

September 21, 2011

Dear Brother and Sister Salesians:

Last Saturday was an important day in the life of the province. We gathered together all the directors, pastors, school presidents and principals, club executive directors, CYM's, and other province leaders. Throughout the day, so beautifully hosted for us by the community of St. Joseph's Novitiate and Youth Renewal Center, we reflected on the why and how to do pastoral planning at each of our sites, the why and wherefore of the CYM in each of our works, and the need for regular common formation both at the local level (led by the director or pastor or CYM) and at the province level ("S" programs).

Then on Sunday we paused to honor those SDB within our province community who are observing a jubilee of profession and/or ordination in 2011. The Mass was wonderful at St. Dominic Savio, as well as the buffet dinner afterwards. I think it rejuvenated all of us to see so many young people and families at the Mass, and also to take note of the long years of faithful and joyful perseverance of our jubilarian Salesians, who have decided, by the profession of vows and the sacrament of Holy Orders, to "stay with Don Bosco." And stay with Don Bosco they have, beginning with Brother Zanella who this year observes 75 years as an SDB! How heartwarming it was to

hear their stories and their gratitude to God for the vocation they have received. And those who were there will never forget the toast raised by young Sean Roche on behalf of all the young people these men have served over the years.

At the same dinner we saw the premier of *We Are Salesian*, an engaging DVD record of the visit of Don Bosco's relics last year to our province. Far more than a nostalgic photo collection, this DVD is a lasting formative tool for all of us. It will recall how last year's visit of Don Bosco to California still challenges us to be Salesian, or better, to be Don Bosco for the young. Communities will each receive one copy free, and then other copies are available for purchase from the Social Communications Office. Immense gratitude to Judy Alvarez, her team, and to Jim and Linda Roche who put it all together.

Next day it was more meetings, this time for the directors and pastors alone. We too need time to step aside and reflect on our role within the Salesian family and to offer advice and counsel to the provincial on the many financial and pastoral challenges facing the province these days. How do we bring to everyday life what our Rule calls us to do when it says that "The rector represents Christ who unites his followers in the service of the Father" (C 55)? Then a good part of the day was a careful presentation of our Province Organic Plan (POP) just recently approved, and highly praised (!), by the Rector Major and his council. With a clear fundamental direction for our personal, community, and provincial decisions and plans, we can be firmly on the road to returning to Don Bosco and rekindling his charisma here in the West.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Timothy C. Ploch, SDB

Provincial

PROVINCIAL'S CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER 2011

- 21-22 Office Days
- 23 Funeral of Mrs. Ruth Maloney, Richmond
- 24-27 Office Days
- 28 Induction of Fr. John Roche as Director, Berkeley Induction of Fr. Gael Sullivan as Director, Stockton
- 29 Fr. Leo Baysinger as Director, Corpus Christi

OCTOBER 2011

- 1 SNAC West Meeting, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
- 2-3 Provincial Council Meeting, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish
- 4 Valley Church Meeting re Role of the CYM
- 5 Induction of Fr. Paul Tran as Director, DeSales Hall Induction into the Prenovitiate: Jhoni Chamorro

May They Rest in the Peace of Christ

Please pray for

the repose of the soul of

Mr. Steven Nethercutt

September 15, 2011

father of two St. Francis Central Coast Catholic High School Students:

Paige (2011 Valedictorian) and Austin (Class of 2014)

Mrs. Ruth Maloney

mother of Bro. Pat Maloney, SDB

September 17, 2011

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AROUND THE PROVINCE



Our province Jubilarians gather with Fr. Timothy Ploch at the conclusion of a beautiful Eucharistic celebration. From L to R: Fr. John Roche, Fr. Harry Rasmussen, Fr. Salvatore Giacomini, Fr. John Lam, Fr. Timothy Ploch, Fr. George Kaininkunnel, Fr. Thomas Prendiville, Fr. William Schafer and Br. Philip Mandile



75 Years of Profession

Abel Zanella

65 Years of Profession

Thomas Prendiville

60 Years of Ordination

Salvatore Giacomini

Larry Lorenzoni

60 Years of Profession

Harry Rasmussen

50 Years of Ordination

William Schafer



Many members of the Salesian family were there to celebrate the occasion, including SDB and FMA young people in formation, Cooperators and animators of the Salesian Youth Movement.



SALESIAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2011



In response to the love of the Lord Jesus your Son, who calls me to follow him more closely, and led by the Holy Spirit who is light and strength, I renew the total offering of myself to you. I pledge myself to devote all my strength to those to whom you will send me, especially to young people who are poorer; to live in the Salesian Society in communion of spirit and action with my brothers; and in this way to share in the life and mission of your church.

Words from the Prayer of Profession



50 Years of Profession

John Lam

Philip Mandile

40 Years of Ordination

John Lam

40 Years of Profession

George Mengaden

25 Years of Ordination

John Roche

25 years of Profession

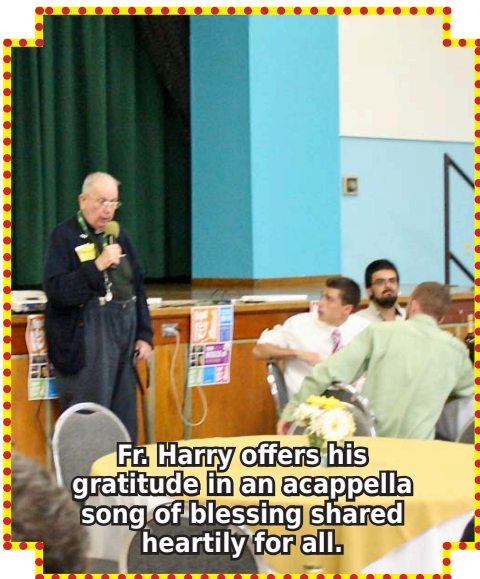
George Kaininkunnel



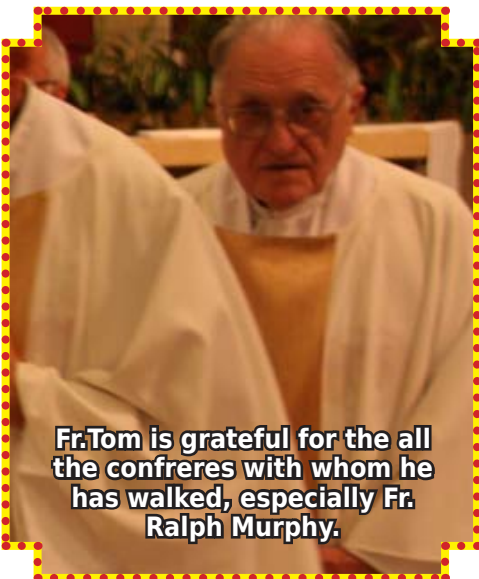
A youthful toast to honor all the Jubilarians is presented by Sean Roche, nephew of Fr. John and young animator in the Salesian Youth Movement.



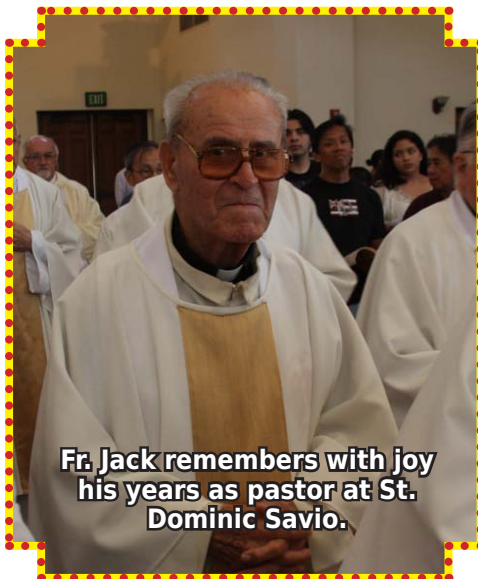
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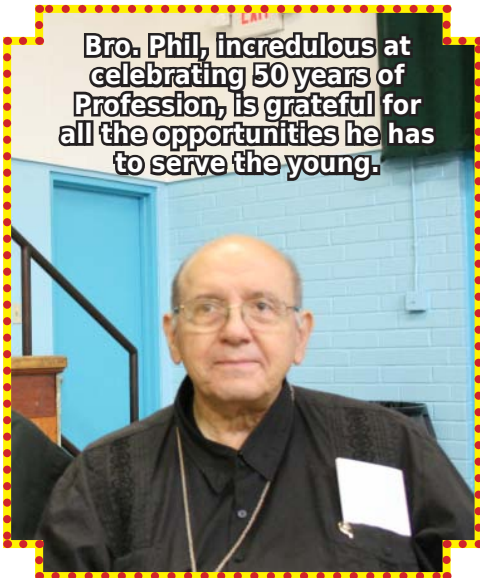
Fr. Harry offers his gratitude in an acappella song of blessing shared heartily for all.



