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RS 2178 - Education and Salesian Spirituality

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In this course, students examine the themes of Youth Spirituality and Christian Education of young people. They make use recent Salesian and Church documents regarding the Church's educational mission to demonstrate possible ways of reaching out to the young in the service of life and hope. This material will be examined within the context of the American vision of Catholic Youth Ministry so that the students may begin the process of applying the Salesian pastoral principles and praxis to the reality of the Church in contemporary circumstances.

- define** the Salesian approach to education and ministry
- identify** and apply the principles of Salesian pastoral praxis to the context of young people in the United States today
- articulate** a Salesian understanding of spirituality and pedagogy
- describe** and **evaluate** the different types of lifestyle choices
- explain** how ministry is a response to Christian vocation
- list** contributions to the Church's youth mission that originate from Salesian and Christian heritage
- examine** lifestyle issues and choices in light of the Gospel
- demonstrate** through written and spoken words habits of critical thinking and problem solving
- create** and **build** a sense of community through prayer for the intentions of the students in the course and within our province and common prayer for the world community

Theme/Content
<p>The Preventive System: Introduction</p> <p>Educating and Accompanying with the Heart of Don Bosco</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ▪ Salesian Youth Ministry: A Frame of Reference • ▪ Jean Marie Petitclerc SDB, <i>The Most Significant Values of the Preventive System</i>.
<p>The Preventive System as Educational Methodology</p> <p>Educational Praxis of Don Bosco's Preventive System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pietro Braido SDB (editor), <i>The Preventive System in the Education of the Young</i>, translated with selected annotations by Patrick Laws, SDB.
<p>The Preventive System as Pastoral Accompaniment</p> <p>The Journey of Education to the Faith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ General Chapter XXIII. Educating Young People to the Faith: A Task and Challenge for Today's Salesian Community
<p>The Preventive System as Spirituality</p> <p>Don Bosco's Spirituality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ▪ <i>Salesian Youth Ministry: A Frame of Reference</i> • ▪ <i>Salesian Youth Spirituality</i> (Rome: Departments of Youth Ministry SDB-FMA, 1996).
<p>The Preventive System as a Vehicle for Human Rights</p> <p>Forming Protagonists to be "Good Christians and Honest Citizens"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pascual Chavez SDB, <i>Educating with the Heart of Don Bosco: Final Address of the Rector Major, Salesian Family Spirituality Days 2008</i>.
<p>Dimensions of Salesian Youth Ministry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education and Culture <p><i>Salesian Youth Ministry: A Frame of Reference</i></p>
<p>Dimensions of Salesian Youth Ministry</p> <p>Education to the Faith: Evangelization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 6. Salesian Youth Ministry: A Frame of Reference
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<p>Animating the Educative Pastoral Community</p> <p>Salesian Pastoral Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chapter 8. Salesian Youth Ministry: A Frame of Reference