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DOSSIER GENERAL POSTULATION OF SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO - 2023

"Let us not forget that it is precisely the saints who lead and make the Church grow"
(Pope Francis).

"From now on, let it be our commanding motto: let the holiness of children be a proof of the holiness of the father."
(Don Rua)

It is necessary to express deep gratitude and praise to God for the holiness already recognized in the Salesian Family of Don Bosco and for that in the process of being recognized. The outcome of a Cause of Beatification and Canonization is an event of extraordinary importance and ecclesial value. In fact, it is a matter of discerning the reputation of holiness of a baptized person, who has lived the Gospel Beatitudes to a heroic degree or who has given his life for Christ.

From Don Bosco to the present day, there is evidence of a tradition of holiness to which attention should be given, because it is the incarnation of the charism that originated from him and was expressed in a plurality of states of life and forms. These are men and women, young people and adults, consecrated persons and lay people, bishops and missionaries who, in historical, cultural and social contexts of different times and space, have made the Salesian charism shine with a singular light, representing a patrimony that plays an effective role in the life and community of believers and for people of good will.



2023

Santidad en la Familia Salesiana

Sanctity in the Salesian Family

Santità nella Famiglia Salesiana

La Sainteté dans la Famille Salésienne

Santidade na Família Salesiana

Santi
Saints
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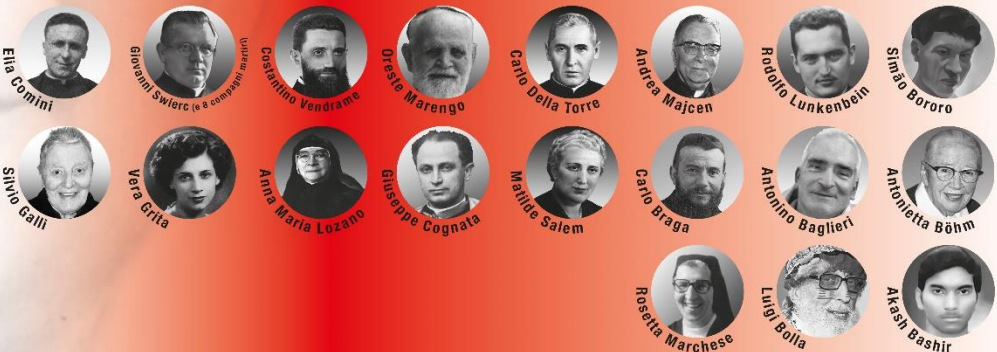
Beati Blessed
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Venerabili
Venerables
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Czcigodni



Servi di Dio
Servants of God
Serveurs de Dieu
Siervos de Dios
Servos de Deus
Śludzy Boży



1. LIST AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Our Postulation involves 173 Saints, Blesseds, Venerables and Servants of God.
The causes followed directly by the Postulation are 58 (+ 5 extra).

SAINTS (10)

St. John Bosco, priest (date of canonization: April 1, 1934) – (Italy)
Saint Joseph Cafasso, priest (22 June 1947) – (Italy)
Saint Mary D. Mazzarello, virgin (24 June 1951) – (Italy)
Saint Dominic Savio, adolescent (June 12, 1954) – (Italy)
Saint Leonard Murialdo, priest (3 May 1970) – (Italy)
Saint Luigi Versiglia, bishop, **martyr** (October 1, 2000) – (Italy - China)
Saint Callistus Caravario, priest, **martyr** (October 1, 2000) – (Italy - China)
Saint Luigi Orione, priest (May 16, 2004) – (Italy)
Saint Luigi Guanella, priest (23 October 2011) – (Italy)
Saint Artemis Zatti, religious (9 October 2022) – (Italy – Argentina)

BLESSED (117)

