

Provincial's Letter

November 15, 2012

Blessed Maddalena Morano, FMA

Dear Brother and Sister Salesians:

Rest in Peace Fr. Steve Schenck, SDB (SUE)

The death of this confrere from the New Rochelle province has filled me with shock and sadness. Steve was a vibrant, young (59 years old), intelligent, passionate Salesian priest, immensely blessed with artistic and musical talents. At the same time the cross he daily carried was a serious and chronic case of diabetes. The ways of the Lord are mysterious and they challenge us to put ourselves in his hands, remembering always that all things work for the good for those

who walk by faith. The Year of Faith is taking on a whole new meaning for me. I will be traveling back to Port Chester for his wake and funeral and will surely bring the prayers and condolences of our provincial community to Tom Dunne and the confreres of the East.

Missionary Appeal

Later in this issue of *In-Touch* you see a list of the priority missionary needs the Rector Major has indicated for the next missionary expedition of the Congregation in November of next year. Last Sunday, November 11, marked the anniversary of the first missionary expedition to the Americas. This one will be the 144th. We have no confreres to spare. But like the widows in last Sunday's gospel, giving from our want and not from our surplus, will bring us new life and the notice of Jesus. So I join with Vaclav Klement, SDB, General Councilor for the Missions, asking those who may feel this call to be a Salesian missionary *ad gentes* to be free to discern, to pray, to consult,

and then to write to the Rector Major.

New Delegates and Commissions

This issue also carries the announcement of three new appointments of delegates and commissions. To Joe Rodriguez (Social Communications) and Jesse Rodriguez (S Programs) and Sheila and Louis Kun (Care Ministry), and to each and every one of the confreres and lay people who are offering their time and talent to Don Bosco's mission in these areas of service, I say thank you with all my heart.

Friend of the Young and the Poor

Steve Schenck's lively and kid friendly song, "Friend of the Young and the Poor," takes on a new poignancy now that its composer has gone to the Salesian Garden. I can think of no better tribute to Steve's life than the words of his own song:

You were the light in the dark for the young who could not see. And you were a spark for the young to become all they could be. Help us all come

to be all God calls us to be. . .

You felt the fire in the heart of the Lord who burns with love. And you touched the heart of the young with that fire from above. Touch our hearts with that fire, make our God our desire. . .

You showed the young they were called to the service of their Lord. You taught them to walk in the light and the power of His Word. Help us walk in that light, make His Word our delight. . .

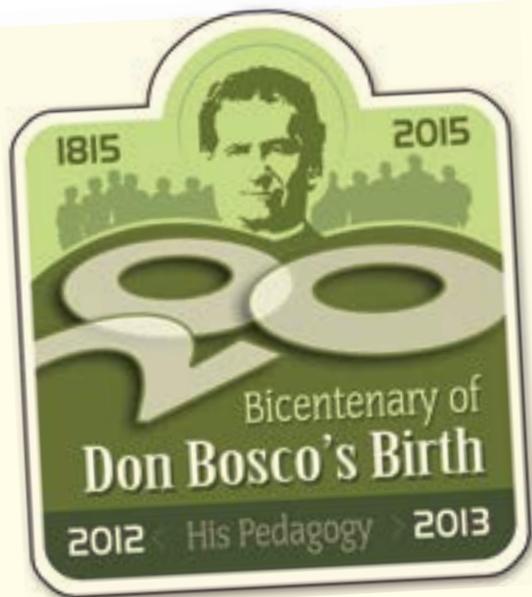
We will send the message. We will be the witnesses that you, Don Bosco, are the friend of the young and the poor. Lead us safely through the storm to the heavenly shore.

Sincerely,

Rev. Timothy Ploch, SDB

Provincial





**“Rejoice in the Lord
always. I will say it again:**

Rejoice!”

EDUCATION OF THE HEART

Beginning from our understanding of Don Bosco's pedagogy, the major points of reference and the tasks of Strenna 2013 are as follows.

2. The pedagogy of kindness. Don Bosco's loving-kindness is, without doubt a characteristic trait of his pedagogical approach which we maintain to be valid today too, whether in contexts that are still Christian or in those where young people belong to other religions. However it cannot be reduced just to a pedagogical principle, but needs to be recognised as an essential element of our spirituality.

