

**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:



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