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*for the Causes of Saints*

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**DOSSIER OF GENERAL POSTULATION OF THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO**

*"Let us not forget that it is precisely the saints who drive the Church forward and make it grow".*

*(Pope Francis).*

*"Henceforth let it be our motto: let the holiness of the children be proof of the holiness of the father".*

*(Don Rua)*

It is necessary to express profound gratitude and praise to God for the holiness already recognized in the Salesian Family of Don Bosco and for that which is in the process of being recognized. The result of a Cause of Beatification and Canonization is an event of extraordinary relevance and ecclesial value. It is in fact a matter of discerning the reputation for holiness of a baptized person who has lived the evangelical beatitudes to a heroic degree or who has given his life for Christ.

From Don Bosco to the present day there is a tradition of holiness that deserves attention, because it is an incarnation of the charism that originated with him and that has been expressed in a plurality of states of life and forms. We are talking about men and women, young people, and adults, consecrated and lay people, bishops and missionaries who in different historical, cultural, and social contexts in time and space have made the Salesian charism shine with a unique radiance, representing a heritage that plays an effective role in the life and community of believers and for people of goodwill.



**1. List as of 31 December 2022**

Our Postulation covers 173 Saints, Blesseds, Venerables, Servants of God.

There are 58 cases directly followed by the Postulation (+ 5 extra).