Fr. Tom is grateful for the all the confreres with whom he has walked, especially Fr. Ralph Murphy.

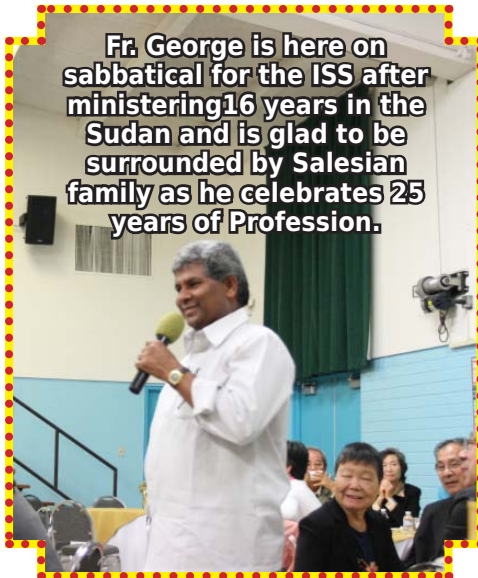


Fr. Jack remembers with joy his years as pastor at St. Dominic Savio.



Bro. Phil, incredulous at celebrating 50 years of Profession, is grateful for all the opportunities he has to serve the young.

The Jubilee Celebration for all Salesians celebrating special anniversaries of Profession and Ordination was held on Sunday evening during the 5:30 p.m. Eucharist at St. Dominic Savio Parish, followed by dinner in the Youth Center. Unlike the disgruntled workers in the Sunday gospel, the Salesians were full of gratitude for all the blessings of their vocational journeys. Likewise, those in attendance rejoiced.



Fr. George is here on sabbatical for the ISS after ministering 16 years in the Sudan and is glad to be surrounded by Salesian family as he celebrates 25 years of Profession.



Fr. William is grateful for all the opportunities he has had to serve the Salesian mission and for his family's constant support.



Fr. John remembers with gratitude the many Salesians present who inspired his vocation, his wonderful family and the young people whom he accompanies.



Fr. John rejoices in his journey of faith as a Salesian priest that brought him to California and all his family into the Catholic faith.

A Toast to Salesian Service

By Sean Roche

It gives me great joy to be a part of the celebration honoring these devoted and essential members of our Salesian family. The spirit of Don Bosco is conspicuously present in all of them. Their years of devotion to the young, to Mary, to Jesus and to God have enriched the lives of entire generations, and their accompaniment and spiritual direction has fostered tremendous love for Christ and the young all over the world. Our Salesian guests of honor have profoundly upheld the traditions of Don Bosco while simultaneously passing them on to future Salesians and challenging us to expand them.

There is much I could say about each of these SDBs individually, but when all of their service is viewed collectively, the true blessing of God becomes apparent. These men made Jesus and Mary their best friends and provided and animated homes, schools, playgrounds and churches for more young people than we could possibly count.

Know this, gentlemen: we are all praying that you continue to do what you should as well as you can, and that these milestones foreshadow many more to come. God bless you guys for your combined hundreds of years of services.

With that, I'd like to propose a toast to the Salesian Jubliarians and their continued example of the spirit of St. John Bosco. Here, here!

At the conclusion of the evening, "We Are Salesian," a new province movie production was premiered. Capturing the experience of Don Bosco's Relics among us in September 2010, the movie reminded all of our call to be Don Bosco today for the young. A fitting tribute as well to the Jubliarians who teach us daily what that means.

SALESIAN JUBILEE CELEBRATION 2011



AROUND THE PROVINCE PROVINCE LEADERSHIP MEETING



On Saturday, September 17, St. Joseph's Salesian Novitiate and Youth Renewal Center hosted the second annual Province Leadership Meeting. This day begun by Fr. Tim Ploch and his Council aims to accompany key leaders in local communities as they animate the Salesian mission. This year the agenda reinforced elements needed for effective Salesian Youth Ministry, i.e. CYM, staff formation, the Council of the Educative and Pastoral Community (CEPC) and participation in province "S" programs. Snapshots of how communities integrate these elements into their ministry were offered by various leaders.

