

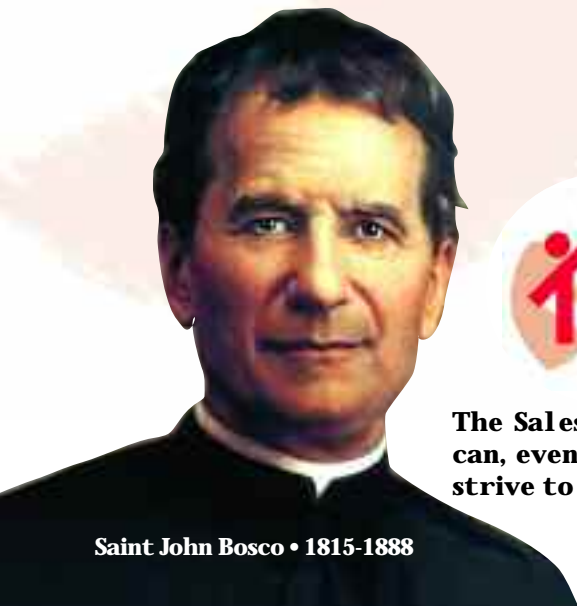


SALESIAN MISSIONS

# 2005 Annual Report



*Not just caring for the poor children of the world...  
But also teaching them to care for themselves!*



Saint John Bosco • 1815-1888



## The Salesian Philosophy

The Salesian objective is to teach young people various trades that will help them find decent jobs and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society.

The Salesians insist that the needy help themselves in whatever way they can, even minimally. They do not encourage dependence or paternalism, but strive to live up to the working maxim, "helping others to help themselves."

# FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK...



Dear Friend,

The 34,000 Salesian Priests, Brothers and Sisters consider you an essential and indispensable partner in the work they are doing for the young and the poor around the world.

By the latest count, we are working in over 130 countries and the work continues to grow in size and need. With the assistance of your prayers and financial support, we are making a tremendous impact in the lives of the needy with orphanages and homes, hospitals and clinics, nurseries and over 3,000 schools and youth centers. We have elementary and high schools, colleges and vocational, technical and agricultural schools.

Our mission is to improve the lives of poor, innocent children by:

- teaching them in our schools.
- guiding them in our youth centers.
- caring for them in our medical clinics.
- giving them food and a safe haven in our shelters.

Details of what we are accomplishing in various areas are given in our magazine *SALESIAN* and at our website: [www.salesianmissions.org](http://www.salesianmissions.org).

Many of the donations received from good friends like you have been multiplied by grants from a number of organizations. These include the U.S. Agency for International Development and COMIDE, a Belgian foundation. We are actively pursuing other organizations that will match your donations so even more poor children will benefit from your generosity.

2005 was a tough year for many... including our Missions. Devastating natural disasters caused loss and suffering for millions of people. Good hearted, generous Americans came to their aid as they always do.

Consequently, we did not receive as many donations as usual and some of our projects were delayed or underfunded. Also, donated goods we usually receive from the U.S. government and corporations were instead used for disaster relief.

The picture today is hopeful, but the challenges are many. Together, as PARTNERS in this worldwide network of giving help, aid and comfort, we must strive to live up to our maxim: "Helping others to help themselves." Together we can brighten the lives of poor children who desperately need our assistance.

If the many people you have helped through Salesian Missions could speak to you now, they would say "THANK YOU" for the chance to live a life of dignity. THANK YOU for your kindness and love. Because of your prayers and sacrifices, so many of God's children will realize a better, happier and healthier tomorrow. To this, I add my own sincere thanks and assurance of my prayers.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brother Emile".

Brother Emile Dubé, S.D.B.

P.S. Please pray that our good works continue, that the future will be prosperous and that all children wherever they may be, are treated with respect and decency.

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## THE MISSION...

*John Bosco was more than a priest from northern Italy. He was a priest who heard a special call to bring all young people to the awareness that God truly loves them. But John Bosco was not a man who was content only with words. By his actions he stood against an anti-religious age and reached out to the orphaned and abandoned children of the streets. He taught them working skills, restored their dignity, and gave them direction towards a positive and moral life.*

*John Bosco's philosophy was practical: Love what the young love! This sincere identification with the young effected a confidence and trust that would reach thousands of poor children in his lifetime, until his death on January 31, 1888, at age 72. John Bosco's legacy lives on today in a way that even he - a man of great vision - may have never imagined.*

## THE BEGINNING

It was the mid-1850s and times were bad for religion. The radical government in Italy was closing convents and monasteries and showing contempt for religion.

