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THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO  
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# MISSION TO LOVE

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**Don Giovanni Bosco, the founder of the Salesians – now present throughout the world – was one of history's greatest educators. Without rhetoric, acting with the revolutionary force of love, he managed to radically innovate the very concept of education. "The young should not only be loved, they should also feel that they are loved".**



Giovanni Bosco is only a toddler when his father dies, leaving a void too big to be filled. Brimming with intelligence and energy, Giovanni as a child is a natural leader. He loves to study, but he is hindered by Antonio, his half brother, who forces him to work in the fields.

Then comes a providential encounter with don Calosso – a priest who takes him in, allows him to study and tells him he should always pursue his dreams. And his greatest dream is to help other boys like himself... After don Calosso's death, Giovanni decides to enter the seminary.

His mission begins in Turin with inmates, child laborers, orphans and vagabonds. Turin is a city devastated from the changes of the century: industrialization is swallowing the social habits of the population and children, the weakest human beings of our world, are slowly sinking in the darkest spots of the social ladder. Don Bosco wants to start from them. In no time at all the number of boys attending the Oratory jumps from one to ten and from ten to one hundred. But uncharitable minds consider the place a nuisance and become increasingly suspicious of Don Bosco's remarkable success. His mission is challenged by constant threats and obstacles...

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