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A Divine Investment



“All for God and for His Glory. In whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal.”

- St. John Bosco

*“We cannot always build the future
of our youth, but we can build our
youth for the future.”*

—FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT
32nd President of the United States of America

Fr. Martin M. Macasaet, SDB



MESSAGE FROM FATHER RECTOR

For over five decades, Don Bosco Technical College-Mandaluyong has been at the forefront of building our youth for the future. The school is committed to continue to provide access to quality education for the young people, most especially the disadvantaged. And this commitment has emboldened us to unfold an ambitious redevelopment master plan that will not only give our beloved institution a new and impressive look but also transform it into a world-class center for learning.

Since our entry into the new millennium, technology has advanced rapidly, and by leaps and bounds. Today's world has truly become a global village, where communication is instantaneous, information is readily available, and almost everyone is connected. At the heart of the digital age are the youth, who are both the movers and the foremost recipients of this development.

It is our aim in Don Bosco to make our youth ready for technology, to facilitate their learning in this fascinating field so as to become citizens of the world. We believe that education can always be improved, and the Digital Library is a logical step towards enhancing their ability to acquire knowledge.

The library will rise at the heart of the campus in a building established over three hundred years ago during the Spanish era. Interestingly, this symbolizes the merging of the past, present, and the future. Within the grounds replete with significant moments of Philippine history, the youth of today will have a modern facility that will help shape their tomorrow. The two-storey Digital Library will combine the virtual with the physical. It will be a hub for digital resources and internet connectivity to support on-campus and community-based learning programs. At the same time, it will be a place for preserving information in all formats, as well as a venue for learning activities such as conferences, meetings, and seminars.

What is more exciting is that this Digital Library is just the spearhead of the five-phase redevelopment master plan for the entire Don Bosco Technical College. The American architect Daniel Burnham was quoted as saying, "Make no small plans. They have no magic to stir men's souls and

probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans. Aim high in hope and work." Thus in support of a long-range vision to elevate the quality of education for our youth, Don Bosco Mandaluyong will be transformed into a modern venue for new knowledge and information. Together with the Digital Library (Phase 1), our school in the future will also include a new and more impressive frontage and the establishment of an entrepreneurship building (Phase 2), an Industrial Center (Phase 3), a sports complex (Phase 4), and the College of Engineering and Technology building (Phase 5).

This vision however, comes at a cost. And it is in this light that I, on behalf of the entire Don Bosco community, ask for your support. Through the years, the school has endeavored to invite benefactors here and abroad, to be partners in the education of the young through donations for scholarships and equipment, or through any form of help to provide hands-on training and formation. It is not an easy task, given that the school's engineering, technical, and vocational programs regularly require capital for the maintenance and regular upgrading of equipment, as well as for faculty development. Global economic difficulties are also complicating the ability, if not the willingness, of many to do good.

Despite this, we cannot waver in our task: building our youth for the future is our commitment. I believe that there is never a shortage of generosity, especially if it translates to a noble investment that will bring about a better tomorrow for the generations of young people who will succeed us.

The ancient storyteller Aesop said, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Please give this offer of a legacy your utmost consideration.

In St. John Bosco,



Fr. Martin M. Macasaet, SDB

Rector

THE SALESIANS

In 1845, St. John Bosco opened a night school for boys in Valdocco, now part of the municipality of Turin in Italy. In the coming years, he opened several more schools, and in 1857 drew up a set of rules for his helpers, which became the Rule of the Society of St. Francis de Sales, which Pope Pius IX approved definitively in 1873.

The order grew rapidly, with houses established in France and Argentina within a year of the society's formal recognition. The order's official print organ, the Salesian Bulletin, was first published in 1877. Over the next decade, the Salesians expanded into Austria, Britain, Spain, and several countries in South America. The death of Don Bosco in 1888 did not slow the order's growth, and by 1911 the Salesians were established throughout the world, including China, India, South Africa, Tunisia, and the United States. The society continues to operate worldwide; in 2000, it counted more than 20,000 members in 2,711 houses. It is the second largest male religious congregation in the world.

