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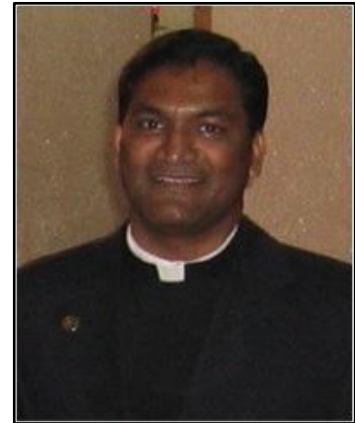
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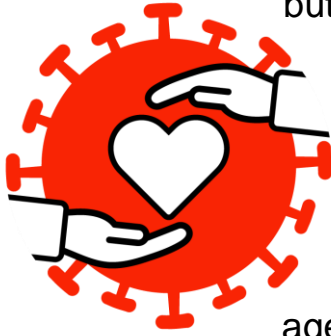
Towards establishing the Kingdom of God.... slowly, silently...but surely

The theme of Strenna 2023, "AS THE YEAST IN TODAY'S HUMAN FAMILY- THE LAY DIMENSION IN THE FAMILY OF DON BOSCO" reflects one of the foundational principles of the Salesian Family, going back to Don Bosco's work with the young. This theme is addressed to two target groups: one comprised of young children, adolescents and older youth, while the other includes all the groups of the Salesian Family, who are invited to discover or rediscover their own *lay*



dimension. There is an exhortation to be "leaven in the dough of the bread of humanity." Drawn from the parable of Luke's Gospel, this has great educational significance as it emphasizes that **leaven** is "***the only living ingredient,***" that, when used in small quantities, "***has the ability to influence, condition, and transform the whole portion of dough***", making it double or triple in size. It is a symbol of fruitfulness and growth of the Kingdom of God. Even with limited resources, the House of God can be built, where filial connection to love and faith in God, mutual trust, fraternity and joy, become the fertile ground for a community that can never stop growing.

In the wake of the unprecedented violence in Manipur going on since May 3rd this year up to date. the concomitant experience of pain, slaughter, arson, isolation, tragedies, sufferings and injustices, let us as educators, take our young through a journey from becoming conscious, aware of the sufferings of our fellow human beings, from despair to hope, towards openness and solidarity, as students the necessity is not just to be aware



but to do something about injustice and violence happening somewhere in our country/world. There are so many means to reach out, in making others aware, having our own peace marches, social media is growing astronomically and influencing people across age groups, lets awaken, to encourage the young to an exposure to new horizons in influencing and being conspicuous of our fellow brothers and sisters suffering. Even though our individual efforts may be seemingly small in relation to the complexity of the problems in Manipur or of the world, when integrated with God's efforts, they will grow exponentially and develop silently, much like yeast. As Dominic Savio said, *"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything, even the smallest things, for the greater glory of God"*.

*There is a call for a sense of **commitment and co-responsibility** of each and every one of us towards building a human family, a world that is more just, fraternal and united. Justice and solidarity cannot be accomplished overnight, but have to be realised each day- the "yeast" requires its own*



time to ferment after all. This is the very edifice on which the Salesian mission of educating young people rests. Let us do what we can, but most importantly pray for our brothers and sisters who need our prayers for peace in Manipur.

**– Fr. Dr. Barnabe D'Souza.SDB
Rector**



From the Principal's Desk

The Vibrant Tapestry of the Salesian Charism: Nurturing Young Hearts and Minds

The Salesian Charism, founded by Saint John Bosco in the 19th century, continues to weave its vibrant tapestry in the lives of countless individuals around the world. Rooted in a profound love for young people and a commitment to their holistic development, the Salesians of Don Bosco have created a dynamic and transformative educational approach.



1. **Preventive System:** Central to the Salesian Charism, an educational approach that seeks to prevent negative influences by fostering a sense of belonging. The Preventive System recognizes that young people need more than just academic knowledge; they require emotional support, guidance, and mentorship. Salesians embody this approach by creating a family-like atmosphere that nurtures trust, respect, and open communication.
2. **Holistic Education:** An education that extends beyond the classroom, embracing the intellectual, emotional, physical, and spiritual dimensions of each individual. Salesians strive to create well-rounded individuals who are equipped to navigate the challenges of the modern world while upholding integrity and compassion. Just like in our institution we have Value Ed based assemblies, outdoor and indoor activities. Exposure to career option in the form of Career Fair. Participation in MUN & various external competitions.

3. Empowerment and Life Skills: The Salesian Charism emphasizes the importance of empowering young people to become agents of change in their communities. By fostering leadership skills, social awareness, and a commitment to service, Salesians enable young individuals to recognize their own potential and use it for the betterment of society.
4. There is a definite preference for the marginalised. The oratory classes. The skilling program for the women of the near-by villages. Teaching of English in the NMMC school.
5. A Global Network: The Salesian Charism has a widespread presence, spanning across 134 countries. By adapting to local cultures and contexts, Salesians tailor their approach to address the specific needs of each community, thus enriching the tapestry of the Salesian Charism with a vibrant tapestry of cultural diversity.

**– Mrs Sangita Bhattacharya.
Principal**



FOREWORD



Dear Readers,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the latest edition of our school English e-magazine, a treasure trove of creativity, knowledge, and inspiration.

The theme of the magazine is taken from the strenna given to us by our Rector Major for the year 2023 which delves into the lay dimension of the Salesian Family.

As we flip through the pages of this magazine, we embark on a journey through the heart and soul of the charism we follow as a Salesian Institution. It is also a testament to the collective efforts and works of our School portrayed by our talented students, dedicated educators, and passionate contributors who have poured their passion and creativity into each article and artwork.

