest throne,  
To the risen Son of God,  
To the Consoler. Amen.

*Let us pray.*

God our Father,  
No secret is hidden from you,  
for every heart is open to you  
and every wish is known.  
Fill our hearts  
With the light of your Holy Spirit  
To free our thoughts from sin,  
That we may perfectly love you  
And fittingly praise you.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

## 2nd Form

**C**OME, HOLY SPIRIT, CREATOR, COME!  
From thy bright heavenly throne,  
Come, take possession of our souls.  
And make them all thy own.

Thou who art called the Paraclete,  
Best gift of God above,  
The living spring, the living fire,  
Sweet unction and true love.

Thou who art sev'nfold in thy grace,  
Finger of God's right hand;  
His promise, teaching little ones  
To speak and understand.

O guide our mind with thy blest light,  
With love our hearts inflame;  
And with thy strength which ne'er decays,  
Confirm our mortal frame.

Far from us drive our deadly foe;  
True peace unto us bring.  
And through all perils lead us safe  
Beneath thy sacred wing.

Through thee may we the Father know,  
Through thee th'eternal Son,  
And thee the Spirit of them both,  
Thrice-blessed Three in One.

All glory to the Father be,  
With his coequal Son;  
The same to thee, great Paraclete,  
While endless ages run.

*Let us pray.*

Almighty God,  
Let the splendor of your glory  
Shine upon us.  
May Christ,  
Who is light from your light,  
Strengthen by the illumination  
of the Holy Spirit,  
the hearts of those who have been reborn by grace.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

## 3rd Form

**C**OME, O CREATOR, SPIRIT BLEST,  
And in our souls take up thy rest.  
Come with the grace and heavenly aid  
To fill the hearts which thou hast made.

Great Paraclete, to thee we cry,  
O highest gift of God most high,  
O fount of life, O fire of love,  
And sweet anointing from above.

Thou in they sev'nfold gifts art known;  
The finger of God's hand we own;  
The promise of the Father thou,  
Who dost the tongue with fire endow.

Our senses kindle from above,  
And make our hearts o'erflow with love;  
With patience firm and virtue high,  
The weakness of our flesh supply.

Drive far from us the foe we dread,  
And grant us thy true peace instead;  
So shall we not, with thee for guide,  
Turn from the path of life aside.

O may thy grace on us bestow  
The Father and the Son to know,  
And thee thro' endless times confess'd  
Of both the eternal Spirit blest.

All glory while the ages run  
Be to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death; the same to thee,  
O Holy Spirit, eternally. Amen.

*Let us pray.*

Spirit of the Living God,  
Enter our soul  
And make our hearts ready.  
By your light  
Illumine the darkness of our minds,  
By your fire warm our cold hearts,  
By your grace fill us with your power.  
May we see what is right,  
Do what is good,  
Persevere in what is holy  
And live in your love, your peace and your joy.  
**Amen.**

# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

## 4th Form

**C**OME, HOLY SPIRIT, LIVE IN US  
With God the Father and the Son,  
And grant us your abundant grace  
To sanctify and make us one.

May mind and tongue made strong in love,  
Your praise throughout the world proclaim,  
And may that love within our hearts  
Set fire to others with its flame.

Most blessed Trinity of love,  
For whom the heart of man was made,  
To you be praise in timeless song,  
And everlasting homage paid.

*Let us pray.*

Father,  
May the Spirit who dwells in our hearts  
Be the voice of our prayer.  
May he guide us in our colloquy with you  
To discover the riches of your love  
And transform our life with his grace.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

## 5th Form

**C**OME, HOLY SPIRIT,  
*fill the hearts of your faithful  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit  
And they shall be created.*

And you shall renew  
The face of the earth.

*Let us pray.*

O God,  
You have instructed the hearts  
Of your faithful  
By the light of the Holy Spirit:  
Grant that through the same Holy Spirit  
We may always be truly wise  
And rejoice in his consolation.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

## 6th Form

*Let us place ourselves  
In the presence of God,  
Ask pardon for our sins  
And the grace to make this meditation well.*

**M**Y GOD,  
Prostrate in your presence  
I adore you and I love you  
As my Creator, my Redeemer  
And my sovereign Good.

I am sorry with all my heart  
For having offended you;  
Give me the grace to understand well  
The truths on which I am about to meditate,  
And enkindle my heart with love of you.

Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus,  
My Guardian Angel, Saint John Bosco,  
And all you Saints of heaven,  
Pray for me.



# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

## 7th Form

**V**ENI, CREATOR SPIRITUS,  
*mentes tuorum visita,  
imple superna gratia  
quae tu creasti pectora.*

*Qui diceris Paraclitus,  
altissimi donum Dei,  
fons vivus, ignis, caritas,  
et spiritalis unctio.*

*Tu, septiformis munere,  
digitus paternae dexteræ,  
Tu rite promissum Patris,  
sermone ditans guttura.*

*Accende lumen sensibus:  
infunde amorem cordibus:  
infirma nostri corporis  
virtute firmans perpeti.*

*Hostem repellas longius,  
pacemque dones protinus:  
ductore sic te praevio  
vitemus omne noxium.*

*Per te sciamus da Patrem,  
noscamus atque Filium;  
Teque utriusque Spiritum  
credamus omni tempore.*

*Deo Patri sit gloria,  
et Filio, qui a mortuis  
surrexit, ac Paraclito,  
in saeculorum saecula.*

**Amen.**



# PRAYERS OF COMMITMENT

# Prayer of Commitment

## 1st Form

**B**LESSED ARE THOSE  
*who hear the word of God*  
And live it day after day [cf Lk 11:28]

*Let us entrust ourselves to God and renew our dedication to our mission on behalf of young people. Let us call on Mary for the gift of fidelity.*

*Most Holy and immaculate Virgin Help of Christians*

Mother of the Church,

you inspired the founding of our Congregation,  
and you remain their support.