THE SCHOOL RIGHT NOW

Don Bosco Technical College stands on historic and hallowed grounds. The 18th century Spanish building (1716) at the heart of the campus is a testimony to events that led to the 1896 uprising of the country's patriots, the **Katipuneros**, against the Spanish colonizers.

The building later became the Asilo de Mandaloya, an orphanage where the saintly **Mother Consuelo Barcelo y Pages** stayed for 16 years (1883-1899). She co-founded the Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation. Her cause for canonization has been introduced.

Early in the 20th century, the building became the San Carlos Seminary, home for the formation of the local clergy. One of them was **Rufino Cardinal Santos**, the first Filipino cardinal of the Church.

Don Bosco-Mandaluyong opened as a school on **2 June 1953** with 47 first year high school students. More and more students heard of this different school, with an innovative dual academic and technical curriculum. By its first graduation in 1957, the enrolment for the elementary and high school levels increased tremendously, representing a cross section and a happy blend of the poor and the affluent.

From its crude beginning, the Salesian work in Mandaluyong immediately gained efficiency and prominence. By January 1954, on the Feast of the Epiphany, **Fr. Mario Acquistapace, SDB (Provincial Superior)**, stated that Don Bosco-Mandaluyong can very well be **the motherhouse of the Salesian works in the Philippines.**



A DIVINE INVESTMENT

“I dare you, whoever you are, to share with others the fruits of your daring. Catch a passion for helping others, and a richer life will come back to you... Hidden down in every person is the divine – real faith, dreams, and visions. Lift your thoughts above the commonplace and live in the Presence of the Best. Spiritual investments are repaid a thousand fold.”

- William Danforth

A GLIMPSE OF OPPORTUNITY

“Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity and responsibility to give something back by becoming more.”

- Anthony Robbins



PHASE ONE

Welcome to the **Don Miguel Solaroli Library (DMSL)**. Set amidst a place built upon a rich heritage and teeming with the youth who are the promise of tomorrow, the Library is envisioned to be more than a structure to help build the next generation of young men through learning. With its modern facilities, a treasure trove of information materials—printed, visual, and virtual—and surroundings conducive to effective learning, the Don Miguel Solaroli Library aims at serving as a venue to transform these youth to become men of character and value, to be the leading light in technology and information, and to yearn for greater knowledge as they become the pride of Don Bosco Mandaluyong and the future of the nation.

The **Don Miguel Solaroli Library** is named after Fr. Miguel Solaroli, SDB, an Italian Salesian priest who came to the Philippines in 1955 and who has been relentless in his devotion to caring for and serving the young, particularly in Don Bosco Mandaluyong.

It is also a tribute to the past, a gift to the present, and a legacy for the future. It is dedicated to all the boys who have walked the halls of this fine institution and continue to be nurtured by it. It is dedicated to those who have made it their passion and life to give young boys the gift of learning and hope for a better future.

The **Don Miguel Solaroli Library** is a mission, made in the same spirit that drove St. Giovanni Melchior Bosco to go beyond his priestly duties and commit to loving the youth unconditionally. It is being built with faith through the intercession of St. John Bosco, and by the kindness and generosity of others who long to give the underprivileged youth a chance in life.