I encourage you to explore, engage, and enjoy the pages ahead. Whether you are a student, a teacher, a parent, or a friend of our school, this magazine is a celebration of our shared journey and a tribute to our commitment to bring forth our Salesian message of love, charity and kindness to the community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Rector and Principal Ma'am for giving us this opportunity to bring out this magazine. A special thanks to the editorial team and students who have poured their time and energy into bringing this magazine to life. Your dedication and passion shine through in every word and image. Thank you to Tr. Neelima for the cover page design and Tr. Nabila for the digital drafting of the magazine.

To our readers, I hope you find inspiration, knowledge, and a sense of pride in these pages and I thank you all for being a part of this wonderful journey. Happy reading!

Warm regards,

**- Mrs. Jyotsna Dsouza
Headmistress.**

Preparing Lay Leaders in the Salesian Charism

Province of St. Francis Xavier Bombay- INB – A Diploma Course for Lay Salesians.....



A Diploma Course for Lay Salesians commenced on July 15, 2023 at the Don Bosco Youth Centre, Koregaon Park, Pune. The team headed by Fr. Ian Douulton, Sr Teresa Joseph, Fr Vivian D'Souza and Fr Valerian Pereira put this programme together. This

module will conclude on Sunday 23. For this first attempt there are 16 participants, from six of our Salesian Institutions around the province.

This, first ever course of its kind offered to those holding leadership positions in some of our most iconic institutions.

The inaugural session began in the AV Hall of the Salesian Catechetical Centre with Fr Savio Silveira, Provincial (INB) unveiling the picture of Mamma Margaret the first lay Salesian (by Edoardo La Francesca).



Don Bosco, we know, had many teachers, and what was more, he admired them immensely, but none did he revere more than his dear mother – Margaret Occhiena, affectionately known then and now as *Mamma Margaret*. She played a seminal role in the life of John and that of his boys.

Opening this session was a Power Point on the sayings of Don Bosco on the Role of Mary in his life, the life of his boys and that of the Congregation and this was followed by

Fr. Ian Doulton welcomed everyone and made it clear that this is the first ever course of its kind. Then followed a Power Point presentation on the life and legacy of Mamma Margaret



Interestingly, Fr. Savio Silveira's intervention touched upon the why and the how of the Diploma Course for Lay Salesians in the Spirituality, Charism, and Pedagogy of Don Bosco. He asked: "Why this course? Let this question linger..." said Fr Savio, as he went on to emphasize, "Our Mission is

that we are called to be signs and bearers of God's love for the young." Then he went on to state: "This programme will not be just for this province. We want to make it available to Salesian India," said Fr. Silveira.

The programme concluded with the special prayer prepared for the occasion and it was prayed by all the participants bringing the inaugural session to an apt conclusion.

The methodology adopted for this course includes both theoretical and practical sessions showcasing the Salesian Educational System, the Preventive System, the Rector Major's Strenna for 2023 and an appropriate exposé on understanding Teenagers. Testimonies from each of the participants, a virtual guided pilgrimage to Becchi, Castelnuovo and surroundings, Lines of action for today and how the preventive system is to be lived as a spirituality in our institutions, our homes and in our lives.

It is hoped that this Lay Salesian Programme becomes leaven in Salesian India to enthuse many lay members, who work "shoulder to shoulder" with the Salesians to enjoy the Salesian Vocation in a new and more effective manner in all their settings.

- **Fr. Ian Doulton.**

Don Bosco Nerul: Weaving the Vibrant Tapestry of Salesian Charism

Don Bosco Nerul Oratory



Amidst the vibrant chaos of the city, a radiant source of hope emerges – a place that breathes life into the forgotten. It's more than a mere structure; it's an embodiment of compassion and unwavering dedication. This sanctuary extends its hand to the often-overlooked souls – the vulnerable and the silenced.



In the heart of the urban sprawl, the evening classes offer much more than lessons; they extend a lifeline. Over 185 slum children find solace and an avenue to escape their origins. Their voices, once swallowed by the city's noise, now resonate with the harmony of understanding and empathy. Volunteers recognize that education's value surpasses jobs; it's a path to liberating lives from the clutches of poverty.



Stepping through the threshold, one can almost inhale the purpose that hangs in the air. These volunteers aren't just educators; they are the architects of aspirations. They empower these children with tools to shape their own destinies. These young minds, once lost in anonymity, now rise with determination armed with knowledge.

The stories woven within these walls are a wellspring of inspiration. A timid girl envisions herself healing her community as a doctor. A young boy, once grappling with adversity, now dreams of becoming an engineer who bridges gaps, literally and metaphorically.



Beyond the pages of textbooks lies the teaching of life skills and the right to dream. The transformation ignited by a collective purpose underlines the extraordinary power of

simple acts of kindness. Don Bosco Nerul sows' seeds of optimism for the future, nurturing empowerment one young soul at a time. It's a living testament to the potential of the human spirit, ablaze with the potential to banish darkness.



The institution stands as evidence of the profound impact of merging compassion with education. It exemplifies how, when combined, they can ignite waves of change and kindle flames of hope. In a world that often seems indifferent,

we stand as living proof of humanity's inherent capacity for kindness and goodness. Just as an artist weaves threads into a masterpiece, we weave lives transformed, guided by the potent thread of compassion.

In this bustling city, amidst the symphony of life, Don Bosco Nerul resonates as a harmonious melody, teaching us that compassion and education are the keys to unlocking a brighter future for all.

- **Allwyn Mark Sequeira.**

Threads of Love

In Salesian Charism's vibrant embrace, we stand,
Weaving threads of love and hope by hand,
Guiding youth with Don Bosco's caring art,
A tapestry of dreams where we impart.

Empathy's thread, so delicate and fine,
Stitched with compassion, hearts intertwine,
Joy dances in colours, a vibrant array,
In every lesson and smile we convey.

