

Don Bosco Questions
Test Your Knowledge of Don Bosco

1 -5 wrong-- Salesian die-hard

6-10 wrong-- Salesian who needs some brushing up

11-15 wrong --You need to read his life again.

16-20 wrong-- Join the Jesuits

1. John Bosco's father died of _____ :

- a) **pneumonia** b) Tuberculosis c) strangulation d) starvation

2. John's mother's name was _____:

- a) Barbara b) Maria **c) Margaret** d) Julia

3. There were three Bosco boys: John, Joseph and the oldest boy- His name was:

- a) Bart **b) Anthony** c) Calvin d) Rodrigo

4. The year John Bosco was born was:

- a) 1790 **b) 1815** c) 1842 d) 1911

5. The earliest memory John Bosco had in his childhood was:

- a) the fight he had with Anthony b) his first hair cut **c) the death of his father** d) his pet dog

6. When John's mother was at the market he spilt this all over the kitchen:

- a) oil** b) milk c) salt d) Shop-Rite soda

7. Young John accidentally killed a Magpie bird by:

a) stepping on it **b) overfeeding it with cherries** c) shooting it d) suffocating it

8. The Bosco's raised these and John and his brother got ripped off trying to sell one:

a) cows b) horses c) goats **d) turkeys**

9. John felt that a great way to teach kids religion and prayers was by being a(n):

a) gambler **b) acrobat** c) baseball player d) a singer

10. John's toughest act was:

a) juggling b) singing the Italian National Anthem backwards
c) walking on a tight rope d) drinking a gallon of milk in 10 seconds.

11. Some of John's neighbors thought they had a ghost in their attic but it turned out to be:

a.) a hen b.) a squirrel c.) a rat d.) a frog

12. John's first and most important dream happened when he was:

a. 4 years old b. 17 years old c. 22 years old **d. 9 years old**

13. In that dream John saw

a. a beautiful lady b. Jesus c. wolves **d. all of these**

14. John had to leave home because:

a. his brother beat him and wouldn't let him study

b. there was no room for him

c. his mother beat him

d. he developed a drug habit and was sent to rehab

15. John really wanted to become a:

a. doctor **b. priest** c. lawyer d. the Pope

16. Fr. Calosso was an old priest who helped John by:

a. teaching him Latin

b. cutting his hair

c. giving John dancing lessons

d. teaching John how to hit jump shots

17. When Fr. Calosso died his money was taken by:

a. John Bosco b. another priest **c. his relatives** d. an acrobat

18. One time at school John proved he had a terrific memory. He recited entirely:

a. his calculus homework

b. The Gettysburg Address

c. His Latin Homework

d. the Hail Mary

19. John beat him in a contest of running, jumping and climbing:

a. an acrobat b. Michael Jordan c. the parish priest d. Ryan Phelan

20. Louis Comollo was:

a. John's Uncle **b. a friend and classmate of John**

c. A popular Italian singer d. a cabin counselor

21. There was a young barber named Charlie who Don Bosco

a) scolded severely for using abusive language

b) made captain of the soccer team

c) allowed to shave him

d) buried in the Turin Cemetery

22. A boy named Bart Garelli who did not know how to serve mass was saved by Don Bosco from being:

a) beaten by the sacristan

b) thrown out of the church

c) left cold in the streets

d) all of the above

23. Many people thought that Don Bosco's work for the boys was useless. Two priests even tried to get Don Bosco put away in a:

a) hospital

b) insane asylum

c) prison

d) monastery

24. After Louis Comollo died his spirit came back to John and said :

a) "Repent John! b) "I'm in hell John, help me" c) "Bosco, why did you leave me?" **d) "Bosco, I am saved."**

25. Don Bosco's gathering of boys every Sunday became known as:

a) the club

b) the oratory

c) Boystown

d) YouthFest

26. When the oratory almost had to close, a man offered Don Bosco a permanent place for his chapel. Don Bosco asked that

- a) a new roof be put on the building
- b) the building be painted
- c) the building be carpeted

d) the floor be dug out so that they would have more head room

27. To get boys to come to the Oratory, Don Bosco would:

- a) send out leaflets to advertise
- b) advertise in the local newspaper

c) go out on the streets to meet new kids

- d) sit in his office and wait for the phone to ring

28. After John finished his studies in the seminary (spring of 1841) he:

- a) was married to a woman named Maria Mazzarello
- b) was ordained a priest**
- c) went to a university to become a professor
- d) played semi-pro soccer for the Italian team.

