



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is an Oratory?**

An Oratory is a place where young people can come to play, pray, learn more about their faith and grow in their relationship with God and one another. St. John Bosco said the Oratory should be a home, school, church and playground.

### **Is the Virtual Oratory a catechism or religious education class or like school?**

No, the Oratory is not meant to be a catechism class. We will incorporate virtues and the teachings of the Catholic faith, but it is not meant to be a substitute for catechism class or sacrament preparation. The primary purpose is to have fun, meet friends in a safe, wholesome environment and grow closer to God.

### **Who can join the Virtual Oratory?**

All young people between the ages of 6-14 are allowed to join. Register here:  
<https://forms.gle/NkWrkBsC6HE3Bo7f8>

### **Who else will be part of the Virtual Oratory?**

Young people from throughout the United States and Canada will be joining the Oratory. Salesian Sisters from around the country will be hosting the weekly sessions. There may also be special guests who are vetted and approved by The Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco.

### **When is the Virtual Oratory happening?**

The virtual oratory will take place every Saturday from 2:00pm – 4:00pm EST beginning on September 19, 2020.

### **What will we do at the Virtual Oratory?**

In any Oratory session you may find one or more of the following activities: games, singing, movement, breakout groups, faith sharing, prayer experiences, fun videos, virtual field trips, and special guests.

### **Do I have to commit for the full year?**

You are welcome to join the Oratory as your schedule allows. The more frequently you come, the more you'll feel a part of our Salesian family online.

### **How much does the Virtual Oratory cost?**

It is FREE to participate in the Virtual Oratory! There is no cost to join, we just ask that each young person be registered for the oratory.

### **Who are The Salesian Sisters?**

Founded in Italy in 1872 by St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello, The Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco (also known as The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians) are an international institute of women religious who are committed to the evangelization of young people. Through ministries such as schools, summer camps, after school programs, religious education, and youth ministry we seek to bring Christ to the young and the young to Christ.

### **What do I need to do to become a part of the Virtual Oratory?**

- Register for the Salesian Sisters Virtual Oratory by going to:  
<https://forms.gle/NkWrkBsC6HE3Bo7f8>
- Make sure you have a working computer, iPad or smart phone to access Zoom with a functioning camera and microphone. For safety purposes, all young people need to have their cameras on for the moderators to verify their identity and take attendance.
- Remember that our first day of Oratory is September 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm!