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Dear friends,

Viva Jesu! Jesus is raised from the dead. We are nearly at the end of the Easter celebration. It has been a very good experience for me to participate and be part of this wonderful celebration in our communities.

The joy of Easter increased when I witnessed the priestly Ordination in Manila of our two Salesians: Fr. Angel Sanchez and Fr. Joseph Phouc Tinh Tran, and a Deaconal ordination of Rev. Stephen Yu Ji Hun. The event took place on the feast St. Dominic Savio. Without forgetting also the ordination of another Indian confrere in India. Fr. Dominic Kachira, the Rector of Gabutu and Fr. Albert Lenon, the Rector of Kumgi represented our Delegation at the event. It was an occasion of grace for Fr. Shoji Matthew together with his family. He also has a brother who is a Priest.

Being the month of May we also have the feast of St. Mary Dominica Mazarrello, who co-founded with Don Bosco, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. We are also blessed to have two new FMA missionaries that will be working in Boroko. One is already around and the other one will soon arrive.

The month of May concluded with a greater festivity of the feast of Mary Help of Christians, principal patron of our Salesian family. The Nuncio, Mons. Francisco Padilla graced the occasion after which we had a simple dinner with the members of the Salesian family. It is also in the first week of May that the canonization of our dear Pope John Paul II occurred. He championed the life of a faithful Shepherd, leading the Universal church in the years of his pontificate.



As we dedicate the month of June to the festivity of the Pentecost, we are praying that all of us may receive the gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit. The gifts were given to the first Church and the disciples. It is the same Spirit that transforms and renews the face of the earth. So be it with each and every one of us, may it bring about renewal and conversion of heart and mind.

Let us continue praying and supporting the invitation of the Rector Major to bring our young people, and members of the Salesian Family to Jesus, the Lamb of God. Continue inviting them in the words of our Lord Himself, "COME AND SEE".

God bless you all.

- Fr. Raffy Galve sdb, *Delegate PNG-SI*

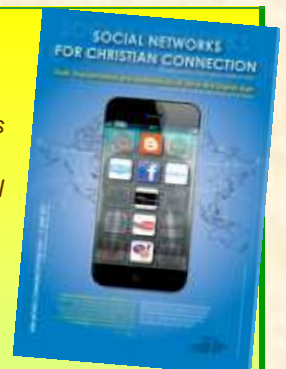
Social Networking in our Digital Age



"Truth, proclamation and authenticity of life in the digital age" – is the 45th World Day of Social Communications to be celebrated on 5th June, 2011. The Pope invites young people to be present in the digital world with the values of the Gospel.

"The Holy Father speaks about the technological and cultural transformation taking place which is creating "new way of learning and thinking, with unprecedented opportunities for establishing relationships and building fellowship."

The Pope makes special reference to social networks, saying: "To proclaim the Gospel through the new media means not only to insert expressly religious content into different media platforms, but also to witness consistently, in one's own digital profile and in the way one communicates choices, preferences and judgements that are fully consistent with the Gospel, even when it is not spoken of specifically."



45th World Day of Social Communications - celebrated on 5th June, 2011

The more you GIVE, The more you will RECEIVE



- Pedro SACHITULA sdb
reflects and shares his personal vocation story



I made my First Religious Profession, in Luanda, on the Feast of Don Bosco – 31st January 2004. After 3 years of studies in Philosophy and Science of Edu-

cation, in 2006 I was sent to Papua New Guinea as a Missionary where I did my Practical Training.

My desire to become a missionary *'ad gentes'* had matured during the years of my Post-novitiate, when I put myself under the guidance of a Spiritual Director whose long, sound experience and wisdom have helped me find out the true motivations behind my desire.

Some questions have always invaded my mind: 'Why should I be a missionary *'ad gentes'* when there is so much to do in Angola? Besides, the Salesians in Angola are so few in proportion to the demands that await them. Is it not too early to send missionaries when the salesians have been in Angola for just 30 years? I believe it is fair enough to pose these questions from the human point of view, but the reality/nature of the mission of the Church and of our Congregation at times is not based on numbers or human calculations and effectiveness, albeit important as they are. In God's logic, generosity, generates generosity; "the more you give, the more you receive".

I spent 3 years unforgettable years in Papua New Guinea: 2007-2010. My experience has been arduous, challenging, purifying, enriching and above all rewarding. My stay in PNG made me encounter a new, very rich and diverse culture, in

fact "1000 cultures"! This was beautiful to me and most of all transforming. At the beginning it was a real challenge in the sense that, I had to learn to see the world, not just from my Angolan/African perspectives but, with a Melanesian one. This laborious process became smoother and smoother thanks to the help of the Salesians I had found, the communities that welcomed and formed me.

