



**SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO  
WEST AFRICA SOUTH  
SAINT JOSEPH PROVINCE**



**WHO ARE THE  
DON BOSCO  
SALESIANS  
OF THE AOS?**



### WHO WE ARE?

We are Salesians of Don Bosco, a religious congregation founded on 18 December 1859 by Saint John Bosco. We live in community and are consecrated to God through the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Don Bosco, inspired by the goodness and zeal of Saint Francis de Sales, gave us the name "Salesians".

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is to carry out in the Church and in society the charismatic project of our founder Saint John Bosco: "to be signs and bearers of God's love" to children and young people, especially the poorest.

### OUR VISION

Through an education that integrates knowledge, know-how, life skills and interpersonal skills, our vision, which is the ultimate aim of our educational action, is to form good believers and honest citizens through an all-round education.

### OUR EDUCATIONAL METHOD

Our teaching method, known as the preventive system (or preventive method), is based on prevention and trust. It is founded on three inseparable pillars: Affection, Reason and Religion.

**We educate by evangelizing and we evangelize by educating.**



### WHERE ARE WE PRESENT?

At world level, we are 14063 SDB, present in 134 countries with more than 1802 works (communities) dedicated to the education and training of young people.

At the level of our province, we form 22 communities in the five (5) countries of South West Africa which are:

**Côte d'Ivoire:** Duekoué, Korhogo and Abidjan

**Ghana:** Ashaiman, Sunyani and Tatale

**Liberia:** Monrovia, 8street Monrovia, Matadi and Tapita

**Sierra Leone:** Freetown, Lungi and BO

**Togo:** Cinkassé, Gbodjomé, Kara, Lomé-Akodessewa and Lomé-Gbegnedji



## OUR SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

- Oratory-Youth Centre
- Vocational schools
- Shelters
- Primary and secondary schools
- Homes for children in difficulty
- Parishes
- University

## OUR MISSION

- "Da mihi animas, cœtera tolle" (Latin)
- "Give me souls, and take everything else".

## OUR SYLE

Don Bosco passed on to us a unique way of living and working, which we call the **Salesian spirit**:

- A special concern for the welfare of young people.
- Affectionate kindness ("amorevolezza") and a welcoming attitude.
- Optimism and joy.
- Work and temperance.
- Joyful acceptance of everyday life.
- Creativity and flexibility



## OUR SPIRITUALITY

"HOLINESS CONSISTS IN BEING JOYFUL".  
Salesian spirituality is the concrete expression of pastoral charity and;

- It is a spirituality of everyday life
- It is a spirituality of Easter joy
- It is a spirituality of friendship with Jesus Christ,
- It is a spirituality of ecclesial communion,
- It is a spirituality of responsible service.
- It is a spirituality of marial devotion



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