**SAINTS (ten)**

**St. John Bosco**, priest (date of canonization: 1 April 1934) - (Italy)

**Saint Joseph Cafasso**, priest (22 June 1947) - (Italy)

**saint Mary D. Mazzarello**, virgin (24 June 1951) - (Italy)

**Saint Dominic Savio**, a teenager (12 June 1954) - (Italy)

**St Leonard Murialdo**, priest (3 May 1970) - (Italy)

**St. Louis Versiglia,** bishop, **martyr** (1 October 2000) - (Italy - China)

**St. Callistus Caravario,** priest, **martyr** (1 October 2000) - (Italy - China)

**St. Louis Orione**, priest (16 May 2004) - (Italy)

**St. Louis Guanella**, priest (23 October 2011) - (Italy)

**Saint Artemis Zatti**, religious (9 October 2022) - (Italy - Argentina)

**BLESSED (one hundred and seventeen)**

**Blessed Michele Rua**, priest (date of beatification: 29 October 1972) - (Italy)

**Blessed Laura Vicuňa**, teenager (3 September 1988) - (Chile - Argentina)

**Blessed Filippo Rinaldi,** priest (29 April 1990) - (Italy)

**Blessed Magdalena Morano**, virgin (5 November 1994) - (Italy)

**Blessed Joseph Kowalski,** priest, **martyr** (13 June 1999) - (Poland)

**Blessed Francis Kęsy,** layman, and **4 companions, martyrs** (13 June 1999) - (Poland)

**Czesław Józ´wiak**, layman

**Edward Kaz´mierski**, layman

**Edward Klinik**, layman

**Jarogniew Wojciechowski**, layman

**Blessed Pius IX,** Pope (3 September 2000) - (Italy)

**Blessed Joseph Calasanz,** priest, and **31 companions, martyrs** (11 March 2001) - (Spain)

**Antonio Maria Martín Hernández**, priest

**Recaredo de los Ríos Fabregat**, priest

**Julian Rodríguez Sánchez**, priest

**Joseph Giménez López**, priest

**Agostino García Calvo**, coadjutor

**Giovanni Martorell Soria**, priest

**Giacomo Buch Canal**, coadjutor

**Peter Mesonero Rodríguez**, cleric

**Joseph Otín Aquilué**, priest

**Alvaro Sanjuán Canet**, priest

**Francis Bandrés Sánchez**, priest

**Sergio Cid Pazo**, priest

**Joseph Batalla Parramó**, priest

**Joseph Rabasa Bentanachs**, coadjutor

**Gil Rodicio Rodicio**, coadjutor

**Angelo Ramos Velázquez**, coadjutor

**Philip Hernández Martínez**, cleric

**Zaccaria Abadía Buesa**, cleric

**Giacomo Ortiz Alzueta**, coadjutor

**Xavier Bordas Piferrer**, cleric

**Felice Vivet Trabal**, cleric

**Michael Domingo Cendra**, cleric

**Joseph Caselles Moncho**, priest

**Joseph Castell Camps**, priest

**Joseph Bonet Nadal**, priest

**James Bonet Nadal**, priest

**Alessandro Planas Saurí**, lay collaborator

**Eliseo García García**, coadjutor

**Giulio Junyer Padern**, priest

**María Carmen Moreno Benítez**, virgin

**María Amparo Carbonell Muñoz**, virgin

**Blessed Luigi Variara**, priest (14 April 2002) - (Italy - Colombia)

**Blessed Maria Romero Meneses**, virgin (14 April 2002) - (Nicaragua - Costa Rica)

**Blessed Augustus Czartoryski**, priest (25 April 2004) - (France - Poland)

**Blessed Eusebia Palomino**, virgin (25 April 2004) - (Spain)

**Blessed Alexandrina M. Da Costa,** laywoman (25 April 2004) - (Portugal)

**Blessed Alberto Marvelli**, layman (5 September 2004) - (Italy)

**Blessed Bronislao Markiewicz**, priest (19 June 2005) - (Poland)

**Blessed Enrico Saiz Aparicio,** priest, and **62 companions, martyrs** (28 October 2007) - (Spain)

**Felice González Tejedor**, priest

**John Codera Marqués**, coadjutor

**Virgilio Edreira Mosquera**, cleric

**Paolo Gracia Sánchez,** coadjutor

**Carmelo Giovanni Pérez Rodríguez**, Subdeacon

**Teodulo González Fernández**, cleric

**Tommaso Gil de la Cal**, aspirant

**Federico Cobo Sanz**, aspirant

**Igino de Mata Díez**, aspirant

**Right Juanes Santos**, cleric

**Victoriano Fernández Reinoso**, cleric

**Emilio Arce Díez**, coadjutor

**Raimondo Eirín Mayo**, coadjutor

**Matteo Garolera Masferrer**, coadjutor

**Anastasio Garzón González**, coadjutor

**Francis Joseph Martín López de Arroyave**, coadjutor

**Giovanni de Mata Díez**, lay collaborator

**Pio Conde Conde**, priest

**Sabino Hernández Laso**, priest

**Salvatore Fernández Pérez**, priest

**Nicola de la Torre Merino**, coadjutor

**Germano Martín Martín**, priest

**Joseph Villanova Tormo**, priest

**Stefano Cobo Sanz**, cleric

**Francis Edreira Mosquera**, cleric

**Emanuele Martín Pérez**, cleric

**Valentino Gil Arribas**, coadjutor

**Peter