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EVENING PRAYER FOR CYMS

Greeting:

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the maternal love of His Mother, the Help of Christians and the compelling spirit of Don Bosco be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Leader:

To lose one's identity is to lose oneself. We are "Salesian" Catholic Youth Ministers and as such, partakers and continuators of the Charism of Don Bosco. His spirit ought to live in us. It is difficult to determine the spirit, the living presence necessarily incarnated in historical and local structures; but it is possible to understand it in its essential vitality as deriving from the reflections we heard today through Fr. Eric; we have a living spirit.

1st Reading:

"The community becomes a family when affection is reciprocal and the young feel at ease. In this climate of mutual confidence people feel the need and the joy of sharing everything, and relations are governed not so much by having recourse to rules as by faith and goodness of heart" (Const. Art. 46)

Song: "How you ever gonna know" by Garth Brooks

Leader:

Let us affirm our faith in Christ, in Don Bosco and in the Salesian congregation by reciting the Salesian Credo.

All: I believe that the origins of the salesian family are divinely inspired and that Jesus Christ is my living rule, and that the holy spirit is strength and light leading me in Christ to the Father.

I believe that Mary is the foundress and guide of our Family, that God and the Church have in me Don Bosco's way of life a powerful exemplar.

I believe that God is calling me to follow Christ closely in a life that is intensely evangelical.

I believe that living and working in common is a basic requirement of the salesian vocation.

I believe that my mission is to be a sign and bearer of the love of God to the young people. That it is essential to be with them, imitating Don Bosco basing all my hope on the active presence of the Holy spirit in my life. Amen.

Leader: I have promised God that to my last breath I would live and work for the young.

All: I am perfectly at home in their company

Leader: O father of youth and teacher of holiness hear our prayer

All: We follow your footsteps to be an educative presence among the young, to share with them friendship and wisdom to grow with them in sanctity and grace

Leader: We ask you to intercede for us:

All: To persevere in our mission as youth ministers, to carry out generously God's plan in our lives, and to be faithful collaborators of the Holy Father and of the pastors of the church. Responding to the needs of the present time may we join hands with the lonely and the defenseless with those imprisoned by the forces of evil and with those who do not experience the love of Christ.

Leader: Help us O Don Bosco,

All: To be prophets in today's world, to proclaim that the kingdom of God is in the heart of every person. May your indefatigable zeal for the salvation of souls, your deep piety and the strong commitment to your mission be for us the model of a life lived in the spirit of the beatitudes with coherent faith, loving kindness and natural simplicity.

Leader: Help us O friend of the young,

All: To love them and to let them know they are loved, to spend each day in sincere joy welcoming the young so that they may regain zest and optimism in their life

Leader: Grant us O faithful servant of God,

All: The grace to crown our life in the company of the young, sharing the joy prepared for God's elect.

Leader: May your protection and the intercession of Mary help of Christians help us to be faithful to the Salesian Charism and mission.

All: Amen

Concluding prayer:

O God, our Father, you who revealed your love for us through the incarnation of your son, Jesus Christ, help us to incarnate the spirit of Don Bosco and his love for youth in our time and circumstances. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

Hymn: To Don Bosco