

# SALESIAN SPOTLIGHT

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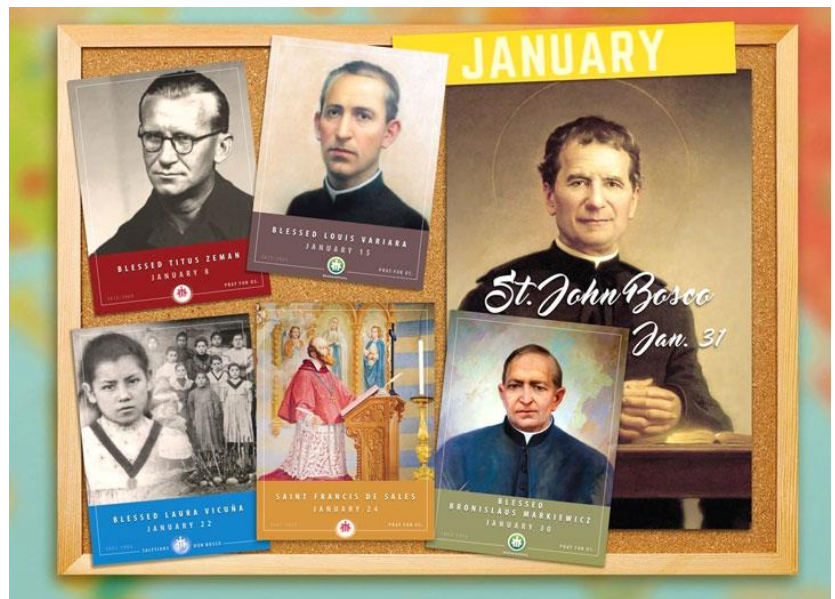
*Welcome* to the new monthly **SPOTLIGHT**. Maybe it will be easier to take in all, or at least some, of the Salesian news once a month rather than a 14-page screed every 3 months. Compliments of the season to everybody and every grace and blessing to you all during this year, May it be a peaceful one as we pray together for ourselves and for each other.

This month we start the Novena to St John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians. I have added a short Novena on Page 2 for those of you who are interested. There are some other Saints whose memory is celebrated this month. Take a look... So many wonderful events have taken place since the beginning of December that I won't be able to record but I have noted a few. Let me know how you feel about this new idea, remember the importance of saying the Rosary and pray for me please as I do for you. Much love Denise.



JANUARY is also called DON BOSCO - SALESIAN MONTH, due to the multiple feasts of the Salesian Family Saints. First is on:

- 08th Blessed martyr for vocations, Fr Titus Zeman
- 15th Blessed missionary of the lepers, Fr Luis Variara
- 22nd Blessed youth of the Andes, Laura Vicuna
- 24th Saint Francis de Sales, Patron of SDB, communicators...
- 30th Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz, founder of the Michaelites
- 31st Saint John Bosco, Our Father, Founder and Teacher of Youth.



Don Bosco with his mother Mama Magherita

### ST JOHN BOSCO

was a follower of the spirituality and philosophy of St Francis de Sales.

Don Bosco was an ardent devotee of the Virgin Mary under the title Mary Help of Christians. He later dedicated his works to St Francis de Sales when he founded the Salesians of Don Bosco, based in Turin. Salesians minister to young people through schools, parishes, youth centres, in a word, wherever young people can be found. It is our mission to be signs and bearers of God's love for the young. "It is not enough to love the young. They must know that they are loved."

**Do not speak about God to one who does not ask you to do so. But live in such a way that sooner or later he will ask you about Him. St. Francis de Sales**



**KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE**



