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

#### The Preventive System: Introduction
Educating and Accompanying with the Heart of Don Bosco

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#### The Preventive System as Educational Methodology
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#### The Preventive System as Pastoral Accompaniment
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#### The Preventive System as Spirituality
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#### The Preventive System as a Vehicle for Human Rights
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