Patience and kindness, like threads so strong,
Through challenges faced, we'll journey along,
Nurturing potentials, talents unfurl,
In the tapestry of life, we shape each pearl.

With faith as our guide, a beacon so bright,
We lead by example, day and night,
The Salesian spirit, a tapestry divine,
In a teacher's hands, its beauty will shine.



- Tr. Kepha Desmond Pinheiro

The Salesian Charism



Tapestry is a woven cloth. In the same way tapestry of Salesian charism is vibrant, and is like beautiful, diverse and

colourful cloth. I, Angel Maria Baby of class XI commerce A would like to spread light on its unique spirit and the special way of living and serving others.

The vibrant tapestry of Salesian charism is all about motivating and inspiring each and every one to strive and learn values inculcated by St. John Bosco within himself. It's not only about providing for the homeless but impacting their lives and making it better for them and help them make a change in how the world sees them. Salesians are like a one big family woven together regardless of their indifferences and mainly to learn and help each other grow.

Our very own institute is a Salesian institute. We follow the values and morals set by John Bosco for each and every one of us. Our institute strives to make impact on the students and community directly or indirectly to help them grow. Our school not only focuses on the academics but also on sports, extra curriculars, identifying and nurturing the talents present in each and everyone here.

Salesian ministries are very particular when it comes to

education as their main aim is to prepare the youngsters with skills and knowledge they will need to ace at life. But they also believe that one aspect alone cannot prepare one for what life has in store for us. So, it aims to provide and help us grow not only intellectually, but also spiritually, physically and emotionally. They become our role models and show us how to balance all these aspects, help others and make a positive impact on those around us and the world. They show us how to make the world a better place and make life fun and enjoyable for everyone.

Our school has offered a helping hand to whoever in need without hesitation and in the same way, we should also be willing to offer our hand to those in adversity. Our institution weaves us into a cloth which is a resultant of love, kindness, humility, compassion and confidence in oneself.

The Salesian charism is similar to a puzzle. This puzzle is made up of our thoughts, talents, values and reflect the dedication to create a better world by nurturing and guiding those in need. But this will be possible only when we've figured out where the right place of each piece of puzzle is. One cannot do it alone which is why we need to come together as a tapestry to guide the future generations and set an example for them.

**- Angel
XI Commerce**

Salesian Spirituality



Salesian Spirituality (a blend of life and action) is strongly connected to two unique historical figures- St. Francis de Sales and St. John Bosco. The Salesian of Don Bosco (SDB) is a religious congregation of men in Catholic Church founded in 1869 by John Bosco and named after St. Francis, with the main objective of helping the poor and migrant youngsters during the Industrial Revolution. The symbol, Salesian Coat of Arms consists of a shining star, the large anchor and the heart on fire symbolizing the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity. The Salesians' charter describes the society's mission as "the Christian perfection of its associates obtained by the exercise of spiritual and corporal works of charity towards the young, especially the poor, and the education of boys to the priesthood" The two main objectives of the organization are Evangelization of the poor and building the church. The organization is headed by the Rector Major and the society's general council. Since 2014, the Rector Major of the Salesians is The Very Reverent Father Angel Fernandez Artime.

At the core of this organization lies education and evangelization- the first and principal beneficiaries being the young, especially the poorest of them – looking for their social and

economic upliftment by opening orphanages, the young workers and those preparing for work and apostolic vocations. In addition, the organization puts an emphasis on loving kindness, optimism and joy, creativity and flexibility, pastoral charity – the source of which is the very heart of Christ. Understanding and recognizing the Salesian Charism involves understanding the gifts of the Holy Spirit that finds its expression in Eucharist and Confession, Devotion to our Lady.

Salesian pedagogy and spirituality is characterized by amiability, availability, joy, creativity, courage inspired by passion for education and salvation of souls. It scrutinizes the unique needs and abilities of each student, exploring their talents and promoting their interests. Salesian educators show their love for the young in two ways- Preventive System that is based on three keys of Reason, Religion and Loving Kindness and Oratory Model based on four keys of Home, School, Church and Playground.

The Salesian Congregation looked forward to remain committed to spreading higher education all over the world for a better future. This would enable the young people to face the challenges along with promoting human and spiritual growth while maintaining consistency. I would like conclude with the quotes of Pope Francis- "To educate is an act of love, it is to give life" and St. John Bosco- "Without confidence and love, there can be no true education."

**- Arushi Choudhury
XI Commerce**

The Salesian Charism Unveiled



The Salesian charism is a radiant tapestry with the threads of compassion, education, and dedication, creating a vibrant and dynamic legacy that continues to touch countless lives.

Rooted in the vision of Saint John Bosco, the founder of the Salesian order, this charism embodies a profound commitment to the welfare of youth and the promotion of a holistic education that encompasses both academic and moral development.

At the heart of the Salesian charism lies the unwavering devotion to the young, especially those who are vulnerable, or facing challenging circumstances. Inspired by the Christian values of love, kindness, and solidarity, Salesians embrace a mission to provide support, care, and guidance to the youth, fostering an environment of trust and understanding. This dedication to youth welfare is evident in the establishment of educational institutions, orphanages, and vocational training centers worldwide, where Salesians work tirelessly to empower young minds and nurture their potential.

Education forms the cornerstone of the Salesian charism. Saint John Bosco firmly believed that education is a powerful instrument for uplifting individuals and societies. The Salesian approach to education is characterized by a personalized pedagogy that takes into account the unique needs and abilities of each student. This student-centric approach fosters a sense of belonging and encourages young learners to explore their talents and interests freely. Through this educational philosophy, Salesians have shaped countless success stories of individuals who have risen above adversity to become influential members of society.

