



ROOTED IN CHARISM

THE FOUNDATION

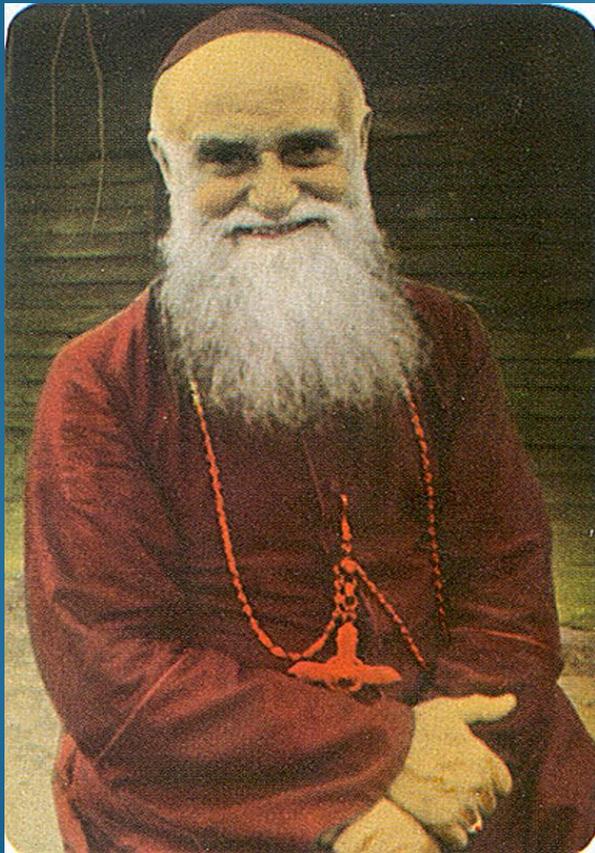
AND LIFE OF THE “SISTERS, SERVANTS OF

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY “

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1. The Foundation of the Congregation in God's plan.