I enjoyed very much my practical training experience. Being among the boys, and with young people - granted me the grace of living with enthusiasm- my Salesian vocation as an educator. As an assistant in the school or boarding house, I did not have much to offer. All I knew is that those young people I met had so much potential for goodness, had a real thirst for knowledge and truth and that, quite often, sadly they cheap and base solutions that society offers. All I had to share with the young was my experience of being loved gratuitously by the Risen Lord; to bring them to realize that Jesus is the only one

who gives answer to our search for happiness, the reason of our hoping for a confident future. Only when this is achieved can we live the present to the full and with sound joy. Young people and those who come to our Salesian settings, know this. They want it to a great degree. Only this means sacrifice, determination and self-discipline – realities that contemporary man tends to get rid of.

A life of prayer and openness to the grace of the Sacraments are indispensable if we are to be what we are meant to be and give meaning to our freedom.

I wish we young people put Jesus Christ first and discover His great love for us. And may they share His love for others. This is the first and true vocation.



Photos:

Left: With a group of boys in PNG

Top Above: Presenting the Strenna

Top Right: In choir; Receiving Ministry



On May 6, 2011, Feast of Saint Dominic Savio, I (a Filipino), Fr. Joseph Tinh (a Vietnamese) and Rev. Stefano Yu (a Korean) were ordained at the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians. We chose as our motto "SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM" (Under Thy Protection) taken from the oldest Christian prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We entrust our life and ministry to Mama Mary. The three of us are bound for the missions in PNG-SI.

Ten days have passed since I was ordained a priest. Each time I preside over the Eucharist, my hands tremble especially when we reach the Eucharistic Prayer, Consecration and Elevation. My hands tremble not only because I am nervous, but more so because for me it is the most humbling experience. Unworthy as I am, the Lord called me and chose me. In spite of who and what I am, the Lord makes use of me to transform the bread and wine into His Body and Blood for the salvation of the world. What a grace! Indeed, this treasure we possess in "earthen vessels"! I feel very small especially when even elderly priests who I knew were far advanced than I in their life of holiness come to kiss my hands and ask for my

SUB TUUM PRAESIDIUM

Under thy protection

- Fr. Savio Angelo S. Sanchez, SDB

blessing. The bishop who ordained me to the priesthood, Most Rev. Roberto Mallari, DD, kissed my hands after the ordination. An elderly bishop from another diocese, Most Rev. Juan De Dios Pueblos, DD, upon learning that I am a newly-ordained priest, in a Mass where I concelebrated, kissed my hands too! Oh, the sacred hands of the priest! The words of Mama Margaret are a constant reminder for me of one aspect of priesthood which I have now begun to experience in a more real and personal way: "To begin to say Mass is to begin to suffer." I cannot be "detached" from the Holy Sacrifice I offer. In the words of Bishop Fulton Sheen, one becomes a "priest-victim" for "a priest is not His own."

As we rejoice in this great gift God has freely and gratuitously bestowed upon us, let us also continue praying for more holy and zealous servants in the vineyard of the Lord.

God bless you bountifully!

Priests at the Ordination



In your SERVICE

- Fr. Dominic Kachira sdb

Fr. Shoji Mathew was ordained on 7th May, 2011 in a very solemn ceremony. Fr. Albert Lenon sdb, Rector - Kumgi and Fr. Dominic Kachira were present. The vice Provincial of Bangalore province along with over 20 Salesians from the communities of Kerala and even from Bangalore made the SDB presence conspicuous.

After the 90 minute long Ordination ceremony, Shoji celebrated his first Holy Mass which also lasted 90 minutes. A sumptuous midday meal in the Parish Hall was preceded by a short and sweet reception inside the Church itself.



My Missionary life is a journey of HOPE



I am convinced that becoming a missionary is a route in which dreams and realities meet. The fact that I am now a missionary is a dream rooted in the past and it is explained by various reasons. First, the desire to be a missionary, for me, is like a burning bush whose source is the family. Being the eldest son of my parents, my childhood was spent far from them. Their absence of over 6 years has made it easier for them to give me permission when I decided to join a missionary congregation. Secondly, my belonging to the Parish of St Alloys run by Pallottine fathers who consider missionary activity as one of their priorities. My desire was strengthened during my contact with the salesians who are actively working in my hometown of Nord Kivu/Goma.

Similarly, I deepened and purified my motivations during the different stages of my formation. During my Novitiate, I was convinced that my *Sequela Christi* will be effective only if I serve the youth away from my homeland. Every dream, enlightened by right motivations becomes reality.

In fact my dream became flesh when I learnt that I was



Br Moise Paluku sdb with sisters in the parish of Tetere.

destined to serve the young among the peoples of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. Certainly, my current stay in Solomon Islands is the result of a distant hope. Although during the course for New Missionaries in Rome the community where I will be sent was unknown to me, I had already a very strong desire to be there. On the eve of my departure for this land after the short time of English language course, I used to repeat to myself Don Rua's words, "at Mirabello I shall be Don Bosco".

My first experience in this journey of hope to the Solomon Islands was that everything was new to me: time, food, climate, language, and environment. I do remember that the heat chocked me, and then I could not understand how I could easily teach in a school with a British Education System which is so different from the French Education System I was used to. On the other hand, being the only young confrere and practical trainee with two priests from other cultures and among students who gave the impression to be inactive, "lifeless", I have often immersed myself in solitude.