Phase 3

Phase 5

Phase 4

Phase 1

Phase 2



LEGEND:

Phase 1:
Don Miguel Solaroli Library

Phase 2:
Institute of Entrepreneurship
Building

Phase 3:
Don Bosco Industrial Center,
Auditorium, and Church

Phase 4:
DBTC Sports Complex

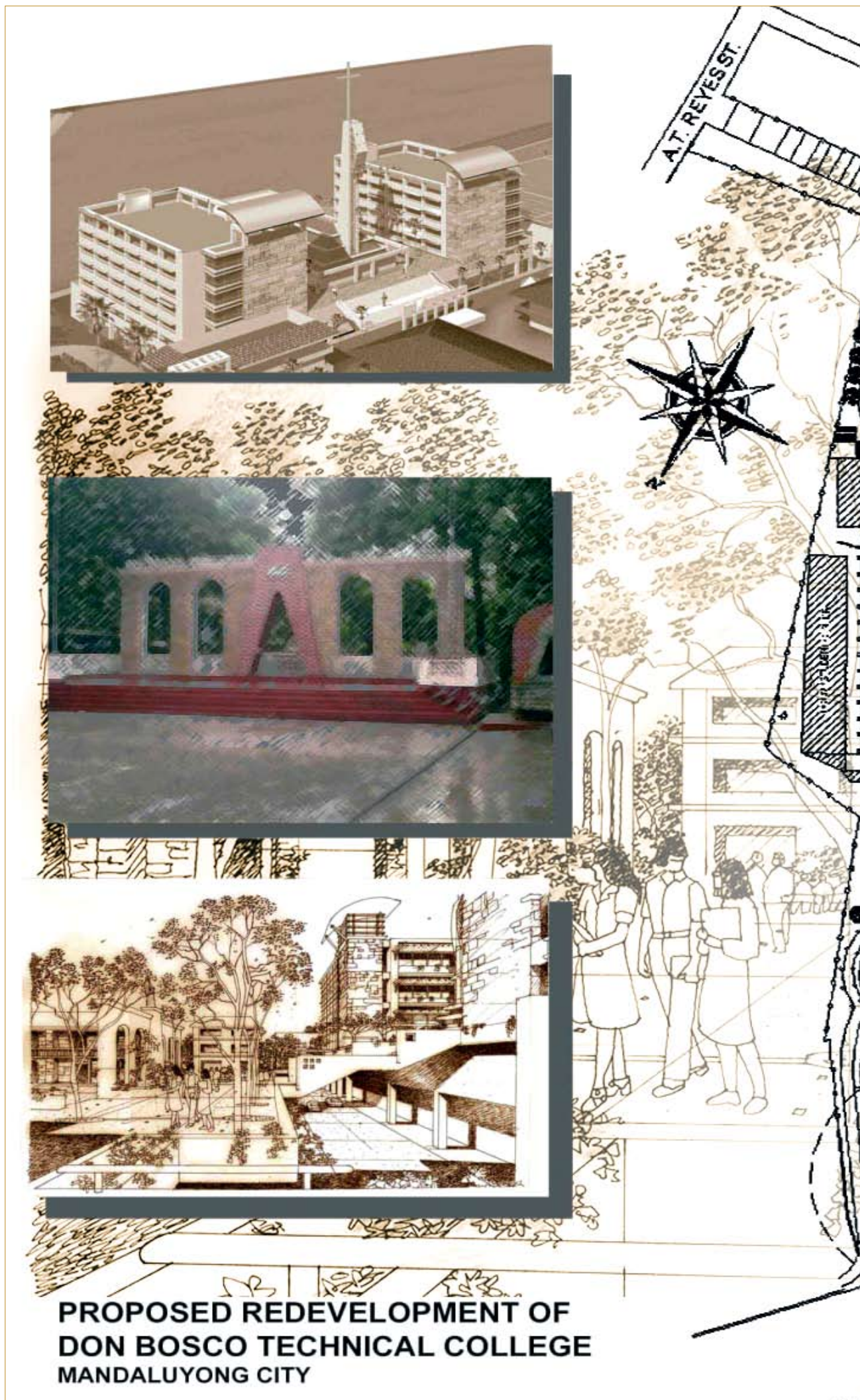
Phase 5:
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REALIZING A VISION