Artolozaga Mellique**, cleric

**Emanuele Borrajo Míguez**, cleric

**Dionisio Ullívarri Barajuán**, coadjutor

**Michele Lasaga Carazo**, priest

**Louis Martínez Alvarellos**, cleric

**John Larragueta Garay**, cleric

**Fiorenzo Rodríguez Güemes**, cleric

**Pasquale de Castro Herrera**, cleric

**Stefano Vázquez Alonso**, coadjutor

**Eliodoro Ramos García**, coadjutor

**Joseph Maria Celaya Badiola**, coadjutor

**Andrea Jiménez Galera**, priest

**Andrea Gómez Sáez**, priest

**Antonio Cid Rodríguez**, coadjutor

**Antonio Torrero Luque**, priest

**Antonio Enrico Canut Isús**, priest

**Michele Molina de la Torre**, priest

**Paolo Caballero López**, priest

**Onorio Hernández Martín**, cleric

**John Louis Hernández Medina**, cleric

**Antonio Mohedano Larriva**, priest

**Antonio Fernández Camacho**, priest

**Joseph Limón Limón**, priest

**Joseph Blanco Salgado**, coadjutor

**Francisco Míguez Fernández**, priest

**Emanuele Fernández Ferro**, priest

**Felice Paco Escartín**, priest

**Thomas Alonso Sanjuán**, coadjutor

**Emanuele Gómez Contioso**, priest

**Antonio Pancorbo López**, priest

**Stefano García García**, coadjutor

**Raphael Rodríguez Mesa**, coadjutor

**Antonio Rodríguez Blanco**, diocesan priest

**Bartolomeo Blanco Márquez**, layman

**Teresa Cejudo Redondo**, laywoman

**Blessed Zeffirino Namuncurá**, layman (11 November 2007) - (Argentina - Italy)

**Blessed Maria Troncatti**, virgin (24 November 2012) - (Italy - Ecuador)

**Blessed Stephen Sándor**, religious, **martyr** (19 October 2013) - (Hungary)

**Blessed Titus Zeman**, priest, **martyr** (30 September 2017) - (Slovakia)

**VENERABLE (eighteen)**

**Ven. Andrea Beltrami**, priest, (date of Decree *super virtutibus:* 15 December 1966) - (Italy)

**Ven. Teresa Valsè Pantellini**, virgin (12 July 1982) - (Italy)

**Ven. Dorotea Chopitea**, lay (9 June 1983) - (Spain)

**Ven. Vincenzo Cimatti**, priest (21 December 1991) - (Italy - Japan)

**Ven. Simone Srugi**, religious (2 April 1993) - (Palestine)

**Ven. Rodolfo Komorek**, priest (6 April 1995) - (Poland - Brazil)

**Ven. Luigi Olivares**, Bishop (20 December 2004) - (Italy)

**Ven. Margherita Occhiena**, laywoman (23 October 2006) - (Italy)

**Ven. Giuseppe Quadrio**, priest (19 December 2009) - (Italy)

**Ven. Laura Meozzi**, virgin (27 June 2011) - (Italy - Poland)

**Ven. Attilio Giordani**, layman (9 October 2013) - (Italy - Brazil)

**Ven. Joseph Augustus Arribat**, priest (8 July 2014) - (France)

**Ven. Stefano Ferrando**, Bishop (3 March 2016) - (Italy - India)

**Ven**. **Francesco Convertini**, priest (20 January 2017) - (Italy - India)

**Ven. Joseph Vandor**, priest (20 January - 2017) - (Hungary - Cuba)

**Ven. Ottavio Ortiz Arrieta Coya**, Bishop (27 February 2017) - (Peru)

**Ven. Augustus Hlond**, Cardinal (19 May 2018) - (Poland)

**Ven. Ignatius Stuchly**, priest (21 December 2020) - (Czech Republic)

**SERVANTS OF GOD (twenty-eight)**

**Causes are listed according to status**

***Positio examined by theologians***

**Elia Comini**, priest (Italy) **martyr**

Special Congress Theological Consultors: 5 May 2022

**Carlo Crespi Croci**, priest (Italy - Ecuador)

Special Congress Theological Consultors: 11 October 2022

**Antonio De Almeida Lustosa**, Bishop (Brazil)

Special Congress Theological Consultors: 8 November 2022

***Positio delivered***

**John Świerc,** priest and **8 companions**, **martyrs** (Poland)

**Ignatius Dobiasz**, priest

**Francis Harazim**, priest

**Casimir Wojciechowski**, priest

**Ignatius Antonowicz**, priest

**Lodovico Mroczek**, priest

**Carlo Golda**, priest

**Vladimir Szembek**, priest

**Francis Miśka**, priest

Positio delivered: 21 July 2022

***The drafting of the Positio***

**Costantino Vendrame**, priest (Italy - India)

Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 1 February 2013

**Oreste Marengo**, Bishop (Italy - India)

Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 6 December 2013

**Carlo Della Torre,** priest (Italy - Thailand)

Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 1 April 2016

**Andrea Majcen**, priest (Slovenia - China - Vietnam)

Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 23 October 2020