1.1 The Circumstances

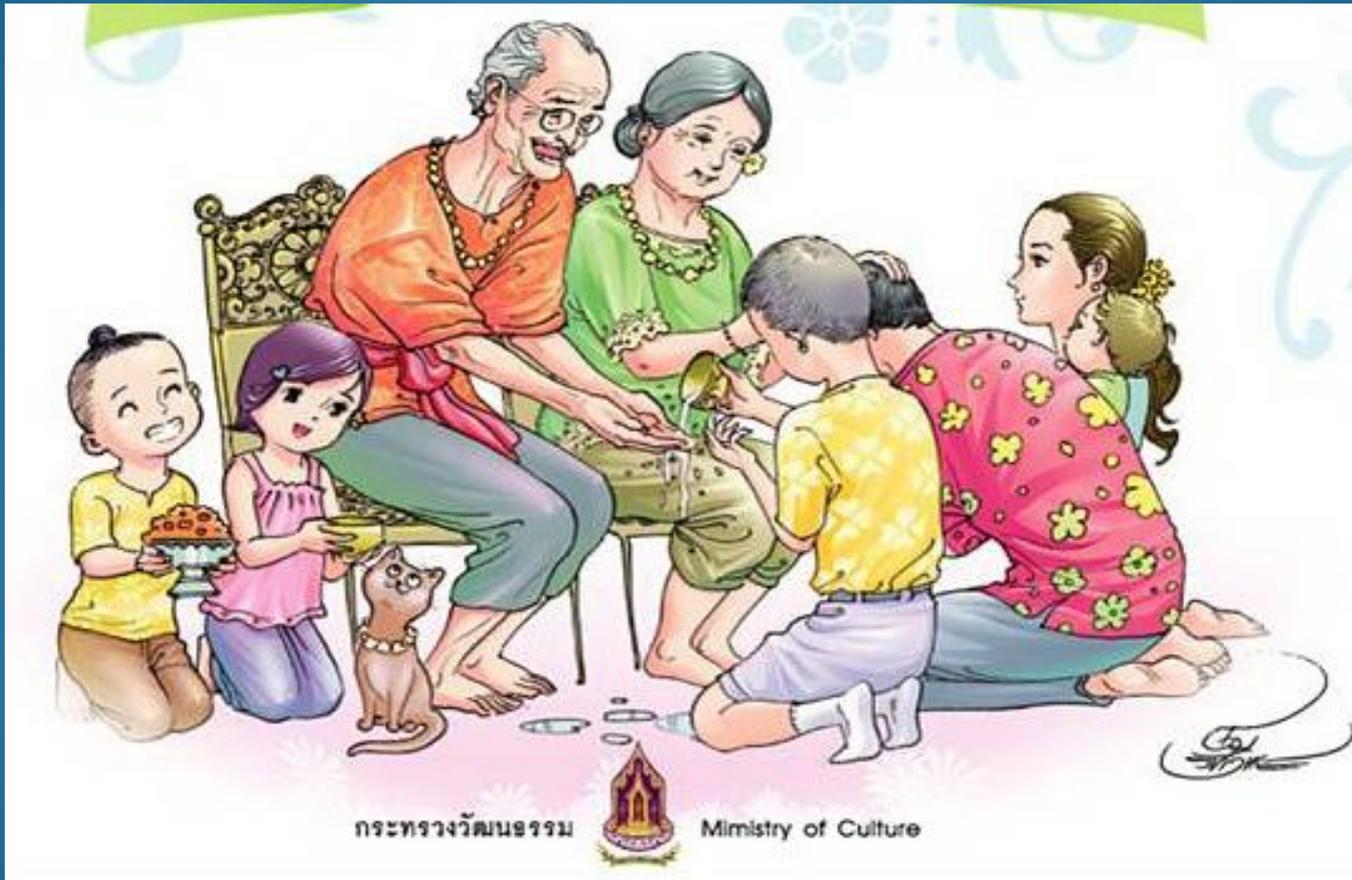


The election of
the new Diocese
and it's needs.

When the MEP leaved, Mons.Pasotti
thought of Religious Sisters;
the Daughter of Mary Help of Christians
for the girls and women, and the Clarist
Cappucines for spiritual support.



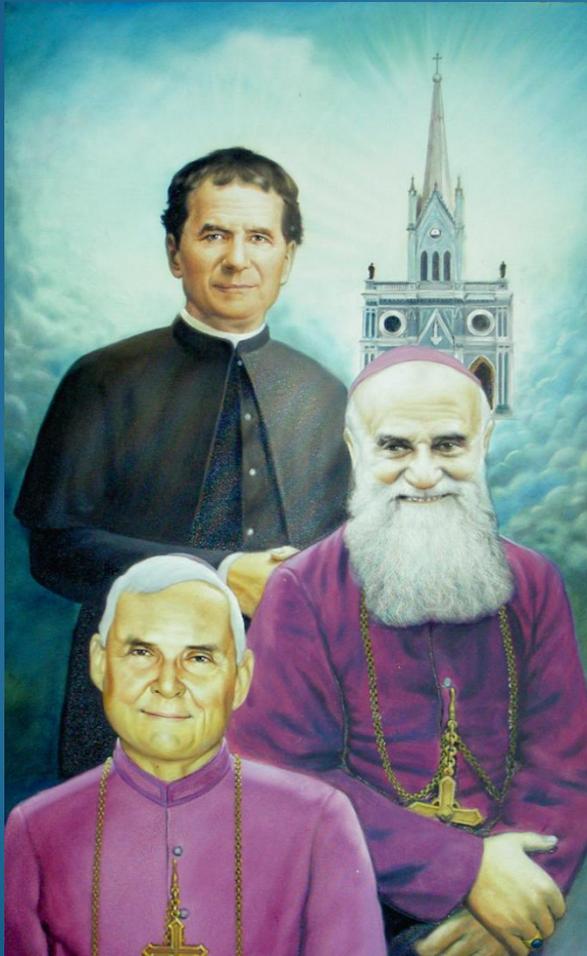
However the local church had its own nature that need “the siam for the siams”.



Both Rev. Fr. Carlo Della Torre and Mons. Pasotti realized well the situations and the needs; to have a native congregation of Sisters for the apostolate of the parishes.