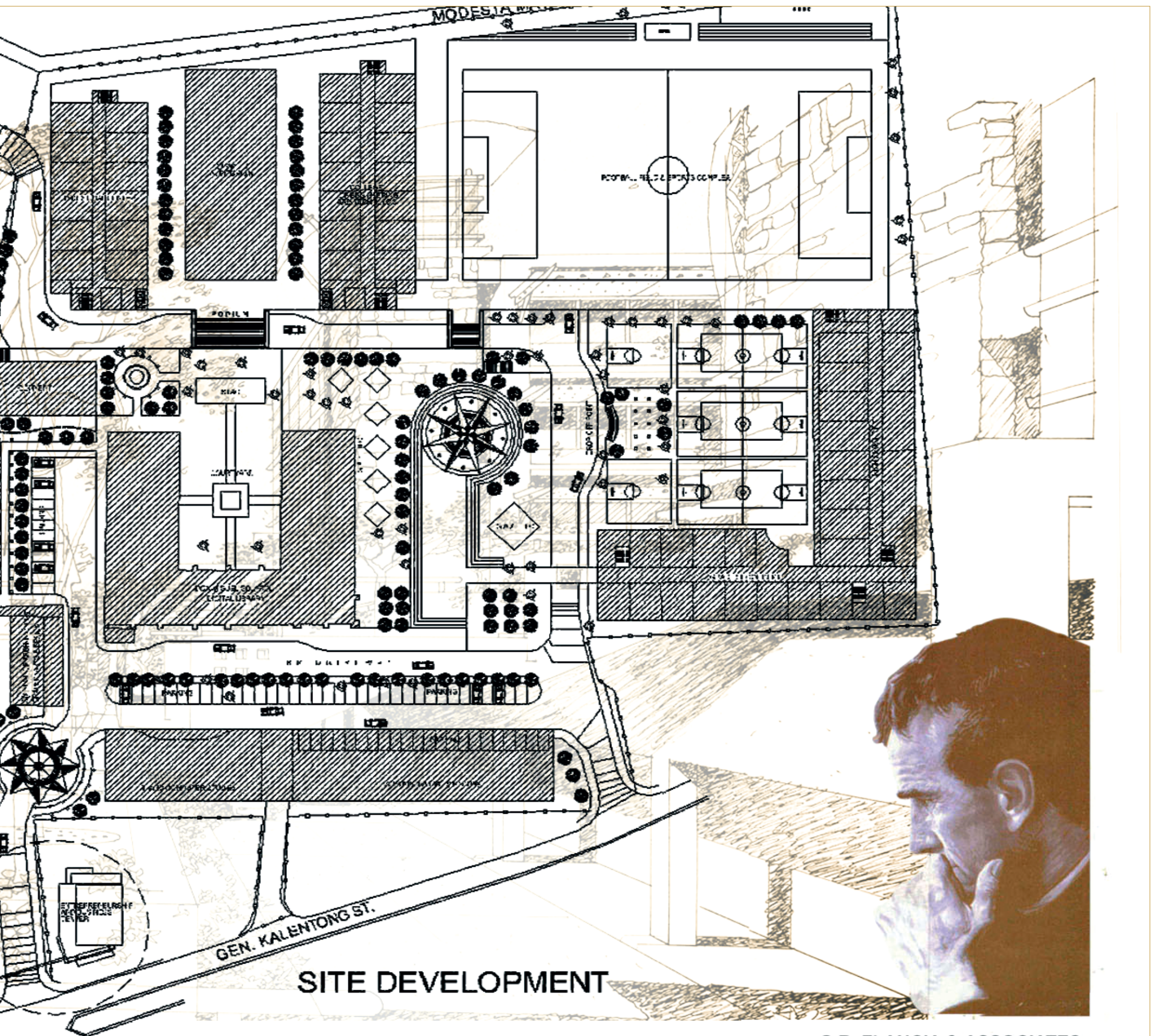
*“It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare,
it is because we do not dare that they are difficult.”*

- Seneca

These blueprints are the proposed plans for the new look the school will have. By helping us give this much to the students, we will also be helping you improve your legacy by leaving a new mark in our history in which everyone will remember you as a patron that cared for our future and the future of our students. Such a feat can prove to be epic, an accomplishment that will echo through history forever.



**PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF
DON BOSCO TECHNICAL COLLEGE
MANDALUYONG CITY**



SITE DEVELOPMENT

G.R. FLANCIA & ASSOCIATES
ARCHITECTS INTERIOR DESIGNERS



Phase 2: The TECHNO-PRENEUR Building

Within this building, students will be molded to become the country’s future business leaders. Corporate executives, government and business leaders as well as notable Bosconian alumni will help students garner real-time knowledge that will nurture their entrepreneurial abilities, sharpen their business acumen, and instill in them the values of ethics and social responsibility.

This facility is for Entrepreneurship and Management programs for Small and Medium Enterprises and will have its own Student Business Center.

Phase 3: The INDUSTRIAL CENTER

This six-storey edifice will house the “LEARNING FACTORY” of DBTC and will feature more than 40 laboratories to support at least 12 fields of Technology.

The Industrial Center aims to bridge the gap between textbook knowledge and work place realities. Through hands-on training using state-of-the-art technology, students and trainees will experience a simulated industrial environment. Graduates from this facility will attain technical knowledge aligned with industry needs, and the creativity and innovativeness to enhance the work process. Programs offered in the Industrial Center will enable current workforce to cope with the ever changing demands of the labor industry, with local and international testing and certification programs providing added value to the learning.



A new CHAPEL seating 960 faithful and a 1000-seat capacity THEATER will be built adjacent to this facility.

Phase 4: SPORTS COMPLEX

A new six-storey Sports Complex will rise to make the Bosconian a well-rounded individual. This facility features two basketball courts, an indoor mini-Olympic size swimming pool, an elevated football field, volleyball, and badminton courts, and facilities for other indoor and table games. Its three-level Basement Parking can accommodate 900 medium size vehicles.

Phase 5: ENGINEERING and TECHNOLOGY Building

DBTC's Engineering and Technology academic programs will find a new home in the Engineering and Technology Building. Its 60 classrooms provide the ever-growing student population with convenient venues for learning.

OPENING A WORLD OF LEARNING

“Strange is our situation here upon earth. Each of us comes for a short visit, not knowing why, yet sometimes seeming to a divine purpose. From the standpoint of daily life, however, there is one thing we do know: That we are here for the sake of others...for the countless unknown souls with whose fate we are connected by a bond of sympathy. Many times a day, I realize how much my outer and inner life is built upon the labors of people, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received.”

- Albert Einstein

Our school grounds shall be welcoming not just to the students but to the parents as well. A scenery of green trees with fresh air can put their minds at ease of the school their children go to and show them that the school is under good hands. If the parents are at ease, then the students are at ease as well.

The sense of freedom and comfort combined with the proper facilities can result in a school that is unlike any other.

By giving all these to our students we provide them with a means to study without limited resources as well as the promise of comfort and ease of mind to do it. These factors are important to help them in their college life and become the professionals they aspire to become.

Without a doubt it will be a hard task and a great feat to achieve. But, with your help we can make this happen. We can give them the future they deserve and the strength as well as the opportunity they need to chase after it.



This is something we cannot do alone. You are an essential factor to help achieve this goal of a better school for better students. You can help us break this barrier and become everything we can be so that they can become everything they want to be. This is an important factor to boost their personality and morale as well.

The students are our primary goal here. Not us, but the welfare of all who walk through our doors and apply for an education. We want to give them exactly what they are looking for and what they need from us. They ask education and proper learning from us, we try to give them an experience that will be etched in their memories forever. Your contribution in this project will help not us, but in reality the students who ask knowledge from us.

