1879: Foundation of Iril Ali Beni Abbès in Kabylia. The White Sisters moved there in 1894.

1879: Rumonge (Urundi) is founded. The station is suppressed on 7 May 1881.

1885: Foundation of Karema (Tanganyika). The sisters moved there on November 24, 1894.

Letter to the pope (27th July1881)

Most Holy Father,

I have the honour to tell Your Holiness personally of the plans I am making, with God's help, for the good and the honour of religion, in the apostolic vicariate of Tunisia, the administration of which has recently been entrusted to me. I also have the honour of telling you that, in order to draw the kind attention of the Catholic world to this work, it would be very useful to add to the name of Tunis that of Carthage which recalls so many memories of heroism.

Your Holiness has deigned to listen favourably to my prayer and so, in accordance with your orders, I come to ask you, Most Holy Father, to allow the Apostolic Vicariate of Tunis to be given the name Apostolic Vicariate of Carthage and Tunis.

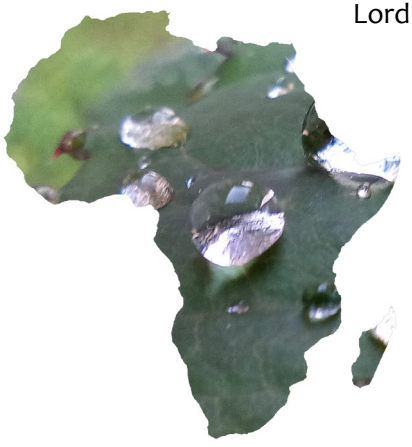
I also ask Your Holiness to kindly add to this favour a special blessing, so that I and my future collaborators might obtain from above the strength and the help we need in our weakness amidst all the difficulties facing us.

Letter in which the Cardinal speaks about Don Bosco (27 July 1885)

Dear Mr Blanchon du Bourg,

I am in turmoil in your regard more than I could ever tell you. On the one hand, I see your ardent zeal, which is also pure, and this I would not like to discourage, but on the other hand, I do not think that the idea you propose to me, a minor seminary in France to train candidates for the missions in Africa directed by the Fathers of Don Bosco, is practical.

I admire Don Bosco, and at present I am doing everything I possibly can to get him to accept my foundation in Tunisia. Yet, following the normal run of things, if in his seminary there are good candidates, they will naturally go to the congregation that has formed them, and consequently we shall receive only those of less value, to say the least.

Furthermore, we have [already] tried out agricultural seminaries. These were only half-successful. In them studies fare badly, and the result is that it becomes difficult to do any intellectual work, even that which is most necessary for a priest. Nevertheless, I do not say that nothing can be done, quite the contrary, but another way is to be sought. We already have a seminary at Saint Laurent d'Olt, in the diocese of Rodez. It is under the direction of our own missionaries. That is where resources would be necessary, and it is there that they are lacking at the moment. However, in the present circumstances I cannot take care of the details because in a few days' time I shall be leaving for Jerusalem. After my return, towards the end of September, you could contact me, but it is necessary that we talk directly; from a distance, by letter, we would not achieve anything.

So, keep up your good will until that moment comes. For my part, I shall pray Our Lord to to Our Lord to enlighten me and to enlighten you.