

# A Tale of 2 Brothers A Tale of 2 Priests



FR. JOSEPH OCCHIO

*70 years a Salesian*  
1940-2010

*60 Years a Priest*  
1950-2010





FR. LEO OCCHIO

*58 years a  
Xaverian Missionary*  
1952-2010

*52 Years a Priest*  
1958-2010

2 Brothers. 2 Fathers.  
2 Occhios (eyes) are better than 1!





# Their birthplace

## Gallignano, Diocese of Cremona, Italy



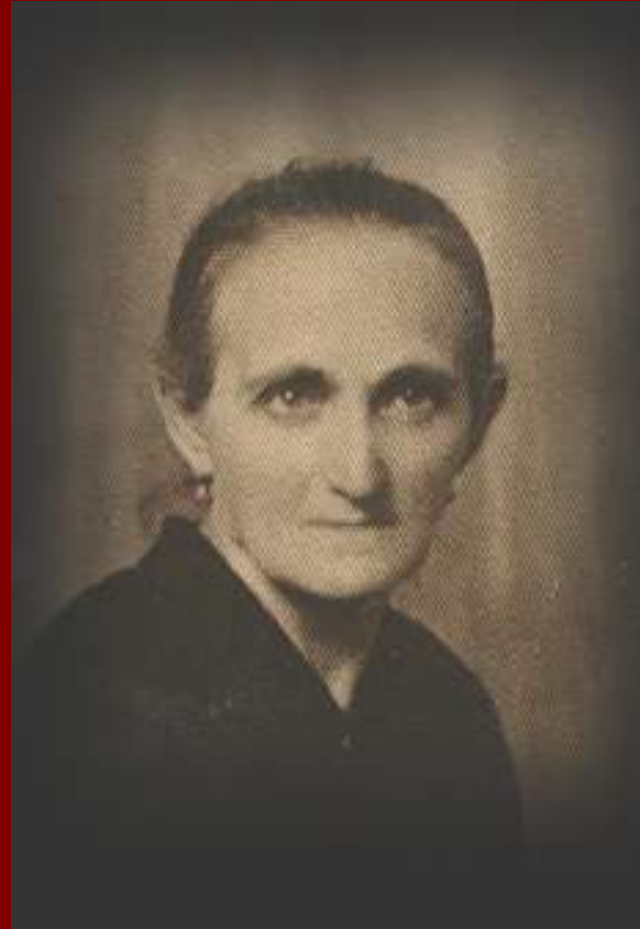
St. Peter the Apostle Church  
where they received baptism,  
first holy communion, & confirmation.



# Their Father and Mother



Giuseppe Occhio



Giovanna Occhio



Family photo, 1933  
Fr. Occhio, 9 years old  
Fr. Leo, 7 years old





Family photo taken 41 years later, 1974.  
Their father looked on from heaven.



# Early years of Salesian Formation



In 1939, Fr. Occhio leaves Italy for America. This inspires Fr. Leo to leave as a missionary to Brazil.





Before his death, Mr. Occhio expressed a wish to his son, Leo:

*I hope that some day,  
you and your brother will have a chance  
to meet again...*

His wish came true in 1967, in  
Newton New Jersey, USA...



It came true again in 1984,  
and again on July 25, 2010!







Oh, brother!



Saturday, July 24, 2010





5:00 Mass



Always ready to serve







They give a special blessing  
to Canada's first  
Gospel Roads missionaries



# Fr. Occhio blesses the Missionary Crosses for John, Luc and André



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Fr. Leone, a veteran missionary gives Luc his missionary cross



John welcomes his missionary cross with a kiss.



Sunday July 25, 11:00 Mass

Proud as punch!





# Blessing Baby Jonah





# Meet my baby brother, Fr. Leo





Fr. Leo is a little more feisty than our Fr. Occhio



**P** *presence* **R** *response* **I** *invisible* **E** *eucharist* **S** *service* **T** *time*



2 lives, completely offered to the Father





Notice the stole on the altar...



The stole was given to Fr. Occhio by the Archbishop of Toronto on his 60th anniversary of priestly ordination. Upon his death, Fr. Occhio will give it to his brother, Fr. Leo, who, upon his death, will leave it to their nephew, a priest, who in turn will leave it to their grandnephew, who was ordained last year.







# Camp staff sing their theme song in honour of Fr. Occhio





They like it!





Please Fr., show some restraint.



# The flag that saved Fr. Leone at Toronto airport...







Fr. Occhio with St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother, & *the* Blessed Mother.





















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