Blessed Michele Rua, priest (date of beatification: 29 October 1972) – (Italy)
Blessed Laura Vicuña, adolescent (3 September 1988) – (Chile – Argentina)
Blessed Filippo Rinaldi, priest (April 29, 1990) – (Italy)
Blessed Maddalena Morano, virgin (November 5, 1994) – (Italy)
Blessed Joseph Kowalski, priest, **martyr** (June 13, 1999) – (Poland)
Blessed Francis Kęsy, layman, and **4 companions' martyrs** (June 13, 1999) – (Poland)
 Czesław Józ'wiak, layman
 Edward Kaz'mierski, layman
 Edward Klinik, layman
 Jarogniew Wojciechowski, layman
Blessed Pius IX, pope (September 3, 2000) – (Italy)
Blessed Joseph Calasanz, priest, and **31 companion martyrs** (March 11, 2001) – (Spain)
 Antonio Maria Martín Hernández, priest
 Recaredo de los Ríos Fabregat, priest
 Giuliano Rodriguez Sanchez, priest
 Giuseppe Giménez López, priest
 Agostino García Calvo, layman
 Giovanni Martorell Soria, priest
 Giacomo Buch Canal, layman
 Pietro Mesonero Rodríguez, cleric
 - **Giuseppe Otín Aquilué**, priest
 Alvaro Sanjuán Canet, priest
 Francesco Bandrés Sánchez, priest
 Sergio Cid Pazo, priest
 - **Giuseppe Battle Parramó**, priest
 Giuseppe Rabasa Bentanachs, layman
 Gil Rodicio Rodicio, layman
 Angelo Ramos Velázquez, layman

Filippo Hernández Martínez, cleric
Zaccaria Abbey Buesa, cleric
Giacomo Ortiz Alzueta, layman
Saverio Bordas Piferrer, cleric
Felice Vivet Trabal, cleric
Michele Domingo Cendra, cleric
Giuseppe Caselles Moncho, priest
Joseph Castell Camps, priest
Joseph Bonet Nadal, priest
Giacomo Bonet Nadal, priest
Alessandro Planas Saurí, lay collaborator
Eliseo García García, layman
Julius Junyer Padern, priest
María Carmen Moreno Benítez, virgin
María Amparo Carbonell Muñoz, virgin
Blessed Luigi Variara, priest (April 14, 2002) – (Italy – Colombia)
Blessed Maria Romero Meneses, virgin (April 14, 2002) – (Nicaragua – Costa Rica)
Blessed Augusto Czartoryski, priest (25 aprile 2004) – (Francia – Polonia)
Blessed Eusebia Palomino, virgin (April 25, 2004) – (Spain)
Blessed Alexandrina M. Da Costa, laywoman (April 25, 2004) – (Portugal)
Blessed Alberto Marvelli, layman (September 5, 2004) – (Italy)
Blessed Bronislao Markiewicz, sacerdote (19 giugno 2005) – (Polonia)
Blessed Henry Saiz Aparicio, priest, and **62 companion martyrs** (October 28, 2007) – (Spain)
Felice Gonzalez Weaver, priest
Giovanni Codera Marqués, layman
Virgilio Edreira Mosquera, cleric
- **Paolo Gracia Sanchez**, layman
Carmelo Giovanni Pérez Rodríguez, suddicon
Teodulo Gonzalez Fernandez, cleric
Tommaso Gil de la Cal, aspirant
Federico Cobo Sanz, aspirant
Igino de Mata Díez, aspirant
Giusto Juanes Santos, cleric
Vittoriano Fernandez Reinoso, cleric
Emilio Arce Díez, layman
- **Raimondo Eirín Mayo**, layman
Matteo Garolera Masferrer, coadjutor
- **Anastasio Garzón González**, coadiutore
Francesco Giuseppe Martín López de Arroyave, layman
Giovanni de Mata Díez, lay collaborator
Pio Conde Conde, priest
Sabino Hernández Laso, priest
Salvatore Fernandez Perez, priest
Nicola de la Torre Merino, layman
Germano Martín Martín, priest
Giuseppe Villanova Tormo, priest
Stefano Cobo Sanz, cleric
- **Francesco Edreira Mosquera**, cleric
Emanuele Martín Pérez, cleric
Valentino Gil Arribas, layman
Pietro Artolozaga Mellique, cleric

Emanuele Borrajo Míguez, cleric
Dionisio Ullívarri Barajuán, layman
Michele Lasaga Carazo, priest
Luigi Martínez Alvarellós, cleric
Giovanni Larragueta Garay, cleric
Fiorenzo Rodríguez Güemes, cleric
Pasquale de Castro Herrera, cleric
Stefano Vázquez Alonso, layman
Eliodoro Ramos García, layman
Giuseppe Maria Celaya Badiola, layman
Andrea Jiménez Galera, priest
Andrea Gómez Sáez, priest
- **Antonio Cid Rodríguez**, layman
Antonio Torrero Luque, priest
- **Antonio Enrico Canut Isús**, priest
Michele Molina de la Torre, priest
Paolo Caballero López, priest
Onorio Hernández Martín, cleric
Giovanni Luigi Hernández Medina, cleric
Antonio Mohedano Larriva, priest
Antonio Fernandez Camacho, priest
- **Giuseppe Limón Limón**, priest
- **Giuseppe Blanco Salgado**, layman
Francesco Míguez Fernández, priest
Emanuele Fernández Ferro, priest
Felice Paco Escartín, priest
Tommaso Alonso Sanjuán, layman
Emanuele Gómez Contioso, priest
Antonio Pancorbo López, priest
Stefano García García, layman
Raffaele Rodríguez Mesa, layman
Antonio Rodríguez Blanco, diocesan priest
Bartolomeo Blanco Márquez, layman
Teresa Cejudo Redondo, laywoman

Blessed Zeffirino Namuncurá, layman (11 November 2007) – (Argentina – Italy)

Blessed Maria Troncatti, virgin (24 November 2012) – (Italy – Ecuador)

Blessed Stephen Sándor, religious, **martyr** (19 October 2013) – (Hungary)

Blessed Titus Zeman, priest, **martyr** (30 September 2017) – (Slovakia).

VENERABLES (20)

Ven. Andrea Beltrami, priest, (date of the Super Virtutibus Decree: 15 December 1966) – (Italy)

Ven. Teresa Valsè Pantellini, virgin (July 12, 1982) – (Italy)

Ven. Dorotea Chopitea, laywoman (9 June 1983) – (Spain)

Ven. Vincenzo Cimatti, priest (21 December 1991) – (Italy – Japan)

Ven. Simone Srugi, religious (2 April 1993) – (Palestine)

Ven. Rodolfo Komorek, priest (April 6, 1995) – (Poland – Brazil)

Ven. Luigi Olivares, bishop (December 20, 2004) – (Italy)

Ven. Margherita Occhiena, laywoman (23 October 2006) – (Italy)

Ven. Giuseppe Quadrio, priest (19 December 2009) – (Italy)

Ven. Laura Meozzi, virgin (June 27, 2011) – (Italy – Poland)
Ven. Attilio Giordani, layman (9 October 2013) – (Italy – Brazil)
- **Ven. Giuseppe Augusto Arribat**, priest (8 luglio 2014) – (France)
Ven. Stefano Ferrando, bishop (3 March 2016) – (Italy – India)
Fri. Francesco Convertini, priest (20 January 2017) – (Italy – India)
Ven. Joseph Vandor, priest (20 January – 2017) – (Hungary – Cuba)
Ven. Ottavio Ortiz Arrieta Coya, bishop (27 February 2017) – (Peru)
Ven. Augusto Hlond, cardinal (19 May 2018) – (Poland)
Ven. Ignatius Stuchly, priest (21 December 2020) – (Czech Republic)
Ven. Carlo Crespi Croci, priest (23 March 2023) – (Italy – Ecuador)
Ven. Antonio De Almeida Lustosa, bishop (22 June 2023) – (Brazil)

SERVANTS OF GOD (26)
Causes are listed according to progress

Positio examined by theologians

Elia Comini, priest (Italy) **martyr**
Peculiar Congress of Theologians: 5 May 2022
Peculiar Congress of Theologians: 12 April 2024

Positio delivered

John Świerc, priest and **8 companions, martyrs** (Poland)
Ignazio Dobiasz, priest
Francesco Harazim, priest
Casimiro Wojciechowski, priest
Ignatius Antonowicz, priest
Lodovico Mroczek, priest
Carlo Golda, priest
Vladimiro Szembek, priest
Francis Miśka, priest
Position delivered: 21 July 2022
Peculiar Historical Congress. March 28, 2023
Peculiar Congress of Theologians: September – October 2024

The drafting of the Positio is in progress

Costantino Vendrame, priest (Italy – India)
Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 1 February 2013

Oreste Marengo, bishop (Italy – India)
Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 6 December 2013

Carlo Della Torre, priest (Italy – Thailand)
Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 1 April 2016

Andrea Majcen, priest (Slovenia – China – Vietnam)
Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 23 October 2020

Rodolfo Lunkenbein, priest (Germany – Brazil) and **Simão Bororo**, layman (Brazil), **martyrs**
Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 16 December 2020

Silvio Galli, priest (Italy)
Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 19 October 2022

Vera Grita, laywoman (Italy)
Decree of validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 14 December 2022

Cognata Giuseppe, bishop (Italy)
Decree for the validity of the Diocesan Inquiry: 11 January 2023

The Diocesan Inquiry is underway

Akash Bashir, laico, martire (Pakistan)
Opening of the Diocesan Inquiry: 15 March 2022
Closure of the Diocesan Inquiry: 15 March 2024

