

DON BOSCO QUIZ

1. Who was Don Bosco's father? Francis Bosco.
2. Who was Don Bosco's mother? Margaret Occhiena.
3. Who was Don Bosco's stepbrother? Anthony Bosco.
4. Name the people who guided the church at the time of Don Bosco's birth? Pope VII.
5. Who was Don Bosco's elder brother? Joseph Bosco.
6. When was Don Bosco born? August 16, 1815.
7. When and where was Don Bosco baptized?
August 17th, 1815, in the church of St. Andrew.
8. What was Don Bosco's baptismal name? John Melchior Bosco.
9. Who were his Godparents? Melchier Occhiena and Magdalene Bosco.
10. When did Francis Bosco die? May 11, 1817.
11. How old was Francis Bosco when he died? 33 years of age.
12. What was the condition of Italy at the death of Francis Bosco?
Italy was under the grip of famine, widespread disease and epidemics.
13. What was mamma Margaret's response when calamities destroyed the harvest?
The Lord gave it to us and the Lord took it away. He is the master of the harvests. He knows the best.
14. What was the watchword of Mamma Margaret? God sees you.
15. Where did Johnny Bosco do his elementary studies?
At the public school at Capriglio.
16. Who were the personage that Johnny Bosco saw in his dream? Jesus and Mary.
17. What was the name of the group that Johnny Bosco founded among his friends at Chieri? Society of Cheerfulness.
18. Who was Johnny's saintly friend at the school of Chieri? Louis Comollo.
19. Why was Mamma Margaret widely respected?
Because of her reputation for great piety and affected she inspired in others.
20. What was written on the front door chapel of Becchi?
Truly the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.
21. Who gave Don Bosco the cassock? Fr. Michael Antony Cinzano
22. When did Don Bosco receive his clerical habit? On 30 October 1835.
23. Who ordained Don Bosco a priest? Archbishop Louis Fransoni.
24. When was Don Bosco ordained a priest? On 5 June 1841.
25. Where did Don Bosco celebrate his the first mass?
In the church of St. Francis of Assisi in Turin.
26. Who was the spiritual guide of Don Bosco? Fr. Joseph Cafasso.
27. How did Don Bosco begin his oratory? With a simple catechism lesson.
28. Who was Don Bosco's the first oratory boy? Bartholomew Garelli.
29. When did Don Bosco meet Bartholomew Garelli? On December 8, 1841.
30. What were the means used by Don Bosco to achieve the aim of his oratory?
Recreation, entertainment, singing and schooling.
31. Who were the four cardinals who formed the commission for the final approbation of the rules? Patrizzi, De Luca, Bizzari, Martinelli.
32. Who was the first cardinal protector of the Salesian society? Cardinal Nina.
33. Where was the first general chapter held? Lanzo.
34. How many general chapters took place during the lifetime of D.B.? Four.
35. Who are the successors of Don Bosco?