3. The Preventive System. This represents the essence of Don Bosco's pedagogical wisdom and constitutes the prophetic message he has left his heirs and the entire Church. It is a spiritual and educative experience based on reason, religion and loving-kindness.

Fr. Pascual Chavez, SDB
STRENNA 2013

PROVINCIAL'S CALENDAR

Year
of Faith

November 2012

- 14 Funeral for Fr. Steve Schenck, SDB, Port Chester, NY
- 15 Travel Day
- 16-19 Office Days
- 20 Provincial Residence
Monthly Recollection
- 21 Office Day
- 22 Thanksgiving Day, Stockton
- 23-26 Office Days
- 27 Meeting of Provincials with
Archbishop Gomez, Los Angeles
- 28-30 Office Days

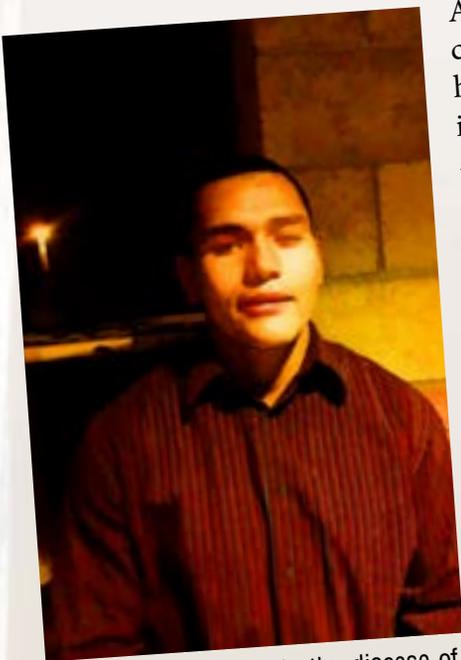


VOCATION CULTURE



St. John Bosco pray for two students: Delano Pereira and Adrian Martinez who are discerning their calling to the priesthood.

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL VOCATIONS IN A SPECIAL WAY THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HEAR THE CALL TO BECOME RELIGIOUS AND PRIESTS.



Jose is a young man in the diocese of San Bernadino who is considering joining the Salesians and the Priesthood.

As vocation director I realize that it is my job to help the province create a culture of vocations, to help and encourage the vocations we have, but also to bring more vocations not only into the Church but into the Salesian Society especially in our province.

Part of my job has been putting together a vocation team, a group of people who can help to animate the mission of vocations in our province. As part of the vocation plan, I have felt that it is necessary to go to different parishes and schools throughout our dioceses where Salesians are in our Province, as well as those where there are no Salesians, to talk about Jesus Christ in the ways of Don Bosco, promoting the Salesian Spirituality.

I've been blessed to be able to visit Damien High School, Salesian High School, St. John Bosco High School, St. John Seminary, St. Anthony High School (Long Beach) and St. Dominic Savio Elementary School to promote vocations.

I look forward to going around the province to spread the love of Jesus Christ in the ways of Don Bosco to all the young I will meet to encourage Salesian Vocations among them. I encourage you all to continue praying for Vocations.

Blessings,
P. Jose

Among the students at St. Anthony's in Long Beach, 3 students are discerning their calling to follow Jesus as volunteers or in the case of Aldrin and David, to the Priesthood.

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VOCA**TION** CULTURE



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Joaquin
Oliveros

candidate

Joaquin Oliveros is 26 years old, born and raised in Mexico City. He has just begun his second year as a candidate at St. John Bosco. In 2010 his parish at Holy Family Church in Artesia put on a Vocation fair and invited the Salesians of Don Bosco along with 27 other congregations. This is how he met the Salesians. He had the opportunity to talk about his call to a Salesian priest. Fr. Chinh the former Vocation Director. A few months later he was accepted to begin the formation program at St. John Bosco. Joaquin feels grateful and blessed living among his brother Salesians and has been learning a lot from them. Words don't come easy he says, but he knows he wants to help young people because he loves young people and wants to become a priest if this is God's will. And so we continue to pray for Joaquin as he continues his program of formation.

He can be contacted at luofmagnificent@yahoo.com

“More, that vocational campaigns be put into action: families, parishes, all our schools should be able to create a pastoral microclimate where they can grow and ripen vocations, forming a genuine culture of vocation in which LIFE is conceived and lived as a gift, as a vocation and mission, amidst the diversity of options.”
Fr. Pascual Chavez, SDB



Bosco Fest 2012



I Am Salesian & i am don bosco today!