Moreover, the Salesian charism emphasizes a sense of joy and celebration. This joyous spirit is reflected in the various recreational and cultural activities organized within Salesian institutions. By incorporating play and creativity into the learning process, Salesians instill in their students a zest for life and a positive outlook. This environment of joy and encouragement enables the youth to face challenges with resilience and optimism.

**- Humera Maria Pagarkar
XI Commerce**

Crafting Dreams, Nurturing Hearts:

The Radiant Salesian Charism



Amidst the vibrant mosaic of our world, where life's diverse threads intersect, there emerges a realm where aspirations take form, and youthful spirits are sculpted with a distinctive essence - the enchanting tapestry of the Salesian Charism. Rooted in the vision of Saint John Bosco, this dynamic philosophy weaves together faith, education, and service to create an exquisite masterpiece that continues to captivate hearts and minds. At its core, the Salesian Charism embodies a profound focus on the youth. Recognizing the untapped potential inherent in each young soul, it cultivates not only intellect but also character. In this nurturing environment, young minds and hearts are guided, encouraged, and uplifted, fostering a holistic growth journey that sparks transformation.

A pivotal brushstroke within this masterpiece is the Preventive System, a compassionate approach to discipline that instills values through reason, religion, and kindness. Picture a symphony where respect takes the lead, creating a melody of self-regulation and moral development. This system delicately sculpts responsible citizens, unveiling their potential with the tender touch of guidance. Education stands as a cornerstone, a beacon of empowerment that illuminates paths toward enlightenment.

Within Salesian institutions, knowledge intertwines harmoniously with values, producing individuals who are not only well-equipped academically but also morally grounded. These institutions are more than educational centers; they are sanctuaries of dreams, where each student holds the key to their potential. Yet, the Salesian tapestry extends beyond walls, reaching into communities and the lives of the marginalized. Imagine a symphony of compassion that bridges gaps and erases disparities. The Salesian Charism echoes the spirit of "service above self," where each act of kindness resonates as a transformative force, uplifting the overlooked and offering hope to the weary.

Perhaps the most resplendent thread in this masterpiece is its joyful spirituality. Inspired by Saint John Bosco's call to "Serve the Lord with cheerfulness," this spirit infuses faith with exuberance. It transforms worship into celebration, reminding us that spirituality is a joyful dance, a connection to something greater that fills life with purpose and meaning.

In closing, the Salesian Charism is more than an ideology; it's a living opus that intertwines dreams, values, and action. It's a symphony conducted by educators, mentors, and guides, leaving an indelible mark on generations. In this masterpiece, we discover the essence of human potential, the power of compassion, and the beauty of a life dedicated to purpose. The Salesian Charism invites us to contribute our strokes, to add to the narrative, and to partake in its eternal melody of transformation.

**- Jawaan Santh
XII Science**

All about experiences



Don Bosco school has always focused on all round development and importance of participation right from the lower classes up to the

senior secondary sections.

We must understand that life is about the people we meet the experiences we share and subconscious we remember the values instilled in us whether it be doing something right or realising our mistakes and correcting it.

The values instilled in children is what they will carry forward in their lives



Education - Walking the Salesian Way....

The Salesian fathers are no doubt front runners in the education field,

and I wish to pen a few lines in appreciating their effort to create a holistic society in doing so.

Education today is at crossroads. However, the Salesians have not lost their goal in providing a strong foundation for society, in churning out students who are academically, socially, morally, spiritually and in sports balanced.

This school being a catholic education society, in our education system, morals and ethics reign supreme. The management walks the extra mile to include co-curricular

and Don Bosco school has done just that. There are co-curricular activities that happened through our school years. The sports day events are a great example which encourages healthy competition. There are activities where application of learning is emphasized value education programmes is a great example where we inculcate values and encourage participation to improve acting abilities and speaking skills that will be greatly helpful for us students as we go out into the real world.

The experiences shared by students is remembered by them for years to come and these experiences can never be replaced.

**- Jessica Fernandes
XII Science**

activities, sporting events, activities based on art and culture, debates, elocution, dramatics and music to bring out the inherent talents in the students. Thus, in doing so, they provide all round development of the students. Besides this, the DSO matches in which the school participates, gives the students a platform to showcase their sporting skills.

Another feather in their cap is the DON BOSCO ACADEMY that gives a vocational training to students who lag behind in academics. The academy ensures that the students are not left out but brought into the main stream of society.

Thus, let us applaud the Salesians for their INCLUSIVE EDUCATION to cater to all sections of society.

**- Keisha Anthony
XI Humanities**

Like The Yeast In The Dough

I sat by the window
As the sky began to pour
I time-travelled in the past
Reminiscing about the lessons I learnt
And the memories I created at Nerul, Don Bosco.
I was naïve and young
Tried to fit in,
So that I could have fun.
With my fingertips,
I drew the Mona Lisa on the clayey mud.
With some smiles and some scolds
I learnt my ABCs, quickly enough.

Then I climbed more levels
And the words began to expand
From “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” to “India’s Missile Man”
My friends stayed by my side and
my teachers held my hand.
The red stars on my pages,
They completed my dreamland.

I’ve by hearted my morals and learnt my pledge
The dust of graphite has saved me from falling of the ledge.
This Tinkerbell was meant to glow,
To cut through the shadow
To explore the unknown.

Like the water in the mold
Like the yeast in the dough
My school has helped me learn,
My school has helped me grow.



- Ummi Fatima
X A

A Child to a Human

A child enters the school
His face puffed with tears.
As the teacher looks
Into his sparkling spheres.

Slowly he begins
To like the place.
As he learns values and virtues
And prepares to ace.

Then comes the day
When he has to leave.
It's a long journey
And he has lots to achieve.

A mother gives birth to the child,
The school shapes his
personality,
Converting him into a good
human
With an indomitable mentality.

As I was picking through the ruins....