We place ourselves under your motherly protection,  
and faithful to our Salesian vocation

we promise to work always for the greater glory of God  
and the salvation of the world.

*With trust in your intercession,*

We pray for the Church,

for our community and for the whole Salesian Family,

for all young people especially those in most need,

and for all redeemed by Christ.

*You were Don Bosco's teacher,*

Show us how to imitate his virtues:

especially his union with God,

his purity, humility, and poverty,

his love for work and for temperance,

his kindness and wholehearted service of others,

his loyalty to the Pope and to the bishops of the Church.

*Pray for us, O Mary Help of Christians,*

That we may serve God with fidelity and generosity until death.

Help us to come at last to the endless joy of life together

in our Father's home in heaven. **Amen.**

# Prayer of Commitment

## 2nd Form

**Y**OUR WORD, O GOD,  
*is a lamp to my feet,*  
And a light to my path [Ps. 119:103]

*Let us entrust our fidelity to our vocation to Mary, our Mother and our Help*

Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, and our Mother  
we entrust ourselves to you  
that we may live in total availability to God  
for the redemption of the world.

*You are the Mother and Help of the Church*

Protect our Holy Father, Pope Benedict,  
all bishops, priests and religious;  
Open the hearts of the young to the Lord's call,  
and help them to follow him with courage and fidelity.  
Watch over our community and the entire Salesian Family,  
our relatives and benefactors, our past pupils,  
and all the young entrusted to our care.

*Mother and Model of the Church,*

Teach us to live, like you,  
in patient charity, joyful humility,  
and purity of heart,  
that we may be signs  
of your presence in the world.

*O Mary, Help of Christians*

Make us faithful to our vocation  
and give us the certainty of your protection  
in every circumstance of life  
and at the moment of death.  
Help us to overcome every form of evil and sin  
so that, with you and like you,  
we may glorify the Lord now and forever.

# Prayer of Commitment

## 3rd Form

**I** TAKE DELIGHT  
*in your statutes*

I will not forget your word [Ps 119:16]

*Mary, our Mother and Help of Christians guided and assisted Don Bosco in his mission on behalf of youth. Let us ask her to protect each one of us, to assist our community and to guide the entire Salesian Family.*

*Most holy and Immaculate Virgin Mary,*  
we look up to you, humble servant of the Lord,  
and with you thank the Father  
for having worked in us the marvels of his love.

We renew our “yes” to his plan of salvation  
for which he has consecrated us  
with a Salesian vocation,  
to be signs and bearers of God’s love for the young,  
especially for the poorest and most in need.

Teach us to be faithful to the Holy Spirit  
and to follow the example of Saint John Bosco  
in leading a life of simplicity and poverty,  
of work and temperance,  
of fraternal love and dialogue,  
of dedication and prayer.

Pray for us, Helper of the Church.  
You have walked in faith and in love  
and now you live in the glory of your Son.  
Grant that we may serve  
with fidelity and generosity  
and reach the joy for full communion  
in our Father’s home. **Amen.**

# Prayer of Commitment

## 4th Form (from *Vita Consecrata*)

**I**N THE MORNING

*let us know your love*

And we shall praise you with joy throughout the day.

*Let us address our prayer to Mary our Mother, who desires the spiritual and apostolic renewal of all her sons and daughters in a response of love and complete dedication to Christ.*

*Virgin of the Visitation, we entrust ourselves to you that we may go forth to meet human needs, to bring help, and above all, to bring Jesus.*

Teach us to proclaim the mighty things which the Lord accomplishes in the world, that all peoples may extol the greatness of his name.

Support us in our work for the poor, the hungry, those without hope, the little ones and all who seek your Son with a sincere heart.

Mary our Mother, you did the will of the Father, ever ready in obedience, courageous in poverty and receptive in fruitful virginity.

Obtain from your divine Son that all who have received the gift of following him in the consecrated life may bear witness with their lives, as they joyfully make their way with all their brothers and sisters towards our heavenly homeland and the light which shall never grow dim.

We ask you this, that in everyone and in everything glory, adoration and love may be given to the Most High Lord of all things, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



**Prayer for every FIN Community**

# TARLAC

## Don Bosco Technical Institute

(1951) 1952

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the EPC of Don Bosco Technical Institute-Tarlac / to form the youth to become servant-leaders / who are men of prayer / and who contribute to social transformation.

Assist them as they commit themselves / to a holistic education in the context of the Preventive System. / Inspire them to develop their giftedness and power of choice. / Rouse them to work within a culture of excellence / and a spirit of collaboration. / Give them the passion and the resources / to break new grounds as they surmount setbacks / and respond to the new realities of the times.

Help the confreres to live the grace of unity / as you enable them to integrate / their diligence in daily prayer and their dynamism in the apostolate / with their human relationships in community life.

Make this communion of heart and action among confreres always perceptible / so as to inspire collaboration in the mission / and confidence in their capacity to leap for their vision.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# DAW 2

**MAKATI**  
**San Ildefonso Parish**  
**(1951) 1956**

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the Parish of San Ildefonso-Makati  
/ to be a community of Christ's disciples.

Strengthen them so that they may be committed / to  
their preferential option for the poor, / their  
partnership with the youth, / their purpose for the  
building of the basic ecclesial communities, / and their  
passion in responding to the challenges of the times.

Sustain the confreres in their desire for ongoing  
formation / so that they in turn continue to integrate  
in their parish activities / the depth of their pastoral  
updating. / Preserve their active participation / in  
the wider world of the local church and the Salesian  
province.

Increase their energy to place in their parish activities /  
youth ministry at the center / and vocation ministry as  
its crown.

