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**Dear friends!**

I greet you from Colle Don Bosco, together with the Salesians from various provinces who have made themselves available to the Rector Major and the Congregation to be sent to the Missions at the end of this month as missionaries *ad gentes* and *ad vitam*.

September is known as the "month of the Bible" in memory of St. Jerome, the first translator of the Holy Scriptures into Latin. A month that reminds us that we need to communicate with God every day through his written Word. When we open the Bible, we open our lives! The Bible is a propitious space to get closer to the Holy Scriptures; it offers us opportunities in which, accompanied by the Holy Spirit, we open our hearts to be fertile land in which the Word of God produces thirty- or sixty- or a hundred-fold, wherever we may be!

With all the Salesians who are part of the 153rd missionary expedition, I wish all the readers of Cagliero 11 a blessed and intense month of listening and praying in the light of the Word of God.

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153rd Missionary Expedition 2022

These 24 members of the new missionary expedition will be sent by the Rector Major, Fr Ángel Artime Fernandez, during a liturgical ceremony at Valdocco on 25 September 2022.

16 of these confreres come from the Africa-Madagascar region, 3 from Inter-America, 3 from East Asia-Oceania, one from South Asia and one from the Mediterranean region.

This year there is no missionary from Central-Northern Europe or South Cone America.

Origin		Nome	Destination	
Prov.	Country		Province	Country
ACC	Congo	S. Kimangou, Brinick Oscar	SLO	Slovenia
		S. Anasamba, Levilo Sébastien	IME	Albania
		S. Kasongo, Paul Mechack	ANN	Nigeria
AFC	RD Congo	S. Ilunga, Amos Nyenga	AON	-
		S. Kankwenda, André Nobel	GBR	Great Britain
		S. Mpoyi Mukela, Jean-Marie	AON	-
		S. Mugisho, Christian	MOR	-
		S. Mukala, Jean-Marc Quetzal	GBR	Great Britain
		P. Roger, Mbayo Mukadi	VEN	Venezuela
		S. Taabu, Daniel	SLO	Slovenia
AET	Ethiopia	S. Dereje, Guye	Delegazione Sudan	Sudan
ANG	Angola	S. Gonçalo, Sebastião Manuel	POR	Cape Verde
		S. João, Jorge Da Luisa	POR	Cape Verde
CAM	Guatemala	S. López, Cristian Adolfo	Delegazione Mongolia	Mongolia
INA	Indonesia	P. Delimarta, André	FIN	Malaysia
INK	India	P. Plavilayil, Tony	ARS	Argentina
ICC	Italy	P. Integlia, Antonio	ARS	Argentina
KOR	South Korea	P. Kang, Paul Hoon	VIE	Mongolia
MDG	Madagascar	S. Andriamandrantoa, Nirina R.	MOR	-
		S. Tonga, François	IME	Albania
PER	Peru	S. Seminario Rivera, Edwin	AFC	RD Congo
THA	Tailandia	S. John Bunmee Chrunsakhon	AFM	South Africa
TLS	East Timor	P. Ximenes Pereira, Basilio	AGL	Uganda
VEN	Venezuela	L. Páez, Jean Carlos	AFC	RD Congo
ZMB	Zambia	S. Chabala, Rodgers	ANN	Nigeria

Colours of the names: Africa-Madagascar, Interamerica, East Asia -Oceania, South Asia, Mediterranean.

MOR: A MISSIONARY PROVINCE BY ITS VERY NATURE



Dear Fr Alejandro, what is the reality of the Salesians in MOR?

Our province carries out its mission and offers its witness in 5 countries where Christians are a minority: Egypt, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria. **The SDBs are mostly missionaries (70%);** however there are also Arab Salesians (30%) who carry out their mission in countries of the province other than that of their birth and culture.

How about the work of our volunteers?

Since long we have needed the support of lay people who volunteer in our works: Middle East commitment, VIS, volunteer professors in Italian schools in Egypt, and many friends who offer their service. This year more than **20 young people from the ICC, INE and SMX provinces** will have a short-term volunteer experience in various houses of the MOR.

Despite the great need for personnel to carry out the works in the established institutions of our province, several missionary experiences have also been made for **short durations during the summer** in Upper Egypt, Baghdad, Istanbul, and Erbil. SDBs as well as lay people participated in these experiences. Since 2015, our provincial missionary animation has organized an **exchange of animators** among the oratories during the summer. This promotes the missionary spirit and communion among the works of the province. More than 24 young people lived this experience from 2015 to 2021. This year there are 16 of them:

- **Syria**, Aleppo sent 4 young people
- **Syria**, Damasco sent 5 young people and received 2
- **Syria**, Kafroun sent 2 young people and received 4
- **Egypt**, Cairo–El Sahel sent 2 young people
- **Egypt**, Cairo–Zeitun received 1 young person
- **Lebanon**, El Housson sent 3 young people and received 9

What is the criterion for choosing the destination for MOR volunteers?

Our criterion is simple. When it comes to **sharing life and faith**, there are no communities that are too poor to share their wealth; nor are there any communities that are so rich that they do not need to receive these testimonies.



Fr. Alejandro José León Mendoza, SDB

Born in **Venezuela**, he is 42 years old. At 17 he made the pre-novitiate. During the novitiate he discovered his desire to go to the missions. Before leaving, he graduated in Educational Sciences.

At 22 he did his first year of practical training in the border land between Venezuela and Colombia with the "Waiu" tribe. Two years later the Rector Major accepted his request and was sent to the **Middle East (MOR)**. As soon as a new priest in 2011 he was sent to Damascus where he saw the development of the war in **Syria**.

From 2012 until this year he served as **Delegate for Missionary Animation (PDMA)**. He was also provincial economer. Until now he works as **inspector** with the idea of being able to serve the most needy young people or those who do not yet know Christ.

SEPTEMBER SALESIAN MISSIONARY INTENTION

For the abolition of the death penalty

For fostering Salesian preventive system and education without punishments in Papua New Guinea.

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.
[Pope Francis' prayer intention]

PAPUA NEW
GUINEA

