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PREVENTIVE SYSTEM

Don Bosco chose the Preventive System of education (contrary to repressive techniques of controls and punishments) – preventive aspects being protection from any physical or moral harm through education and preventing young people from bad influences. He propagated love as an indispensable solution to the problems of youth. The system is more student-centric with the educator lending constant and loving assistance, advice, guidance encouragement, and support. It is a maternal approach that safeguards the young with kindness availability and the creation of a family atmosphere. The modern extension to the preventive method is found in an expressive method that complements and completes preventive education. The harmonious blend of preventive and expressive methods of education distinguishes Don Bosco's approach. Three attributes are embedded in Don Bosco Way as essential components of holistic growth I) Rapport (loving-kindness) ii) Reason and iii) Religion (integrity).

The Preventive approach is based on assistance & accompaniment, where the educator is perceived as father, mother, brother, sister, guide, and protector. The Expressive approach is based on encouragement and motivation. It is growth-enhancing.

Educators are assistants, guides, and directors, and should be found mingling often with the students. They should join, if possible, in student activities, be present in recreation with them, not as supervisors, but as assistants.

Belongingness, security, and recognition are attained in this system of education by the confidence generated through this interpersonal relationship between pupils and professors who, in Don Bosco's words, are like "loving fathers and mothers" encouraging and praising at the proper moment.

The needs for attention and recognition are fulfilled by wholesome outlets: sports, music, cultural programmes, field trips, and a countless number of activities.

The educator in Auxilium seeks to minimize the negative effects of the so-called "generation gap" fostering the proper balance between authority and permissiveness, by blending freedom with responsibility, integrating the old and the new.

The means of saving the young is and ever will be religion, which will dominate the actions of the youth and affect permanent change for the good of the individual and that of society. Salesian Education, drawing always from authentic Catholic tradition, places great importance on the frequent use of the Sacraments – the ordinary channels of God's grace and help.