- Michale Rua, Paul Albera, Philip Rinaldi, Peter Ricaldone, Renato Ziggiotti, Aloysius Ricceri, Egidius Vigano, Juan Vecchi, Pasqual Chavez.
36. How many salesians were there in the first Salesian expedition?
10, six priests and four brothers under the leadership of Don Calgliero.
 37. Which was the country to which salesians went first? Argentina.
 38. Who were the first Salesian martyrs? Mgr. Louis Versiglia and Fr. Callisto Caravario.
 39. How many are the Salesian martyrs of Spain? 97
 40. What did Mamma Margaret say to Don Bosco on his ordination?
“To become priest is to begin to suffer”
 41. What did Mamma Margaret say to Don Bosco about riches?
“My son, do not disgrace the priestly robe, if you amass riches I shall not enter your threshold”
 42. What did Joseph Cottlengo say to Don Bosco regarding his Cassock?
“Your cassock is too thin, you need a thick one because many boys will hang on it”
 43. What did Cleric Cafasso say to D.B. regarding a priest’s recreation?
“The entertainment of a priest are the functions of the church; the more devoutly they are celebrated, the more pleasing they become”
 44. What did Leo XIII say about his work?
“Your work is undoubtedly God’s work, hence go forward courageously and fearlessly”
 45. After whom are the salesians named? St Francis de Sales
 46. Who are the principal patrons of our society?
Don Bosco, Mary Help of Christians, St. Joseph, St Francis de Sales, Dominic Savio.
 47. What is the motto of the salesians? Work and temperance.
 48. What is the motto of the Salesians as given on the Coat of arms?
“Da mihi animas Caetera tolle!” Give me souls and take away the rest.
 49. What is the so-called fourth vow of the salesians? The preventive system.
 31. Which was the first place where the oratory met?
Courtyard of the convitto Ecclesiastico.
 32. Who were the first clerics of DB? Rua, Buzzeti, Cagliero, Francesia.
 33. How many members formed the society for the first time? 18 including DB.
 34. Who was one of the first benefactors of DB who later became a Salesian? Count Cays
 35. How many chapters made up the first constitution? Name them?
Ten. Origin of the Society, Purpose of the society, the vow of poverty, the vow of obedience, the vow of chastity, government of the congregation, other superiors, admissions and practices of piety.
 36. Who was the first Salesian missionary to come to India? Fr Thomatis 1906.
 37. Who were the companions of Fr Thomatis? Vingeron, Bibeck and three brothers.
 38. Who substituted Fr Vingeron after his death within a year of his arrival?
Mgr.Mederlet, the future Archbishop of Madras.
 39. Who was the leader of the first regular missionary band to India? Who were his Companions?
Mons. Mathias (leader), Huber, Gil, Deponti, Bonardi, Bars, Coadjutors Conti, Calzi, Santana, Cid and Aprile.
 40. Who were the first Indian Salesian Priest and Coadjutor?
Fr. Ignatius Muthu and Bro. Savarimuthu
 41. When was the Province of St Thomas of Madras erected? 1934.
 42. When was the Province of St John Bosco of Calcutta erected? 1926.
 43. When was the Province of M.H.C Guwahati erected? 1959
 44. When was the Province of St Francis Xavier, Bombay erected? 1972.
 45. When was the Province of Sacred Heart Bangalore erected? 1979.
 46. When did Mgr Mathias arrive in Bombay? 1922.
 47. When did Mgr Mathias arrive in Shillong? 1922.

48. When was Mgr Mathias nominated Archbishop of Madras? 1935.
49. Which are the two important events that happened in the year of Don Bosco's Birth?
50. Napoleon went to exile and Pope Pius VIII returned from exile
51. When did Don Bosco meet Don Calosso? 1826, on his way back from a church service.
52. How is Easter connected with Don Bosco's life?
He made his first Communion on Easter Sunday. His canonization also took place on an Easter Sunday.
53. When did uncle Michael Occhiena come to the rescue of Don Bosco?
In December 1829 when he was working for the Moglia family.
54. What was the theme of Don Bosco's dream at the age of 16 and 22?
He saw Our Lady tending the sheep and she entrusted it to Don Bosco (at the age of 16).
The expansion of the oratory outside Turin (at the age of 22)
55. What happened on the night of April 3, 1839?
Don Bosco's late friend Louis Comollo appeared to him as he has promised before death.
56. How many times did the oratory change the place? 6 times
57. What did Don Bosco predict when the oratory was driven out from the church of St. Peter in Chains?
He foretold the death of the maidservant and the parish priest of that Church.
58. Which are the first three oratories Don Bosco founded in Turin?
The oratories of St. Francis de Sales, of Aloysius Gonzaga and of the Guardian Angel.
59. Which was the church Don Bosco built to counteract the Waldersians in Turin?
The church of St. John the Evangelist.
60. What was the miracle Don Bosco worked in 1886 November 1?
Don Bosco multiplied chestnuts.
61. What period in DB's life is called "the way of the cross"?
When DB was trying to obtain the definite approbation of the Rules of the Sal. Society.
62. On which point did Mgr. Svegliati disagree in the Rules of the Salesian Congregation?
The vow of poverty.
63. What did Pope Benedict XIV say about the faithful observance of the rules?
"Give me a religious who during his life had observed all the rules of his institutions and I will not hesitate to canonize him".
64. How did Leo XIII express his love for the Salesians?
"Don Bosco I love you, I love you, I want to be everything to the salesians. I want to be considered the first of your Co-operators."
65. What recommendation did Leo XIII give DB for the Novices?
"I would recommend complete retirement and practice during the novitiate, of the virtue which afterwards they must practice in their lives".
66. What did Leo XIII tell DB's music master about Don Bosco?
"I know that you have little time for yourself, Don Bosco is not the kind of man to let you stand about wasting your time."
67. What did Pius XI say to a group of Alpine guides?
"Don Bosco was a guide, who led thousands of boys to high peaks of Christian life, of sanctified labour and of holiness."
68. What did Don Bosco expect of his salesians brothers?
"Observance of the vows and ordinary life of a good Christian well lived."
69. What did Don Bosco expect of his priests?
"Observance of the vows and the exact fulfillment of ordinary and sacerdotal duties."
70. How did Don Bosco warn the boys against waste?
By telling them, "Divine Providence will withhold what you need".
71. What did Cardinal Spellman say of the Salesians?