The Province Organic Plan was also unveiled, fruit of much reflection and dialogue related to GC 26, this plan provides priority commitments for Salesians communities and fundamental orientations for local works and specific province departments. Time was spent in groups related to each sector (schools, parishes and youth center) to consider how these priorities and fundamental orientations are most urgent for their local work and what they need to move forward.

All work and no play would not be a Salesian gathering, so lunch time also found the participants enjoying an outdoor picnic in the shady trees of St. Joseph's Grotto, followed by a rousing game of volleyball with the Salesian novices and candidates also participating.



AROUND THE PROVINCE
COORDINATORS OF YOUTH MINISTRY MEETING



On Friday, September 16, the Salesian Province Youth Ministry Office convened the first meeting of the year for all province CYMs in parishes, schools and youth centers. Led by Bro Al Vu, Province Delegate for Youth Ministry, the gathering was held at St. Dominic Savio Youth Center from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. and provided an opportunity for prayer, formation on the role of the CYM and review of the Province Youth Ministry calendar. Time was also spent in parish and school groups to discuss concerns and goals for the year.

First row from L to R: Bro. Al Vu, Delegate for Youth Ministry; **Andrew Coffey**, Salesian Youth Movement; **Fr. Chinh Nguyen**, Director of Vocations; **Gaby Gordillo**, CYM St. Mary's; **Deacon Thien Nguyen**, CYM SS Peter and Paul; **Fr. Jose Lucero**, CYM Corpus Christi; **Fr. Tho Bui**, CYM SJB-HS; **Bro. Tom Mass**, CYM Salesian Boys and Girls Clubs LA; **Juan Carlos Montenegro**, CYM St. Dominic Savio and Delegate for Mission Animation

Second row from L to R: Fr. John Lam, Pastor, St. Bridget Chinese Catholic Center; **Daniel Choy**, CYM St. Bridget; **Fr. Jim Nieblas**, CYM and Director SHSLA; **Lisa Dreyer**, Retreat Center Coordinator, St. Joseph's SYRC; **Paul DeValle**, CYM St. Luke's; **Miguel Flores**, CYM DBTI; **John Marheineke**, CYM SFCCCHS; **Fr. Luis Oyarzo Vargas**, CYM Our Lady Help of Christians; **Fr. Jesse Montes**, CYM St. Ambrose; **Fr. Chris Woerz**, Delegate for Salesian Family; **Gina Robles**, Province Youth Program Coordinator; **Judy Wilber Alvarez**, Delegate for Social Communication

YOUTH MINISTRY
**YOUTH
 MINISTRY
 RESOURCES**

From the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry "Connected" Bulletin

OnCourse Formation Opportunities

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Learn more . . .

YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH MINISTRY RESOURCES

Webinars 2011-2012

The 2011-2012 OnCourse Webinars provide participants with new tools and ideas to chart a course through Catholic youth ministry. Sponsored by the National Association for Catholic Youth Ministry Leaders and Ministry Training Source, the webinars can be used to acquire competence in many of the National Certification Standards for Lay Ecclesial Ministers.

- ⌘ The first webinar is October 13 at 2:00 pm ET.
- ⌘ Topic: To Be Pilgrim Companions: Roles and Boundaries in Youth Ministry and Catechesis
- ⌘ Presented by: Dr. Charlotte McCorquodale, Ministry Training Source and Rev. Trey Nelson, Diocese of Baton Rouge

Learn more and register . . .

Send in Your Best Practices on Family Focused Ministry

As part of our Strong Catholic Families Initiative, NFCYM is seeking any and all "bright spots" (effective practices) that involve parishes partnering with parents and/or strategies that help support family faith growth in the home. Send a one paragraph description to Michael Theisen that includes:

- ⌘ Descriptive Title
- ⌘ Brief Description
- ⌘ Contact/Name/Location/Day Phone/E-mail

We would like examples of effective practices, structures and models that occur at the home, parish and diocesan levels and that reflect both technical (short term) and adaptive (long term) changes. Questions? Contact Michael Theisen (miket@nfcym.org) 202-674-4209.



Celebrating Br. Bruno's Birthday

The Marian Devotion Group in Rosemead recently celebrated with Br. Bruno Bretto his 86th birthday. The community truly appreciates his dedication to the Marian Devotion ministry. For over ten years, rain or shine, Br. Bruno is there to help out.

