

SALESIAN PROVINCE OF BANGALORE

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Name of the Society : Salesian Province of Bangalore

Year of Establishment : 1979

1. INTRODUCTION - Don Bosco devoted his life to serving poor and abandoned youth, inspiring a mission to guide them toward a better future and bring them hope and God's love.

The Salesian Province of Bangalore, established in 1979 with 15 houses and 184 members across Kerala, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh, has grown significantly. After reorganization in 1992, it now serves Karnataka and Kerala as the Sacred Heart Province.

Today, with 349 members across 44 centres, the Province supports the poor through schools, parishes, orphanages, youth and social centres, and shelters—continuing its mission of hope and service.



2. INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE SOCIETY

Total Institutions	:	45
PG	:	06
UG	:	08
Technical Institutions	:	09
PUC	:	03
ICSE Schools	:	06
CBSE Schools	:	03
State Syllabus Schools	:	12

3. VISION AND MISSION - We the Salesians of Don Bosco of the Sacred Heart Province of Bangalore, in imitation of the compassionate love of the Sacred Heart, commit ourselves to the integral and inclusive development of the youth, especially the poor and the marginalized, and the other disadvantaged sections of society, in collaboration with all those who strive for the realization of the a new society based on the Gospel values of live, peace and justice, in the Don Bosco way."

4. ACTIVITY REPORT 2025–2026

1. Introduction - Don Bosco dedicated his life to uplifting poor and abandoned youth with hope and God's love. The Salesians Province of Bangalore, founded in 1979, has grown into the Sacred Heart Province serving Karnataka and Kerala. Today, with 349 members across 44 centres, it continues supporting the poor through education, care, and social services.

2. Educational Apostolate - Education remained a key focus of the Province. In 2025–2026, it managed 20+ schools, 10+ colleges, and about 15 technical institutes, serving around 350,000 students, with an additional 6,000 youth benefiting from vocational training.

3. Social Development and Outreach - The Province's social development wing expanded its outreach in 2025–2026, benefiting over 100,000 children and youth and 80,000 adults, including women and farmers. Its programmes focused on rural development, livelihoods, women's empowerment, and education, alongside job fairs, health awareness camps, and community initiatives to improve employment and living conditions.

4. Child Protection and Rehabilitation - The Province continued its focused efforts to protect, rehabilitate, and reintegrate children at risk, directly supporting around 10,000–12,000 children during the year. Through rescue operations, bridge schooling, shelter care, counselling, and family reintegration, it upheld its commitment to safeguarding the dignity and rights of vulnerable children.

5. DREAM Project (Drug Prevention and Rehabilitation) - The DREAM Project continued tackling youth substance abuse in Kerala during 2025–2026 by expanding awareness campaigns in educational institutions and reaching thousands. It strengthened prevention, counselling, and rehabilitation through collaboration with government and partner organizations, promoting healthy and responsible lifestyles among young people.

6. Youth Ministry and Animation - Youth ministry continued to thrive, engaging over 20,000 young people in leadership training, youth parliaments, cultural events, and sports. These programmes promoted leadership, social responsibility, and community involvement, while festivals and interactive gatherings helped youth develop their talents and values.

7. Parish and Pastoral Ministry - The Province advanced its pastoral mission by serving over 30 parishes across multiple dioceses, reaching thousands through catechesis, retreats, and family ministries. Emphasis on youth engagement and small Christian communities strengthened faith and community life.

8. Women and Community Empowerment - Women empowerment remained a key focus, supporting over 30,000 women through self-help groups, skill training, and awareness campaigns. Programs like self-defence and leadership development boosted confidence and independence, improving their socio-economic status.

9. Skill Development and Employment Initiatives - During 2025–2026, the Province focused on youth skill development, training over 10,000 young people in trades such as automotive, electrical, IT, and hospitality. Strengthened job placement services and industry-linked job fairs helped many secure employment, reducing unemployment and improving livelihoods.

10. Health and Community Services - Healthcare outreach remained a key social commitment of the Province. Over 80 medical camps were conducted, benefiting more than 40,000 people through health check-ups, screenings, mental health awareness, and nutrition education, along with targeted support for underserved communities.

11. Overall Impact - During 2025–2026, the Province's combined efforts positively impacted multiple sectors, reaching over 250,000 beneficiaries through education, social, pastoral, and development initiatives.

12. Conclusion - In conclusion, the Salesians Province of Bangalore continued its mission of serving young people and marginalized communities in 2025–2026 with dedication. Through education, social development, and pastoral care, it made a meaningful impact on society. The commitment of the Salesian community and the support of collaborators and well-wishers remain central to this transformative work.