But I was really surprised when I discovered that my young people have the ability to create things. Everything related to art is perfectly applicable in this culture. It was the beginning of my joy and my being rooted in this new culture. As a young missionary, I have engraved in my mind that living in an international community is a support especially when all have the common goal of following Christ in the footsteps of Don Bosco by serving young people. Moreover, the fact of sharing the gift of one's own life, one's missionary vocation and one's own time help in learning to accept and appreciate the local culture. I admit openly that patience, inner joy in every sense outweighs the danger of sickness.

After my participation in the Orientation Course for expatriates missionaries of all denominations organized by the Melanesian Institute, I am confident that my attitude towards the mysteries of the culture of the Solomon Islands will change. I am truly grateful for the tools they offered me to help me purify my way relating with the culture of the Solomon Islands where I live every day the mission as a path to hope.

TETERE *News Bits*

Cl. Moise Paluku sdb



Enactment of the Way of the Cross



22nd April: Parishioners from the 17 communities gathered at Christ the King Parish. The recollection was preached by Fr. Japhet Manebusa, while Parish Priest Fr. Michael Laap sdb, Fr. Joseph Than and Fr. Pankaj Xalxo celebrated the Sacrament of Confession. At 1pm the parishioners commenced a creative and emotional Way of the Cross. At 8pm there was the celebration of 'Good Friday Service'.



Fr. Michael Laap sdb, Rector presents the Rector's Cup trophy

21st May: The 2nd year students have had their **last school recollection**, in Tanagai Marists' convent, animated by Fr. Joseph Thanh.

24th May: The school honored Mary as the Help of Christians. Flowers decorated the whole court before the mass started at 4:30 PM in Parish. Yet the Eucharistic celebration has started, the youngsters savored the joy of a Salesian feast day which arises from Field ground, Chapel and Dining hall. A beautiful Eucharistic celebration the school has offered to our Mother Mary.

Ground breaking ceremony for the boy's dormitory



27th May: The **Rector's Cup** was complete and the flame extinguished by Fr. Michael Lap. Trophies were awarded to the champions. Later the **Ground Breaking Ceremony** was held. Mr Benny Bacani and the Don Bosco Mission, Bonn was thanked for their generosity.



Sr Anna Maria fma presents certificates to Basic Computer Learners

31st May: Certificates were awarded to Literacy Participants and Basic Computer learners. Sr. Anne Maria fma, was thanked for her teaching them the Basics of Computers. Mr. Lawry Joana, practical carpentry teacher from Vanga College was thanked and the 2nd year students were sent off on their six months practical term.

- Mr. Remegio Harold A. Argante, Vunabosco



Thespians enact the Way of the Cross

For the first time ever, a Way of the Cross via musicale was shown at the school gymnasium of Vunabosco Agro- Technical

Secondary School, Kokopo, East New Britain Province, PNG, on the 14th of April.

The emotional journey of Jesus was given justice by selected Bosconians and staff who bring the Gospel alive in an incredible way. Dramatically and musically powerful, the presentation provides a great insight into the most influential person in world history through stirring images in compelling and unique way.

Wonderfully narrated by Ignatius Ogobi, Red House Captain, and with the sterling performances of Jordan Latumahina, Red House Vice-Captain, and an ensemble

of Bosconian thespians, it was truly an inspirational event especially shown to the Bosconians in observance of the Lenten Season.

The musical Way of the Cross meticulously recreates the Biblical Era, from Maundy-Thursday to Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection.

With its richly-textured costume designs courtesy of Ms. Annabelle Ortega, and its haunting musical accompaniment of different band instruments, the student body and the entire staff were one in saying that the show was indeed a faithful re-enactment that became truly sentimental and a beautiful experience to watch.

The Way of the Cross was directed by Fr. Clifford Morais, SDB, Principal, and with the able support of the Student Representative Council (SRC) officers.

"CONGRATULATIONS!!!"



Extracts from 'mailnews' sent out by Fr. Julian Fox sdb

EAO

Communications Delegates move forward

ALABANG, MANILA: The EAO Delegates spent wonderful days from 26th to 29th April, 2011, under the able direction of Fr. Filberto González sdb, Councillor for Social Communications and Fr. Julian Fox sdb, convinced that the interaction will bring much benefit to the Region, given that each participant has already gained individually.

A highlight of the four days together was the study of the renewed SSCS or Salesian Social Communication System, a solid two year effort, involving broad participation from the entire Salesian world. The first task of the Delegates is to report back to their 'constituencies' and in particular to their Provincials, Delegates and their Councils, their own Communications Team, and also to the Formation Delegate and his team. The SC Delegates resolved to take up an ongoing dialogue with formation both in their own provinces, but also to seek opportunity, if it

arises, to do so at the wider regional level. The Delegates have set up an online group for exchange and to develop ideas. They intend sharing materials on a regular basis. Note was made of the extensive number of Salesian websites to be found in the Region, and that these are, understandably, in the local language where that is not English. Delegates will encourage webmasters to include just titles in English, in addition to the local language, to enable the possibility of people identifying useful material which they could subsequently ask for. The group shared communications protocols - everything from who should communicate with whom about what and how, given the rapid development of media, be they personal, social or by any other description; normal communication and crisis communication.

