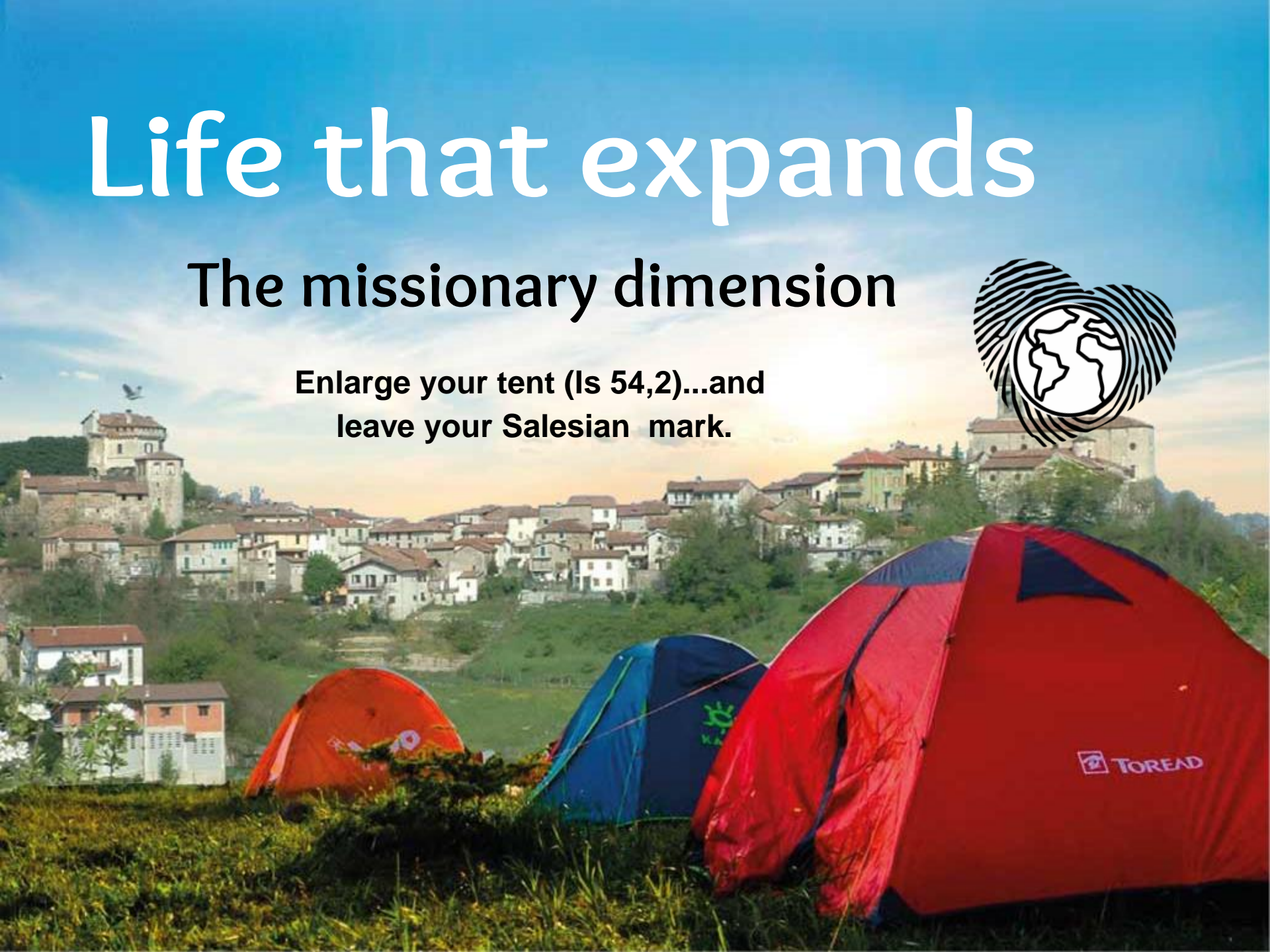



Life that expands

The missionary dimension

**Enlarge your tent (Is 54,2)...and
leave your Salesian mark.**



A pair of hands, one larger and one smaller, are shown holding a small, realistic globe of the Earth. The hands are positioned as if cradling the globe, with fingers gently supporting it from the sides and bottom. The background is a solid, dark grey color.

The missionary climate of the Church in the 19th century

- migratory flow
- new religious congregations
- contribution of the woman



The missionary climate of the Church in the 19th century

- The Popes who were truly missionary in outlook and who supported the initiatives of new Congregations were Pius VII, Gregory XVI, Pius IX
- The First Vatican Council
- The work of the Propagation of the Faith (136 associations, Paolina Jaricot)
- The contribution of women through new female congregations.



