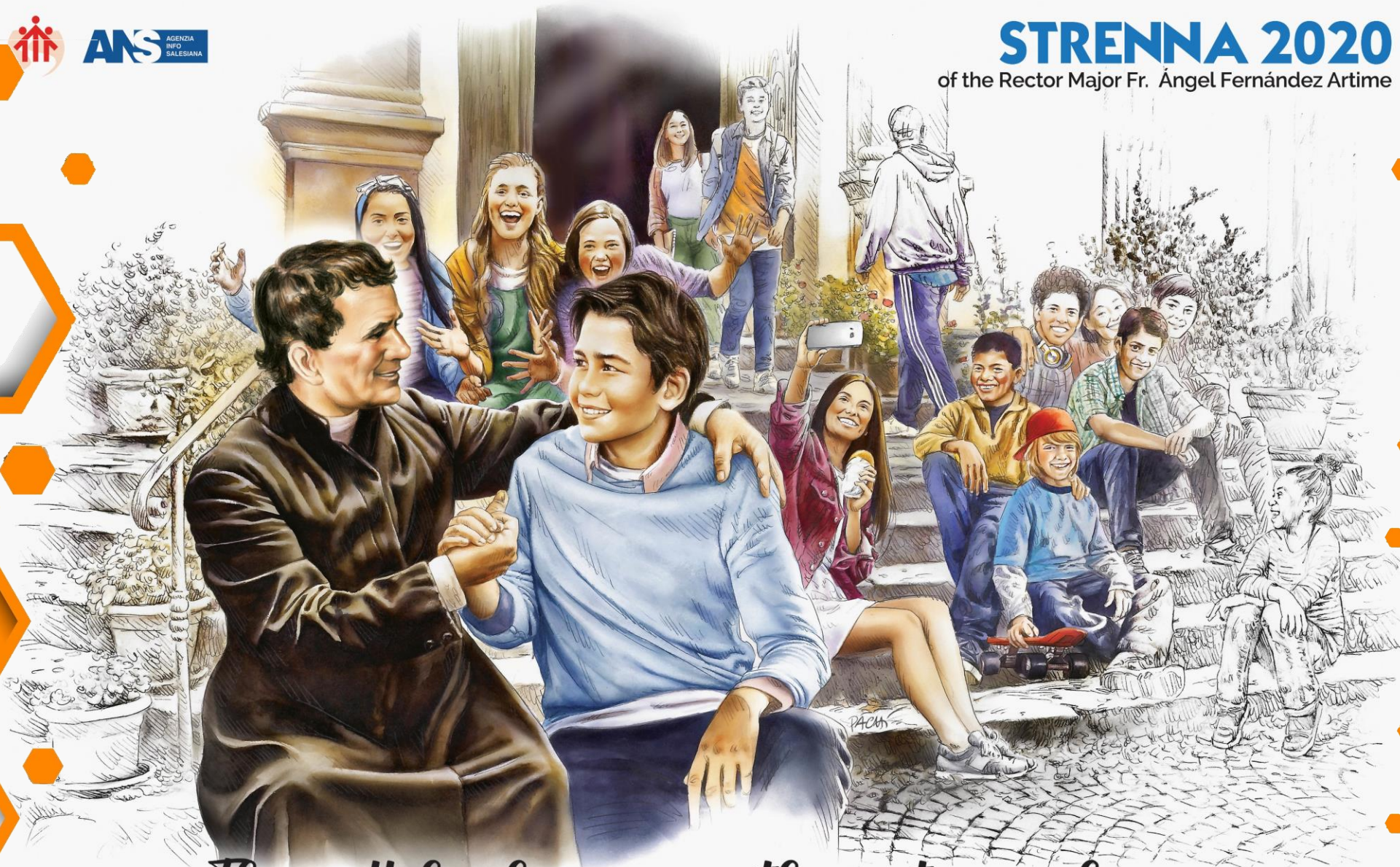




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«Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven»
Mt. 6,10

GOOD HUMAN BEINGS AND UPRIGHT CITIZENS

Reasons for the Strenna



Gift from Don Bosco: To deepen more our IDENTITY as Evangelizers and Educators of the Faith



Growing Fragility and Inability: in being apostles and missionaries of the young:



Lack of Educating our young to a strong sense of Citizenship, Social Justice & Evangelical Values

Commitment to public life, personal honesty, corruption, sensitivity to the world of migration, care for creation and the common home...