Thanks to Fr Eli Cruz, Provincial and Fr Noel Osial, the FIN SC Delegate and his extended media team that have made the meeting a grand success.

New life from the Rock

'TULOY', ALABANG (Phil): 26 April 2011 -- "We grow things on rock here" said Fr Rocky Evangelista with a certain pride, and he proceeds to demonstrate how! Tuloy, the outstanding Salesian work for the truly poor amongst Manila's youngsters, has little difficulty seeing a daily resurrection story at work amongst these youngsters; but if you look hard around the rocks and refuse, the hard ground and the rocky hill to one side, you see another miracle at work - one which is very deliberately meant to coincide with the miracle of grace as well and enhance the educational and Christian message in this jewel of the Preventive System.

Hydroponics and ecological systems, are put into action. An unserviceable 'dump' around Tuloy has now turned over to growing anything you can imagine, feeding not just the bodies but the very souls of the youngsters. Lettuce, tomatoes and herbs on rocks, or charcoal, fed with water containing nutrients starting with the cycle of chicken manure. And nothing is burned or tossed away anymore at Tuloy. Cardboard boxes, paper, anything biodegradable is worked over by the worms and produces a unique organic and completely odourless fertilizer fed back into ponds with fish - which have their work to do as well - and in turn fed to the plants, and the plants feed



the people, and on it goes. Kids who began growing up in the midst of refuse, knew only rock in the hardest physical and human senses of the word and the metaphor, learn something quite different, about transformation. And the key has been not to leave it at that, not even at the 'miracle' of nature at work. In the midst of all this rock and water stands the church, built of broken bricks, each brought, one by one, from abandoned buildings and now offering a sacred place where the real miracle of transformation is celebrated each morning. Grace completes nature.



Raffy Avila, aged 18 is from Caloocan, Manila. He has been at TULOY for 6 years and looks forward to being a famous chef and football player.

JOAN LARENGO, aged 22 is from Muntin Lupa, Manila. A non-resident student since 2006, she is now serving at TULOY Don Bosco as General Clerk. Anna, one of the many youngsters who look forward to a happy life

Gospel Content in Communications

New Caledonia: 3 May 2011 -- "The task of communicating the 'Good News' is an important ministry of the Church. And, while you use the modern means of technology, ensure that the message is filled with Gospel content." said Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Daniel Balvo, as he addressed the members of SIGNIS Pacific, on 3rd May, 2011 at Maison d'Accueil, Mont Mou, New Caledonia.

22 members attended the SIGNIS Pacific meeting and workshop which commenced on 2 May, 2011. Several International SIGNIS Board members were present for the meeting - a sign that the Pacific forms an important region in the church. Their insights and experience of communications and their special areas of interest were shared at the various presentations.

SIGNIS International president, Augustine Loorthusamy, who hails from Malaysia, in a very lively and animated session highlighted the need for members to ensure that they witness to Gospel values in their lives. "As 'digital immigrants' we need to ensure that the 'digital natives' use the digital media for the good of all", he reminded the gathering.

Cuban national, Gustavo Andújar, and International vice-president, shared his keen interest in using Video Journalists to convey powerful messages through the media. "There is great potential for our young to express themselves through images", he said.



- Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb



Inspiring presentations, personal reflections and lively discussions were part of every session. The assembly formulated a Declaration calling for the church, governments and other authorities to foster the growth of communications infrastructure that will assist with the development of the region. "Increased capacity, particularly for remote and outer islands and isolated villages are vital if people are to share in the benefits these technologies bring to human development", it stated.

Freelance video producer, SIGNIS Vice-president and SIGNIS Pacific Treasurer and Secretary for the past 20 years, Peter Thomas was thanked for his dedication and commitment to this vital task in the Pacific. "We will miss you immensely", said Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb, President, as he thanked Peter Thomas for his many years of joyful service. Agatha Ferei, has been elected to fulfill the role.



SIGNIS Pacific *calls for* Broadband Expansion

Members of SIGNIS Pacific (World Catholic Association for Communications) call upon the leaders of the Church in the Pacific to encourage governments and other authorities to foster growth of communications infrastructure that will assist with the development of our region. Specifically that our Bishops see the value of new communications services, e.g. high-speed broadband and wireless applications as 'tools' of ministry to assist our people in the areas of health, education, social welfare and a myriad of pastoral outreach applications, e.g. relationship counseling, religious education etc. Increased capacity, particularly for remote outer islands and isolated villages, is vital if our people are to share in the considerable benefits these technologies bring to human development.