**Rodolfo Lunkenbein**, priest (Germany - Brazil) and **Simão Bororo,** lay person (Brazil), **martyrs**

Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 16 December 2020

**Silvio Galli**, priest (Italy)

Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 19 October 2022

**Vera Grita**, laywoman (Italy)

Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 14 December 2022

***Awaiting the Decree of Validity of the Diocesan Inquiry***

**Anna Maria Lozano**, virgin (Colombia)

Closing of Diocesan Inquiry: 19 June 2014

**Cognata Giuseppe**, Bishop (Italy)

Closing of Diocesan Inquiry: 1 October 2022

***Diocesan Inquiry in progress***

**Matilde Salem**, laywoman (Syria)

Opening of Diocesan Inquiry: 20 October 1995

**Carlo Braga,** priest (Italy - China - Philippines)

Opening of Diocesan Inquiry: 30 January 2014

**Antonino Baglieri**, layman (Italy)

Opening of Diocesan Inquiry: 2 March 2014

**Antoinette Böhm**, virgin (Germany - Mexico)

Opening of Diocesan Inquiry: 7 May 2017

**Rosetta Marchese**, virgin (Italy)

Opening Diocesan Inquiry: 30 April 2021

**Luigi Bolla**, priest (Italy - Ecuador - Peru)

Opening of Diocesan Inquiry: 27 September 2021

**Akash Bashir,** layman, martyr (Pakistan)

Opening of Diocesan Inquiry: 15 March 2022

**EXTRA CAUSES FOLLOWED BY POSTULATION (5)**

**Venerable COSTA DE BEAUREGARD CAMILLO**, priest (France)

The Decree *super virtutibus:* 22 January 1991

**Venerable BARELLO MORELLO CASIMIRO**, Franciscan tertiary (Italy - Spain)

The *super virtutibus*  decree*:* 1 July 2000

**Venerable TYRANOWSKI JOHN**, lay (Poland)

The *super virtutibus*  decree: 20 January 2017

**Venerable BERTAZZONI AUGUSTO**, bishop (Italy)

The *super virtutibus* decree*:* 2 October 2019

**Venerable CANELLI FELICE**, priest (Italy)

The *super virtutibus* decree: 22 May 2021

Mention must also be made of the Saints, Blesseds, Venerables and Servants of God who at different times and in different ways have encountered the Salesian charism, such as Blessed Hedwig Carboni, the Servant of God Cardinal Giuseppe Guarino, founder of the Holy Family Apostles, the Servant of God Salvo d'Acquisto, a former pupil, and many others.

**2. EVENTS OF 2022**

On 15 March 2022 in Lahore, Pakistan, the **Diocesan Inquiry** of the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of **Akash Bashir (1994-2015),** Layman, Former Pupil of Don Bosco, who died in hatred of the faith, was **opened.** It is the first Cause of Beatification in Pakistan.

On 5 April 2022, in the **Ordinary Session of the Cardinals and Bishops** of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, a positive vote was given (7 out of 7) to the presumed miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Artemide Zatti, Salesian coadjutor, which occurred to Mr. Roberto Narvaez (Philippines), recovery from "acute parenchymal hemorrhage with perilesional oedema with compression of the pons and shrinkage of the fourth ventricle" (22-23.8.2016).

On 9 April 2022, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Most Reverend Eminence Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During the Audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the same Congregation to promulgate the Decree concerning:

**- the miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Artemide Zatti**, Professed Layman of the Salesian Society of St. John Bosco; born on 12 October 1880 in Boretto (Italy) and died on 15 March 1951 in Viedma (Argentina).

This act of the Holy Father opens the way for the Canonization of Blessed Artemide Zatti. The date of the Canonization will be decided by the Supreme Pontiff during an ordinary Consistory.

**The Diocesan Inquiry into** the life, virtues, reputation for holiness, and signs of the **Servant of God Vera Grita, Lay Salesian Cooperator** (1923-1969) **opened** in Savona on 10 April 2022.

On Sunday 15 May 2022, at the shrine of Our Lady of Mercy in Savona, **the diocesan phase of the Cause of Beatification of the Servant of God Vera Grita,** Lay Salesian Cooperator (1923-1969) was **closed.**

On Tuesday 17 May 2022 in Omegna (Verbano-Cusio-Ossola Province), the **canonical recognition of the mortal remains of the Venerable Andrea Beltrami** (1870-1897), a Salesian priest, took place.