Help the confreres to always seek the right rhythms /  
amidst their apostolic work / in favor of deepening  
their spiritual experience with the community / and  
of manifesting to this same community / the primacy  
of God in their personal lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# MANDALUYONG

## Don Bosco Technical College

(1952) 1953

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have empowered the EPC of Don Bosco  
Technical College-Mandaluyong / to educate and  
evangelize the youth / to assert gospel and authentic  
Filipino values in their daily affairs.

Enable them to form servant-leaders / who contribute to  
social progress / that is based on justice with charity, /  
prosperity with honor, and technology with a soul. /  
Guide them as they journey with the youth / in an  
environment permeated by the Preventive System.

Commit them to a culture of excellence and competence,  
/ higher and continuous learning, / and networking  
with all the forces that work for the good of the youth.

Sustain the synergy and support / that the confreres give  
to one another / amidst the complexity of their  
apostolate. / Deepen their relationships as friends  
beyond functions, / and their prayerfulness above  
activities.

Intensify their efforts to honor their track and tradition  
/ as a seedbed of vocations for priestly and religious  
life, / a school for leaders in church and society, / and a  
community of formed lay mission partners.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# MAKATI

## Don Bosco Technical Institute

(1952) 1956

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the EPC of Don Bosco Technical Institute-Makati / to empower the youth to be servant-leaders / in the Church and in society, / and to be competent young men for technology-related careers.

Animated by the spirit of Don Bosco, / inspire the members of the EPC to provide the youth / with a dynamic human and spiritual formation, / to become a powerhouse for vocations, / and to be at the forefront of quality education / that is open to new paradigms and creative expressions.

Strengthen the formation of our lay mission partners / in roles of leadership or animation.

Sustain the efforts of the confreres / to be profound in their spiritual experiences, / contented in their fraternal relationships, / daring in their educative and pastoral programs, / and generous with their resources.

Enable the active confreres to treasure the redemptive value / of the presence and penitence of the sick and aging confreres / entrusted to their care and company.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# MABALACAT

## Don Bosco Academy

(1958) 1961

# DAY 5

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the EPC of Don Bosco Academy-  
Mabalacat / to form the youth within the context  
of the Preventive System / to be integrated persons  
and servant-leaders.

Enable them to mold the youth into persons / who utilize  
their power of choice / and harness their giftedness /  
to become catalysts of social transformation, / and  
to equip them with technology skills / as means to  
become productive citizens.

Instill in the students / love of family, community, and  
country / and in their mentors a spirit of collaboration /  
with all the forces that work for the good of youth.

Sustain the good will of each confrere / to be present  
together in moments of prayers and meals; / to foster an  
atmosphere of camaraderie and companionship; / and to  
coach and challenge each other / to diligence in one's  
duties.

Enable the confreres / to animate the other members  
of the Salesian Family / and to involve the lay mission  
partners / within the animating nucleus.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# CANLUBANG

## Sacred Heart Post-Novitiate

(1963) 1964

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the Post-Novitiate House  
in Canlubang / to be a formative community  
who journey together / towards maturity and holiness  
in their Salesian vocation.

Infuse in each confrere the grace to live joyfully and  
faithfully / the commitments he assumed in his first  
profession / and to strike deeper roots in his Salesian  
identity.

Grant that the formators devote their time and tranquility / to help the newly professed confreres / achieve a progressive integration of faith, culture and life.

Together with an adequate philosophical, pedagogical and catechetical preparation / that is in tune with the times, / enable those in initial formation / to prepare for their practical training phase / and to complete their maturing process / with perpetual profession in view.

Instill in our confreres a missionary sensitivity / and to dialogue with different cultural traditions. / Teach them prayer habits which can guide them / to self-reflection, gainful insights, / and personal attachment to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# TONDO

## Don Bosco Youth Center

(1968) 1969

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have given life to the EPC of Don Bosco Youth Center-Tondo / with the Salesian spirit and mission. / Inspire them to pursue the integral formation of the poor and abandoned youth / towards becoming good Christians and honest citizens.

Preserve and permeate in their educative and pastoral / environment / our pedagogy of reason, religion, and loving kindness / so that the members may in turn become bearers of the gospel / and the teachings of the Church to their peers. / Teach them to value their contribution towards building a community / where God, neighbor, self, and nature are loved.

Rooted in daily communion with you in prayers, / we pray that the confreres / continue to appreciate one another's gifts, / understand one another's limitations, / and fill up whatever else is lacking / for the greater good of their complex ministries. / Enhance their cordial collaboration / with the other members of the Salesian Family / and their efforts to recruit vocations to the priestly and religious life / as the crown of their youth ministry.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# PARAÑAQUE

## Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians

(1972) 1974

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the parish / of the National Shrine  
of Mary, Help of Christians-Parañaque / to  
become formed and committed disciples / who  
promote and organize basic ecclesial communities /  
as a way of being Church / and experiencing a  
communion of love.

Imbue them with the Salesian spirit / and protect them  
under the guidance of our Lady / so that through an  
integral evangelization / they may journey with the  
youth and the poor, / build communion among  
families, / and spread devotion to Mary, Help of  
Christians.

Preserve the spirit of cordiality, confidence, and  
camaraderie among the confreres. / Promote in the  
confreres the sense of participation / and the skills  
for synergy, among themselves / and with the laity, /  
in the smooth running of the house and the parish. /  
Keep them rooted in their personal and communitarian  
resonance with you in prayer, / so that they will always  
shine forth with the depth of their zeal / and the cred-  
ibility of their witness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 9

**MAYAPA**  
**Parish of Mary, Help of Christians**  
(1974) 1989

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have built the Parish of Mary, Help of  
Christians-Mayapa / as a dynamic evangelizing  
community / centered on the Word of God / and  
founded on the involvement of the laity.