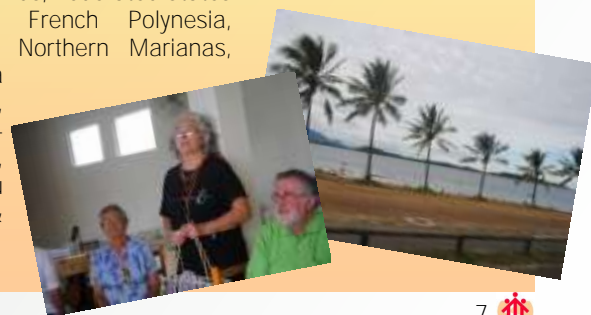
We are painfully aware that there remain vast areas in our region that have meagre electricity supply and in some cases none at all. We acknowledge that internet services whilst developed in urban areas remain under-developed or even non-existent in rural areas and outer islands. Notwithstanding advances in technologies and their availability to some parts of our nations and the fact that we are linked to the rest-of-the-world through this communications eco-system, we remain overwhelmed with major social problems, e.g. governance, poverty, education, health, trade, culture, etc.

Communications can and does play a vital role in overcoming the obstacles that prevent us from moving forward.

We call upon the leaders of the Pacific Church

- to keep the challenge on governments and other agencies to live up to their plans and promises.
- to demand that the implementation of these plans and policies be done in a way that will be beneficial to all sectors of society.
- to demand that there be real civil society participation in the processes by which broadband infrastructure develops.
- for the Church to commit to use such technologies in an exemplary way.

This Declaration was drawn up at the SIGNIS Pacific Assembly, Noumea, New Caledonia on 2 - 5 May, 2011 by delegates from Australia, Fiji Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Northern Marianas, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tahiti, Tonga, Vanuatu and Wallis & Futuna.



'Rot bilong Kruse'



Photos:
Enactment of the Way of the Cross
DBTI students participate prayerfully
A long line of coins

PORT MORESBY: 16 April 2011 -- A much-loved Lenten practice in Papua New Guinea is the Good Friday "Rot bilong Kruse" (Way of the Cross). In many "priest-less" villages, this devotional practice is led by lay people and can wind through mountainous paths kilometres long! In 2009, I presided over one such endless, village Rot bilong Kruse and I almost fainted by the sixth station (!) from exhaustion, thirst and sun-stroke!

On 15 April, the Salesians, FMA Sisters, staff and students of the Don

Bosco Technological Institute (Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea) held its Lenten Rot bilong Kruse within the school campus. Ms. Judith Kaidoga (3rd Yr. Student) was the overall coordinator and adapted the devotional text with contextualized, youthful prayers. Together with Mr. John Viritia (2nd Yr.) and assisted by Sr. Pamela Vecina FMA, Ms. Kaidoga organized a complete ensemble of passion characters, musicians and readers to interpret Jesus' Passion in a moving, reflective way adapted to young people. Mr. John Aribi (1st Yr.), who was cast as Jesus, internalized his character so much, he instructed the "Roman soldiers" to act out their parts fully, and brought some of the students to tears. The cast of actors was complete with an ever ubiquitous "devil" who tested Jesus throughout, as inspired by Gibson's "Passion of the Christ".

The "Rot bilong Kruse" ended in the school gymnasium with an appropriate social-awareness activity. As suggested by newcomer Mr. Jacob Henry (1st Yr.), the Student Representative Council organized a "Coin Trail for Japan". Students were encouraged to bring 20-Toea coins which they lined up by class/technology groupings. It was a fun-ending to the religious event and brought out the lesson that Jesus' offering of self beckons one's own as well. Oh, yes, Electrical Technology and Computer Technology students competed to a closely (and amicably) fought finish as they led the school to raising a significant amount for Japan.



- Word of God Camp

by Rexlyn Kibut, DBTI student

300 Youth for Mary

PORT MORESBY: 25 May 2011 -- From 20 - 22 May, a very significant event of prayer, fellowship and mission took place in DBTI, Port Moresby, participated in by close to 300 young people from different secondary schools including several colleges and universities. This is the 4th

Marian camp for the 300 Youth for Mary.

The participants were fortunate to have Fr John Cabrido, SDB, as the main resource person. He gave two talks on becoming true prophets and disciples of Jesus, exhorting the young to proclaim the Word of God by living it daily. He gave them four words through which they can test whether they are true disciples of Jesus: joy, charity, doctrine and obedience.

A most awaited moment of the camp was the sending off for mission. The participants, divided into four groups of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, were sent off for a few

hours of mission. Two groups went to visit the Port Moresby General Hospital, one group went to the Bomana Penitentiary and another visited an orphanage, We Care, at Waigani.

The young people, with hearts of true disciples, shared God's Word, prayed with the sick, the prisoners and the orphans. They gave joy to those they visited, sang songs for them and listened to their stories. They were happy to see the children laugh, they were touched by the stories of the sick and the prisoners. Even for just a short while, the young people lighted up and "gave flavour" to the lives of the people they visited and it was an enriching experience for both.

In his homily at the concluding Mass, Fr. John Cabrido left them a challenge – three words to live by so as to be true prophets and disciples – True love, Life, Truth.