I was picking through the ruins,
To choose something to work upon,
After all I had to improve,
To welcome a new dawn.

The dawn of growth,
The dawn of success,
One that would define my new persona,
And the path I would profess.

But then I changed my plan,
I left the ruins to learn new things,
I succeed in doing it,
And it felt like I had sprouted wings.

The ruins were of my life,
The destroyers of it,
I learnt self-control and patience,
And I don't regret it, even a bit.



**- Vashisht Pandita
IX B**



Can

May



Kid who's had their
hand up for so long
that they had to take
it down because
they literally couldn't
hold it up for any
longer

**Kid who's
stretching**



**- Rehaan Fakruddin Shaikh
X A**

What Is Don Bosco?

Don Bosco is a school,
Where dreams come true.
From learning how to hold a pencil,
To reaching your full potential

The colossal building
And the modern playgrounds for
playing.
The activities organized for the
youngsters
Will make you come back for sure.

The conversations with teachers and
classmates,
The lectures and games,
And friends sharing stories
Will surely create new memories.

The trophies we won
And the certificates we earned,
Will keep the school's legacy going on
for years.

These little things
Will soon go away.
And one day you will look back and say,
"This is the reason of my success



- Riyanna Dominic
VI C

Don Bosco Institution

School is my temple,
Teachers are my gods.
Study is my aim,
Don Bosco is my school's
name.

It's been 12 years,
Whenever crisis appear.
They all together cheer,
To fight against fear.

Give me souls,
Take away the rest,
But always give your best,
Without being stressed.

Oh, yes that's what they do,
Balance studies and fun too.
If in need, they converse,
And indeed, the words are
preserved.

Kind, resulting and renowned,
I must make it crowned.
They make us astute,
This is and Institute,
Which I must Salute.



- Meera Surve
VII A

Don Bosco Institution – The place to learn and enjoy

Don Bosco Nerul – The place to learn and enjoy



Don Bosco Nerul is the place where we can learn new things, enjoy and enhance our skills. It is the place where we can enhance values and morals that we need in our life. We try to know ourselves here in this institute. At Don Bosco, we get to know who we are and what we are capable of. All over India there are nearly 300 Don Bosco Institutions, which tells us that Don Bosco Institutes are on growth towards empowering youth and women. Don

Bosco provides us with all the facilities we need, because of which we get the courage to do or invent or discover something new.

These institutions arrange educational trips so that we get to know about the world. It also provides us with CCA activities, General Knowledge Quizzes, Career Fairs, Public Speaking, etc. It also gives us the chance to exhibit our talent at the Exhibitions and at Annual Day Programmes.

Don Bosco helped the poor people with all the necessities during the Corona Virus Pandemic. Don Bosco Institutes also produces leaders and makes us capable role models.

We, the students of Don Bosco can proudly say that we study in a school where the students are encouraged to reach their true potential.

We are proud to be the students of Don Bosco.

**- Anjali Nivrutti Bhosale
VIII D**

What does Don Bosco School mean to you?



I value my school greatly since it was and always will be a significant part of my childhood.

Since I joined Playgroup, I have been a part of the Don Bosco family for ten years. I have been able to showcase my abilities and talents through a variety of activities and programs.

Being a student here I have excelled in academics and have enhanced qualities that I will carry with me throughout my life, which will ultimately benefit me in the future.

Being in this institute and practicing the values taught by our patron St. John Bosco has taught me that if we do anything with love and show kindness to other people, God will bless us and it will come back to us always.

**- Nitika Nitin Pokharkar
VII A**

A Beacon of Happiness

In Don Bosco's halls, where knowledge is found,
Guided by values, on solid ground.
A haven for seekers, with open doors,
Don Bosco Institute, where dreams take course.

Energetic souls, with hearts full of fire,
Igniting minds, with a passion to inspire.
Teachers of wisdom, with an unwavering flame,
Nurturing minds, like a nurturing game.

Truth becomes our foundation, our compass and our creed,
In search of knowledge, we plant a vital seed.
For in the pursuit of honesty, we find our overall goal,
Don Bosco's legacy, forever in our soul.

Teachers like mentors, shaping minds with grace,
Offering guidance, creating a warm embrace.
With passion and enthusiasm, they light the flame,
Giving the school, excellence in its name.

In its caring halls, friendships are born anew,
Creating bonds that stand the test of time, so true.
Through challenges faced, we daringly stand,
Don Bosco's spirit, united, hand in hand.



**- Prateek Tripathy
VIII D**

Our school is elegant, ethereal and ineffable.

Our Principal and Fathers are out of this world, they tell us not to be demure.

Our teachers pull us out of labyrinths, and makes us catch a rainbow.

Our teachers protect us, like a silhouette.

When we are depressed, our teachers come as a silver of hope.

We have plethora of activities, which help us spread our wings.

The developmental attitude of our school, helps us be brainstorming.

Our school is very versatile, supporting us in each and every decision.

This ephemeral of a time, we spend in our school is the best time in eternity.



**- Harsh Ghag
VII B**

My Institution is my God

Let me introduce my institution first,
Where learners reach in a bus
Where Mathematics is not a fuss
Where do you think you are going,
It's none other than Don Bosco Institution is growing.

School is the temple, where the students get the will to become perfect from dull.

Teachers are the saintly people,
Who treat every child equal.

Our Principal is the head,
Who keeps all of us in a shed.
Most important are the friends,
With whom our life starts and ends.

I feel my Institution as a friend,
but in front of Institute, I always bend...



**- Rashi Oberoi
VII D**

What Does Don Bosco Institution Mean to Me?

Don Bosco Institution is like my second home
Where teachers play a role of mother,
My class is like a family
Where everyone cares for each other.

I spend my most of the time in school
Where I learn more new things,
In my teacher's every word, there is moral
Which help us to fly by giving us wings.

