



Happy Holidays!

Dear Friends of Don Bosco,

As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we are reminded that God is with us, in our joys, our challenges, and in every young person we serve. The birth of Christ renews our hope and calls us to share that same love with a world that so deeply needs it.

At the Salesians of Don Bosco, this sacred season renews our mission: to be signs and bearers of God's love for the young, especially the poor and at-risk. Across California and in Laredo, Texas, our schools, youth centers, parishes, and camps form a network of faith and hope reaching more than 30,000 young people and families each year.

This Christmas, your gift will help us continue this life-changing mission.

Forming Minds and Hearts in Our Schools

Our five Salesian high schools, Don Bosco Technical Institute (Rosemead), St. John Bosco High School (Bellflower), Bishop Mora Salesian High School (Los Angeles), Salesian College Preparatory (Richmond), and St. Francis High School Salesian College Preparatory (Watsonville), serve more than 2,200 students each year.

Most of our students come from families with limited financial means:

- 65–70% rely on need-based scholarships
- In several communities, up to 44% of students live below the poverty line
- 94% of graduates go on to higher education, and 75% attend 4-year universities.



Your Christmas donation helps us ensure that every young person, regardless of income, has access to a faith-filled education that forms both mind and heart.

Creating Safe Havens in Our Clubs and Youth Centers

Our Salesian Family Youth Center (Los Angeles), Salesian Boys' and Girls' Club (San Francisco), and West County Salesian Youth Club (Richmond) serve over 2,800 children and teens each year, 90% of whom live below the poverty line.

These centers are lifelines in diverse neighborhoods where youth are still at-risk due to economic need and societal threats. Here, children find homework help, healthy meals, mentorship, and belonging. They learn the Salesian way of reason, religion, and loving kindness.

Your generosity helps us keep these doors open, ensuring that every child has a safe place to learn, grow, and know they are loved.

Inspiring Faith and Friendship in Our Camps and Retreat Centers

Our seven Salesian summer camps and retreat programs, including Camp St. Francis (Aptos), Camp Savio (Bellflower), Camp St. Joseph (Rosemead), Salesian Family Youth Center (Los Angeles), St. Luke's Camp (Stockton), Corpus Christi Camp (San Francisco), and San Luis Rey Camp (Laredo) welcome more than 2,500 youth each summer. Our retreat centers welcome 6,600 participants annually.

These experiences open young people's hearts to God's presence in their lives. In nature, laughter, and community, they discover friendship, faith, and purpose. Many later say, "It was at a Salesian camp that I first felt God's love for me."

Your Christmas support will help make these life-changing encounters possible, especially for families who are unable to afford camp fees on their own.



Forming Leaders in the Salesian Youth Leadership Conference (SYLC)

One of the most transformative programs we offer is the Salesian Youth Leadership Conference (SYLC), a weeklong experience that gathers 150 young leaders from our schools, parishes, camps, and clubs. Nearly half of these youth live below the poverty line, yet they come together to grow in faith, confidence, and servant leadership.

Through workshops, prayer, and community building, SYLC empowers youth to return home as mentors and role models who embody Don Bosco's spirit of joy and service. Many go on to lead parish ministries, youth programs, or even discern a vocation to the Salesian life.

Your Christmas gift helps make this powerful leadership formation possible, raising up a generation of young people who will continue to share God's love with others.

Strengthening Families and Faith in Our Parishes

Throughout California and Texas, our Salesian parishes including St. Dominic Savio Church (Bellflower), St. Joseph's Chapel (Rosemead), St. Bridget's Chinese Catholic Church (Los Angeles), St. Mary's Church (Los Angeles), St. Isabel Church (Los Angeles), St. Luke's Church and Mary Help of Christians Center (Stockton), Corpus Christi Church (San Francisco), Saints Peter and Paul Church (San Francisco), Our Lady Help of Christians Church (Watsonville), and San Luis Rey Church (Laredo) are vibrant places of worship, service, and joy. Parish ministries prepare children for the sacraments, support families in every stage of their faith journeys, and engage youth and young adults in leadership and faith formation. They embody Don Bosco's dream: "A home that welcomes, a parish that evangelizes, a playground where friends can meet, and a school that prepares for life."

Your support helps us continue these essential ministries and ensure our parishes remain strong centers of faith and community.



Building for the Future: The Need for Your Support

Our work continues only through the generosity of friends like you. This year, we've identified four key priorities where donor support is vital:



- **Youth Development Fund:** Scholarships and program support for high schools, youth centers, clubs, and parish ministries.

- **Formation of Salesians and Lay Leaders:** Training and formation to ensure strong Salesian leadership for the next generation.



- **Province Innovation Fund:** Unrestricted funding to meet the greatest needs and sustain new initiatives.

- **Capital Improvement Fund:** Renovations and modernization for our schools, camps, and retreat centers.



Your Christmas gift, whether one-time or pledged over several years, will make an immediate and lasting impact. It will help us sustain our priests and brothers, support our teachers and lay leaders, and provide hope to thousands of young people who depend on us every day.

Together, We Are One Salesian Family

Every gift, every prayer, every act of generosity connects you directly to the young people whose lives are changed through this mission.

When you give to the Salesians of Don Bosco, you are not just donating; you are joining a movement rooted in love, faith, and the belief that every young person deserves a chance to dream.

This Christmas, please open your heart once more. Your gift will help us educate, accompany, and inspire the next generation of young people who will, in turn, carry God's light into the world.

May the peace and joy of Christmas fill your heart, and may you feel the profound blessing of knowing that your generosity helps keep Don Bosco's dream alive.

With deep gratitude and prayers,

Yours in St. John Bosco,

Fr. Mel Trinidad SDB

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