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with Favorite Saints

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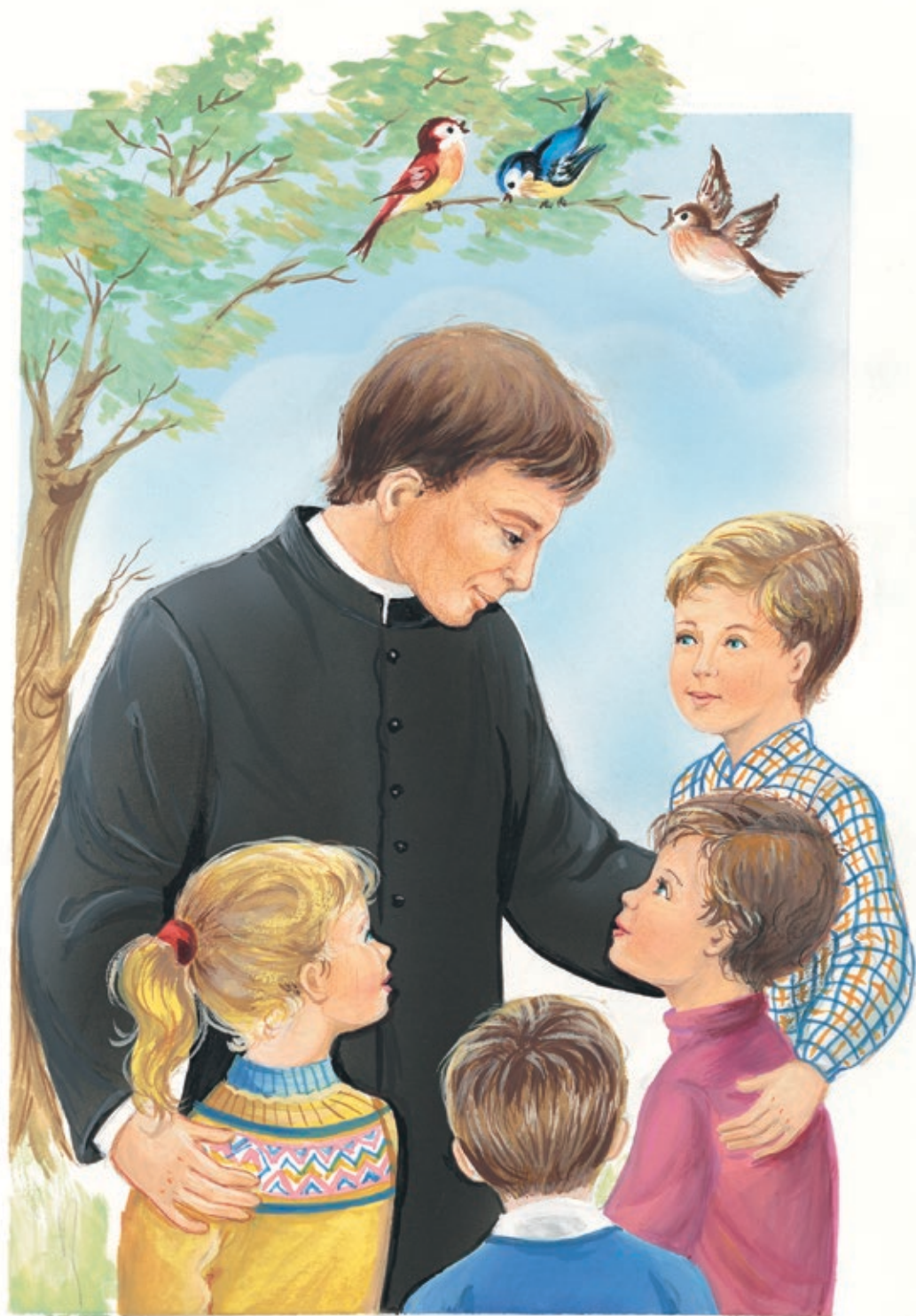
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SAINT JOHN BOSCO

Apostle of Youth

1815-1888

Feast: January 31

- Born in Italy into devout Christian family
- In time of need called upon the Virgin Mary
- Became priest — father and teacher of the young
- By prayer and Sacraments brought the young to God
- Wrote books and booklets to spread the Faith
- Loved by children because he cared

YOUR parents, dear Saint John, lived on a farm and were very poor.

You became a priest dedicated to helping young boys, especially orphans and runaways.

You established schools to teach boys trades, and soon your boys were going out into the world as successful craftsmen and model Christians.

And you combined new educational techniques with love for God

to lead young people closer to Christ.

To continue your work you founded the Salesian Orders of Priests, Brothers, and Nuns to assist boys and girls.

Throughout the whole Catholic world, you are known as the Apostle of Youth.

In our world today, there are still runaway boys and girls.

Help me to have a special love for them and to assist them in any way I can.



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saint of the World

1181-1226

Feast: October 4

- Born in Assisi—as youth sought good times
- Attracted by Knighthood and military valor
- In a dream told to serve the Master
- Abandoned worldly ways and lived life of the poor
- Told by Jesus, “Build up My house”
- His Franciscans brought message of joy to all

BECOMING poor for the sake of Jesus,
dear Saint Francis,
you showed love for all God’s creatures.

For two years you lived as a hermit
near San Damiano’s church.

You begged for your food
and for the materials to repair the old church.
Then you set about to build up Christianity itself.

Establishing the Franciscans to spread the Good News,
you brought many people back to God.

You had great love for Jesus Crucified
and received the imprints of His Wounds in your body.

You also started the custom of the Christmas Crib
to bring His people closer to our Lord.

Help me to love Jesus with all my heart,
remind me to show concern for all God’s creatures,
and let me do what I can to keep the environment
clean, making the world safe for everybody.