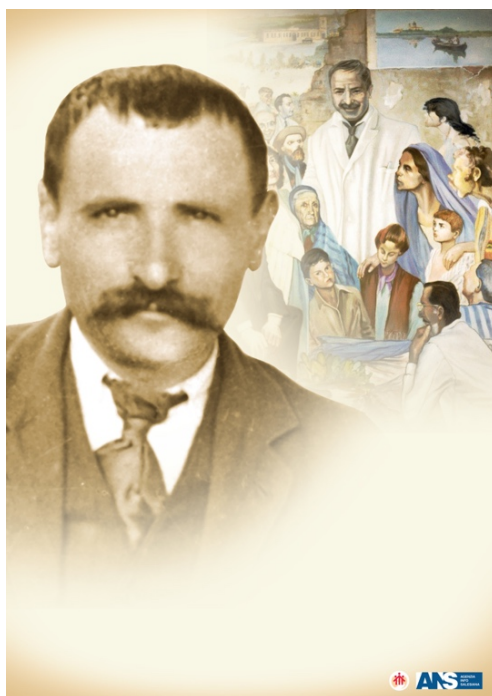
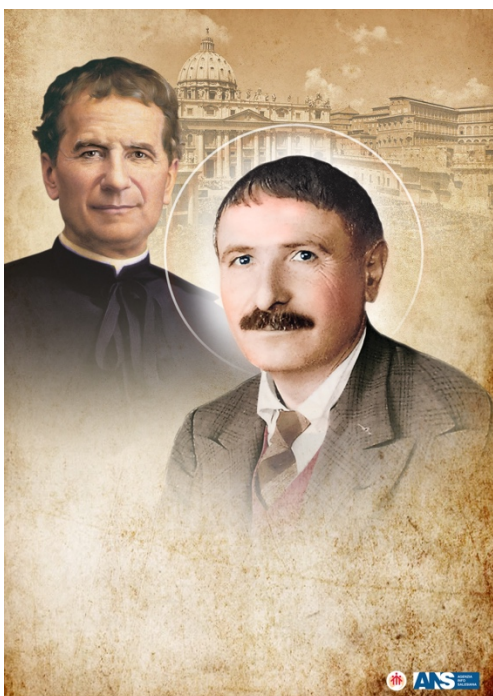




TRIDUUM PREPARING FOR THE CANONIZATION OF
SAINT ARTEMIDES ZATTI



DAY 1

BR. ZATTI'S EVANGELICAL CHARITY

Scripture Reading:

(Matthew 22: 25-40)

A scholar of the law tested Jesus by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

Reflection:

“The impression I received was that of a man united with the Lord. Prayer was like the breath of his soul, all his behavior showed that he lived God’s first commandment to the full: he loved him with all his heart, with all his mind and with all his soul.” (Testimony of Archbishop M. Pérez, quoted by Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime in “I Believed, I Promised, I Recovered”)

Moments of personal reflection

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer:

O God, we pray, that as you continue to renew and strengthen us by the love of your Son, who died and rose out of love for us, may we follow the example of Saint Artemides Zatti, who honored you with tireless devotion and, by surpassing charity, was of service to your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (with parts from the Commons, Holy Men and Women, *The Roman Missal*)

Saint Artemides Zatti, pray for us

St. John Bosco, pray for us.

Mary Help of Christians, prayer for us.

DAY 2

SALESIAN ACCOMPANIMENT TOWARD VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

Scripture Reading:

(John 1: 45 – 49)

Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth.” But Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him.” Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.” Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel.”

Reflection:

The Zattis emigrated to Argentina in 1897 and settled in Bahia Blanca. Artemides was seventeen when he arrived there, and he soon learned to cope with the hardships and responsibilities of work while still within the bosom of the family. He found work in a brick factory, and at the same time he nurtured and grew in a profound relationship with God under the guidance of a Salesian, Fr. Carlo Cavalli, his parish priest and spiritual director. Artemides found Fr. Carlo to be a sincere friend, a wise confessor and a genuine and skilled spiritual director who formed him to a daily rhythm of prayer and weekly reception of the sacraments. He established a spiritual rapport with Fr. Cavalli and one of collaboration. He had the opportunity to read Don Bosco’s life in the parish priest’s library and was fascinated by it. This was the real beginning of his Salesian vocation. (Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime, “I Believed, I Promised, I Recovered”)

Moments of personal reflection

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in carrying out the mission you entrusted to Don Bosco, journeying with young people on the path of discipleship.

May our personal and communal witness, our invitation, and our accompaniment, help young people to discover and respond to your divine call for them.

You are our Lord and God, forever, and ever.

Saint Artemides Zatti, pray for us

St. John Bosco, pray for us.

Mary Help of Christians, prayer for us.

DAY 3

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS, PARTICULARLY FOR SALESIAN BROTHER VOCATIONS

Scripture Reading

(Luke 4: 16 -22)

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captive and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?”

Reflection:

Artemides Zatti's life woke up a city, and today it touches the whole world because it spoke of God: he brought the perfume of God's virginal and fruitful love among the poor and the sick, with an exemplary practice of chastity; he gave everyone the richness of faith, paying for it with a beloved poverty to the point of giving up his own room to a sick person or bringing a deceased person there to remove them from the sight of other patients in a final gesture of tenderness and pity; he taught true freedom, obeying the will of the superiors at the cost of bitter tears, recognizing them as mediators of God's plan. (Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime, “I Believed, I Promised, I Recovered”)

Moments of personal reflection

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer for Salesian Brother vocations:

O God, who in St Artemides Zatti have given us a model Salesian coadjutor brother who, docile to your call and with the compassion of the Good Samaritan, made himself a neighbor to every human being. Help us to recognize the gift of this vocation which testifies to the world the beauty of Salesian consecrated life. Give us the courage to propose to young people this form of evangelical life at the service of the little ones and the poor, and make those whom you call to this path respond generously to your invitation.

We ask this through the intercession of Saint Artemides Zatti and through the mediation of Christ our Lord. (Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime, “I Believed, I Promised, I Recovered”)

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