The building is but a mere facility that helps them get through their studies and their works. But the name that is etched on that building is the thing that matters. It is the name that everyone who walks inside that building will remember and thank for all that you have done for the school and for them. It is that name that will be shown for everyone to see and tell them that you care. It is not just a message to the public, but a testament that will forever tell everyone that you helped.





THE COUNCIL OF THE WORKS (SY 2009-2010)

Bringing to the fore the Salesian work and values within the Don Bosco community is the Council of the Works. Salesians and members of the laity who hold key administrative positions in the institution and qualified professionals appointed by the Provincial make up the Council.

FRONT ROW:

Dr. Manuel Biona, PhD – Dir., Center for Research & Training; Engr. Fern Ariola – Vice Dean of College, Recorder; Atty. Jane Lacandazo – Dir., H.R.; Mrs. Connie So – Principal, High School; Mrs. Nena Mendoza – Principal, Grade School; Fr. Bernard Nolasco, SDB – Spiritual Director, Grade School; Dr. Yoly Laron, PhD – VP for Admissions & Records, School Registrar

SECOND ROW:

Fr. Martin Macasaet, SDB – Rector; Engr. Jun Bernad – VP for Planning & Development; Engr. Byron Guazon – Dir., DBCiT; Engr. Stephen Ruiz – Dean of College; Fr. Martel Ramos, SDB – Spiritual Director, MSTC & Facilities Manager; Fr. Demet Carmona, SDB – Vice Rector, VP for Student Services; Dr. Abner Fronteras, PhD – TQM Consultant; Bro. Joe Ferrer, SDB – VP for Administration & Finance

THIRD ROW:

Mr. Al Cagaoan – Technical Dir., MSTC; Fr. Jun Inocencio, SDB – CYM Delegate for Schools & Training Centers; Fr. Edwin Soliva, SDB – Spiritual Director, College; Fr. Patrick Villasanta, SDB – Spiritual Director, High School

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Atty. Bernardo obtained his basic and secondary education from Don Bosco Mandaluyong, finishing as Valedictorian of High School Batch of 1971. He pursued a Degree in Bachelor of Laws at the Ateneo de Manila University, where he graduated at the top of his class. He added another feather in his cap by placing second in the 1988 Philippine Bar examinations. He is President of the Fraternal Order of Utopia Foundation, Inc.

As a Bosconian, Atty. Bernardo continues to carve a niche in doing good for himself and for others. In 1997, he was given the “Natatanging Bosconian Award” for inspiring and galvanizing others to transform society. He is also the first recipient of the Blessed Philip Rinaldi Servant-Leadership Award given by the Rector Major of the Salesians of Don Bosco. He was likewise the Founding President of the Bosconian International Chamber of Commerce, the first school-based international organization of Bosconian businessmen and professionals in the country today, and the Bosconian Savings and Credit Cooperative.

As Trustee of Don Bosco Technical College, he enjoys the unique privilege of becoming the first layman to hold a position traditionally reserved for Salesians.

Atty. Antonio M. Bernardo. A lawyer by profession, a servant-leader by choice, and a Bosconian by heart.



DON BOSCO IN THE PHILIPPINES

social impact

ATTY. TONY BERNARDO

What sets Don Bosco apart from other institutions that came to the Philippines is its steadfast commitment to its mission of providing education to the poor.

The Salesians of Don Bosco first came to the Philippines in the fifties, barely a decade after the end of the Second World War. Upon their arrival, they found a country and a people trying to rise from the ashes of war and charting their new course after just having acquired independence a few years earlier. The arrival of the Salesians and the Don Bosco schools in the Philippines was a truly welcome development for the young republic and its people thirsty for education and social upliftment.

When the Salesians started setting up their early schools and training centers in Victorias, Tarlac and Mandaluyong, the communities surrounding the school found new hope for their youth. More than offering just academic subjects, the Don Bosco system provided the technical and vocational training to its students, thus, increasing their chances of landing jobs after graduation. The social impact of this on the communities where the first Don Bosco schools were set up cannot be overempha-

sized. As more Don Bosco schools were set up in other areas, more communities felt the blessing of having a Don Bosco school in their respective areas.