I joined Don Bosco at the age of three
And now I am grown up to thirteen,
This was really a long journey of 10 years
This institution took me to the world, which I had never seen.

Before, I thought school is all about studies
But corona proved me wrong,
A school is full of fun
Whether the distance from our home is short or long.

A school is everything
It's where our life journey starts,
My school offers many other activities
It's a platform where we can show our talents and arts.

Arts, drama, music, sports
Everything is in my school,
It's a place with encouraging teachers and motivating principal
And is full of rules.

And yes, how can I forget the new building with new ideas
It's full of inspiration,
My school motivates everyone to go ahead
I like don bosco because of this reason.

There will be one day, when I will complete my studies
And go out of this place,
When I will think of my childhood
The first thing that will come to my mind is Don Bosco school days.

I am glad to be a part of this school
And I'm proud too,
This institution means a lot to me
I don't have words to express this to you.

Getting admission in this wonderful school
Is similar to finding a golden coin,
Don't miss this chance
Come here and join!
Come here and join!



**- Krisha Shetty
VII D**

What Does Don Bosco Institution mean to me?

Childhood is the learning stage of life; we learn and polish our knowledge as well as our skills. Schools are not only about studies, assignments, exams but rather beyond that. As an individual one can never forget his/her school's good old days, Rush at the school canteen, sitting together with your friends in the breaks and talking about everything is a whole another level vibe that's why school institutions are always close to our hearts.

Let us talk about my institution, Don Bosco, Nerul. For me it is not just an infrastructural property but a place where I spent 8.5 fantastic years of my life with enthusiasm. I joined this school after finishing my pre-school academic career in 2016 and I still look forward to continue my academic journey in this institute. Don Bosco always looks forward for all-over development of their students, as a student I never feel left alone or uncomfortable in the campus.

The teachers, the staff, the management is always up-to-the mark. The comrades I got in these years are the purest and most supportive ones, I would always cherish these people and the remarkable memories shared with them. I am lucky to see this learning experience in this school. It is truly a blessing to have such a moment in my life.

Most importantly, my school is my second home because it teaches me a lot of things each day. It is a safe space that allows me to grow every day and reach greater heights. Don Bosco prepares you to become an honourable citizen and work for the betterment of people, the motto of the institution is; "The Sapling of Knowledge Is Evergreen," Which itself is an aspiring and motivating thought as knowledge is the greatest wealth mankind has ever received. I am forever Indebted to this temple of knowledge.

This phase of school days will never come back in our lives again. Keeping this in mind we should always look for the positive side of everything as good days comes with happiness, bad days comes with experience and worst days comes with strength.



**- Subodh Devarjankar
VIII D**

'What Does Don Bosco Institute Mean To Me'

In the halls of learning, Don Bosco
shines,

A place where knowledge and
dreams align.

Oh, how I cherish every single day,
Here's what I adore, in every way.

First, the teachers, wise and kind,
Guiding us with hearts refined.

Their passion for learning lights the
flame,

Igniting curiosity's joyful game.

The library stands, a treasure
trove,

With books and stories that we
love.

Imagination soars on wings
unfurled,

Within these pages, a boundless
world.

In the classrooms, friendships
bloom,

United, we chase away all gloom.

Together we learn, laugh, and
grow,

With each challenge, our spirits
glow.

The playground calls, a place to
play,

Where laughter dances, come
what may.

Swinging high beneath the blue,
Memories forged, strong and true.

Sports and arts, a vibrant fusion,
Nurturing talents, a grand infusion.

Singing, dancing, sports' elation,
In every child, a unique creation.

Within these walls, diversity
thrives,

A tapestry of cultures that survives.

With open minds and hearts aglow,

We celebrate each person's glow.

The lessons taught beyond
textbooks,

Respect and empathy, in every
nook.

To care for others, lend a hand,

Together, we'll make this world
grand.

And when the bell tolls for the day's
end,

Grateful hearts with joy will blend.

For in this haven of knowledge and
grace,

My school, a special, cherished
place.



- **Vinayak Bhatia**
VII A

School Days

The first school I ever joined was Don Bosco. I remember my first day. It isn't the clearest memory, but I remember walking into class and being amazed. It was the first time I'd been in such a large room that wasn't my bedroom. I'd sat next to a very pretty girl, and we became friends really quickly.

After that, school started becoming my favourite thing. The teachers were so sweet and loving, and they still are. They use so many fun methods to teach us like music, presentations, even dances. I really liked them a lot. The next few years were all the same, and I really enjoyed them. After that, I started first grade. Our classes had some new students, so there were many new faces in my class.

I vividly remember so many programs that took place in my school. So many of my good memories are the ones that took place in these programs. I remember the first ever Diwali celebration I experienced in school. Even though I didn't celebrate it, everyone treated me the same as they did others. We shared sweets, danced, sang, and had lots of fun. And how could I ever forget the Annual days? The most amazing musicals have been held in my school. From Joseph and His Multi-coloured Coat in 2017, to Annie in 2023, I have loved every musical I've participated in. It was so much fun to be in the choir last year, and in the dances in some of the previous years. Thinking about it now makes me realize just how much effort is put into these programs and celebrations.

Students from my school and even my classmates have won various interschool competitions, including me. Don Bosco is practically filled with many smart students, and I feel so happy seeing my friends score good marks and do well on tests. But that credit all goes to the amazing teachers, who teach us concepts so well that it's impossible to forget them.

I found school so much fun, and I still do. The teachers are so lovely; they even make me enjoy Math.

Our principal is one of the sweetest and most intelligent people I know. She's always very kind to us. She's made a very positive impact on my school, and I'm really grateful to her for that.

I really admire my school for the amount of effort they take into making it a fun learning place and not only that but also a place where kids can make friends easily and socialize. It's really one of the best schools, and if anyone ever asks me where I learned all I know, the credit is going to Don Bosco.