29. When Don Bosco finally got the oratory running good he:

- a. became very sick and almost died**
- b. decided to quit
- c. took a vacation
- d. nearly killed a troublesome boy

30. Who came to the Oratory to help with the cooking, sewing, and housework?

- a. Don Bosco's mother***
- b. Don Boso
- c. Mrs. Entwistle
- d. Elaine

* - *We accidentally listed this choice as "Don Bosco's sister"... sorry for the confusion.*

31. What went on at the Oratory?

- a. religion lessons
- b. Sacraments- like mass and confession

c. games, contests and music **d. all of these**

32. The first group of street kids who slept at the oratory:

- a. became Salesian priests b. burned the house down
c. ripped off the sheets and blankets d. fought with Don Bosco's mother

33. One time the oratory boys trampled Mama Margaret's garden while playing:

- a. war games** b. soccer c. baseball d. hop scotch

34. Don Bosco insisted with the boys that everyone of them was called to be:

- a. a rich man b. famous person c. genius **d. SAINT**

35. Mickey Magone was an oratory boy who was nicknamed:

- a. Mickey Mouse b. Susio c. Rudy **d. General**

36. Dominic Savio was an oratory boy. How old was he when he died?

- a. 15** b. 12 c. 7 d. 22

37. Long after Dominic Savio's Death what did he become (in 1954)

- a. a national hero b. The Mr. Nice Guy winner
c. A canonized saint d. elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame

_____ 38. The book tells the story that one time during the mass they forgot:

- a. to put enough holy water in the bowls
b. to light the candles

c. to put enough hosts in the ciborium

d. to get altar boys

____39. Even though there weren't enough all the boys were able to get:

a. Christmas gifts

b. Holy Communion

c. Easter eggs

d. medals of Mary

____40. A little girl came to Don Bosco seeking a cure. She was:

a. deaf **b. blind** c. without legs d. a leper

____41. Don Bosco dropped something in the corner and told her to get it. What was it?

a. \$10.00 bill b. a quarter **c. medal of Mary** d. a crucifix

____42. Which south American City did Don Bosco see in a vision?

a. Mexico City b. Lima c. Bogata **d. Brasilia**

____43. In one of Don Bosco's dreams he saw boys filled with lust. They had these on their backs:

a. elephants **b. monkeys** c. angels d. ants

____44. The parents of the boys reported Don Bosco to the police for frightening the kids with:

a. loud voice b. yardstick **c. predictions that someone would die** d. ghost stories before bed

____45. Don Bosco personally invited several boys to:

a. join his Salesian congregation b. go to confession c. go to communion **d. all of the above**

- _____46. In a certain dream Don Bosco spun a "Wheel of Fortune". The wheel allowed him to see:
- a. Foreign Countries
 - b. what the pope was doing in Rome
 - c. which boys were being good and which were doing wrong**
 - d. DBT in Paterson, N.J.
- _____47. There was a mysterious report that somehow Don Bosco cured a young man in a foreign country even though he never really left the oratory. What country did this occur in:
- a. Japan
 - b) France**
 - c) Yugoslavia
 - d) England
- _____48. There was a fifteen year old boy named _____ who was thought to be already dead but Don Bosco woke him up and cured him saying he was only asleep:
- a. Harry
 - b. Angelo
 - c. Abu
 - d. Charles**
- _____49. The dream of the roses shows that following Don Bosco as a Salesian will involve
- a) suffering**
 - b) lots of flowers
 - c) lots of girls
 - d) shame
- _____50. The dream of the Missions was about Salesians converting Indians in what country?
- a. United States
 - b. Argentina**
 - c. Chile
 - d. India
- _____51. The devil bothered Don Bosco at night. Several nights he made noises to keep him up. Where were the noises coming from?
- a. The basement
 - b. outside
 - c. the attic
 - d. under Don Bosco's bed**
- _____52. The pope who was Don Bosco's friend throughout his lifetime was:
- a. John Paul I
 - b. Adrian IV
 - c. Pius IX**
 - d. Pius XIII

____53. The date of Don Bosco's death was:

- a. Jan 29, 1883 b. Jan 4, 1903 c. Jan 30, 1889 **d. Jan. 31, 1888**

____54. The day Don Bosco was canonized a saint was;

- a. April 1, 1934** b. Jan 31, 1888 c. Dec 25, 1922 d. Dec 7, 1942

____55. Which of the following educational methods did Don Bosco use in his oratory:

- a. reason b. religion c. kindness **d. all of these**

____56. Don Bosco slept 8 hours a night on a regular basis.

- TRUE **FALSE**

____57. Don Bosco's last words were "Oh the pain. How I long to die!"

- TRUE **FALSE**

____58. Don Bosco predicted the deaths of Kings, Queens and Princesses before they occurred.

- TRUE** FALSE

____59. In the Dream of the Roses the feet of the Salesians were bleeding.

- TRUE** FALSE

____60. Don Bosco built a church in Rome because the Pope needed his fundraising ability to get the church built.

- TRUE** FALSE

____61. The correct name for the Salesian Sisters is "The Daughters of the Immaculate Heart."

- TRUE **FALSE**

____62. Don Bosco traveled to America - both North and South America.

TRUE **FALSE**

____63. Don Bosco's body was buried in San Francisco.

TRUE **FALSE**

____64. The funeral for Don Bosco was very small and hardly anyone paid much attention to it.

TRUE **FALSE**

____65. There are 9,000 Salesian priests and brothers in the world.

TRUE **FALSE**

____66. Most Salesians tend to work in hospitals with the sick and infirmed.

TRUE **FALSE**

____67. Don Bosco had little trouble getting his Salesian society formally approved by the cardinals and bishops in Rome.

TRUE **FALSE**

____68. Don Bosco has very few recorded dreams because he never really remembered his dreams.

TRUE **FALSE**

____69. Don Bosco's favorite title for Our Blessed Mother Mary was: The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

TRUE **FALSE**

____70. St. John Bosco's spirit is still alive in the world.

TRUE FALSE