In the midst of this turmoil, a young priest wanted to begin a religious society of Brothers and Priests to help him care for young people. He knew that the government would never allow this. So with gospel shrewdness, he made friends with the Minister of Internal Affairs (who had written the anti-religion laws), and learned how he could get around the laws and establish a religious society.

Finally, on December 18, 1859, this young priest named John Bosco and eighteen young men - who were once poor street children he cared for - began a new society. John Bosco called them the "Salesians" after St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, whom he had always admired for his kindness and religious zeal.

A new era in caring for young people had begun.

## THE MISSION TODAY

With Priests, Brothers, and Sisters numbering more than 34,000, the Salesians serve almost three million youth in 131 countries. The Salesians improve the lives of poor youngsters through the teaching of skilled trades and scientific agriculture. There are 225 Salesian orphanages and shelters, 216 hospitals and clinics, 850 nurseries and 3,408 schools. Of these, 559 are vocational and technical, 91 agricultural, 1,440 high schools, 23 colleges, and 1,295 elementary schools.

In all these various programs, the spirit and the memory of John Bosco live on. The men and women who have followed in his footsteps have dedicated their lives to be friends, counselors, and educators of poor young people.

**"It is not enough  
to love the young.  
They must know that  
they are loved."**

**- St. John Bosco**



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“Remember that education is a matter of the heart, of which God alone is the Master, and we can do nothing unless God teaches us the art and gives the key in our hands.” – St. John Bosco

## TRADE SCHOOLS

A strikingly distinctive contribution of Salesian Missions is its 559 Trade/Technical schools. Through the teaching of job skills, poor youngsters will be able to earn a decent living while contributing to the development of their own countries.

These schools feature regular four-year courses designed to result in qualified workers able to take their place in industry. Some skilled trades commonly taught are tool and die-making, printing and allied trades, mechanics, electronics, welding, dressmaking, woodworking, computer and office skills.

Alongside this extended program is short-term training which lasts six to eighteen months and corresponds to our job-training courses. This program is conducted in the evenings so as to use school facilities to the maximum and to prepare many more young people for the working world with the skills that are in demand.



**2005 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:** *The enormous success of the Don Bosco Center in war-torn Kosovo led their government to use it as a model for the planning and implementation of other vocational training programs. They were most impressed with the high number of graduates who have successfully found work.*



## EDUCATION

By far the most important contribution that Salesian Missions has made to the youth of the world is in the field of education. In 3,408 schools around the world, the Salesians help over two million young people develop their personalities to the fullest so as to attain intellectual, emotional and spiritual maturity.

No stronger and more effective means of breaking the cycle of poverty and underdevelopment exists than education. For well over a hundred years, the Salesians have experienced how education gives the impoverished a sense of personal dignity and worth through their skilled work and consequent contribution to society.



**2005 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:** *The Salesian Center in Tonj, Sudan, reopened its doors in 2005 for the first time since the village was decimated in a series of bombings. Makeshift classrooms were set up and both adults and children who had been denied an education for the past 20 years – in many cases, an entire lifetime – sat side by side to learn to read and write.*



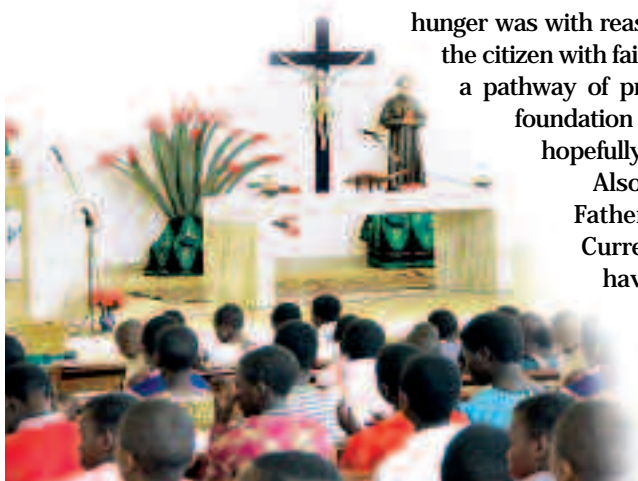
## MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Don Bosco was a zealous priest who believed that the only way to truly battle poverty, illiteracy, and hunger was with reason, religion, and kindness. For him, the properly formed and mature adult was the citizen with faith, who stands true to his own religious convictions. His educational process was a pathway of prayer, liturgy, sacramental life, and spiritual direction. To this day, this is the foundation on which all our youth programs and school curriculums are built. The result, hopefully, is young people with good morals, a respect for life, and a lasting faith.