1.2 God's instruments : The roles of the Salesians and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.

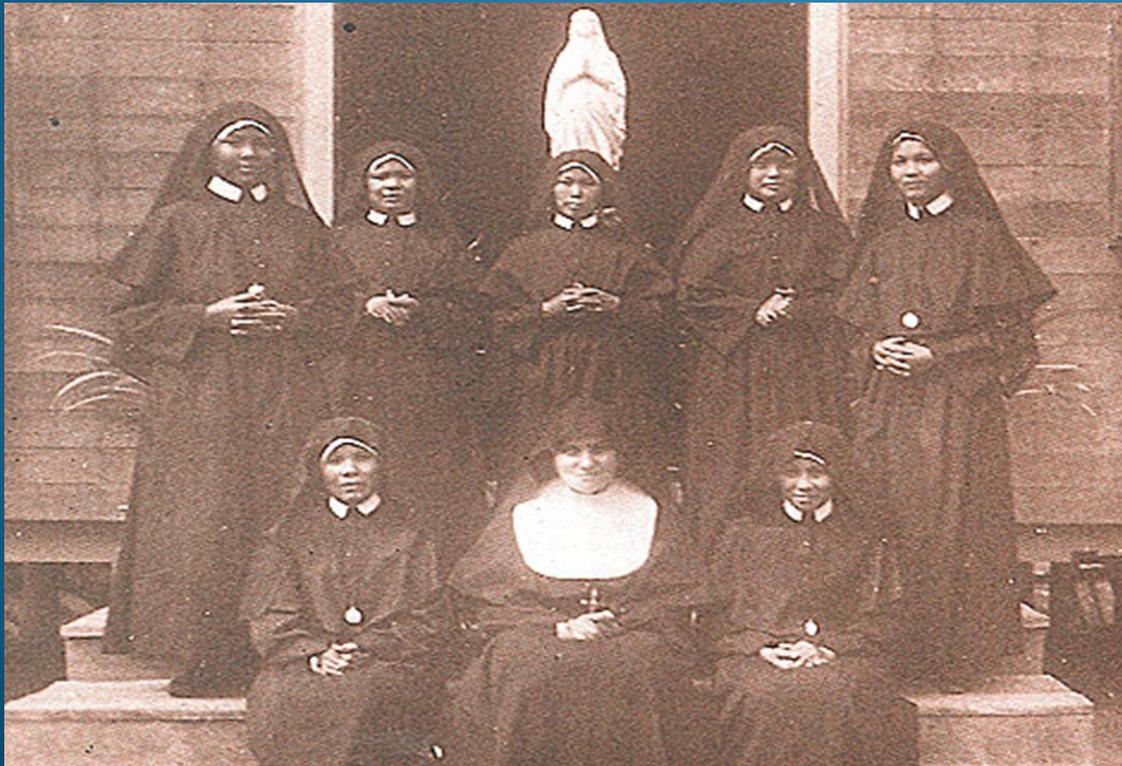


Many Salesians are involved in the formation of the candidates to the new Congregation.

Mons. Pasotti assigned the Salesian Sisters to prepare the good ground of the Congregation.



Sr. Antonietta Morellato was selected to be the first novice mistress. Thanks to The Major and the local superiors who permitted and made that possible.



Later Sr. Luigina di Giorgio was named the first Superior of the new Congregation, and prolonged in the position for 20 years.