On Saturday 4 June 2022 in Budapest at the Clarisseum there was a **solemn deposition of the Relics of Blessed Stephen Sándor,** (1914-1953), martyr, Salesian coadjutor. The Relics were found and identified in 2019.

[Sunday 12 June in Chiari (Brescia)](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=2155441574634680&set=pcb.2155441684634669&__cft__%5b0%5d=AZV_9MSwMCWLCPWXpTorTdllBhdooUXrDXxrg051bWVS_Ub2kS5bcKSamiCNpeG8jPKN2g2VUSzhtxyTilWaAsrn2t0LR7B4FaC9xxJkJh480Q&__tn__=*bH-R) **[Closing of the diocesan inquiry for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Fr Silvio Galli](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=2155441574634680&set=pcb.2155441684634669&__cft__%5b0%5d=AZV_9MSwMCWLCPWXpTorTdllBhdooUXrDXxrg051bWVS_Ub2kS5bcKSamiCNpeG8jPKN2g2VUSzhtxyTilWaAsrn2t0LR7B4FaC9xxJkJh480Q&__tn__=*bH-R)** [(1927-2012), professed priest of the Society of St Francis de Sales.](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=2155441574634680&set=pcb.2155441684634669&__cft__%5b0%5d=AZV_9MSwMCWLCPWXpTorTdllBhdooUXrDXxrg051bWVS_Ub2kS5bcKSamiCNpeG8jPKN2g2VUSzhtxyTilWaAsrn2t0LR7B4FaC9xxJkJh480Q&__tn__=*bH-R)

On 21 July 2022 **the *Positio super martyrio* of the Servants of God John Świerc and VIII Companions,** Professed Priests of the Society of St Francis de Sales, was **delivered to the** Dicastery for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican.

On the occasion of the **Ordinary Public Consistory** held in St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday 27 August 2022 for the Canonization of the Blesseds:

- Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, Bishop of Piacenza, founder of the Congregation of the Missionaries of Saint Charles and the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Saint Charles Borromeo;

**- Artemide Zatti**, professed layman of the Salesian Society of St. John Bosco (Salesians).

**The Holy Father Francis has decided that the Rite of Canonization of the two Blesseds will be celebrated on Sunday 9 October 2022.**

Macas (Ecuador) from 2 to 10 September 2022 **the Diocesan Inquiry was held "On the claimed miraculous healing** of Mr Juwa Juank Kankua Bosco, from an open encephalic head injury with exposure of very serious brain tissue, obtained from God **through the intercession of Blessed Maria Troncatti,** Professed Sister of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians".

[1 October 2022 in San Vittorino Romano at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima there was](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=2155441574634680&set=pcb.2155441684634669&__cft__%5b0%5d=AZV_9MSwMCWLCPWXpTorTdllBhdooUXrDXxrg051bWVS_Ub2kS5bcKSamiCNpeG8jPKN2g2VUSzhtxyTilWaAsrn2t0LR7B4FaC9xxJkJh480Q&__tn__=*bH-R) **[Closing of the Diocesan Inquiry into the Cause for the Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God](https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=2155441574634680&set=pcb.2155441684634669&__cft__%5b0%5d=AZV_9MSwMCWLCPWXpTorTdllBhdooUXrDXxrg051bWVS_Ub2kS5bcKSamiCNpeG8jPKN2g2VUSzhtxyTilWaAsrn2t0LR7B4FaC9xxJkJh480Q&__tn__=*bH-R) Giuseppe Cognata** (Agrigento 14 October 1885 - Pellaro 22 July 1972) of the Pious Society of St Francis de Sales, Titular Bishop of Farsalo, former Bishop of Bova, Founder of the Institute of the Salesian Oblates of the Sacred Heart.

**On 9 October 2022 Pope Francis enrolled Artemide Zatti (1880-1951), Salesian coadjutor, in the list of saints.** The canonization took place in St. Peter's Square

On 10 October 2022, during the **special Congress of Theological Consultors** at the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, a unanimous positive opinion was given regarding the heroic exercise of virtues, the reputation for holiness, and the signs of the **Servant of God Carlo Crespi Croci**, (1891-1982) Professed Priest of the Society of St Francis de Sales, missionary in Ecuador.