Benito Guerrero

At the opening of Bosco Fest 2012 held at Salesian High in Richmond, the youth animators and group leaders stood up one by one accepting the challenge to continue the legacy entrusted to us by our beloved Don Bosco. The challenge set forth is to bring others closer to God through a sense of joy and cheerfulness.

While there's still lots of work to be done, I

whole-heartedly feel that we are on the right path. That was evident while looking at the exuberance of the young people that gave up their weekend to take part in this Salesian event. There were over 200 youth from all over California in attendance and eager to partake in the day's activities. The energy, sense of family, and overall excitement was palpable.

The keynote speaker, Michael Pritchard, a comedian from the San Francisco area lead off the day with a truly inspirational talk. Masterfully, he was able to combine his talent of humor and knowledge of Church teaching to relay a truly poignant message. Using his real life examples, Mr. Pritchard was able to convey how important it is for each of us to live

out the greatest commandment -- to love God and neighbor. One of the most touching stories he shared was an encounter with one of his special needs students. Mr. Pritchard explained that they were at a track event and as the special needs student approached the finish line, she suddenly stopped just before crossing it. Michael was on the other side coax-



ing her to cross in order to finish the race but the student wouldn't budge. No matter how much coaxing/pleading, the student remained still. Michael asked her why she didn't want to cross the finish line and she replied that she wanted to wait for her friends. Just then, she reached back her arm and joined hands with the next racer, the next racer did the same and so on until they were all linked hand in hand and they crossed the finish line together. After crossing the finish line, she looked at Michael and said, "See Mr. Pritchard, together...we all win!" To her, it wasn't important if she came in first, second or last, but that she was able to be there for her friends and in that they would all be winners. I was so moved by that story and kept replaying it in my mind through-

out the day.

Later, we gathered in our small groups for sharing and reflection. I enjoyed hearing the youth share their thoughts regarding the keynote address and the questions we were given. I was able to share with the young people in my group how much I admire their generation. They encounter so many more obstacles than when I was their age, especially the barrage of technology. However, I also advised them that while the advancement of technology can be good, they mustn't lose sight of the importance of the face to face connection with others. Also inspiring was witnessing how accepting they were of each other's differences and in hearing the challenges that they themselves face in trying to bring joy to oth-

ers. As the adult members of the Salesian Family, we must continue to provide a good example to the youth and accompany them in their times of anguish and happiness, so that they can be better equipped to share their experiences with their peers in order to fortify our Salesian Spirituality. And in doing so together, we too can all win!



NEW PROVINCIAL DELEGATES



SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

Delegate **Joseph Rodriguez**

Commission

Al Vu sdb (*Delegate for Youth Ministry*)

JC Montenegro (*Delegate for Missionary Animation*)

Melissa Accornero, Judy Alvarez, Brian Barnes, Lisa Dreyer,

Bob Hennings sdb, John Itzaina sdb, Marcus Klinger, Peter Duoc

Le sdb, Joe Nguyen sdb, Tommy Ricard, Paul Tran sdb

S PROGRAMS

Coordinator **Jesse Rodriguez**

Commission

Joe Boenzi sdb, Bill Goodman, Cris Hood Rosales,

Nick Reina sdb, John Roche sdb, Al Vu sdb

CARE MINISTRY

Coordinators **Sheila and Louis Kun**

Commission

Deacon Willie Arban, Tho Bui sdb, Joe Lockwood sdb, Khoa

Luong sdb, Ernie Martinez sdb, Tom Prendiville sdb, Ivan Puno,

Florsie Roth, Randy Soriano, Dr. Raul Valejo



DE SALES HALL

It is exciting to see

Brother Joseph Lockwood, SDB, reporting from de Sales Hall

It was so nice to see so many trades finishing up their part of the construction.

The electricians from Juno Electric were making the final adjustments in the electric panel boxes and checking to make sure all the lights work properly. They checked the 220 plugs for the AC/heating units in the bedrooms and in the community rooms. Frank, the Juno Electric job supervisor, met with Frs. Jose Lucero, Paul Tran (Director) and Tuan Nguyen about the electrical control panel that operates the hallway lights and outside security lights.

I must say, the hallways and the rooms really look good with the laminated floors, the wood base boards and the student desks with the bulletin board. And they are very functional.