Don Bosco's missionary project



- Send missionary expeditions every year
- Ignite the missionary passion in young people and the Salesians for the spread of the Gospel
- Spread missionary sensitivity through the Salesian Bulletin
- Dream of new foundations day and night

Don Bosco's missionary project

The missionary ideal grows in Don Bosco through his priestly vocation.

Friendship with the founders of Missionary Institutes: Daniele Comboni.

“If I had 12 young people at my disposal like I have with this handkerchief, I would like to spread the name of Christ to distant lands.





- **As soon as he obtained the official approval of his Society, he realized his missionary ideal.**
- **On 11/14/1875 the first SDB left Genoa for Buenos Aires.**
- **Between 1876 and 1888 there were 10 missionary expeditions: Patagonia-Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile and Ecuador.**



Don Bosco made his missionary attempt through multiple ways:

- **Send missionary expeditions every year since 1875;**
- **Ignite the passion for spreading the Gospel in young people and the SDB;**
- **Dream night and day of new foundations and missionary enterprises and realizing them in various nations;**
- **Spread missionary awareness through the Salesian Bulletin,**
- **Seek resources and cultivate relationships that facilitate missionary work.**



THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT AT THE ORIGINS OF THE FMA INSTITUTE

*Prepare a very large house,
because the students also want
to become missionaries*

(letter no. 5 addressed to the Director
General, Fr. Giovanni Cagliero)



THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT AT THE ORIGINS OF THE FMA INSTITUTE

- Since its foundation the FMA Institute bears the imprint of the enthusiasm and clear missionary intention of the Founder and the first collaborators.
- Since she was a child, Mother Mazzarello was initiated into the missionary spirit by Fr. Pestarino through associations, readings and conferences.



THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT AT THE ORIGINS OF THE FMA INSTITUTE

- In Mornese there was a climate of intense missionary spirit. There were many who wanted to leave, first of all Mother Mazzarello.
- The Salesian Directors, Fr. Cagliari and Fr. Costamagna contributed to maintaining and igniting the apostolic-missionary spirit in everyone.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT AT THE ORIGINS OF THE FMA INSTITUTE

It was essential that the first FMA assimilate the spirit of the Rule, the Spirit of Mornese and faithfully transplanted it to America. In this relocation the inculturation of the charism and the very unity of the Institute were at stake.



THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT AT THE ORIGINS OF THE INSTITUTE

(LETTERS FROM DON BOSCO TO FR. CAGLIERO, 1876)

**“Remember that for October we will send thirty FMA with about ten Salesians, some even earlier, if there is an emergency”
(January)...**



**“The Daughters of Mary Help of
Christians will come to Valdocco in early
March. Should we prepare them for
America?” (February)**



**“Make sure you tell me which personnel are needed, Salesians and Sisters,
and I will try to send them soon...”**

**We have a series of projects underway that seem like fairy tales, such crazy
things in the eyes of the world; but as soon as they are expressed, God
blesses them so that everything goes smoothly.**

This is a reason to pray, give thanks, hope and be vigilant”

(April)



“Six Salesians and six Sisters of Mary Help of Christians will leave next April and they will go to S. Nicolas. Two of these Sisters are the Borgna sisters, who were born and lived in America and speak Spanish as their native language”

(November)



Two converging movements

- The tireless missionary ardor of Don Bosco
- The great and generous heart of the first community at Mornese...



“A daughter who enters with the intention of thinking only of her soul is not suited to fulfilling the duties binding the FMA”

SELECTION CRITERIA

(FROM DON BOSCO'S CIRCULAR 5/2/75)

- Moral suitability
- The motivations
 - Free choice
- Immediate preparation



CONDITIONS

(ACCORDING TO FR. COSTOMAGNA



“A bag, or rather two: one full of virtues,
especially humility and the other of good
health

Study of the language

Multiskilled

Comprehensive training or Integral formation

Assimilation of the Rule and the Spirit of
Mornese.



FIRST EXPEDITION

VILLA COLÓN
URUGUAY
1877

First Expedition

Sr Angela Vallese – 23 years old
Sr Giovanna Borgna – 17 years old
Sr Angela Casullo – 25 years old
Sr Angela Denegri – 17 years old
Sr Teresa Gedda – 24 years old
Sr Teresa Mazzarello – 17 years old





Second expedition

Argentina – Uruguay
1879

1879 - 3 foundations

Almagro and La Boca

(Argentina)

Las Piedras

(Uruguay)

1880 - Carmen de Patagones

(Argentina)