We are grateful for the first confreres / who spent fully  
their energy and expertise / to take the first steps and  
ensure the growth in the faith / especially of those  
living in the rural communities.

Imbue our confreres now with the spirit of stewardship /  
so that they may safeguard the patrimony of the past /  
and adopt new ways of transmitting the faith / to the  
changing time and demographics of the parish. /  
Intensify their catechetical and campus ministry.

Help them discern the new paradigms of managing their  
work / suited to the new families and young students  
/ and workers migrating in their area. / Keep them ever  
sensitive to the social issues of their context, / especially  
the plight of the farmers.

Anchor them in a life of personal and communitarian prayer.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# DAY 10

**MAKATI**  
Parish of St. John Bosco  
(1976) 1989

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the Parish of St. John Bosco-Makati  
/ to be a community of Christ-centered and  
socially-committed families / with preferential care for  
the youth and the poor.

Assist them in their vision of establishing basic ecclesial  
communities / that prioritize the alleviation of the poor  
/ and the evangelization of the unchurched.

Increase the passion of the confreres as a community  
/ in caring for the migrant youth. / Confirm them in  
their resolve / to give meaningful celebrations of the  
sacraments / to those who come to them in need. /  
Strengthen them in their advocacy for good government  
/ and a civil society that is in communion with the local  
church.

Infuse in them the importance of each one's presence  
in common prayers / and participation in the wider life  
of the church and the province. / Make their practice  
of poverty more pronounced and perceptible / so that  
they become better witnesses / of a life fully trusting in  
the providence of God / and in the divine recompense  
of a simple life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# MISSIONS

## Papua New Guinea / Solomon Islands

(1980) (2001)

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have sent the Salesians  
to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands / as  
primary animators of educative-pastoral communities /  
that educate and evangelize the youth, / especially  
those non-selected and marginalized by the scholastic  
system.

Imbue the confreres with the heart of the Good  
Shepherd, / as they journey with the lay mission  
partners / to become signs and bearers of God's love  
for the youth.

Assist them in their mission of leading the youth /  
towards an integral human and Christian maturity /  
through an acculturated Preventive System and  
Salesian Youth Spirituality.

Spur them to live together as brothers and friends / so  
that through mutual concern and correction / they  
safeguard each other's vocation / as men consecrated  
to Christ.

Secure them in their inner resources / through a constant  
life of personal and communitarian prayer. / Give them  
continuing support of material and human resources /  
so that they can spread your Gospel / even to the most  
remote and forgotten places.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 12

**MAKATI**  
**St. Francis de Sales Community**  
**(1981) 2008**

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the community of St. Francis de Sales-Makati / to spread the Word of God and the teachings of the faith / through the means of social communications.

Empower the lay staff with the needed qualifications, / as we thank you for their personal dedication to their work, / so that they may exercise the expertise / and efficiency needed in the field of media.

Look upon our confreres and preserve them in this spirit / as they relate to each other with gentlemanly dispositions, / edify each other through their diligence and delivery in their work, / and give and receive mutual corrections with forbearance. / Bless them in their optimism, / that though some problems may not have immediate solutions, / they take the patient strides towards the ideal situation / they want to happen. / Gather them under the shadow of your wings, / in personal and community prayers, / fully aware of your constant presence and providence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 13

## BATULAO

### Mary, Help of Christians Center of Spirituality (1984) 1989

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have given our confreres in Don Bosco-  
Batulao / a place where people in need of  
renewal and healing / can find a sacred space.

Provide through these our confreres / a Salesian  
atmosphere rich with welcome and wisdom, / so that  
by way of psycho-spiritual and vocational guidance, /  
people who come to them, especially the youth, /  
in moments scheduled or unannounced, / will find a  
place of acceptance and accompaniment.

Give to young couples / who come to our  
Chapel-on-the-Hill for wedding ceremonies /  
a Christ-centered foundation in building a new family.

Give to the poor young scholars / who frequent our  
Sunday oratory from the nearby barrios / the resources  
to bring their studies to completion / and their place in  
the field of work a secure advantage.

Bless our confreres with a fraternal love / that is  
anchored in daily prayer / and affirmed by each one's  
desire to be inserted and involved.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 14

**PANSOL**  
**Don Bosco Tabor House**  
**(1990) 1994**

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have reinvented the Don Bosco Tabor House  
in Pansol / as a community of formators dedicated  
to research and renewal / in the interest of the ongoing  
formation of the confreres.

With them, we pray for those among us / in need of  
integrating or reclaiming their personhood, / so that  
we may not be eaten up by our ministry / and redirect  
ourselves to Christ / who has consecrated us to himself.

Give to the confreres of the house / the spirit of  
reverence and respect / for the inner transitions in  
the life of our confreres. / Provide them with human  
resources needed / for the renewal programs  
customized for confreres who need them.

Give to the confreres / who avail of the place and the  
experience / the opportunity to go back to the sources  
/ and springtime of every Salesian's commitment to  
Christ / who called us to be apostles to the young. /  
Renew our fascination for Christ to the point of  
following him / on the mountain of transfiguration and  
the hill of the cross.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 15

**SAN JOSE**  
**Don Bosco Training Center**  
(1998) 1999

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the Salesians and lay mission partners / of Don Bosco Training Center in San Jose / to train the youth in the rural areas / to be servant-leaders of their peers, / among their people, in their parishes.

Be present to them as they teach the youth / to value their own self-worth, / respect their family, / protect their natural environment, and deepen their faith. / Inculcate in them the proper work attitudes, / the right leadership skills, / and the needed resources towards agro-technical excellence. / Inspire them to invest sufficient energies / on behalf of their family ministry.

