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## John Cagliero a Model Missionary!

Dear Missionaries, friends of the Salesian missions,  
Today you get the last issue of Cagliero11 for 2009. A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to its creation, publishing, text, design, translation and distribution! Since its birth it has brought many fruits and we want to continue with patience and perseverance, to reach all the Salesian community – so that that the missionary fire may be kept alive.

In many Provinces every 11th of the month is dedicated in keeping alive the missionary remembrance, to meet before the Lord all our missionaries.

Cagliero was chosen as the 'patron' of our newsletter since he headed the first missionary expedition of 11/11/1875. But in 2009, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Salesian Congregation, we also find his name among the 18 young people who have dedicated their lives to God with Don Bosco way back on December 18, 1859.

In this issue we see the figure of John Cagliero in the letter of Don Bosco. We also find a letter from the heart of a Salesian Cooperator who is captivated by the figure of Cagliero. All these could serve as a missionary preparation for the renewal of religious profession on 18 December.

I whole heartedly thank the Lord for all the missionaries I have met, mission places I have visited in 2009, remembering also all the Province delegates of missionary animation with which I have been in contact and in mutual exchange.

**Fr. Václav Klement, SDB**

*General Councilor for the Missions*



## We Need a Thousand Caglieros Today for the Salvation of the Young!

*I like your monthly newsletter "Cagliero11". I read it always with a great interest.*

*I am very happy to see the place that is given to Don Cagliero, because I am a fan of him. Studying the life and the spirit of Don Bosco, I discover that John Cagliero was always there, in the shadow of Don Bosco, during the great moment of the beginnings of the salesian family.*

*He played with Dominic Savio. He was in the first group of Salesians, with Cleric Michael Rua in 1859. His mother lived with Mama Margaret to help her, as well as with the mother of Don Rua. He lived at the side of Don Bosco with an unconditional loyalty and fidelity. He worked in Europe and Latin America with extreme generosity to realize the dreams of Don Bosco.*

*He was the first spiritual director of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians in Mornese. He assisted Mo. Mary Domenica Mazzarello when she died in 1881. He was also a musician. He administered the sacrament of Confirmation to Laura Vicuña. He supported all the missionaries who worked hard in Argentina (from 1875). He proved his Salesian devotion to the Pope, serving Him in the resolution of diplomatic problems in America. He became the first Salesian Bishop and the first Salesian Cardinal. I wonder, however, why he is not well known and honoured in the Salesian family. I think that his hour has come because we need a global vision of the worldwide mission of our Salesian family; vision that we think Cagliero had received from Don Bosco himself.*

*Unfortunately, there is no biography of Cardinal Cagliero in French, and the Italian ones have been written more than seventy years ago. I don't know the situation in Spanish. My dream is to write his biography in French to show that today we need thousands of Caglieros "to make of the Salesian family a vast movement of persons for the salvation of the young", as Don Chavez had pointed out.*

**René Dassy, Salesian Cooperator, past provincial coordinator of Belgium south**



## Don Bosco's Missionary Advice to Bishop Cagliero: "Charity, Patience, Kindness, Poverty"!

*My dear Bishop Cagliero,*

*Your letter gave me much pleasure, and although my eyesight is somewhat weak, I wanted to read it from beginning to end, despite the handwriting which you said you had inherited from me, but which has got worse than your tutor's original style! Others will answer the administrative matters. For my own part I will tell you what is happening.*

*In writing to the Propagation of the Faith, to the Work of Holy Childhood, take note of everything that the Salesians have done over different periods...*

*I am preparing a letter for D. Costamagna, and for your own guidance I will touch on the Salesian Spirit particularly, which we want to introduce into the houses in America.*

*Charity, patience, kindness, no humiliating reproofs, never any punishments, do good to everyone you can, and do wrong to no-one. This goes for the Salesians amongst themselves, their pupils, others, externs or interns. With regard to the relationships with our Sisters, use plenty of patience, but be rigorous in the observance of their Rules.*

*In general then, in our difficulties we will make every sacrifice to help; but recommend to everyone to avoid the building or acquiring of items which are not strictly needed for our use. Never acquire things just to sell them again; neither fields nor property nor buildings in order to make financial gain.*

*Try to help us in this way. Do what you can to have vocations both for the Sisters and for the Salesians but do not take on too many works. Those who want too much achieve nothing and wreck everything.*

*If you have occasion to be speaking with the Archbishop, Mons. Espinosa, or others, say that I am entirely at their service especially regarding matters back in Rome.*

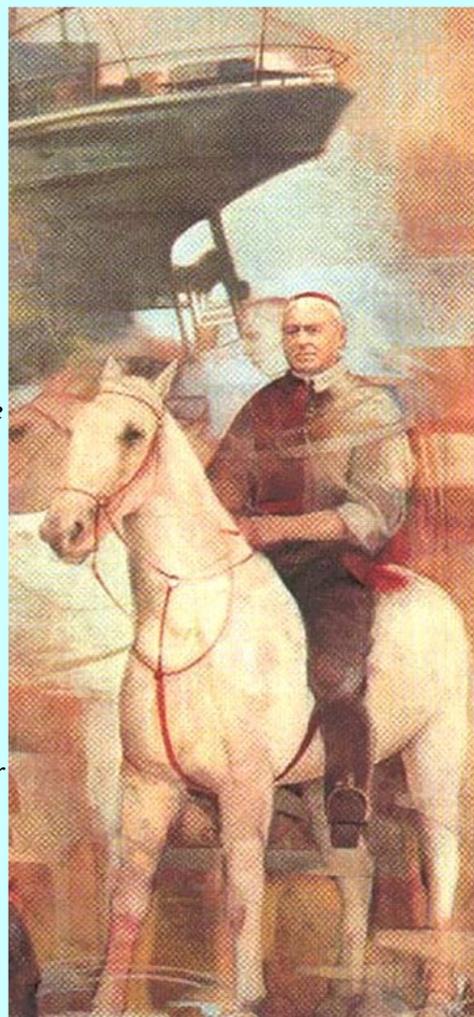
*Tell my niece Rosina to look after her health and to see that heaven is her one aim. Tell her to be sure to get there, but accompanied by the many souls she has saved.*

*May God bless all our Salesian sons, our Sisters, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. May he give everyone health, holiness and perseverance on the way to Heaven. Mornings and evenings we will pray for you at Mary's altar; and you, please pray too for this poor half-blind man who will always be with you in J. C.*

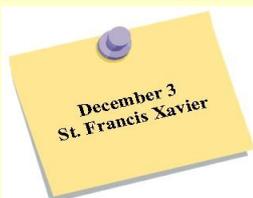
*Your affectionate friend,  
Fr. John Bosco,*

*Turin 6 August 1885.*

*PS: Countless people wish to be remembered to you and send their greetings.*



### salesian mission intention december 2009



*«That Salesians from the South Cone (Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil) may be disciples and missionaries of Christ especially amongst the poorest of young people. We pray to that they may offer, out of their poverty, vocations to the Church in Europe»*



*The Church in the Americas is called to a personal encounter with Christ who is salvation for all. The Lord asks them to be missionaries to families, in education - school, work and also mission ad gentes. Salesians from South Cone are now called to give, from their poverty, new vocations also to Europe, as they themselves have in the past received the help which enabled them to encounter Christ.*