**- Christella Pereira
VII C**

Importance of Don Bosco institute for Me...



Don Bosco school is not only a school but also a family where thousands of people come together, love each other and care for each other. Don Bosco was a person who was kind faithful caring loving and a very inspiring personality. He was a Saint and is our idol now. He was a father and friend to do those who were weak. So, according to me Don Bosco is an inspiration and I know that I can never be as great and valuable as he was. Even today our school has a community fridge and oven near the gate for needy and poor people. Also, in our school we have many activities and we learn in a fun way. It is a place where we make many friends, learn about different cultures and religious festivals. We learn to socialize with people.

**- Yashaswini J Shetty
VI C**

The meaning of my school for me



A school is the best place for learning, enjoying making friends learning values such as gratitude honesty and punctuality and most importantly, living together as a family with no discrimination with peace and harmony. Most of us think that what is the use of going to school we can learn better for other resources. yes, surely you can learn from different means especially in today's generation where internet is a must for everyone, but what about the fun we have in the school, the games and the co-curricular activities that we love to do? These activities are a must for us as they help us in our skill development and also help us as we indulge and explore new activities. For example, the elysian fest that took place in our school helped many students gain interest in several activities, many students also uncovered their hidden talent and won prizes in various events like debate quiz etc. also school is not only a place for studying it is a place for learning from our mistakes and not repeating them again, truly don Bosco senior secondary school means a lot for me

**- Dhriti Neeraj Kapoor
VII C**



- Hanishka Vidhate
VII C

What Don Bosco means to me?

Don Bosco the great Saint made
bad habits faint
thanks to you we made
the changes that were great

The institute where we spend time
learning to be kind
was started by you
with beautiful hues

You gave an opportunity
to gain serendipity
and you succeeded
with lot of respect needed

Our childhood started from this
institute
teaching us to be astute
I am really sure it's worth it
for our true betterment

The journey from the start till now
I have improved along
and inspired from the journey
with great melody

The classes filled with laughter
forever and after
with education and learning
values of life in a serving

Thank you, St. Don Bosco,
for your evermore actions
they will be remembered
with lot of realisations.

My school is my friend

To be a student
We need be obedient
Thank you to teachers handling our future

My school is my friend
School never ends
To make friends
do not fear
Respect shows the way everywhere

My school is my friend

I'll promise that the honour of my school
not as an act no one can me fool
Now don't wait
The school is only the way to get educate
My school is my friend



- Atharva
VI B

What Does Don Bosco Mean to Me?



John Melchior Bosco also known as Don Bosco ('Don' in Italian language means 'father') was an Italian Catholic priest, educator, writer and saint from the 19th century. While working in Turin, where the population suffered many of the ill-effects of industrialization and urbanization, he dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He developed teaching methods based on love rather than punishment, a method that became known as the 'Salesian Preventive System'.

He inspired and continues to do the same to always think and do good for others. He taught us that we should use the language of love instead of violence.

A quote by John Bosco that says "Whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal." This quote means that we should believe in God, whatever is happening in our lives is a part of God's plan for us. Don Bosco taught us, that God wants us always to be happy and to do all our duties well.

For me 'Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Nerul' is not just a school but a temple of education. We learn to interact with people, participate in various activities, learn moral values, study and most importantly we learn how to be a good human being. Our school also does a lot of charity. In the evenings, there are many underprivileged children who come to study in our school cost free. During COVID -19, when the world was in distress our school helped all the needy people. For me Don Bosco is my role model.

- Aarna Srivastava
VII A



What Don Bosco the institution means to me?

The name of my school is Don Bosco Senior Secondary School. My school is located in the center of Nerul. The Don Bosco school building is very big and beautiful. It has many classrooms and a big playground. My school is an English medium, CBSE school. There is a computer lab in my school. There are many teachers and students in my school. The teachers in my school are very creative and kind. I have made many friends in school. My school is very famous in Navi Mumbai. My school has various programmes like Value Education Programme, Annual Day, Sports Day etc. The different activities and programmes held in school have helped me get skilled in multi-tasking, learning manners and developing social skills. The campus of my school is very neat and clean. I feel like my school is my second home and I am lucky to be a part of this reputed institution.

- Diya Nayak
IV A

Don Bosco Nerul



'The vibrant tapestry of Salesian Charism'

Don Bosco, Don Bosco is my school
The school's atmosphere is very cool!
The colour of my school building is blue
Every student play and follow every rule!
Every week teacher takes a test,
I always do my best!

There are classrooms, library, playground and an assembly hall.

I love my school; it is a little far from Nexus Mall.

In my school we celebrate all festivals, national days, activities and game,

In the world I will shine Don Bosco School's name.

- Arhant Anand Pawar

III B

Value



A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a Rs.50 note. In the room of 200, he asked, who would like this Rs.50 note?"

Hands started going up.

He said "I am going to give this Rs. 50 note to one of you but first, let me do this". He proceeded to crumple the note up.

He then asked, "Who still wants it?"

Still the hands were up in the air

"Well," he replied, " What if I do this? "And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe.

He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty "Now who still wants it?"

"Still the hands went into the air"

"My friends", you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did with the money you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It is still worth Rs.50.

Many times, in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and grounded into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way.

We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value.

You are special – Don't ever forget it.

**- Siddharth Kumar
IV C**

Don Bosco – An Educational Institution



Don Bosco is an educational where people of different age groups to get an education. Don Bosco provide a large variety of learning environments.

Don Bosco educational institution in responsible for teaching values such as discipline, respect, obedience etc. And good habit nurtured among the students of don Bosco.



Don Bosco educational institution helps us to develop skills to achieve success in Life.