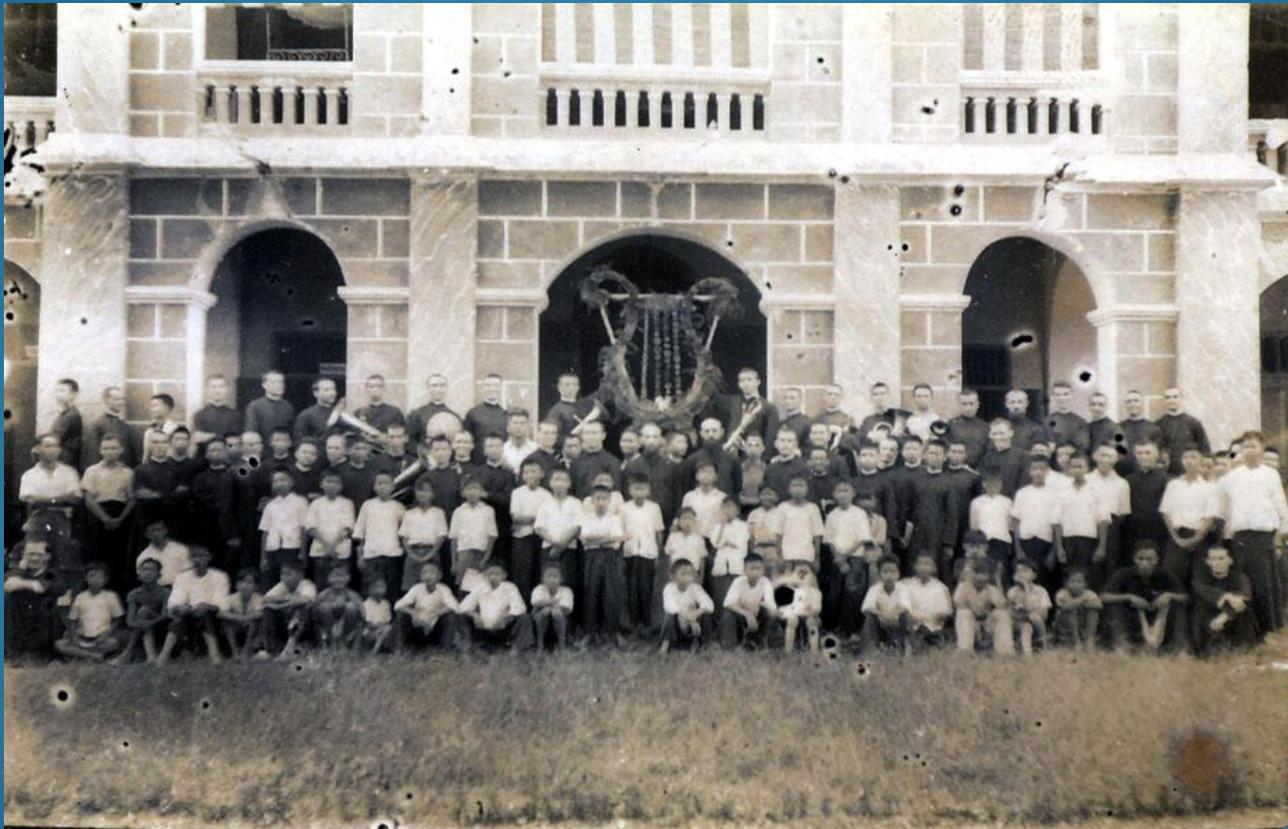


1.3 The Salesian Seminary' kitchen : The cradle of the new Congregation.



Humble birth place, yet very close to the
Salesian family.

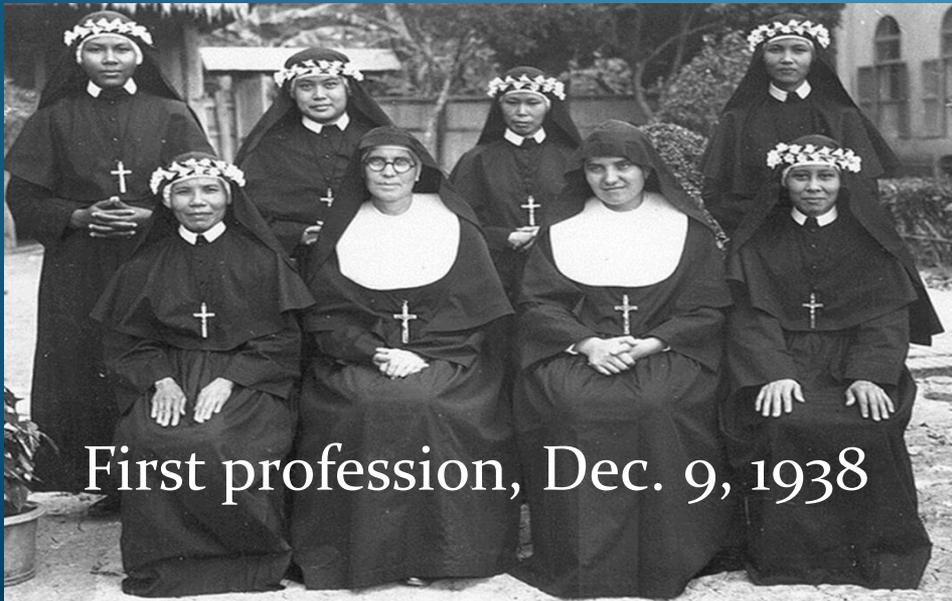
It gave us a symbol of deep spirituality
of the Congregation's foundation.