“No one during the last century did so much for so many as Don Bosco, not only through his own influence but likewise through the apostolate of his wonder-working sons.”

72. What did Mgr. Fulton Sheen say about the salesians?
The salesians remind me of the multiplication of loaves and fishes. The growth of the society is due to the Holy Spirit and the intercession of DonBosco and nothing short of a miracle. “
73. What did Roosevelt say about DB?
“A real educator, master in the direction of vocations and a pioneer of professional and agricultural schools.”
74. Who was the great French author who wished to see DB on his visit to Paris in the year 1883? What did he say when he revealed his identity?
Victor Hugo, that he wished to die in the arms of a priest who would recommend him to the creator.
75. What did Francis de Sales say about the rules, and what did Don Rua add to it?
“The rules must be considered by us as the book of life, the marrow of the gospel, the hope of our salvation, the measure of our perfection, the key of paradise... Don Rua added, Revere it therefore as the best souvenir and the most precious rule of our beloved Don Bosco”.
76. What did Johnny Bosco say to Mr. Moglia about prayer?
“Plant two seeds if your pray four shoots will spiring up, if you don’t pray, from four seeds only two shoots will spring up.”
77. How did Don Bosco greet the priests?
“Salve salvando salvati” i.e., hail by saving others save yourself.
78. What were Don Bosco’s two mottoes?
“Give me souls take away the rest” and “One thing alone is necessary namely to save one’s soul”.
79. What did Don Bosco write in his memorandum to all his sons after having assisted at the meeting of the devil in the dream?
“Divine Providence has a great future in store for our society, and its glory will last as long as the rules are observed faithfully.”
80. What did Don Bosco say about Good Nights?
It is a key to good behavior, to smooth running of the school and to success in education.
81. What did Don Bosco say about sodalities?
“They are the keys to piety, safeguards of morals, sustainers of religious and ecclesiastical vocations.’
82. What were the remedies given by D.B against contracting cholera?
“Receive holy communion with proper dispositions, repeat often the ejaculation: Mary Help of Christians pray for us”; wear a medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary and make an offering to some work of charity in her honour.
83. What did Don Bosco say about the role of music in Salesian oratories?
“An oratory without music is like a body without soul”
84. What words of St. Philip Neri was Don Bosco accustomed to quote regarding cheerfulness?
“Play, jump about, shout, enjoy as much as ever you please, but do not commit sin”.
85. What did D.B promise his children? “Work, bread and heaven”.
86. What did Don Bosco say to Minister Ricasoli in 1866 while in Florence?
“Your excellency, know that Don Bosco is a priest at the altar, a priest in the confession-al, a priest in the midst of his boys, and as he is a priest in Turin, so also a priest in Florence, a priest in the house of the poor, a priest in the palaces of kings and ministers.”
87. What did Don Bosco tell his Salessians in the last will regarding rules?

“If you have loved me in the past, continue to in the future by the exact observance of our constitutions.”

88. What did DB say about the role of Mary in the Congregation?

“Mary most holy is the foundress and will be the sustainer of our works, it is on her account that our congregation exists and prospers, we cannot make a mistake, Mary guides us”.

89. What was DB’s last advice to his religious?

“Treat one another as brothers, love one another, bear with one another. The assistance of Mary will not be wanting you”.

90. What did Don Bosco say to Count Cavour about his relation with the Pope?

“I am with the pope and on his side and shall remain till I die”.

91. What did the mysterious personage tell Johnny in his first dream?

“I will give you a teacher, under whose direction you can become wise and without whom all wisdom is foolishness”.

92. What was the advice given by Mamma Margaret to Johnny on our Lady after he received the cassock?

“When you began your schooling I recommended to you devotion to this mother of ours. I say to you, belong to her entirely. Love those who love her, and if you become some day a priest constantly preach and promote devotion to Mary”.