Mitsubishi's technicians were on site to calibrate the conveyance so it will stop level at each floor with the passengers. The maximum weight that this conveyance can carry is 5,000 pounds. To check the maximum weight, they used two wheel carts (see the picture) each weighing roughly 600 pounds. These carts are placed in the car while it moves between floors. All of the safety features (telephone, alarm bells and the

1 - The carts used to calibrate the weight for the conveyance. 2- United System technician installs the strobe light in the Chapel 3- The non-skid flooring for the landings and stairs. 4 - United System technician installing the power supply box (fire alarm system). 5 - Frank Lim, Juno Electric discusses the lighting controls for the building with Fr. Tuan, Alex DeLeon, Fr. Paul Tran and Fr. Jose Lucero.

DESALES HALL

It is exciting to see

three safety doors that close when the alarm goes off) are checked and then certified that they work. When they finish checking the safety elements and the conveyance is calibrated, the technicians will notify the State of California Industrial Relation, Division of Occupational Safety and Health to come out to the site and certify that the conveyance is safe. Then the State issues the certificate.

United System (the fire alarm company) was on site installing all of the strobe lights and smoke detectors in each bedroom, the chapel (4), dining room, and hallways. The technicians connected the window smoke detectors. On each floor a fire alarm power supply box was installed in the data closets. When the technicians finish testing the equipment, the Los Angeles Fire Marshall will inspect the fire safety of the building. The evacuation plan for each room has been completed and is ready to be posted in each room.

You remember that there was a roof leak over the community room. Vincor gave us a bid to repair the roof where they thought the leak was. After removing the existing roofing material from the suspected area, they decided to replace the complete roof at no extra cost to us.

The roofing contractor removed the existing roofing material down to the plywood sheathing and inspected it to see if there was any dry rot or any other water damage. They did not find any, the plywood sheathing was sound. The roofers replaced all of the roof jacks before tacking down the 30 pound felt. Once the felt is in place, then the roofers hot mop over the felt with hot tar. Then they put another layer of felt and repeat the same process. Then they put the cap sheet over the hot tar.

The flooring company is finishing the installation of the non-slip flooring material on the two stair cases. The chapel carpeting is installed.

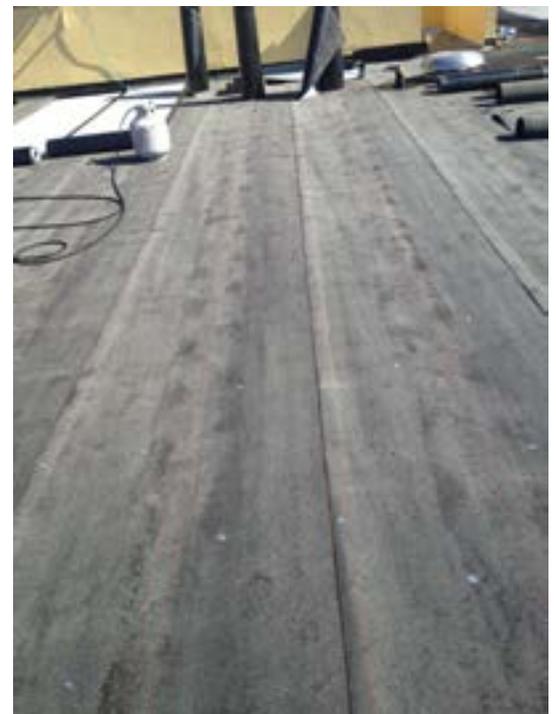
The plumbers have finished installing the coffee counter sink in the dining room and the counter sink in the community room.

Part of the finishing is to do a thorough cleaning of the building and that means to wash all of the windows, clean the floor and check for little nicks and marks on the walls. The cleaning began on the third floor this week.

The basketball back board is installed and ready for a half-court game, even at night with the great court lights.