Preserve the sense of brotherhood of the confreres, / shield them from the snares of isolation, / and reward their spirit of joy and optimism. / Encourage them in their involvement in the works of the local church. / Defend their integrity and credibility / as signs and bearers of your love / through a personal and common life rooted in prayer.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 16

**MAKATI**  
Provincial House  
1995

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have formed the confreres of the Provincial House in Makati / as a community of disciples / for the work of service, solidarity and synergy of the whole Province.

Imbue them always with the spirit of attention and availability / to every confrere and collaborator in the mission. / Strengthen the bond of their unity / as they strive to be present to each other / in moments of meals and meetings, work and prayer, leisure and listening.

Enlarge this sense of communion with the other members of the Salesian Family / and with the local Church / through their service of animation and coordination.

Keep the lay mission partners serene in their service, / reserved with the confidences that go with their jobs, / and efficient especially in matters with greater importance and consequences / to the other confreres and houses of the province.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 7

## CANLUBANG

### Pre-Novitiate Community (1968) 1996

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have ordained that the Pre-Novitiate House  
in Canlubang / offer to those who seek to discern  
their vocation to the Salesian life / an environment and  
suitable programs / to enable the aspirants to mature in  
their vocational choice.

Empower our aspirants to adopt / a clear attitude of  
commitment to their own formation, / while being  
guided by their formators. / Free them from internal  
and external pressures. / Give them physical wellbeing  
/ required by the rigors of the Salesian mission. / Equip  
them with the ability of knowing oneself and mak-  
ing oneself known, / a serene affectivity, the capacity  
for relationship, / a sense of responsibility, an upright  
conscience and openness to situations, / and a solid  
intellectual and spiritual life.

Commit the formators to that ready availability / for  
personal contact and vocation dialogue. / Bestow  
upon them the kind of fatherliness / that loves from  
the heart and exacts from behavior. / Cultivate in the  
formation team a constant attention / on how the  
circumstances of young people are evolving / so as to  
respond courageously and creatively.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# DAY 8

## PARAÑAQUE

### Don Bosco Center of Studies 1997

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have gathered together a community of  
disciples / in Don Bosco Center of Studies – Parañaque  
/ to form youth ministers and educators in the faith /  
who are faithful to the Magisterium of the Church /  
and enriched by the Salesian spirit.

We thank you for blessing them with a rich diversity of  
charisms, cultures and competencies, /for which they  
experience communion / in a genuine family spirit.

Enable the Salesian staff to transcend their differing  
voices, / bend their minds to forestall resentments, /  
extend their understanding to preserve the fraternal  
relationship, / and bring to their meals the gift of  
laughter and leisure. / Update continuously their  
academic preparations with new paradigms and  
pedagogies / so as not only to communicate God / but  
to communicate like God in the changing contexts.

Make them treasure a rhythm of life / that is rooted in  
personal and communitarian prayer / so as to increase  
their spiritual buoyancy and moral stamina, / and  
deepen their intellectual vigor and human  
relationships.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 19

**SANTA ROSA**  
**St. John Bosco Parish**  
**(1997) 2001**

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have willed that the Parish of St. John Bosco  
– Sta. Rosa / become a Christ-centered community.

Keep the families committed to their Christian life /and  
united in love and service.

Teach the youth to be faithful to Christ / and to be  
formed into servant-leaders. / Invite the young workers  
to receive formation in their faith.

Enable the parish community to establish basic ecclesial  
communities; / celebrate the sacraments meaningfully;  
/ practice the spirit and system of St. John Bosco; / and  
promote devotion to Mary, Help of Christians.

Preserve in the confreres / the spirit of collaboration with  
all the forces / that seek to improve the quality of life /  
in the sprouting residential and educational areas.

Give to the confreres a discerning heart and creative  
flexibility / as they face the fast-paced urbanization  
/ and migration in their locality. / Infuse in them the  
passion / to seek out those marginalized by develop-  
ment / and to stand for the rights of those / who may  
be unjustly displaced. / Keep them centered in Christ /  
adored in the Blessed Sacrament.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 20

**NAGA**  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish & Don Bosco Training Center  
1999

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have ordained that the Salesians work / in the  
Parish of Mt. Carmel and the Don Bosco Training  
Center in Naga / to train the youth and our  
parishioners / to be agents of change in the Bicol region.

Enable the Salesians and their lay mission partners / to  
contribute to the alleviation of poverty, / the  
integration of the faith with life and culture, / and the  
formation into servant-leaders of the youth.

Impart to these young people of the rural areas / the  
right values and attitudes / and develop in them the  
appropriate skills / to become benchmarks in the field  
of technology / and catalysts of social transformation.

Shower upon these our settings / the human and  
material resources that will ensure / the development  
and sustainability of our works.

Reward our confreres with that contentment and  
consolation / which come only from you / for a daily  
life of simplicity and frugality. / Keep sacred their mo-  
ments of prayers and meals together. / Assist them as  
they invite, accompany, discern and support / voca-  
tions to the Salesian life from the place.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 21

## LEGAZPI

### Don Bosco Agro-Mechanical Training Center 2001

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have placed the work of the Don Bosco  
Agro-Mechanical Technology Center in Legazpi /  
among the rural folks of the Bicol region.

Empower the lay mission partners / as they work with  
the Salesians in forming the youth / into productive  
citizens and apostolic Christians.

Nourish with your love their dedication to live the system  
and spirituality of Don Bosco / as they train the youth  
of the farms / towards an independent and productive  
management of their lives.

Shower them with the needed human and material  
resources / to enable the work to sustain itself. / Assist  
them as they reach out to the families of our students.

Invite more of our young people / to work in your  
vineyard as priests and religious.