On 19 October 2022 the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints in its Ordinary Congress gave **juridical validity to the diocesan inquiry for the** Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the **Servant of God Silvio Galli,** (1927-2012), professed priest of the Society of St. Francis de Sales.

On 8 November 2022, during the **special Congress of Theological Consultors** at the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, a unanimous positive opinion was given on the heroic exercise of virtues, the reputation for holiness and the signs of the **Servant of God Antonio De Almeida Lustosa** (1886-1974) Archbishop of Fortaleza, Salesian of Don Bosco .

On 14 December 2022, the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints in its Ordinary Congress gave **juridical validity to the diocesan Inquiry for the** Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the **Servant of God Vera Grita,** (1923-1969) Lay, Salesian Cooperator.

**3.** **In 2022 we remembered:**

**IV Centenary of the death of St Francis de Sales** (Lyon, 28 December 1622).

**175th birthday of Blessed Magdalene Morano**, Daughter of Mary Help of Christians (Chieri, 15 November 1847). In 1880 when she made her perpetual profession, she asked God for the grace to 'remain alive until she has completed the measure of holiness'.

**150th anniversary of the birth of Blessed Joseph Calasanz** (Azanuy - Spain, 23 November 1872), leader of the martyrs of Spain. On the occasion of their Beatification, St John Paul II said: "The saints' lives and the martyrs' witness teach us that if the transfiguration of the body will occur at the end of time with the resurrection of the flesh, that of the heart takes place now on this earth with the help of grace. We can ask ourselves:  What are "transfigured" men and women like? The answer is very beautiful:  they are people who follow Christ in living and dying; who are inspired by him and let themselves be imbued with the grace that he gives us; whose food is to do the Father's will; who let themselves be led by the Spirit; who prefer nothing to Christ's kingdom; who love others to the point of shedding their blood for them; who are ready to give him their all without expecting anything in return; who - in a word - live loving and die forgiving”.

**125th death anniversary of the Venerable Andrea Beltrami**, Salesian of Don Bosco (Turin-Valsalice, 30 December 1897). Exacting in his observance of the Rule, he had an ardent love for Don Bosco and the Congregation. In the remaining four years of his life after his priesthood, he continued to pray and write. Of particular note is the Italian translation of the first volumes of the critical edition of the works of St Francis de Sales.

**100th birthday of the Servant of God Rosetta Marchese**, Daughter of Mary Help of Christians (Aosta, 20 October 1922). In a letter to his spiritual director, the Servant of God Monsignor Francesco Fasola, she wrote: 'Thank you for all you have given me in these twenty years; oh how I have learnt from you love for Jesus, Mary, the Church, souls! How I have learnt to deepen the sweetness of St Francis de Sales and the need for the total gift to Jesus through Mary'. (Letter of 12 January 1981).

**50th anniversary of the death of the Servant of God Giuseppe Cognata** (Pellaro - Reggio Calabria, 22 July 1972), Salesian bishop, founder of the Salesian Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart, who even in the hour of trial and calvary spread light, courage, trust, and joy in an embracing fatherhood. A noble figure, rich in doctrine, wisdom, and the holiness of the gentleness of St Francis de Sales.

**50th anniversary of the** Beatification of **Michael Rua** (Rome, 29 October 1972) who, as St Paul VI said in his masterly homily for the Beatification: "He is the first successor of Don Bosco, the Holy Founder of the Salesians... son, disciple, imitator; Of all that is known, the first among them, he has made a school out of the Saint's example, of his personal work an institution extended, one could say, over the whole earth; of his life a history, of his rule a spirit, of his holiness an example, a model; he has made a spring, a stream, a river".

**50th anniversary of the death of Venerable Attilio Giordani** (Campo Grande - Brazil, 18 December 1972), a Salesian Cooperator who, as a layman, embodied the Oratorian spirit in the family, at work, in the oratory, in the mission.

