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**MONTREAL St. Joseph.** Bro. Robert continues to work at McGill's Newman Centre with the newly appointed director Mr. Richard Bernier. This semester he is coordinating a special event entitled "*The Many Faces of Modernity: A Colloquium with Charles Taylor*" in which students from McGill and other Canadian and American universities will explore how the different facets of modernity (preoccupying today's youth (e.g., identity, authenticity, self-determination, individualism and philanthropy) interact with and relate to Christianity. Professor Taylor is one of the world's most renowned contributors to philosophy. He will attend the colloquium as a special guest in order to hold a conversation with the participants.

In October, Brother travels with twelve students to New York for a "*Christian Heritage Tour*" which includes activities ranging from feeding the homeless at Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker Kitchen on 3rd Avenue to attending a special choral concert performed by the boys of Westminster Cathedral Choir, London, at St. Thomas on Fifth Avenue.

In November, on the occasion of the *Massey Lectures* to be given by Margaret Somerville, Bro. Robert will be coordinating a Speakers' Forum where professors from various faculties will listen with students to the radio broadcasts of the lectures in order to animate a discussion afterward. Prof. Somerville's lectures are entitled "*The Ethical Imagination*" and will discuss how we can find a shared ethics for an interdependent world.

Bro. Robert also continues to accompany the youth of Paroisse St-Joseph in their activities. On 6 October the confreres at St-Joseph will prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for the animators of "la pastorale de la jeunesse." On 29 October the youth of St.-Joseph will come together with Maria

Ausiliatrice's *JPII Group* for a day of recreation and prayer to be held at the FMA Camp Tiberiade in the Laurentians.

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**SURREY, BC.** OLGC Elementary School started with a "bang" on September 5 with plenty of youthful energy to spare. There were some new faces both on the teaching staff as well as among the students. All the Salesians were on hand to welcome the children back, as Bro. Steve Aldorasi began his music course at BC University.

Bro. Jerry's 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vows had him attending the school children's Mass and speaking to them on Sept. 8 as they honoured him with creative, home-made cards. That evening he was present for the Salesian Cooperators' first meeting of the season. Being a member of the Epiphany Sacred Arts Guild, he attended their first meeting of the new season on the next day at St. Jude's Parish, where they will have a Sacred Arts Exhibit mid-October of various works done by their membership.

Sr. Anne Wanner--many Salesians know her for having been at OLGC last summer--who recently celebrated her birthday, received word that her brother, Al Wanner, died at noon on Sept. 9 in Chilliwack, BC. Bro. Jerry, the Principal of OLGC School, a Salesian Cooperator and a few parishioners represented the parish community in attending the funeral.

*Mabuhay*--Gawad Kalinga (GK), translated into English means "to give care," and it is an alternative solution to the blatant problem of poverty, not just in the Philippines but the world over. Its approach is integrated, holistic and sustainable: a concrete action plan to rebuild the nation by harnessing the best of the Filipino, his faith and patriotism. Recently that organization held its annual









*I belonged to the St Dominic Savio Club at St. Peter's School & Denis Hall. I was an officer once. The club was founded in 1954 by the Salesian brother, Michael Frazette in Paterson, NJ. The club grew in leaps and bounds all over USA, Canada, the Philippines and elsewhere. In mid 1960's, it had reached 90,000 members.*

***You are a coadjutor brother. How do you see your vocation as different from that of the Salesian priest?***

*As brother I'm free to be more available to the young people I work with, and not being tied down to the Sacramental life that a priest has to offer. The brother vocation and spiritual life is different from that of a priest: Mass, hearing confessions, administering the Sacrament of the sick, etc.*

***What can you tell us about your Salesian itinerary and what kind of work do you cherish most?***

*I'm beginning my tenth year as chaplain at Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School. The most cherished work was at St. Benedict Parish, where I was Youth Minister for eight years.*

***How do you see your task as provincial councillor, with a special attention to youth ministry and vocational animation?***

*I hope to bring my varied experience: retreat work, parish youth ministry, chaplaincy, day camps, Salesian Leadership Retreat, Youth Rally, WYD, etc. I hope to animate youth ministers, and help young people to discern their vocation.*

***If you had a couple of things to tell young people, what would you say?***

*Take courage, persevere in your prayer life, and be of service. And get involved in your school, community and in your parish.*

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In October we remember...

**Liturgical feasts:**

- 5: Blessed Albert Marvelli
- 7: Our Lady of the Rosary
- 11: Blessed John XXIII
- 13: Blessed Alexandrina da Costa, SC
- 24: Blessed Louis Guanella

**Happy Birthday!**

- 9: G. Costamagna (70<sup>th</sup>)
- 10: Jan Staszal
- 24 Drago Gacnik (50<sup>th</sup>)

**Religious Profession**

- 21: G. Costamagna

**Priesthood**

- 9: Mike Pace

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