Don Bosco helps their pupil to become a good human being. Proper education helps pupil to build their career in long time, able to survive and solves the difficult situation of life.



**- Aarav Somkuwar
V A**

The Vibrant Tapestry Of Salesian Charism

The vibrant tapestry of Salesian Charism,
Woven with threads of love and compassion,
A beautiful mosaic of faith and wisdom,
Guiding us towards a life of satisfaction.

With Don Bosco as our guiding light,
We spread his message of hope and joy,
Empowering the young with all our might,
Helping them grow into women and men of employ.

Our Salesian family is diverse and strong,
United in our mission to serve and care,
From India to Italy, we all belong,
To a legacy that's beyond compare.

We teach, we mentor, we inspire,
With humility and kindness as our guide,
Our work is fueled by a burning desire,
To uplift and empower those by our side.

The vibrant tapestry of Salesian Charism,
Is a testament to the power of love,
May it continue to shine bright and glisten,
Guiding us towards heaven above.



**- Seanna Stanyslaus Sequeira
IV C**

PREVENTIVE SYSTEM

Reason ♥ Religion ♥ Loving = Kindness



St. John Bosco (1815-1888)

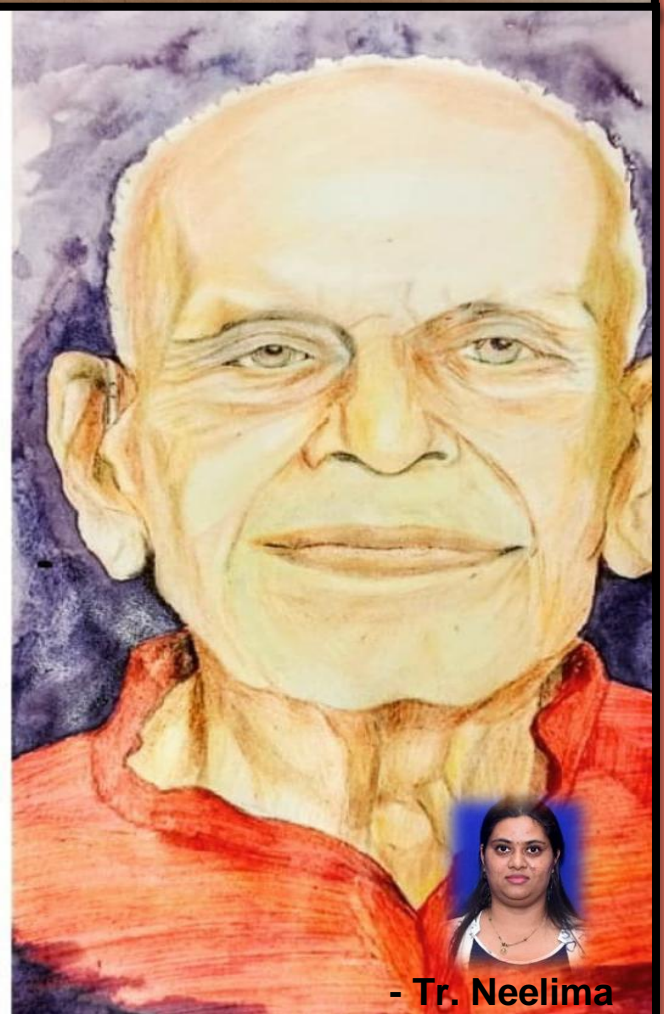
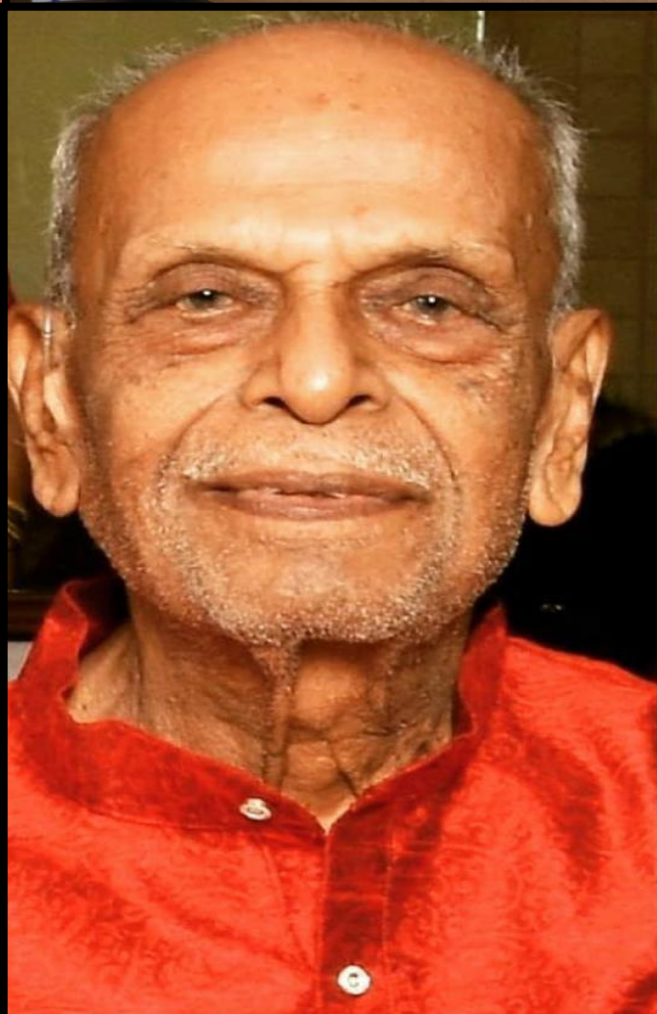
Do you want to do good deed? Teach the young!
Do you want to perform a holy act? Teach the young!

Do you want to do a holy thing? Teach the young!
Truly, now and for the future, among holy things
this is the holiest.

- Kusthumita Das

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