**4. The commitment to spread knowledge, IMITATION, and intercession of the members of our Family who are candidates for holiness**

**Suggestions for promoting a Cause.**

* Encourage **prayer with the intercession of** the Blessed, Venerable, Servant of God, through images (also ex-indumentis relics), leaflets, books... to be distributed in families, parishes, religious houses, spirituality centres, hospitals to ask for the grace of miracles and favours through the intercession of the Blessed, Venerable Servant of God.
* It is particularly effective to spread the Blessed, Venerable Servant of God **novena**, invoking his intercession in various cases of material and spiritual need.

Two formative elements are emphasized: the value of insistent and confident prayer and that of community prayer. Let us recall the biblical episode of Naam the Syrian (2 Kings 5:1-14), where we discern several elements: the pointing out of the man of God by a young girl, the order to bathe seven times in the Jordan, the indignant and resentful refusal, the wisdom and insistence of Naam's servants, Naam's obedience, and the obtaining not only of physical healing but of salvation. Let us also recall the description of the first community in Jerusalem, when it is stated: "All these were persevering and with one accord in prayer, together with some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren" (Acts 1:14).

* It is recommended that **every month, on the day of the death of** the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God, a moment of prayer and commemoration be held.
* Publish a trimestral or a quarterly information sheet informing about the progress of the Cause, particular anniversaries and events, testimonies, graces... to highlight that the Cause is alive and accompanied.
* Organize a **commemorative day** once a year, highlighting particular aspects or anniversaries of the figure of the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God, involving groups that are particularly 'interested' in his or her testimony (e.g., priests, religious, young people, families, doctors, missionaries...).
* Collect and document the **graces and favours** attributed to the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God. It is useful to have a notebook in which to note down and point out the graces asked for and those received, as evidence of the reputation for both holiness and signs. In particular, in the case of healings and/or alleged miracles, it is important to urgently collect all the **medical documentation proving the** case and the evidence attesting to intercession.
* Set up a **Committee** to promote this Cause also in view of the Beatification and Canonization. Members of such a committee should be people who are particularly sensitive to the promotion of the Cause: representatives of the diocese and parish of origin, leaders of groups and associations, doctors (for the study of the alleged miracles), historians, theologians, and experts in spirituality...
* Promote the knowledge through ***biography****,* ***critical edition of writings,* and other multimedia productions**.
* Periodically present the figure of the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God in the **parish bulletin and the diocesan newspaper, in the Salesian Bulletin.**
* Have a **website or link** dedicated to the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God with his or her life, data, and news related to the Cause of Beatification and Canonization, request for prayers, notification of graces...
* Review and reorganize the **environments** where he/she has lived. Organize an **exhibition space.** Elaborate **a spiritual itinerary in his footsteps**, highlighting places (birthplace, church, living environments...) and signs.
* Order an **archive** with all the catalogued and computerized documentation relating to the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God.
* Create an **economic fund** to support both the expenses of the Postulation of the Cause and the work of promoting and animating the Cause itself.
* Promoting **works of charity and education** in the name of the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God, through projects, partnerships...

***Conclusion***

Recognized holiness, or holiness in the process of being recognized, on the one hand, is already the realization of evangelical radicalism and fidelity to Don Bosco's apostolic project, to be looked to as a spiritual and pastoral resource; on the other hand, it is a provocation to live one's vocation with fidelity to be available to bear witness to love to the extreme. Our Saints, Blesseds, Venerables, and Servants of God are the authentic incarnation of the Salesian charism and the *Constitutions* or *Regulations* of our Institutes and Groups in the most diverse times and situations, overcoming that worldliness and spiritual superficiality which undermine our credibility and fruitfulness at the root. The saints are true mystics of the primacy of God in the generous gift of self, prophets of evangelical fraternity, and servants of the brothers and sisters with creativity.

The path to holiness is a journey to be made together, in the company of the saints. Holiness is experienced together and achieved together. Saints are always in company: where there is one, there are always many others. The holiness of daily life makes communion flourish and is a generator of 'relationship'. Holiness feeds on relationships, on trust, and on communion. Truly, as the liturgy of the Church makes us pray in the preface of the saints: 'In their life, you offer us an example, in their intercession a help, in the communion of grace a bond of brotherly love. Strengthened by their witness, let us face the good fight of faith, to share beyond death the same crown of glory'.

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