Dec. 8, 1937 the first 7 novices started their novitiate.



2. The first borns, the reaching out and growth of the Congregation.



First profession, Dec. 9, 1938



The kitchen and the first name given “Xi Songkro.” or “Ausiliatrici” or “Helpers”, designated our mission, from a narrow compound of the kitchen to all the parish’s apostolate.



The following year , April 13, 1939 four of them with all the candidates transferred to the other bank of the river, to the new convent closed to the Cathedral of Nativity of our Blessed Mary.



The new Congregation grew quite fast at the beginning and it could send their members to help in many parishes.

They worked side by side with the priests; Salesians and diocesans. At the same time those parishes sent to the Congregation new vocations.

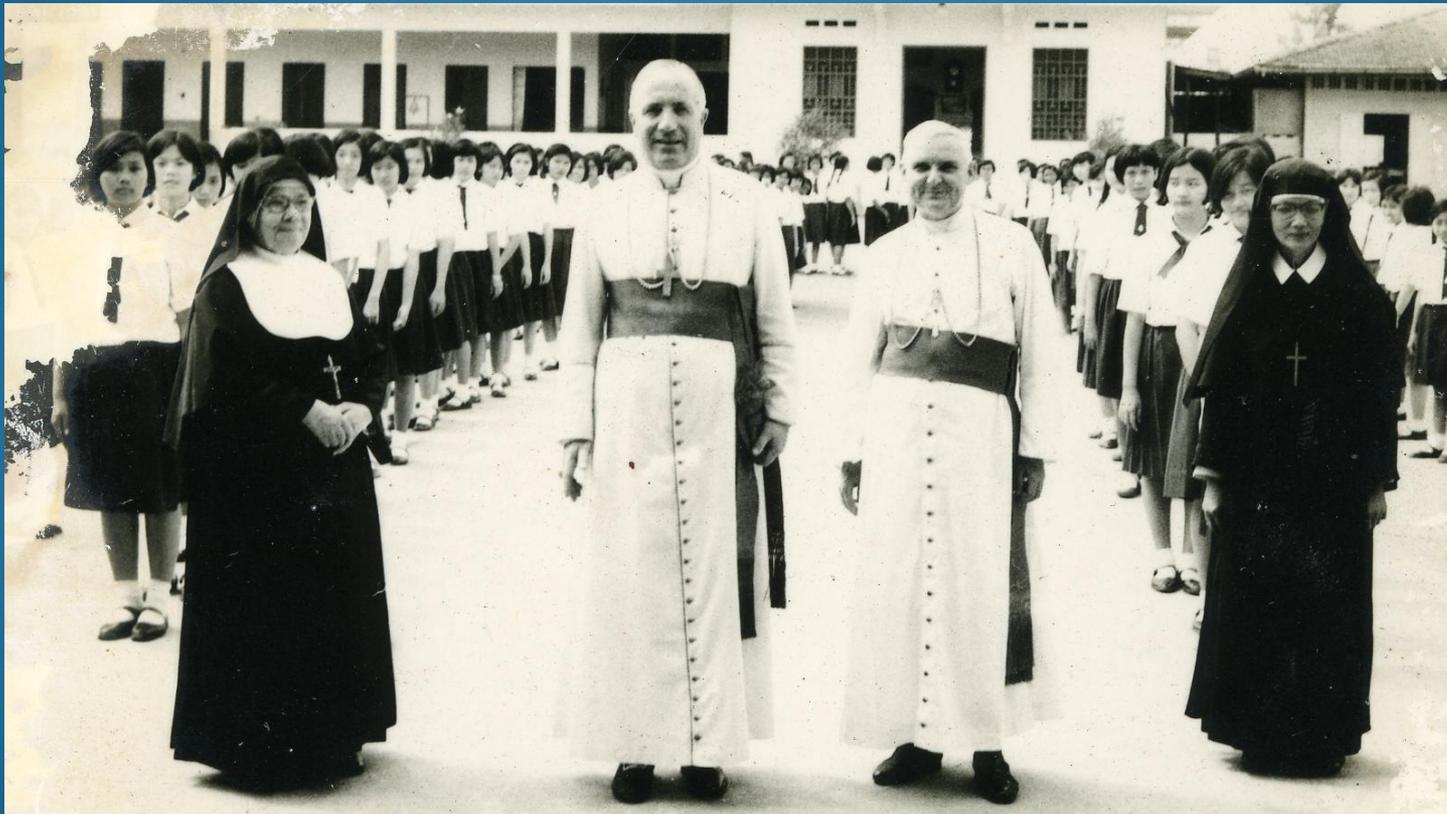




At Bang Nokkhuek, Samut Songkram
1949

In 1956 the Congregation had its first house and school in Ratchaburi.

Later it gradually acquired more convents, schools and formation houses.



The present statistics:

(in 2013, 76th year of foundation)

Members of perpetual profession	85
Members of temporary profession	9
Deceased members	17
Second year Novices	3
First year novices	2
Aspirants (After high school)	6
Candidates in high school	39

Apostolates :

Parishes where the Sisters work in Thailand	15
Parishes in Cambodia	2
Congregation's schools	8
Salesian Houses where the Sisters work	2
Home for the poor and abandoned children	1
Home for young ladies	1
Novitiate	1
School Camping compound	1
Home for the aged and sick members with Sisters Residence	1

Mother house and House for the retreat and meeting

230/2 Phetkasem Rd., Hua Hin,
Prachuabkirikhan, Thailand. 77110



3. Rooted in the Salesian Spirit.

Through initial and on-going formation given by the Salesians and the Salesian Sisters, the new Congregation's members had been growing in the Salesian Spirit, added to their natural inheritance from the foundation.