In the past several decades, the Don Bosco schools have grown in physical infrastructure, size of enrollment, advancement in curriculum development and improvement of facilities. Along with this growth came the growing importance and significance of Don Bosco in the communities they serve. Don Bosco has produced not only highly technically-trained graduates; it has also produced academically-competent alumni who have become captains of industry and chief executive officers of companies, big and small, government officials in all three branches of government, professionals engaged in various fields of practice, religious and community leaders.

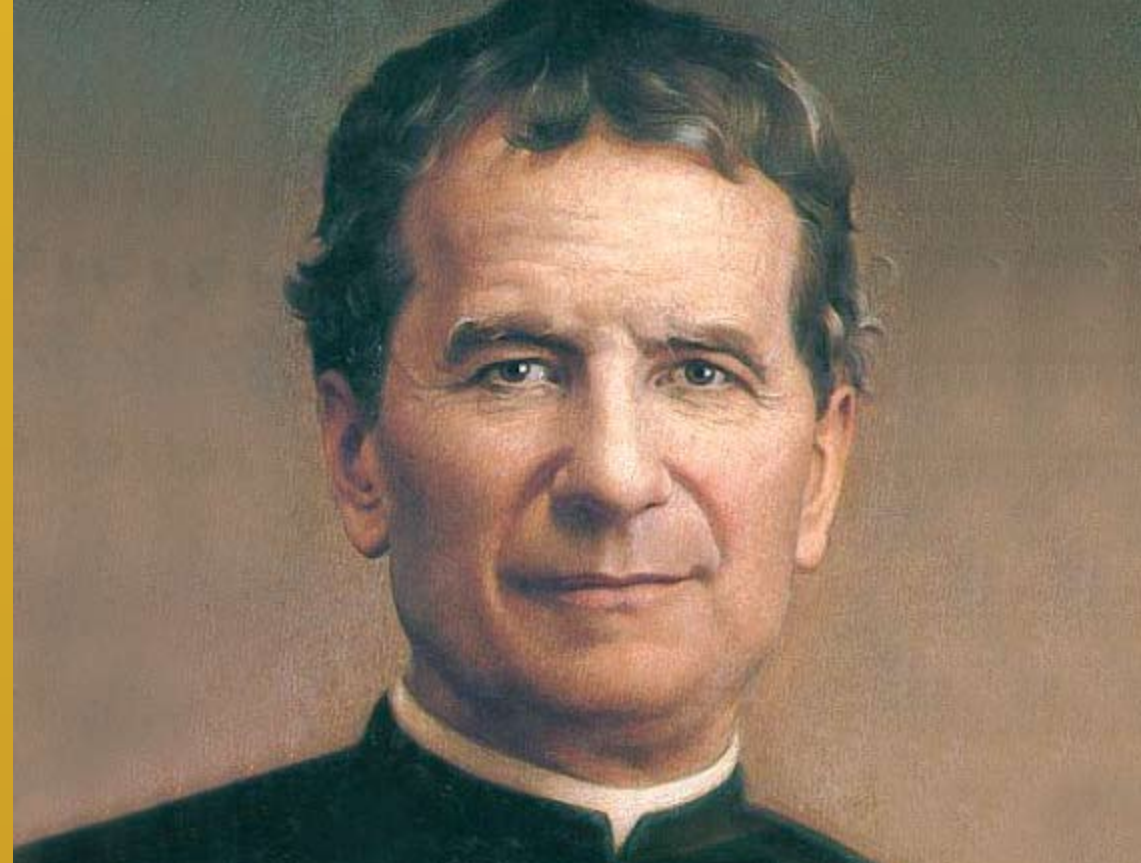
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to the poor. Its youth centers and training facilities have positively affected the lives of the countless young people who have been fortunate to pass through them. It is gratifying and reassuring to note that Don Bosco remains committed to this mission.