Second expedition

Argentina

Sr Maddalena Martini – 30 years old

Sr Emilia Borgna – 16 years old

Sr Caterina Fina – 30 years old

Sr Maria Magdeleine – 21 years old

Sr Giacinta Olivieri – 21 years old

Sr Domenica Rolletti – 35 years old



Uruguay

Sr Vittoria Cantú – 30 years old

Sr Virginia Magone – 20 years old

Sr Filomena Balduzzi – 23 years old

Sr Giuseppina Vergniaud – 21 years old



Second expedition

Third expedition

Argentina - Uruguay



Third expedition

Argentina

Sr Ottavia Bussolino – 24 years old

Sr Ernestina Farina – 17 years old

Sr Caterina Lucca – 30 years old

Sr Giuliana Prevosto – 20 years old

Sr Luisa Vallesse – 25 years old

Sr Anna Brunetti – 25 years old

Uruguay

Sr Giuseppina Pacotto – 23 years old

Sr Angela Gualfredo – 23 years old

Sr Lorenzina Natale -18 years old

Sr Teresa Rinaldi – 21 years old





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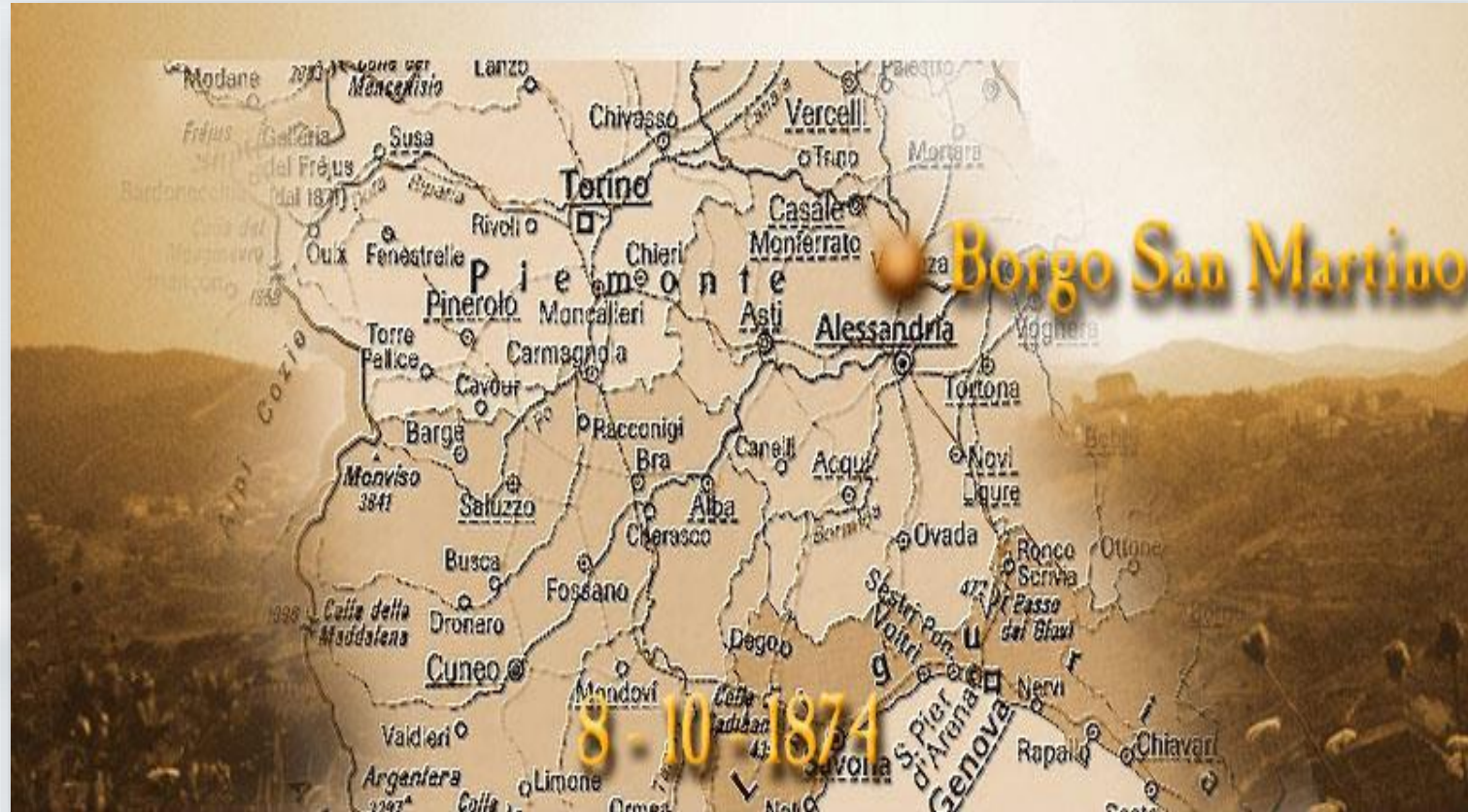
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A. Brunetti

Third missionary expedition

Mother Mazzarello...



Pilgrim of charity

Bordighera (February 1876)

Torino (March 1876)

Biella (October 1876)

Saint-Cyr-Sur-Mer (April 1880)

Alassio (October 1876)



**“The Spirit of Mornese
Is not the experience of one nation
but of the whole universe!”**