There were continuously good relationships with the Salesian Family through many persons



and activities, especially through Salesian Bishops who were the ones responsible of the Congregation.

Each year there have been two representatives joining the “Consulta Mondiale della Famiglia Salesiana” in Rome.



4. Searching and discovering the Congregation's identity.

The Congregation have started their Chronicles in May, 1937 before the Foundation on December 7, 1937 , thanks to Sr. Antonietta Morellato who helped the new candidates to write down daily events. They gave us a lot of insights and the real knowledge of the Congregation history.

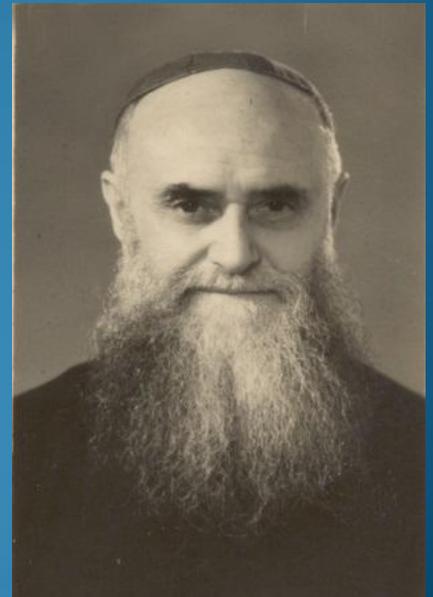
The book “As Father Among His Children” was our first attempt to pile up the documents related to his life and mission; letters, reports etc. found in the Salesian Bulletins or other Salesian Magazines. That was started on the occasion of the centenary of Mons. Pasotti’s Birth Day in 1990, and completed as a book in the year 2000.

Before the 60th anniversary of our Foundation in 1997 a team work started to gather the materials on the life of the Congregation from the Chronicles.



The team succeeded only on the first period of the Congregation, the most important part, from the foundation to the end of the Founder's life, about 13 years from 1937-1950. This work was completed as the book entitled "Rooted in Charism" only in 2011, the first year of preparation for the 75th Anniversary of our Foundation.

The last book issued after the 75th Anniversary was “Be All Thing to All People”, at the beginning of 2013. It will not be the last of our work in order to deepen our understanding of God’s plan for us.



The Present Superior General and her councillors