Grant to our confreres serenity and harmony. / Bestow  
your providence in the midst of their frugal life. / Be  
their consolation in moments of fatigue and isolation.  
/ Keep their vocation secure / and their spiritual life  
nourished in prayer.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# ALABANG

## Tuloy sa Don Bosco Street Children Village 2001

# DAY 22

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have shown to us in these our new times /  
the marvels of your divine providence / and of  
St. John Bosco's spirit and system / in our work for  
street children in Tuloy sa Don Bosco-Alabang.

You reveal to us a new form of community life / as  
recognized by our congregation, / where Salesians are  
present with the Franciscan Missionaries of the Infant  
Jesus / and the many committed lay volunteers.

Sustain with your grace and the graciousness of  
benefactors / the compelling vision of this community /  
for the street children to be redeemed from  
helplessness / and empowered to choose right.

Shower upon them the best gifts from heaven and earth /  
so that they continue to be an excellent center / in the  
reintegration of street children into mainstream society  
/ through a comprehensive program of caring, healing  
and teaching.

Preserve the serene and safe atmosphere.

Nourish the cordial camaraderie, the laborious lifestyle, /  
and the daily dedication of the community to their  
vocation / to render present the love of Christ to the  
last and the least of the little ones.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 23

**CANLUBANG**  
**Don Bosco College**  
**2008**

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have embarked the EPC of Don Bosco College  
in Canlubang / on a quest for the greater things /  
with the firm conviction that every person is a child of God.

Permeate with your grace all the members / with an  
environment enriched by the family spirit of Don Bosco  
/ and founded on reason, religion and loving kindness.

Commit them to the integral formation of servant-leaders  
/ capable of contributing to social transformation.

Form them towards becoming a respected institution /  
especially of higher education / and a resource center  
in the fields of philosophy, education and technology.

Involve the lay mission partners / to a larger participation  
and animation.

Preserve in the confreres / their regularity in common  
prayers, meals, / and moments of unstructured  
togetherness.

Give them the joy of return to common life after their  
apostolic work.

Instill in them an acute sense of appreciation and  
responsibility / for their privileged situation with  
vocations promotion.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 24

**MANDALUYONG**  
**St. Dominic Savio Parish**  
**2008**

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have called the Parish of St. Dominic Savio in  
Mandaluyong / to be a community centered in  
Christ / and united to each other.

Make straight the path of truth / as they spread the  
gospel of Christ. / Lead the youth to the way that  
leads to the fullness of life. / Help married couples / to  
strengthen the bonds of their family life.

Continue to enable our confreres /to appreciate each  
other's contribution in the ministries / and work  
together with creativity / in meeting the challenges  
of the new times. / Strengthen them in their campus  
ministry / and seminary recruitment.

Sustain their passion for their work in the youth center.  
/ Support them as they form youth leaders and adult  
volunteers / who actively animate the socio-pastoral  
projects / especially for those who are disadvantaged  
and marginalized.

Make sacred the time reserved by them for common  
prayers / to strengthen their life of faith / and their  
moments when they can step back from the cares of  
their work / to nourish their life of friendship.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# DAY 25

## MANGILAO, GUAM

### Fr. Dueñas Memorial School (2009)

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you have opened to the Salesians the educative  
and pastoral work / in the Fr. Dueñas Memorial  
School in Mangilao, Guam.

Give to all the staff, students, and stakeholders in this  
school / the fidelity to preserve the Catholic faith / and  
the zeal to live the Church's values / in an increasingly  
secular and cross-cultural society.

Open the minds and hearts of the lay people / to the  
changes appropriate to the new times.

Give to our confreres the competence and cordiality / to  
bring our lay people to collaborate as mission partners.

Enable the young people to cooperate in their formation  
/ towards becoming productive citizens / and gospel-  
centered leaders of society.

Give to our confreres the passion for the salvation of  
souls, / the prudence whenever discipline or  
direction is demanded, / and the presence that bridges  
the distance / and breeds the confidence of these  
young people.

Give to our confreres the consolation of your presence in  
their life of prayer / and the joy of return to their  
common life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# 26<sup>th</sup> GC DIRECTIONS

## Return to Don Bosco & the Young

### 2009

# DAY 26

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you ask us to return to Don Bosco and to the young.

Move us from a superficial knowledge of Don Bosco,  
/ to a serious and committed study of the history,  
pedagogy, ministry and spirituality / of our Father and  
Founder, and of the reflection of the Congregation.

Move us from a ministry focused on activities to be  
carried out, / to a ministry more attentive to  
encountering the young / where they are to be found.

Encourage our confreres, together with our lay mission  
partners / and the members of the Salesian Family, /  
to update ourselves in Salesian studies / and to keep  
ourselves deeply rooted / in the sources of our Salesian  
charism.

Help us to imitate Don Bosco as we invoke him, / and  
make him known as we study him.

Cultivate in us a constant and more focused attention /  
on how the circumstances of young people / are  
evolving in their own area.

Protect the Salesians from feeling that the world of our  
youth is difficult and distant, / and never let this result  
in physical and affective distance from them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# 26<sup>th</sup> GC DIRECTIONS

## Need for Evangelization

### 2009

# DAY 27

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you call us to propose to the young / the joy and  
courage that they live their lives / in the way your  
Son Jesus Christ lived his.

Move us from an individualist mentality, /to a  
communal style which involves / the young, families  
and lay people / in proclaiming Jesus Christ.

Move us from an evangelization / made up of events  
lacking continuity, to a systematic and integrated  
evangelization program.

Move us from a model of evangelization / aimed only at  
transformation of the person, / to an evangelization  
which also looks / to transforming social and political  
structures.

Strengthen the preparation of our confreres / and our  
lay mission partners / particularly in the areas of youth  
ministry, /catechetics, liturgy, missiology, and social  
communications.