Also, our Seminaries around the world are shaping young men into future Salesian Fathers and Brothers who will be tomorrow's leaders of faith and morality. Currently, we are fortunate to have over 200 candidates in our Seminaries who have been called by God to serve His church.



**2005 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:** *Without the Salesian Chapel Program, many people in the most remote and rural areas would not have a proper place to worship. With the help of good people in the US, Salesian missionaries around the world were given the funding to start construction on 27 new chapels in 2005.*



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**2005 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:** Salesians in the remote regions of Uruguay have provided valuable agricultural training to more than 1,600 rural students free of charge, and opened a new school in 2005 to serve an additional 370 students. Through agricultural training, hopefully these youngsters will stay in their villages and make better lives for themselves and their families instead of fleeing to the cities.

## AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS

In rural areas, knowing how to farm can make the difference between eating and going hungry. Since their beginning, the Salesians have made special efforts to help those in rural areas do a better job of feeding themselves and others in their communities.

Salesians staff 91 Agricultural schools serving rural youth and developing farm communities. These schools have become centers for training people in modern agricultural methods and new marketing techniques.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Salesians extend their work to the ill and disabled through 216 clinics and hospitals located mostly in rural areas. The care of victims afflicted with leprosy, also known as Hansen's disease, has been part of the Salesians' concern for the sick and suffering for well over a hundred years.

There are Salesian leper hospitals and leprosy control programs in Brazil, Colombia, India, Thailand, Macao, and a number of nations in Africa.



**2005 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:** In response to the epic AIDS crisis in Tanzania, Africa, the Salesians have established several programs to prevent the spread of the disease, while reaching out and helping those affected, especially orphaned children.



## EMERGENCY RELIEF

One of the ever-growing activities of Salesian Missions is emergency relief. Time and again, the Salesians have become involved in emergency efforts wherever there are victims of natural disasters, tragic circumstances or civil strife. Some of the current activity includes relieving famine in Africa, assisting flood victims in India, offering refugee assistance in Europe, and feeding undernourished children in the Philippines and in the slums of Haiti.



**2005 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:** Even though their buildings were not spared from damage, many of the Salesians in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast did not evacuate the area so that they could offer immediate assistance to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.



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# FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF WOMEN

Guidance, counseling and assistance for troubled families are important features of the Salesian social outreach programs. This activity is centered in 850 nurseries and in the many Salesian parishes and youth clubs. A stable and happy family life is the foundation for a healthy society. That is why it is one of the main concerns of the Salesians.

Half of the Salesian Family is composed of dedicated women, the Salesian Sisters, who give their lives for the education and advancement of women. In a variety of programs from elementary schools through college, the Salesian Sisters provide excellent educational opportunities for girls and women.

The outstanding quality of their training enables their alumnae to qualify for jobs on every level of production and management.

In addition, the Salesian Sisters are active in many social programs directly geared to working women, their issues and their advancement.



**2005 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:** *The dream of a much-needed hospital in Tetere in the Solomon Islands became a reality in 2005. Now young mothers and can get the instruction, support, and services they need to keep their children healthy and happy.*

## CHILDREN OF THE STREETS

One of the phenomena of modern times is the great increase of children living on the streets in the cities of underdeveloped countries around the world. The Salesians have addressed this problem by providing youth shelters and homes, which offer food, clothing, counseling and educational opportunities. Efforts are also made to reunite these children with their families if possible.

The Salesians are also active in communities with educational seminars and child-advocacy programs that promote and protect the well-being and the rights of these vulnerable boys and girls.

“He who  
welcomes a  
child in My name,  
welcomes Me.”

Luke 9:48

**2005 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:** *In Darhan, Mongolia, countless street children escape the sub-zero temperatures by living below the streets near hot water pipes. With the opening of a new center in 2005, these forgotten children now have a place to turn for hope, support, and guidance.*

## YOUTH CLUBS

Youth clubs are a very important sector of Salesian service to the young. Generally, they function side by side with Salesian schools and serve all the youngsters of an area, whether or not they attend the schools.

Their objective is to keep the young occupied in constructive activities during their leisure time and, through organized projects suited to age, to contribute to their growth and maturity. Several of the youth clubs have small medical clinics and, where needed, a lunch program to protect children from malnutrition.

**2005 PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:** *A new Salesian Youth Center in Abaetetuba, Brazil is giving abandoned and runaway children a healthy and productive outlet for their energies, where they can participate in team sports, make friends and find a better alternative to gangs and street life.*



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## Distribution of Funds

How Salesian Missions allocates its financial resources



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EXECUTIVES & BOARD MEMBERS AS OF JULY 1, 2005

### EXECUTIVES

Brother Emile Dubé *Executive Director*  
Rev. Thomas Brennan *Assistant Director*

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Rev. Steve Ryan *Councillor*  
Rev. Stephen Shafran *Councillor*

*All Board Members as well as Executives serve without pay.*

## SOURCES OF SUPPORT

### Private Support

The generous offerings of individual Americans account for most of the aid dispensed by Salesian Missions. They are received primarily through direct mail solicitations.

