



## BECOMING SALESIAN: IT'S POSSIBLE



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**Salesians of Don Bosco  
West Africa South (AOS)  
Saint Joseph Province**



## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

If you feel drawn to the person of Christ and attracted by Don Bosco's project of education and evangelisation.

- If you are young (under 22),
- If you love Jesus and want to offer yourself to serve Him
- If you feel the problems of young people.
- If you want to be at the service of young people like Don Bosco,
- If you want to make this step with others brothers in a community... Then **COME AND SEE!**

You can work with us in Togo, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

## TO BECOME A SALESMAN: WHICH PATHS TO TAKE?

You need a time of research, reflection and prayer called a time of discernment to find out if the Lord is calling you to become a Salesian. This work is done with the help of a spiritual director.



When a young person feels called by God to become a Salesian in order to dedicate himself to God and to young people, he must follow a process of formation that will enable him to experience the Salesian vocation.

It is a question of forming oneself to become a Salesian in an attitude of faith, love and hope.

The basic formation, known as "initial formation", takes place through different phases of discernment and commitment.

## 1. PRE-NOVITIATE

The pre-novitiate is an immediate preparation for the novitiate which lasts one academic year. The pre-novitiate house of formation is in Porto-Novo (Benin republic) and in Ondo (Nigeria).

## 2. NOVITIATE

Its aim is to introduce the young person to Salesian life by helping him or her to integrate and take on the various aspects of Salesian life. The novitiate lasts a whole year. Our novitiate is at Gbodjomé, near Lomé in Togo and Sunyani in Ghana.







This phase ends with the first religious commitments, known as "religious profession". The core of which is made up of the vows of obedience poverty and chastity.

### 3. POST-NOVITIATE

The post-novitiate is a phase of maturation in the Salesian religious life to which one is committed by religious profession at the end of the novitiate. The post-novitiate lasts three years, during which time we study philosophy and human sciences. Our post-novitiate is in Lomé (Togo Republic).

### 4. PRACTICAL TRAINING

The practical training takes place in one of the communities of the province. At this phase, the province, allow you to experience the Salesian mission in all its method and demands.

### 5. SPECIFIC TRAINING

It is divided into two parts depending on whether the young Salesian is a coadjutor (brother) or a candidate for the priesthood.

- The specific formation of the Salesian coadjutor (Brother): this phase consists of the formation of Salesian brothers to prepare them for the definitive commitment (perpetual profession).

That formation takes place in Yaoundé (Cameroon) and lasts two years. After this, they begin to specialise in a technical field in preparation for the mission.

- Specific training for Salesian priests: this training lasts four years and takes place in Yaoundé (Cameroon) or in Utume (Kenya). During their theological studies, Salesian also prepares for his definitive commitment to the Salesian congregation.



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