The planter in front of the house was repaired and concrete curb was added



30 pound roofing felt

MAY THEY REST IN
THE PEACE OF CHRIST
Please pray for the repose of the souls of



FR. STEPHEN SCHENCK, SDB
(SUE)

November 10, 2012
aged 59

Pastor, Holy Rosary Church,
Port Chester, NY
author of

“Friend of the Young and the Poor”

Happy Birthday
NOVEMBER



2 *Raul Acosta*
2 *Tom Prendiville*
3 *Noel DeBruton*
6 *Mel Trinidad*
14 *Tom Mass*
21 *Leo Baysinger*



PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK



Bro. Tony Freitas, SDB

hospitalized

Doris Roche

mother of Fr. John Roche, SDB

Gina Robles

Youth Ministry Office

Bro. Tony Freitas, SDB

hospitalized

Fr. Richard Presenti, SDB

recovering from a blood clot
in the lung



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BIRTHDAYS

Salesians of St. John Bosco in the San Francisco Province
2012 - 2013



JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
7 John Itzaina 10 Jesse Montes 17 Tony Matse 20 Bill Keane 28 Jack Gibson 31 Art Lenti 31 Steve Standard	15 Mike Touchstone 16 Jerry Bonjean 19 Paul Mascalco 20 Dave Purdy 21 Pat Barbariol 22 Tom Juarez 22 Mario Rosso	1 Harold Danielson 8 George Alengadan 10 Joseph Reza 11 Bob Stein 17 John Malloy 21 Lenny Carlino 27 Joe Lockwood 27 Chris Woerz 30 Armand Oliveri 31 Itchan Laygo 31 Enri Leigman	7 Nick Reina 17 Tho Bui 17 Mike Herbers 17 Steven Way 24 Carmine Vairo	1 Atanasio Serrano 1 Luis Gryzko 8 Joe Farias 9 Mathew Thekkekara 12 Larry Lorenzoni 13 Bob Delis 14 Abel Zanella 16 Rafael Saiz 16 Edward Liptak 21 Stephen Eguino 23 John O'Brien 27 Lucian Lomello 29 Juan Mufoz	2 Thien Nguyen 3 Mike Gergen 4 Harry Rasmussen 8 Timothy Ploch 12 Phil Mandile 17 Joe Nguyen 18 Peter Bui 18 Bob Hennings 18 Redentor Coloma
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
7 Kris Van Strydonck 24 Chinh Nguyen 26 Chuyen Nguyen 29 Austin Conterno	1 John Lam 3 Ernie Martinez 5 Gustavo Ramirez 5 Paul Tran 6 Joseph Paradayil 8 James Nieblas 9 Andrew Ng 10 Tuan Nguyen 16 Jerry Wertz 18 Ramon Zarate 25 John Roche	1 Avelino Lorenzo 6 Larry King 7 Tony Freitas 7 Khoa Luong 13 Richard Presenti 16 Luis Oyarzo 17 Bruno DePretto 18 Jose Lucero 18 Pat Maloney 29 Gael Sullivan	5 Marc Rougeau 5 Jerry Weirich 7 John Rasor 14 Steve Whelan 21 Craig Spence 25 Alejandro Rodriguez 25 Bill Schafer 27 Joe Boenzi 28 Al Pestun 30 Jhoni Chamorro	2 Raul Acosta 2 Tom Prendiville 3 Noel DeBruton 6 Mel Trinidad 14 Tom Mass 21 Leo Baysinger	1 Alphonse Vu 6 Thinh Nguyen 8 Duoc Le 13 Ted Montemayor 19 Al Mengon

INTENSIVE SALESIAN COURSES



SALESIAN PEDAGOGY

JAN 7-11
5pm-8:30pm

**Education & Evangelization:
Girls & Young Women**

JAN 14-18
5pm-8:30pm

**Education & Evangelization:
Boys & Young Men**

Berkeley, CA

For the Salesian Family, the entire academic year 2012-2013 is dedicated to the study of St. John Bosco's Educational Methodology, a Salesian Pedagogy. Therefore, the Institute of Salesian Studies is offering two week-long intensive courses. The first week presents a pedagogical approach to the education and evangelization of girls & young women, and the second week for boys & young men.

Although these two weeks of courses stand on their own, the two weeks are designed to complement each other. You may register for one or two weeks.

Week One

Sr. Ann Cassidy, FMA draws upon the research of contemporary educators, as well as her own years of experience, to highlight the effectiveness of Salesian pedagogy, as well as to tailor its educational methods to the education of girls & young women.

Week Two

Fr. John Serio, SDB, tailors his course toward the Salesian educational and evangelical approach for boys & young men.