This two hour devotion to our Blessed Mother meets from 7 to 9 p.m. every Saturday in the Grotto at St. Joseph's Salesian Youth Renewal Center.



InTouch Announcement

Due to travel and participation in the Salesian Continental Meeting on Communication, InTouch will not be published on September 28.

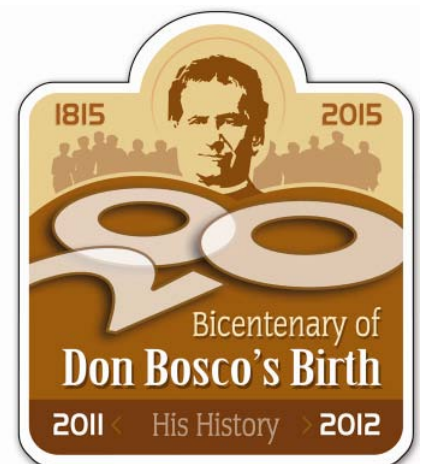
Media Matters

Retro-Actives: The religious practices of Millennial Catholics

⌘ **By Heather Grennan Gary**

Much to their parents' surprise, a growing number of 20-somethings are embracing old parts of the Catholic tradition on their own terms.

Learn more ...





Corpus Christi Youth Ministry

62 Santa Rosa Avenue San Francisco CA



San Francisco Organizing Project and Corpus Christi Youth Ministry Program UNITE!



On September 14, 2011 many people gathered at the Parish Hall for a meeting to bring awareness of safety and security for the parish and the neighborhood. The discussion focused mainly on safety for the youth and adults, especially in light of a recent break-in at Corpus Christi and other nearby acts of violence. Captain Daniel Mahoney of the San Francisco Ingleside Police Station was in attendance.

I felt that this meeting was important. It was a spark in making the vision of creating a safer environment a reality for all who come to the Don Bosco Oratory set here at Corpus Christi. Our main concern for our youth ministry is that all youth members are able to

come and go in a safe manner, especially in the evening when things are done. During the meeting members gave their testimonies of violent acts that had occurred around the neighborhood. This violence has definitely affected the attendance at our youth nights. Parents discourage their children from traveling alone at night to and from Corpus Christi.

As a result of this meeting, it has been great to collaborate with members of different youth organizations as we planned for this event. For example after our meeting took place, our youth group is invited San Dimas Youth Group to join us on October 12, 2011. The San Dimas Youth Coordinator was present. We want to thank all

who attended as well as SFOP and in particular Emmanuelle Leal, for all his hard work and collaboration and for everyone's support.

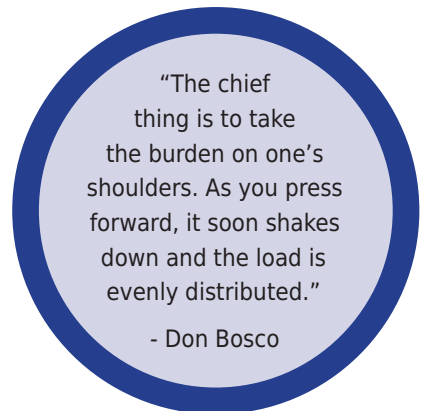
✎ - by Rafael Aguilar Cardenas



Rafael Cardenas is a member of our Youth Ministry Team. He is among 13 young adults who assist in our Youth Program. Rafael is currently studying at SFCC and has attended SYLC. His 3 younger siblings also attend our Youth events. We are very happy to have Raf as part of our team. - Fr. Jose



**Back row From L to R: Jesus Gonzales, Fr. Leo Baysinger, Fr. Jose Lucero, Rafael Cardenas, Shane Murphy, Michael Lombardo (and grandson)
Front row from R to L: Captain Daniel Mahoney, Liz Larios, Karen Quintanilla, and Sal Gomez**



"The chief thing is to take the burden on one's shoulders. As you press forward, it soon shakes down and the load is evenly distributed."

- Don Bosco

Elizabeth Gamarra, North Region Coordinator of the Cooperators' U.S. West speaks on the topic of "Organization of the Association". An eye opener of what is the latest from the World, Regional and Provincial perspective.



You are cordially invited to join in our 20th of 24 series of formation program. We welcome everyone who wants to reflect, learn, pray and act!

