### **EUROPA** and the MIDDLE EAST

#### **EASTERN CENTRAL EUROPE:**

Belorussia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.

#### WESTERN CENTRAL **EUROPE:**

Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, and Switzerland.

Cameroon, Congo, Congo

Brazzaville, Equatorial

Lesotho, Madagascar,

Malawi, Mozambique,

Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon,

Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya,

Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda,

South Africa, Swaziland,

Tanzania, Togo, Uganda,

Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

MIDDLE EAST, and

Albania, Egypt, Italy, Kosovo, Lebanon, Malta, San Marino, Svria, and Turkey.

# **EAST ASIA** and

Australia, East Timor, Hong Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam

**ASIA SUD:** 

**IBERIA:** Spain and Portugal.

## ITALY, MALTA:

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory

(Mt 5,13-16)

to your Father in heaven.

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# **ASSOCIATION OF SALESIAN COOPERATORS**



«Weak forces, when united, become

break three united»

(Don Bosco)

strong, and if one cord taken by itself

is easily broken, it is rather difficult to

THE AMERICAS

Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

■ INTERAMERICA:

Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and the United States.

Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, and Venezuela.

**How many** 

we are

Around **30,000** 

in 102 nations

grouped into 11 regions

all around the world

- **AMERICA SOUTH CONE:**
- **BRAZIL:** Brazil.

PACIFIC SOUTH CARIBBEAN:



# **OCEANIA:**

Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Macau, Mongolia, Papua New

India and Sri Lanka



## **OUR STORY**

Don Bosco (1815-1888) was a practical and enterprising man, an untiring and creative worker who committed all his energies to a vast apostolic project for the human and Christian education of the young. Certain of having been called by God to this mission, he founded oratories and academic and technical schools; found work for the young; and gave entire life for the evangelisation in his country and in the Missions.

From the beginning, in order to give life to his apostolic project, he involved many lay people, men and women, and united them in an association: the Salesian Cooperators (1876).

He traced out a rule of spiritual life. It's authentic spirit life whose authentic spirit and purpose can be found in the Project of Apostolic Life (PVA). It describes the characteristics of the Salesian Spirit, underlining the Gospel values of: strong pastoral charity, youthful dynamism, sensus ecclesiae, family spirit, optimism, and joy...

### **WHO WE ARE**

Catholic lay people or Diocesan clergy who, drawn by the person of Don Bosco, live out the same charism of the Society of St. Francis de Sales in the secular world...

We are called to cooperate in the mission of the salvation of the young – above all, of poor and abandoned youth.

# WHAT WE DO

We commit ourselves to respond to our Salesian Vocation, which is a gift of the Spirit, taking on a specific way of living the Gospel and participating in the mission of the Church.

In particular, the activities of the Salesian Cooperators are carried out in various structures, mainly in the secular world.

- In civic, cultural, socio-economic and political realities.
- In ecclesial educatifs-pastoral environments.
- In settings animated by the Salesians, by the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, and by other Groups of the Salesian Family.
- In Oratories, Youth Centers, and schools.