Continuing Education/Graduate UNITS

If you wish to take these courses for graduate or continuing education units, email:

info@salesianstudies.org

Or contact Fr. John Roche at 510-204-0801



salesianstudies.org/register

PRIORITY NEEDS OF THE SALESIAN MISSIONS 2013

144TH MISSIONARY EXPEDITION

Updated by the Rector Major July 30, 2012

Province - Country	Necessary languages	Environment and necessary qualities of the missionaries
AFRICA		
AET Ethiopia Vicariate of Gambella	English, local languages	Vicariate since 2000, very few SDB personnel, large opportunities of first evangelization, Church implanting stage.
AFC Dem. Republic of Congo	French Local languages	Inaugurated the second century of presence. An area for first evangelization. Great possibilities for expansion. No missionaries from Asia present.
MOZ Mozambique	Portuguese, local languages	Vast territory for first evangelization. The province is expanding but more personnel is required. They need confreres (Salesian Brothers) prepared for technical and professional schools.
ZMB Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Namibia	English, Local Languages	The presence of front line missionaries. The province is expanding, but with out the much needed personnel, for the four countries which are included in the province.
ASIA		
CIN China Services	English, Chinese, Cantonese	To help the province with young confreres (Macau, HK, Taiwan) There is need to rejuvenate with vocations of Salesian brothers.
FIS Pakistan	English, Urdu	Few SDBs, challenging Islamic environment, Technical education— Need of robust SDB vocations, lay brothers and formators.
ITM Indonesia, East Timor	English, Indonesian Portuguese, Tetum	Need of senior confreres over fifty years as formators, Spiritual directors, confessors, experts in technical schools.
INC Bangladesh	English, Bengali	New mission (inaugurated in 2009), two presences, aspirantate and pre novitiate School, parish rural and tribal areas, few Salesians
INC Nepal	English, Nepali	Youthful mission (started in 2000), three presences, social and educational works, religion Hindu, Need missionaries from outside South Asia.
LKC Sri Lanka	English, Sinhala, Tamil	Country torn apart by civil war, need missionaries from outside the region, South Asia, especially coadjutors.
SLK Apostolic Prefecture Azerbaijan	Russian, English, Azerbaijani	Only 600 local Catholics and 3000 migrants, moderate Islam; There is a movement to internationalize the country (non-Slovak Confreres)
AMERICA		
ARS - Argentina	Spanish	Need missionaries especially for Patagoia
BOL - Bolivia	Spanish	Presence among tribal groups (Kechuas and Aymaras) Evangelization centred on education (School) and socio economic development
BRE Brasile - Recife	Portuguese	Scarcity of Salesians, Social work in the poor areas of the Northeast.
PER Perù Vicariate of Pucallpa	Spanish Indigenous Languages	1. Vicariate of Pucallpa entrusted in 2009, few missionaries, indigenous peoples; 2. Missions-Valle Sagrado (Kechua), 3. Missions in Yurimaguas (San Lorenzo)
SUE – SUO USA Migrant ministry	English Spanish	Pastoral care for migrants of Hispanic origin (parish, youth centres – oratories, social empowerment)
EUROPE - Project Europe		
AUS - Austria	German	Youth Centres, Oratory, parishes, works for migrants, MGS
GBR- Great Britain	English	Schools, Spirituality Centres, Migrants need young SDBs
IRL - Ireland	English	Schools; Spirituality centres for the young, need of young SDBs
IME- Albania, Kosovo	Albanese, Italian	Primary Evangelization, few personnel, especially Salesian brothers
ICC Italy:Emmigrants	Italian, Spanish, English	Project Sacro Cuore (migrants ROME), Project Genova (Ecuadorians)
MIDDLE EAST		
MOR - Egypt	Italian, Arabic, English	Schools for Christians and Muslims, need young missionaries
MOR - Turkey	Italian, Turkish, English	Only one community in the country, school and works for various migrant groups
MOR - Lebanon	Italian, Arabic, French	Youth Centre, strengthening Christian communities, Professional Schools
OCEANIA		
AUL Australia	English, Languages of immigrants	Secularized, multicultural. Few young Salesians, Educational works (Schools and Youth Centres), Pastoral care for migrants

Yellow Colour: territory entrusted by the Holy See to the Salesian Congregation 'ius commissionis' (=by convention)

Red Colour: requests for four European Projects, as addressed by the Rector Major (GC 26, no. 108-111)

NB: Confreres sent into the same regions also can participate in the course for new missionaries held in Rome and Turin, 4-29 September 2013; The 144th missionary expedition from Valdocco, Holy Eucharist at 12:00.