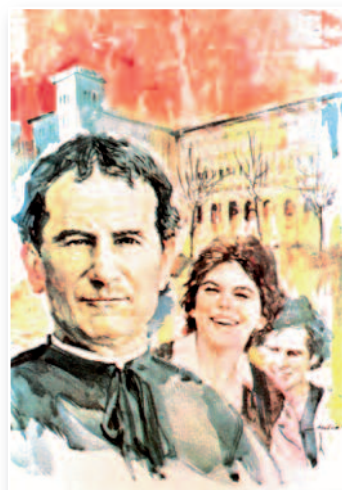


«Please, please,  
I beg you...

... This was one of the main tasks  
the Providence assigned to me».

From one of the letters  
written by Don Bosco



...« Dearest sons, I can't come and visit you all, so I'm writing to you.

**I beg you**, for the glory of God and the health of our souls, **to diffuse good books, pages, printed notes of any kind.**

(...) Wise good books often remain on a table or on a bookshelf, covered with dust. Nobody thinks of them. But the time comes, soon or later, when we feel lonely, or anxious about our future, or when we want amusement. Then these faithful friends get rid of the dust, open their pages, and (...). **How many souls have been saved by good books**, how many have been preserved from mistakes, how many have been encouraged to do good actions!

**He who presents somebody with a good book** perhaps only wants to invite to think of God. In any case he **has already gained an incomparable credit at God's eyes.**

When a book enters a family, it might be that the person it has been given to doesn't read it. But surely somebody else will: either a son, or a daughter, or a friend, or a neighbor. In a village a book can pass from hundreds of different hands.

**Only God knows all the good a book or a magazine can bring into a home.** They can be handed over, or presented as a pledge of friendship ».



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"DON BOSCO" by delVaglio



from: Il Bollettino Salesiano

In the difficult society of our days, we often must apply to experts for solving our problems: physicians, financial consultants, lawyers... But it is quite difficult to find help as far as the education of our children is concerned.

This consideration suggested us to propose **a useful tool**, that might be consulted easily, as an **appendix of the Italian magazine *Educatori di vita* (Educators of Life Skills)**. Then came the idea of transforming the magazine into a web site.

### WHY A WEB SITE?

First of all because **short files can be read very quickly**, as soon as they are uploaded, and then **because they can be divided into folds** according to the different subjects, to their difficulty, **and in this way can be consulted quite readily in many occasions**, like for instance during parents' meetings...

Nevertheless **an expert, a consultant**, is always present: **Don Bosco, the great educator of the young**, always able **to suggest solutions to our doubts about education.**

**HAVE A NICE "EDUCATIONAL WALK"!**



## A WHOLE SYSTEM IN THREE WORDS

Today we have to cope with a generation that seems to have lost the essential landmarks, and lives in a schizophrenic research of anchorages, of vanishing assurances, of never gratifying indications.

For such a generation, Don Bosco's preventive system is the winning card for restoring values. A system that can be summarized in **three**

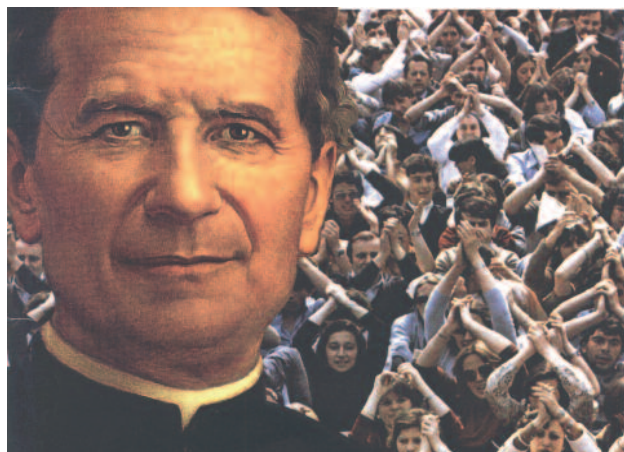
**magic words: Reasoning, Religion, Love.**

This melting pot of wisdom, psychology and spirituality was experimented by Don Bosco in the suburbs of Turin in the nineteenth century, but still today it proves to be fresh and effective.

Don Bosco knew that **it is possible to persuade the young**, though they might appear tough, **and reach their hearts and minds.**

Don Bosco knew that it is possible to go beyond the young's hard bark and reach their hearts and minds.

**The secret is to arrive before the evil.**



“Try to be  
loved,  
not  
feared”

(DON BOSCO)

**Reasoning.** It's the logical ground of human dignity. It is reasoning that moves us to action. **Don Bosco trusts reasoning for living a life worth to be lived.**

**Religion.** It's the hinge of this research of the real sense of life. Don Bosco is persuaded that **religion offers the best tools for educating.** He even indicates which they are: Holy Communion and Reconciliation.

**Love.** It gives style to the relationship, it creates the atmosphere. **Don Bosco** is sure of this, at such an extent that he **insists: «The young must feel and realize that they are loved».**

Don Bosco also thinks that **the family, the school and the parish are the ideal places** for reflecting, praying, loving, sharing fatigue and joy; in short, for applying his system that is charming and extraordinarily effective **for creating** complete women and men, **honest citizens and good Christians:** an everlasting gift both for family and society.



«Children younger than twelve don't know the meaning of good and evil. The educator's task is putting them onto the way of good». (DON BOSCO)

**DEAR PARENTS,** please file up these files and the folds containing them. You will soon start thinking and talking like Don Bosco: no threatening, but reasoning. **When God is our friend, when in the family there's no fear but love, well, then FAMILY AND LOVE ARE REALLY ALIVE.**

Please implement Don Bosco's "THREE EDUCATIONAL PILLARS" (REASONING, RELIGION, LOVE) and you will see your children become positive and helpful, both for their family and for society.