Enlighten us to accompany and assess / the quality of  
teaching of religion and catechetics in our settings.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# 26<sup>th</sup> GC DIRECTIONS

## Need for Vocational Ministry

### 2009

# DAY 28

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you challenge us to witness with courage and joy /  
to the beauty of a consecrated life / dedicated  
totally to God in the mission to the young.

Move us from a vague and occasional vocational invitation,  
/ to one of focused and attentive planning / that  
creates a vocational culture.

Move us from a vocation ministry which we conduct alone,  
/ to projects shared with groups in the Salesian Family  
and with the local Church.

Foster among our confreres a strong sense of belong-  
ing / in order to witness to the value of living and working  
together.

Move us from setting up vocation ministry / as a  
response to the problem of a lack of vocations, / to one  
where we rediscover the joy / of helping young people  
find out God's plan for them.

Move us from a vocation ministry / which is separate from  
youth ministry, / to one understood and experienced /  
as the very crown of youth ministry.

Enlighten us as we study the possibilities / for new forms  
of aspirantate / in order to have one of more  
communities / where vocational accompaniment of  
young candidates can take place.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# 26<sup>th</sup> GC DIRECTIONS

## Evangelical Poverty

### 2009

# DAY 29

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you ask us to give credible / and courageous  
witness to evangelical poverty, / lived personally  
and as a community / in the spirit of Don Bosco's  
*"da mihi animas, cetera tolle."*

Move us from a local mindset which is closed in on itself,  
/ to a provincial and global spirit of solidarity.

Ensure among us an equitable distribution of resources /  
and a tenor of life which is common for all communities.

Move us from our inadequate skills, / to a more profes-  
sional approach in administration.

Move us from the management of resources from a  
proprietary mindset, / to an awareness that we are  
stewards of the goods entrusted to us.

Guide our province as it accompanies the financial  
management of individual houses / with the help of  
competent lay people.

Educate our communities to be ecologically sensitive, /  
and guide the province as it supports initiatives /  
concerning respect for the environment, / use of  
alternative energy, and economical use of resources.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# 26<sup>th</sup> GC DIRECTIONS New Frontiers 2009

# DAY 30

**L**OVING FATHER,

you call us to put courageous choices into place /  
on behalf of poor young people and those at risk.

Move us from an occasional attention to poor young people, / to lasting and focused projects in their service.

Send more qualified confreres and lay personnel / who can involve young people who are poor and at risk /to become themselves active agents of their own personal development / and the transformation of the social and political field.

Move us from a youth ministry insufficiently attentive to family contexts, / to one of greater investment of energies on behalf of the family.

Assist the confreres in fostering family ministry projects / together with lay people and the Salesian Family.

Move us from a timid attitude and sporadic presence in media, / to one of responsible use and a more incisive educative and evangelizing animation, / particularly in the field of the “new digital continent.”

Enlighten the confreres in laying down a realistic strategy / which favors a more incisive presence in the media world, / as well as youthful and popular artistic expression.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# PRAYER FOR FORMATION

## Initial & Ongoing Formation

2010

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you give us the gift of our Salesian vocation, /  
calling us to be disciples of Jesus Christ, / with  
the spirit and mission of Don Bosco, / in  
communities formed to bear witness together / to the  
Good Shepherd's love for the young.

Help us to respond to this call and way of holiness / by  
committing ourselves to an adequate formation, / for  
which the Lord Jesus Christ gives us his daily grace.

Send us more formators capable of handling / the new  
realities in initial formation.

Enlighten them as they continually search / for new and  
effective ways of communication, / so as to remain  
alongside young people / in their development and  
journey of faith / and to enter into harmony with them.

Assist those who have made their perpetual vows / as  
they personalize their own formation growth.

Help them to integrate the challenges and contributions  
of each transition period, / confront their manifestations  
of vocational fragility, / and revitalize their commitment  
/ to an integral formation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# FIN VOCATION PRAYER

## Prayer for Vocations to the Salesian Life

### 2009

**L**OVING FATHER,  
you sow in the hearts of many young people /  
the seed of a vocation to the Salesian life.

You have willed that in the Salesian Society / priests and  
brothers shall live the same vocation / and mission for  
the benefit of youth.

You distribute ministries so that they may contribute / to  
the building of the one Body of Christ.

Open the hearts of young people to discover / and  
develop the gift of your call / as Salesian priests or lay  
brothers.

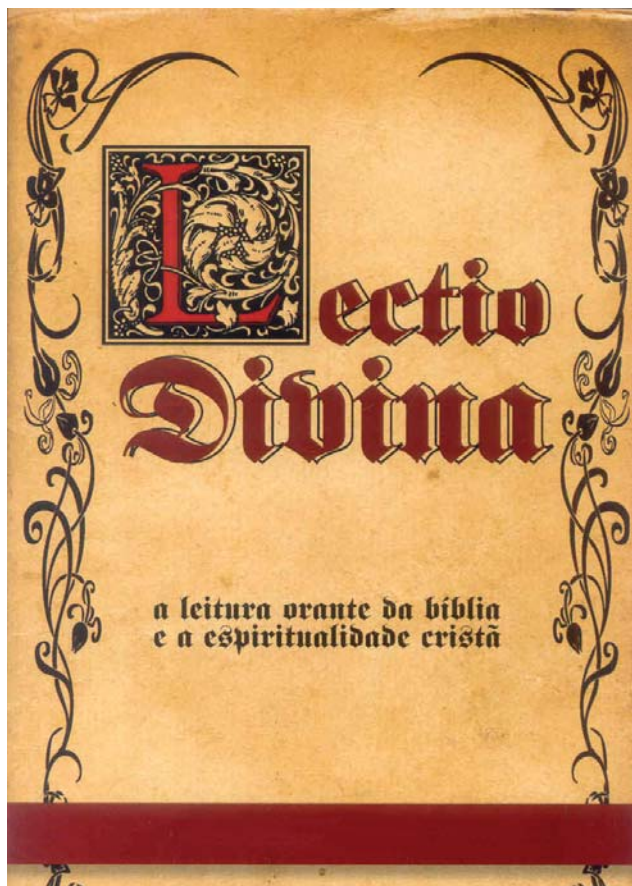
Enable the Salesians to accompany them / to discern  
your divine call, / with delicacy and respect, / through  
personal contact with them.