Fr. Valeriano Barbero, the spiritual adviser of the group, also exhorted them to love Mary very much and to imitate her example in their life. He invited them to be back for next year's camp and hopefully, there will be more than 300 of them!



Be with us Mary

- Fr. Roger Miranda sdb



Students carry Our Lady in Procession

Fr. Roger Miranda sdb, Rector speaks

KOKOPO, EAST NEW BRITAIN: 22 May 2011 -- Vunabosco Agro-Technical School in Kokopo, East New Britain, Papua New Guinea celebrated the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians in advance last 20th of May 2011. The theme of the whole celebration was "Be with us Mary".

Students and staff participated well. It started with a Marian Rally organised by the Marian Group of the school specifically, Blue House. Everyone gathered at the soccer field for the first station of the Luminous Mysteries. Some students from different classes acted like a picture frame for each Luminous Mystery. A Gospel reading depicting that mystery was read by Fr. Roger Miranda, SDB, the Rector, and a short reflection was also read by one of the students in that class. During the procession, everyone recited the rosary which was led by a sponsoring class matched with Marian songs till the next station. Since the students were divided by the house colours: Blue, Red, Yellow and Green, the day became really very colourful. The Marian rally ended at the gymnasium after the blessing of Mary Help of Christians imparted by the Rector.

This activity was followed by the Inter-house Sports Carnival held at the soccer field of the school. Students competed with the different activities organized by Mr Henry Baining, the Sports Coordinator. All four colours presented an item each in marching, fancy drill and yell/cheering competitions, followed by the track and field events in the different categories: 100m., 200m,

400m, 800m and 1500m Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. The statue of Mary Help of Christians was also placed in a prominent place as if watching the boys in their competition. After the 800m competition, it started drizzling. Fr Rector whispered a little request to Mary and after a short while, the rain stopped! Pelting rain came when everyone had finished eating their lunch and all the competitions were over. Yes, Mary was really with us during that day! Red House was the over-all champion for the track and field events. Yellow House got second place.

On 22 May, Sunday, the school also celebrated Parents/ Guardians Day. Everyone gathered at the school gymnasium for the celebration of the Eucharist in honour of Mary Help of Christians. Fr Rector was the main celebrant and together with him was Fr Clifford Morais, the Principal. A short program organised by the students followed after Mass. Two parents gave their responses after the program and they were very grateful for what Don Bosco was doing for their children. They were very appreciative of the formation these Bosconians receive from the Salesians and their educators. Everyone then gathered into their respective classrooms and enjoyed the *agape* together. It was a wonderful moment for everybody to celebrate Mary's feast day. All throughout these days, Mary's presence was really felt. Yes, Mary our Mother, be with us and guide us always along the right path!



Proclaiming the WORD in Kiriwina - Fr. John Cabrido sdb

I arrived in Kiriwina two years late! Fr. Sonny Fajardo, our Salesian parish priest for the Trobriand Islands, popularly called the "Isles of Love" by the Polish self-styled anthropologist Bronislaw Malinowski, first invited me to give a Bible seminar for his parish

leaders in early 2009. Unfortunately, heavy rains during that time had caused a shortage of yam crops and the parish initiative had to be scrapped. So when Fr. Sonny renewed the invitation late last year, I speedily accepted it not only for a chance to explore Kiriwina's coral paradise but also to help out a confrere.

My luggage was definitely overweight. I had to bring all my teaching equipment including handouts, a laptop and even a projector! More than that, Fr. Timothy Choi took the occasion to beef up Fr. Sonny's pantry with canned goods and other food stuffs. To top it off, Fr. Albert Swer also sent an air pump for the parish bicycle!

After an unusually pleasant (and punctual!) flight with Airlines PNG, I landed in Losuia to an unforgettable sight. The airport was a tiny structure whose perimeter fence was packed with people. It seemed that half the island's population of 40,000 was there to ogle the new arrivals or await the latest mail. Mercifully, Fr. Sonny was already around to help retrieve my luggage once these were flung with total disregard on the grassy ground.

The Bible seminar began the next day, 09 May (Monday) and was attended by some 120 parish leaders. These came from the island's six Catholic communities. Mixed with the predominantly elderly crowd were some 15 "youths". Apparently, in Kiriwina, to be called "youth" meant that the young person was an "out-of-school" drop out. When I inquired why there were not that many young people (since the villages we passed by all seemed like

"children-factories"), the parish elders gently explained to me that *now* was *their* time, and that the "time" of the youth would have to wait for the future.

For the next five days I gave three lectures and/or conducted workshops daily, two in the morning and one in the afternoon until 4:30 PM. The 15 talks spanned the entire Bible and included bible sharing sessions, dances, drama and art. What struck me with this latest venture was the eagerness and consistent number of participants who walked for an hour to an hour-and-a-half journey on foot. To commemorate the beatification of our dearly beloved John Paul II, we viewed a two-part Italian produced film on his life (in English, of course). The community of sisters, Daughters of Mary Immaculate (PIME Sisters), generously cooked our meals.