More recently, Don Bosco has had a significant social impact on the country when it started producing servant-leaders who now serve the country and its people. The thrust and efforts of Don Bosco of producing good Christians and honest citizens are now bearing fruit. Many of its alumni are now serving both in the public and private sectors in a way that makes Don Bosco proud.

There is no doubt that the Philippines is all the better for the arrival of the Salesians in the country and their establishing the Don Bosco system of education here. ●

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THE FATHER AND TEACHER OF YOUTH: *St. John Bosco*

The saint and founder of the Salesian Society was born of poor parents in a little cabin at Becchi, a hill-side hamlet near Castelnuovo, Piedmont, Italy on August 16, 1815.

At a young age of two, Giovanni Melchior Bosco or John lost his father and was raised by his mother Margaret, along with his two siblings. His youth was spent as a shepherd and was taught early on by the parish priest.

Despite their poverty, John grew up eager to learn. His insatiable thirst for knowledge, coupled with a retentive memory, drove him to enter the seminary at Chieri. After six years of study, he was ordained priest.

From the seminary, he undertook his priestly task in Turin. It was in this town that an incident that established John's mission in life. In one of his visits to the prisons of the city, he chanced upon the horrid conditions of children abandoned to such a sorry fate. This gave him the resolve to devote his life to the rescue of these destitute youth. A more specific encounter with a street child named Bartolomeo Garelli during the feast of the Immaculate Conception sparked a friendship between John and Bartolomeo. From this friendship sprang John's practice of teaching street children, who eventually grew in number, drawn by a kindness they had never known. By March of 1846, he had 400 boys in his Oratory.

In the autumn of 1844, John was appointed assistant chaplain to the Rifugio, where he was joined by Don Borel in his work. With the approval of Archbishop Franzoni, two rooms adjoining the Rifugio became a chapel, which was dedicated to St. Francis de Sales. This became the venue for the members of the Oratory, and boys from the nearby district began applying for admission. By 1845, John Bosco began his night schools and with the closing of the factories, the boys flocked to his rooms where he and Don Borel instructed them in rudimentary branches.

However, the success of the Oratory at the Rifugio did not last long. John eventually had to give up his rooms, and was often subjected to petty annoyances and obstacles. Despite these, and criticisms from others about the seedy characters of his boys and of John's mental state, he persevered. From the Rifugio, the Oratory was moved to several other places, ending up in a rough shed. Here the Oratory counted seven hundred members. John took lodgings nearby, and was joined by his mother, Mama Margaret, who shared her son's passion and made her own personal sacrifices to allow the children to experience the love of a mother. The evening classes increased and gradually dormitories were provided for many who desired to live at the Oratory. Thus was founded the first Salesian Home.

The success of the Oratory was due to the spirit by which John ran it. From the beginning, he saw through the dirt and rags, and believed that little acts of kindness and words of encouragement would spark hope in the poor boys. He would interact with them, give them lessons in life and reasons to embrace it, and instill in them the faith in God. Significantly, John guided these boys of the streets without the need for punishment, but merely by instilling a true sense of duty, by removing assiduously all occasions for disobedience, and by recognizing good deeds, no matter how small. He held that the teacher should be father, adviser, and friend, and he was the first to adopt the preventive system method.

Don Bosco was an indefatigable confessor, devoting days to the work among his children. He recognized that gentleness and persuasion alone were not enough to bring to the task of education. He thoroughly believed in play as a means of arousing childish curiosity – more than this, his first recommendations, and for the rest he adopted St. Philip Neri's words: *"Do as you wish, I do not care so long as you do not sin."* (*"Run, jump, make noise, But do not sin..."*–St. John Bosco)

John Bosco died on January 31 1888. Pope Pius XI beatified him in 1929 and was canonized as a saint in 1934.