Policy of the Our Father

to reconstruct Don Bosco's thought in the socio-economic-ecclesial moment

1867: Don Bosco met Pope Pius IX

Pius IX: "With what policy would you get away from so many difficulties?"

Don Bosco: "My policy is the same as Your Holiness. It is the Policy of the Our Father. In the Our Father, we beg every day that the kingdom of the Heavenly Father come on earth....more and more felt, alive, glorious and powerful!"

Industrial revolution

*Politics is the science and art of governing the State:
We relieve the neediest youth, reduce the number of rascals and vagabonds,
lessen the number of petty criminals, empty the prisons....
To form good citizens who will maintain order, tranquility and peace*

Social & Economic inequalities

This POLICY OF THE OUR FATHER pushed Don Bosco to give effective answers to new and persistent emergencies for the Good of his youngsters.

Abandonment of Migrant children

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Good Christians



True Christians and Educators today with Salesian Spirituality.
Spirituality of God in daily life.
Cordiality between Educator and youth...
feeling of being loved!

Good Christians in the challenge of non-Christian environments

557 days: The silent testimony of Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil spiritual interiority and faith
Live in dialogue and a testimony that are prophetic.

Living in the Listening of God who speaks to us... the need to evangelize and offer the first proclamation and catechesis.
Our genesis: a simple Catechism to bring every young person to the encounter with Jesus.



Good Christians

Good Christians in the challenge of post-believing or post-Christian environments
Privileged setting & missionary path for witness & evangelization

Living in the Faith of the Lord and Guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Eph3:14-19
Strengthened in your inner being,
Rooted and established in love,
Power together with God's people
Filled to the measure of all the fulness of God

A faith lived together, and in an outward-bound exit from ourselves
Live our fatherhood in the world as witness of human brotherhood...
A place of encounter with God...
It must become an 'ecstasy' = recognize the beauty in others!
To embrace others in Love.
'Ecclesiology of Communion' = a gift to others



HONEST CITIZENS



Youth are waiting for us in the 'HOUSE OF LIFE': the most 'precious and delicate portion of society'
*Risk living within the walls...
 Go out to the real world of the young..*

Defense of HUMAN RIGHTS and CARE of MINORS
*Our mission to the young: defenseless, most needy, fragile, poorest.
 We cannot be accomplices of any form of ABUSE: power, economic, conscientious and sexual.*



Educate ourselves and young people in CITIZENSHIP and SOCIAL COMMITMENT.
Greater Citizenship of the world...care for the COMMON HOME, Various GLOBAL COMPACTS..Sustainable Development Goals, Young Activists and lack of Credible Leaders

Taking care of the COMMON HOME
*As proposed in Laudato Si
 This is not an EXTRA COMMITMENT...
 Part of the Magisterium of the Church .*



Education to POLITICAL COMMITMENT & SERVICE: *we don't educate for best results! But to help the young become protagonists of the common good!*
A long battle for which we are not prepared ourselves... greater volunteering service too.

Sensitive and Co-responsible in a world on the move - MIGRATION
*Migrants: first beneficiaries of DBO
 Salesian Family : most widespread in the world.
 SYM: a Salesian Movement on the MOVE*

Education to HONESTY & free from CORRUPTION
*A call to internal coherence
 Create a visible culture of social ethics*

Mary, Our Mother



Presence of Mary: fundamental importance we cannot overlook or neglect!

- She joyfully lived the PROJECT that God had for her.
- She is a loving Mother who worries about her children living the dream that God has for each one
- Mary's presence is not only devotional, but also POLITICAL
- She helps to live fully our commitment to God and the the created world
- This is the “policy of the Our Father”



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