I flew out of Kiriwina the next Sunday, 15 May, deeply impressed by the warmth of the people and the paucity of opportunity and the dearth of hope for the island's youth. The valiant efforts of missionaries past (MSC and PIME) and those present (Reparation Sisters in Gusaweta; PIME Sisters in Wapipi; and Fr. Sonny) are truly inspiring. I deeply pray that our "sharing of the Word" may sustain the people of Kiriwina in their trials and nurture their faith.





In the Junior Electrical Laboratory and with Instructors John Ramo and Silas Raymond

Character and Work habits essential for Industry

“Develop an honest character and good work habits that will enable you complete every job you are entrusted with”, said Max Kilokilo, Electrical Supervisor, GPPOL, Tetere, Solomon Islands as he spoke to

the Electrical course students at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson on 11th May, 2011. The Senior and Junior Electrical students were happy to have Max Kilokilo examine

their practical work and ask them questions on the same. The senior boys were questioned on their understanding of Industrial diagrams and circuits as they went about their practical work, while the junior boys were questioned on domestic wiring as they made connections on their work panels. Max Kilokilo, a Papua New Guinea National, has been working for New Britain Palm Oil for the past 17 years and has been here in the Solomon Islands for the past 6 years.



Max Kilokilo examines the work of Loutero Rosalio, Senior Electrical student.



The Senior and Junior Electrical students were happy to have Max Kilokilo examine

Teaching is a VOCATION



“Teaching is a vocation, that demands total dedication and commitment to my career”, said Philippa Riimanu, Life Skills Instructor

make their confession and make their peace with God, thus enabling them reach out to others in peace. Value Education classes and Retreats for staff and students are extracurricular activities, necessary to develop spirituality and good attitudes in persons.

“Return to Don Bosco” as envisaged by Fr. Pascal Chavez sdb, Rector Major, was the theme of the Retreat. “Knowing Don Bosco, understanding his Spirit and putting it into practice is necessary as we deal with youngsters who are struggling to find a meaning in Life”, said Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb Rector as he animated the group. “There is much more to every person”, said Ms Camari Bainivalu, Principal as she dwelt on ‘Who are you? What do you do?’ – a very interactive and reflective session. “We all form part of the body of Christ, and we need to constantly witness to Christ in our lives”, encouraged Fr. Tom Cassidy op as he celebrated the Thanksgiving Eucharist at the end of the retreat.



for the past 3 years at Dion Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson. “It is not just about completing the curriculum, but about enabling every student reach his or her destination and goal in life, she continued.

22 teachers, instructors and staff attended a weekend retreat at Don Bosco House of Prayer, Kola Ridge on 20th and 21st May, 2011. The retreat gave an opportunity for the teachers to pick out their weaknesses, reflect on them and has challenged them to find solutions to help the young. Inspiring talks, prayerful moments, group sharing, reflective discussions formed part of the programme at the weekend. The participants also had the opportunity to

Builders for Life!

Field Trip for Carpentry students - Patrick Pasikafoa, Sr. Carpentry student

On Thursday, 19th May, 2011, the Carpentry students had a field trip to Lee Kwok Kuen company. It gave the students the opportunity to learn many new things necessary for the Industry. It has enabled the students expand their knowledge and practical skills and given them insights to be “Builders for Life”.

“suspended beam”, said Stanley Ulufa’alu, a junior Carpentry student.

The students were able to ask questions of the supervisors Neil Buendia and Leo Villariano, who took them around the site and explaining the different structures. Finally they were told, “The way you behave at Don Bosco Technical Institute, will determine the way you succeed in the Industry. You need to be punctual and committed to your task and you will succeed in your work”, said Mr. Neil Buendia emphatically.

Lensly Kio excitedly shared his experience with his school mates.

“The visit has given us openings for

Inspired and motivated the students show it in their work as they give of their best in their class and work at the Institute.

our On-the-job training next year”, he said. “The visit has been very instructive. It has given me a clearer understanding of the



Sharing with the Disabled



Paulus Buna assisting

HENDERSON (SI): 8 June 2011 -- Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson, had an enriching weekend last weekend (4-5 June) for all who participated in the programme. "Every year the students look forward to this opportunity to sit behind a computer and learn", said Br George Van der Zant sm, Director, San Isidro, as he expressed his thanks for the possibility of having the students there on the weekend programme. "They like coming here to Don Bosco, because you are so very warm, welcoming and accepting of them", continued an emotional Br George.

31 students from the San Isidro Care Centre, Aruligo, West Guadalcanal spent an enriching weekend at Don Bosco. The programme organized by Ms Mana Utsunomiya, JICA Volunteer and Mr Paulus Buna, PNG had 4 computer sessions, each of which concluded with an assignment that brought smiles to the faces of the students. Ms Mary Maneka sign language Teacher interpreted the instructions for the students while 15 DBTI students leaders and teachers personally assisted and ensured that the disabled were able to understand and perform as required.

A collection of SBD 226.30 was made by the students of Don Bosco Technical Institute, while the TVET section gave cartoons of noodles, biscuits and cold drinks for the programme.

