

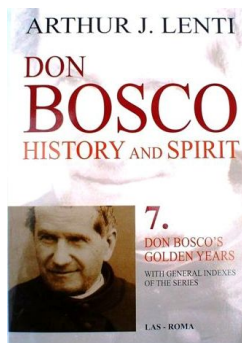
***Don Bosco: History and Spirit* Volume 7 – Now Available**

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Volume 7 of Fr. Arthur Lenti's magnum opus, *Don Bosco: History and Spirit*, is titled *Don Bosco's Golden Years*. In the words of the back-cover blurb, it "surveys Don Bosco's life and activity in the late seventies and eighties, roughly his last dozen years. These are his mature, reflective years; they are also the years of his quasi-retirement, gradually giving way to his sunset years."

The back-cover description divides the nine chapters of the volume into four groups: internal organization of the Salesian Society (ch. 1-3); qualities of the confreres and Don Bosco's educational writings (ch. 4-6); Don Bosco's physical decline and death (ch. 7-8); the canonization process (ch. 9).

In more detail, the volume deals with the Society's division into provinces, the development of the regulations for the houses, the conferences of St. Francis de relations with the Holy See; Don Bosco's and the preservation of the spirit and at the Oratory, especially in 1884-1885; Don activity; besides Don Bosco's physical decline Blessed Michael Rua's governance. The canonization runs more than 70 pages and book, dealing with matter not normally covered processes.



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The book is 496 pages, and like its six predecessors is rich in annotation, bibliographical material, and appendices. There are a good number of half-tones.

The volume concludes with the long-awaited general index of the series. At 58 pages with 3 indices, in fact—places, persons, and topics—it appears to be thorough and comprehensive.

Don Bosco: History and Spirit, vol. 7: *Don Bosco's Golden Years* will retail at \$55.00. The usual Salesian discounts apply. It may be ordered from SRM Distribution Services, 201-986-0503 or srmdist@verizon.net