Place: St. Joseph's Youth Renewal Center

8301 Arroyo Dr. Rosemead, 91770 at St. Joseph Hall

Our twentieth session: September 24, 2011 Saturday

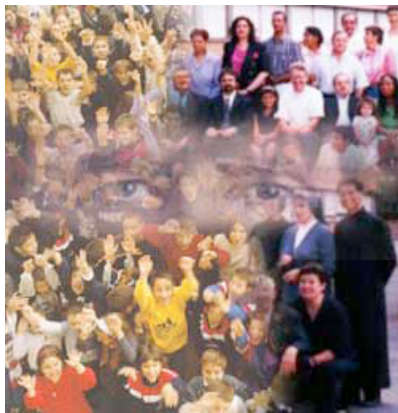
Speaker: Elizabeth Gamarra, Cooperator

Topic: Organization of the Association

Time: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Breakfast serves at 8:30 a.m.)

Contact: Sheila Kun skun@chla.usc.edu louiskun@yahoo.com

Cell phone: 323-646-4590 (Weekend), 626-688-2341 (weekday)



Founded by Don Bosco in 1876, Salesian Cooperators are the first group of youth ministers and helpers affiliated with local ministries, parishes, youth centers or schools. The core of the Salesian Cooperator's commitment is to embrace a Gospel way of life sharing in the Church's mission to bring Christ to society, especially the young. They bring the Salesian Spirit to their work place, profession

**Cooperators: answering the call to serve the youth
and the needy the Salesian way.**

SALESIAN MISSION ANIMATION

NOVEMBER 11 – 12, 2011

**Let's work together to promote
the missionary Animation in our Province**



**Missionary Exposition
Time to share experiences
November 11, 2010
St. Dominic Savio Church**

**Serving our community
November 12, 2011
East LA**

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**For more information please contact us
at jc@salesianvolunteers.org**

Province Marian Day 2011

Mary's Yes to God's Call



A Salesian Family Day - October 8, 2011

**At: Don Bosco Technical Institute
1151 San Gabriel Boulevard
Rosemead, California 91770**

The Salesian Family gathers to celebrate the richness of the heritage Don Bosco gave us. This is a day of prayer, community and formation for all of the Salesian Family: youth, young adults, adults and children.

9:00 AM Music, Get acquainted Complimentary Breakfast
10:00 Call to Prayer and Rosary Procession
Entrustment to Mary: Fr. Timothy Ploch SDB
10:45 Keynote Address Sr. Mary Greenan, FMA
Do whatever he tells you...John 2:5
Rally Youth
12:00 PM Lunch, Family Games, Band Concert
2:00 Workshop A
3:00 Workshop B
4:00 Eucharist: Fr. Timothy Ploch SDB

Each Workshop is offered twice, Choose 2 and Circle your choice: A or B

- 101 A B Fr. John Roche, SDB **Don Bosco's Madonna** Don Bosco's devotion to Mary and her influence in his life and ministry
- 102 A B Sr. Mary Greenan, FMA **Salesian Marian Devotion** A reflection on the critical work of Fr. Arthur Lenti, SDB
- 103 A B Sr. Guadalupe Medina, FMA **Mary's Place in Redemption** Vatican II understanding her role in our redemption
- 104 A B Maria Teresa Conti (ADMA) **ADMA World Marian Congress** Reflection on the experience of the 2011 Congress
- 105 A B Diane Dela Torre (ASC) **Mary and Her Many Titles** Origins and significance of the Marian devotional titles
- 106 A B Claudia Hernández (ADS) **Sembradoras De Esperanza** El desarrollo humano y el evangelismo entre los pobres
- 107 A B Raul Vallejo (AAADB Sin Fronteras) **Mary's Apparitions** the Churches view, value to the faithful and cautions
- 108 A B Quintin Quejada (AAADB Bosconians) **Mary in the Philippines** Devotion and its influence on Philippine culture
- 109 A B Oscar Moreno and Wil Vergara (AAADB Awakening '68) **A Walk in Time** Mary touches our lives from youth to adult
- 110 A B Jo Done & Phil Nguyen **Mary and our Egypt** We travel and struggle together with Mary from Vietnam to new life
- 111 The Ladies of ADS **Children's Marian Workshop** A two hour children's workshop using art and play to honor Mary

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