Schools, community groups - both secular and religious - foundations, private agencies and companies which offer matching funds account for the remaining portion of private funding.

### Support From Host Countries

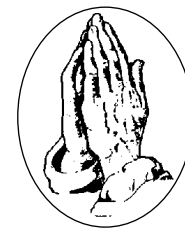
In line with the Salesian policy of not creating a passive dependence on outside help, Salesian Missions has fostered an attitude of "helping people help themselves." Salesian Missions seeks and obtains local funds, as well as assistance for its social programs from individuals, businesses and governments of host countries. These funds are not reflected in the distribution chart above.

### International and United States Agencies

Salesian Missions expresses its thanks to Catholic Relief Services for its help in the Salesian overseas school lunch programs. The value of these donated commodities is not included in the financial statement. Also, Salesian Missions would like to acknowledge the U.S. Department of Agriculture for its assistance in various agricultural training projects.

Salesian Missions has also received grants from the U.S. Agency for International Development, and from several U.S. Foundations. Grants have also been received from the Belgian Government through COMIDE, from the Association for Food and Development of Rome, and from the European Community.

Children are  
the future of  
the world...



Today's children are tomorrow's adult society. That is why it is so important that young people are given the love and guidance they need to become healthy adults ... in body, mind and spirit. As responsible adults we must give of ourselves in whatever capacity to ensure that all children are given what many of us take for granted: love of family, decent living conditions, healthcare, nutritious food, education and the freedom to worship God.

They also need the power of prayer. We should encourage prayer in the lives of everyone, especially children ... and together as one almighty force, work and pray for the well-being of all children.

***The children of the world  
are too important to be ignored!***

For over 125 years, the Salesians of St. John Bosco have been reinforcing this message by reaching out to poor and needy children worldwide. For more information about our work, please write to:

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***or visit our website at:***  
***www.salesianmissions.org***



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# MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

Your love is being put into action around the world by more than 34,000 Priests, Brothers and Sisters known as Salesians. Salesian Missions touched the lives of close to three million poor young people in 2005 through the orphanages, shelters, hospitals, clinics, nurseries and schools it operates in 131 countries.



Green areas are serviced by Salesian Missions

## Your Gifts at Work in 131 Countries

<b>AFRICA</b>	Ivory Coast	Zambia	Mongolia	<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>	Andorra	Portugal
Angola	Kenya	Zimbabwe	Myanmar	Argentina	Austria	Romania
Benin	Lesotho	<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	Nepal	Bolivia	Belarus	Russia
Burkina Faso	Liberia	Azerbaijan	Pakistan	Brazil	Belgium	San Marino
Burundi	Libya	Iran	Philippines	Chile	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Scotland
Cameroon	Madagascar	Israel	Sri Lanka	Colombia	Bulgaria	Serbia
Cape Verde	Malawi	Kuwait	Taiwan	Ecuador	Croatia	Slovakia
Central African Republic	Mali	Lebanon	Thailand	Paraguay	Czech Republic	Slovenia
Chad	Mauritius	Syria	Vietnam	Peru	England	Spain
Congo (Brazzaville)	Morocco	Turkey	<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>	Uruguay	France	Sweden
Congo (Democratic Republic)	Mozambique	Yemen	Canada	Venezuela	Georgia	Switzerland
Egypt	Namibia	<b>ASIA</b>	United States	<b>CARIBBEAN</b>	Germany	Ukraine
Equatorial Guinea	Nigeria	Cambodia	Mexico	Cuba	Hungary	Vatican
Eritrea	Rwanda	China, People's Republic	<b>CENTRAL AMERICA</b>	Curaçao	Ireland	<b>OCEANIA</b>
Ethiopia	Sierra Leone	Hong Kong	Costa Rica	Dominican Republic	Italy	Australia
Gabon	South Africa	India	El Salvador	Haiti	Lithuania	East Timor
Ghana	Sudan	Indonesia	Guatemala	Puerto Rico	Malta	Fiji
Guinea Conakry	Swaziland	Japan	Honduras	<b>EUROPE</b>	Montenegro	Papua New Guinea
	Tanzania	Korea	Nicaragua	Albania	Netherlands	Samoa
	Togo	Macao	Panama		Poland	Solomon Islands
	Tunisia					
	Uganda					



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