Foster in our Salesian communities the family  
atmosphere /so that many young people may find  
themselves at ease / and so be encouraged to get to  
know / and to follow the same vocation.

Grant that through the witness of our personal and  
community life, / in unreserved and joyful self-giving, /  
these young people may find the confirmation of their  
vocation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





## **SPIRITUAL READING**

# Prayer to the Holy Spirit

**C**OME, HOLY SPIRIT,  
*Fill the hearts of your faithful,  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit*

*And they shall be created.*

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

*Let us pray.*

O God, you have instructed the hearts

Of your faithful

By the light of the Holy Spirit.

Grant that through the same Holy Spirit

We may always be truly wise

And rejoice in his consolation.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Concluding Prayer

## 1st Form

**L**ET US PRAY GOD, OUR FATHER,  
*who in his love, assures us that he will hear our  
prayers.*

*You gave us Don Bosco as our father and teacher.*

Grant us the grace to be, like him,

The signs and bearers of your love to the young.

*May your grace make our apostolate fruitful.*

Help us to imitate the zeal and the loving kindness of  
St. Francis of Sales.

*Let us pray for vocations to the Salesian Congregation.*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, guide into the Salesian  
Congregation many good and zealous apostles,

And help them to persevere in their vocation.

*Comfort our brothers who are suffering,*

Especially those who are suffering for the faith.

Free them from all their pains and sorrows.

*Let us remember our departed brothers and sisters.*

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord,

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

And may the souls of the faithful departed

Through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

*Let us pray.*

O Lord, You have called us to follow you more closely

And to cooperate with you in the salvation of youth.

Grant us the grace to be faithful to our consecration and  
mission up to the end of our life.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Concluding Prayer

## 2nd Form

**W**E PRAY TO YOU, LORD,  
*through the intercession of  
Mary, Help of Christians and St. John Bosco,  
to bless and sanctify the Salesian Family.*

Preserve it in unity, fidelity and apostolic fruitfulness.

*We pray for the Rector Major and all the Salesians:*  
May they be holy and generous in their service of others.

*We pray for the Daughters of Mary, Help of Christians:*  
May their fervor and generosity be an inspiration at all times.

*We pray for the Volunteers of Don Bosco and others  
endowed with the Salesian consecration:*  
May we find in them constant and competent collaborators.

*We pray for all the Salesian Cooperators:*  
May the Holy Spirit strengthen their wills to fulfil their  
mission in joy and generosity.

*We pray for all the past pupils:*  
May they be salt of the earth and light of the world  
according to the spirit of St. John Bosco.

*We pray for the Salesians working for the young,  
especially the poor and abandoned:*  
May they always be signs and bearers of your love.

*We pray for the members dedicated to the service of adults, especially the poor:*

May they all be builders of the Church, totally at the service of God and man.

*We pray for those in mission lands:*

May they be zealous agents of development and evangelization.

*We pray for those in responsibility for their brothers and sisters:*

May they be wise guides who inspire truth and confidence.

*We pray for the deceased members of the Salesian Family:*

May the Lord reward them and admit them to the joys of eternal life.

*Let us pray.*

Heavenly Father,

Enrich with your love the entire Salesian Family.

By getting involved

In the throes and hopes of this world,

Especially those of the young,

May this Family generously contribute

To build up a community of love.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Concluding Prayer

## 3rd Form

**L**ORD, HAVE MERCY ON US.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Christ, have mercy on us.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Christ, hear us.*

Christ, graciously hear us.

*Holy Mary, Mother of God,*

Pray for the Salesian family.

*Holy Mary, Don Bosco's teacher and Madonna,*

Pray for the Salesian family.

*Holy Mary, foundress and support of our congregation,*

Pray for the Salesian family.

*Holy Mary, Immaculate Help of Christians,*

Pray for the Salesian family.

*St. Joseph, our patron and model in untiring work,*

Pray for the Salesian family.

*St. John Bosco, our founder, and apostle of youth,*

Pray for the Salesian family.

*St. Joseph Cafasso, Don Bosco's trusted spiritual guide,*

Pray for the Salesian family.

*St. Dominic Savio, crown of the Salesian educational system,  
Pray for the Salesian family.*

*St. Mary Mazzarello, cofoundress and Don Bosco's trusted  
collaborator,  
Pray for the Salesian family.*

*Blessed Michael Rua, Don Bosco's right hand and rock of  
Salesian fidelity,  
Pray for the Salesian family.*

*St. Leonard Murialdo and Blessed Guanella, true imitators  
to Don Bosco's apostolic zeal,  
Pray for the Salesian family.*

*Holy Salesians, Sisters, and Cooperators, our advocates  
before the Father and the Lamb,  
Pray for the Salesian family.*

*Let us pray.*

God, our Father,  
It has pleased you to make sanctity  
Flourish in the Salesian family.  
We thank you for so many saintly brothers and sisters  
You have given us.  
Send us your Spirit  
That we may feel his presence in our lives  
And walk with joy and perseverance  
Along the path of Salesian sanctity.  
This we ask through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Don Bosco Provincial House  
Makati City  
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