Antonietta Böhm, virgin (Germany – Mexico)
Opening of the Diocesan Inquiry: 7 May 2017
Closing of the Diocesan Inquiry: 28 April 2024

Antonino Baglieri, layman (Italy)
Opening of the Diocesan Inquiry: 2 March 2014
Closure of the Diocesan Inquiry

Matilde Salem, laywoman (Syria)
Opening of the Diocesan Inquiry 20 October 1995

Carlo Braga, priest (Italy – China – Philippines)
Opening of the Diocesan Inquiry: 30 January 2014

Rosetta Marchese, virgin (Italy)
Opening of the Diocesan Inquiry: 30 April 2021

Luigi Bolla, priest (Italy – Ecuador – Peru)
Opening of the Diocesan Inquiry: 27 September 2021

EXTRA CAUSES FOLLOWED BY POSTULATION (5)

- **Venerabile COSTA DE BEAUREGARD CAMILLO**, PRIEST (France)

The Decree *super virtutibus*: January 22, 1991

Medical consultation *super miro*: March 30, 2023

Peculiar Congress of Theologians: 19 October 2023

Ordinary Session of Cardinals and Bishops: February 2024

Venerabile BARELLO MORELLO CASIMIRO, Franciscan Tertiary (Italy – Spain)

The Decree *super virtutibus*: 1 July 2000

Venerabile TYRANOWSKI GIOVANNI, laico (Poland)

The Decree *super virtutibus*: 20 January 2017
Venerable BERTAZZONI AUGUSTO, bishop (Italy)
The Decree *super virtutibus*: October 2, 2019
Venerable CANELLI FELICE, priest (Italy)
The Decree *super virtutibus*: 22 May 2021

Mention should also be made of the Saints, Blesseds, Venerables and Servants of God who at different times and in different ways have encountered the Salesian charism, such as: the Blessed, Edvige Carboni, the Servant of God Cardinal Giuseppe Guarino, founder of the Apostles of the Holy Family, the Servant of God Salvo d'Acquisto, past pupil and many others.

2. EVENTS OF 2023

On 11 January 2023, the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints in its Ordinary Congress gave legal **validity to the diocesan inquiry** for the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the **Servant of God Msgr. Giuseppe Cognata**, (Agrigento 14 October 1885 - Pellaro 22 July 1972) of the Pious Society of St. Francis de Sales, Titular Bishop of Farsalo, former Bishop of Bova, Founder of the Institute of the Salesian Oblates of the Sacred Heart.

On Tuesday, March 7, 2023, **during the Ordinary Session of the Cardinals and Bishops** members of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, a unanimous **positive opinion was given regarding the heroic exercise of the virtues, the reputation of holiness and signs of the Servant of God Carlo Crespi Croci**, (1891-1982) Professed Priest of the Society of St. Francis de Sales, missionary in Ecuador.

On 23 March 2023, the Holy Father Francis received in audience His Eminence Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. During the audience, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the same dicastery to promulgate the **decree concerning the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Carlo Crespi Croci**, a professed priest of the Salesian Society of St. John Bosco; born on 29 May 1891 in Legnano (Italy) and died on 30 April 1982 in Cuenca (Ecuador).

On Tuesday, March 28, 2023, the **Historical Consultors** of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints expressed affirmative votes regarding the **Positio super martyrio of the Servants of God John Świerc and VIII Companions**, Professed Priests of the Society of St. Francis de Sales.

On March 30, 2023, the **Medical Advisory Board of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints** gave a **positive opinion, with all affirmative votes, to the alleged miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Camille Costa de Beauregard, diocesan priest (1841-1910)**, which occurred to the child René Jacquemond, for healing from "intense keratoconjunctivitis with grinding of the cornea, strong perikeratic injection, redness and injection of the conjunctiva, photophobia and lacrimation of the right eye due to violent trauma from a vegetable-burdock agent" (1910).

On Tuesday, June 20, 2023, during the **Ordinary Session of the Cardinals and Bishops** members of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, a unanimous **positive opinion was given regarding the heroic exercise of the virtues, the reputation of holiness and signs of the Servant of Antonio de Almeida Lustosa, SDB**, (1886-1974) Archbishop of Fortaleza, Salesian of Don Bosco.