"In our changing world, we need to constantly update ourselves. It is wonderful that we can give our disabled friends an opportunity to learn computers as well", Paulus Buna, Electrical and Computer Instructor.



"If I am motivated, I can motivate others. If I am confused, I confuse as well", said Ms Mana Utsunomiya, Computer Instructor. "It is up to me to give them simple instructions, so that they are able to follow", she said.

Melerlyn Supa, Peter Nima and Patrick Pasikola at a computer

"I am indeed proud that the students, some of whom are using a mouse and a keyboard for the first time have done so well at the programme", said Ronualdo Mondez, Automotive and Computer Instructor.

"The students have been very interested in all that they have learnt in computers", said Mary Maneka, sign language teacher.

"Thank you for the programme, it really helps our students. It has proved to them that they are not bad, but can do something. Providing this computer programme to them has been a great boost to them, for which I am grateful", Peter Worja, Principal of San Isidro Centre, Aruligo. "Despite the fact that I have been here at Don Bosco for just a few months, I am very happy and proud to share my gifts and talents and what I have learnt in computers with our deaf and dumb friends", Stephen Maetora, Junior Auto student. "It encourages me to give of my best to those in need", he said.

"The weekend has been very interesting. The deaf and dumb students use their eyes as their ears to listen and their hands as their mouth to speak and communicate", said Brenda Nina, Form 3 student.

The students enjoyed every moment of their stay at Don Bosco. The Eucharist was a lively one which gave the opportunity for the students to pray and sing together. They also enjoyed the screening of a very powerful and thought provoking film "Vertical Limit".



Kalista Damkisa delighted



Mana Utsunomiya assisting a participant

Activities



- June 14: 31st anniversary of SDB's presence in PNG
- July 6 : Spiritual Moderatos' Meeting
- July 7-9: Quinquennial meeting
- July 9 - 15: 1st Batch SDB Annual Retreat
- July 15 : Delegation Day
- July 16 : Forum on Mass Media for Salesian Family
- July 17 : Salesians Family Day
- July 17 - 23: 2nd Batch SDB Annual Retreat (Rectors)
- July 24 :Rectors' meeting



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Thanks to: Fr. Julian Fox and Sr. Anna Maria fma

Heart-warming interview with Mother Apollinaris SCJ

Here are extracts from an interview with Mother Apollinaris, the Mother General of the Sisters of the Charity of Jesus (SCJ) also known in English as the Caritas Sisters, or the Caritas Sisters of Jesus. They were formally known as the CSM or Caritas Sisters of Miyazaki, but that name altered officially several years back.

The SCJ have spread widely throughout the world. They are currently in 13 countries, about to extend to a 14th (the entirely new national of South Sudan) and have many vocations from a 15th (Vietnam). They are currently in Japan, Korea, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Philippines, PNG, China, Australia, the US, Germany and Italy; in fact the Generalate is now in Rome. This month the Sisters gain their first PNG-born Sister - a blessing after 25 years working in PNG, in Port Moresby, nearby the Salesian administrative centre.

Mother Apollinaris warmed especially to the question regarding challenges and opportunities for the SCJ in the world today. She speaks especially of the drama of loss of hope represented by suicide, the incidence of which is so high in Japan and Korea that the Bishops' Conferences of both nations have addressed it as a central theme. Mother Apollinaris says the Sisters wish to project a culture of Love, Life and Vocation in these two nations, particularly where young people are beset by a materialistic culture of success which is ultimately doomed to failure. The Sisters confront this problem in many ways through their

work with families and the poor and suffering.

Asked about the Salesian Family, Mother Apollinaris marvels at the fruitfulness of the Salesian charism as represented by its 28 official groups, and highlights the importance of the annual Strenna from the Rector Major as an inspiration and plan of action. Recently she brought all of her superiors together in Rome and brought them to the Rector Major so they could hear his words as Don Bosco's successor. It is through their belonging to the Salesian Family and also by their being located now in Rome that they gain a sense of the Church's universality and can think and breathe with the Church. Mother Apollinaris took part in the Synod on the Word of God and found this very enriching for the same reasons.

She noted the cooperation that is especially evident in Latin America (she cited Bolivia and Brazil) amongst member groups of the Salesian Family, and in the same breath mentioned the close work between the SCJs and SDBs in Japan.

Now the Sisters are looking forward to their new presence next year in South Sudan. They have asked their entire Congregation to be part of this venture, to form an international community. They will commence by drawing five sisters from various countries, and will work side by side with other member groups of the Salesian Family already established in Southern Sudan.



Fr. Valeriano Barbero sdb, photographed together with the CARITAS Sisters of PNG, 2005

Birthday corner

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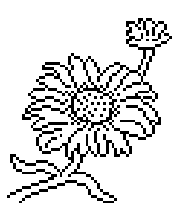
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- 18. Fr. XALXO Pankaj
- 26. Cl. PANO Gilbert
- 31. Fr. BARBERO Valeriano



Faith in God doesn't exempt you from life's trials; it sustains you in them and you grow stronger as a result of them.

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