On 22 June 2023, the Supreme Pontiff authorized the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the Decree concerning the **heroic virtues of the Servant of God Antônio de Almeida Lustosa**, of

the Salesian Society of St. John Bosco, Archbishop of Fortaleza; born on 11 February 1886 in São João del Rei (Brazil) and died on 14 August 1974 in Carpina (Brazil);

On September 19, 2023, the volume of the *Positio super Vita, Virtutibus et Fama Sanctitatis by the Servant of God Constantine Vendrame, Professed Priest of the Society of St. Francis de Sales*, was delivered to the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican.

October 19, 2023, The **Peculiar Congress of Theologians of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints gave a positive vote to the alleged miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Camille Costa de Beauregard** (1841-1910), diocesan priest, for the immediate, complete and lasting healing, scientifically inexplicable of René Jacquemond from "eye trauma from Burdock fruit with lesion of the cornea and wound of the conjunctiva."

3. IN 2023 WE RECALLED:

150°

5 January 1873: Laura Meozzi is born in Florence

5 June 1873 Monsignor Luigi Versiglia was born in Oliva Gessi (Pavia)

18 October 1873: Monsignor Luigi Olivares is born in Corbetta (Milan)

125°

29 August 1898 Don Francesco Convertini was born in Locorotondo (Bari)

5 December 1898 Fr MIŚKA FRANCESCO was born in Swierczyniec (Upper Silesia)

100°

January 28, 1923: Vera Grita is born in Rome

1 February 1923: Luigi Variara dies in Cucuta (Colombia)

75: 22 October 1948: Cardinal Augusto Hlond dies in Warsaw, Poland

25: July 30: 1998 Msgr. Oreste Marengo dies in Tura (India)

4. THE COMMITMENT TO SPREAD THE KNOWLEDGE, IMITATION AND INTERCESSION OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR HOLINESS

Tips for promoting a Cause.

- Encourage **prayer through the intercession** of the Blessed, Venerable Servant of God, through images (also relics ex-indumentis), brochures, books... to be spread in families, parishes, religious houses, spirituality centers, hospitals to ask for the grace of miracles and favors through the intercession of the Blessed, Venerable Servant of God.

- The diffusion of the **novena** Blessed, Venerable Servant of God, invoking his intercession in various cases of material and spiritual need, is particularly effective.

Two formative elements are emphasized: the value of insistent and trusting prayer and that of community prayer. Let us recall the biblical episode of Naam the Syrian (2 Kings 5:1-14), where we see several elements: the signaling of the man of God by a maiden, the injunction to bathe seven times in the Jordan, the indignant and resentful refusal, the wisdom and insistence of Naam's servants,

Naam's obedience, the obtaining not only of physical healing but of salvation. Let us also recall the description of the first community of Jerusalem, when it is stated: "All these persevered and with one accord in prayer, together with some of the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brethren" (Acts 1:14).

- It is advisable, **every month, on the day of the date of death** of the Blessed (Venerable) Servant of God, to take care of a moment of prayer and commemoration.
- Publish quarterly or quarterly a **Sheet** that informs about the journey of the Cause, particular anniversaries and events, testimonies, thank you... to emphasize that the Cause is alive and accompanied.
- Organize a Commemorative Day **once a year**, highlighting particular aspects or anniversaries of the figure of the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God, involving groups that are particularly "interested" in his or her witness (e.g. priests, religious, young people, families, doctors, missionaries...).
- Collect and document the **graces and favors** that are attributed to the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God. It is useful to have a notebook in which to write down and report the graces asked for and those received, as a testimony to the reputation of both holiness and signs. In particular, if it is a matter of healings and/or alleged miracles, it is important to urgently collect all **medical documentation** that proves the case and evidence attesting to intercession.
- To set up a **committee** that undertakes to promote this Cause also in view of the Beatification and Canonization. The members of this Committee should be persons particularly sensitive to the promotion of the Cause: representatives of the diocese and parish of origin, leaders of groups and associations, doctors (for the study of alleged miracles), historians, theologians and experts in spirituality...
- Promote knowledge through the *writing of biography, critical editions of writings and other multimedia productions*.
- Periodically present the figure of the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God **in the Parish Bulletin and in the diocesan newspaper, in the Salesian Bulletin**.
- Have a **website or a link** dedicated to the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God with his/her life, data and news relating to the Cause of Beatification and Canonization, request for prayers, notification of graces...
- Review and tidy up the **environments** where he/she has lived. Organize an **exhibition space**. Develop a **spiritual itinerary in his footsteps**, enhancing places (birthplace, church, living environments...) and signs.
- To organize an **archive** with all the catalogued and computerized documentation relating to the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God.
- To create an **economic fund** to support both the expenses of the Postulation of the Cause and the work of promotion and animation of the Cause itself.
- To promote **works of charity and education** in the name of the Blessed, (Venerable) Servant of God, through projects, twinings...

5. PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ALLEGED MIRACLES!

- To take care of our "theological" gaze to grasp the miracles that take place every day in our lives and around us.
- To pray and to have others pray for the various cases that arise and to ask that through the intercession of a Servant of God or Venerable or Blessed, the Lord intervene with his grace and work not only a miracle objectively concerning bodily health, but also a true and sincere conversion.
- To make people better understand what a "demonstrable" miracle is and what it is used for in a Cause of canonization, showing not only the scientific, medical but also the theological aspect.
- Appoint a person in charge to communicate and report graces and alleged miracles. Following a Cause to certify a miracle is a very great commitment for a promoter who must demonstrate true love for the Servant of God.
- To raise awareness that we must have more faith in the intercession of our saints.
- Communicate when we ask for a grace to unite in prayer. Don't get tired of praying.
- Follow better and personally the people to whom you give the material (novenas, holy cards, etc.) and also carefully choose the places where to do it.
- It is important to sensitize the faithful to continuous prayer sustained by great faith and always ready to accept God's will. We can learn by looking at the lives and sufferings of our Saints.
- In addition to prayers, it is important to be close to families who have great problems and to give them some relics.
- In the case of an alleged miracle, it is necessary to proceed rigorously by using a scientific methodology in collecting evidence, testimonies, medical opinions, etc., and possibly by ordering all the information in chronological sequence.

A miracle is composed of two essential elements: the scientific and the theological. The second, however, presupposes the first.

You need to prepare

1. a brief and accurate report on the particular circumstances of the case; This consists in a chronological case of all the elements of the prodigious fact, both those concerning the scientific and the theological elements. The chronological case involves: generality of the healed; symptoms of the disease, chronology of medical-scientific events; indication of the decisive hours of recovery, clarification of the diagnosis and prognosis of the case, highlighting all the research performed. Outline the therapy followed, explain the mode of healing, i.e. when the last observation was made before healing, the completeness of the healing, presented in great detail, and the permanence of the healing.
2. A list of texts that can contribute to the search for the truth of the case (healed, relatives, doctors, nurses, people who have prayed...);
3. All documents related to the case. Medical, clinical, and instrumental documents (e.g., medical records, medical reports, laboratory tests, and instrumental investigations) are required for alleged miraculous healings.

6. INITIAL DISCERNMENT BEFORE INITIATING A CAUSE

First of all, it is necessary, on the part of the Provincial and his Council or of the Superior or Head of a group, to investigate and document with the greatest diligence about *the fama sanctitatis et signorum* of the candidate and the relevance of the Cause, in order to verify the truth of the facts and the consequent formation of a reasoned moral certainty. Moreover, it is essential that the Cause in question affects a significant and significant portion of the People of God and is not the intention of only some group, if not even of some person. All this involves a more motivated and documented initial discernment, to avoid dispersion of energies, forces, times and resources.

It is then essential to identify the right person (Vice Postulator) who takes the Cause to heart and has the time and opportunity to follow it in all its stages.

It should also be remembered that starting and continuing a Cause requires a considerable investment of resources in terms of people and financial contributions.

Conclusion

Sanctity recognized, or in the process of being recognized, on the one hand is already the realization of evangelical radicalism and fidelity to Don Bosco's apostolic project, to which we look as a spiritual and pastoral resource; on the other hand, it is a provocation to live one's vocation faithfully in order to be available to bear witness to love to the extreme. Our Saints, Blesseds, Venerables and Servants of God are the authentic incarnation of the Salesian charism *and of the Constitutions or Regulations* of our Institutes and Groups in the most diverse times and situations, overcoming that worldliness and spiritual superficiality that undermine our credibility and fruitfulness at the root. The saints are true mystics of the primacy of God in the generous gift of self, prophets of evangelical fraternity, servants of their brothers and sisters with creativity.

The path of holiness is a journey to be made together, in the company of the saints. Holiness is experienced together and attained together. The saints are always in company: where there is one, we always find many others. The sanctity of daily life makes communion flourish and is a "relational" generator. Holiness is nourished by relationships, by confidence, by communion. Truly, as the Church's liturgy makes us pray in the preface of the saints: "In their lives you offer us an example, in intercession a help, in the communion of grace a bond of fraternal love. Comforted by their testimony, let us face the good fight of faith, to share the same crown of glory beyond death."

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