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ear friends.

This period after the General

Chapter has been one of intense work in the General Council and also in the Missions Department. It was a very rich time of sharing and planning, which helped us to understand anew the meaning and responsibil-

ity of the Councillor for the Missions in the Congregation at the present time.

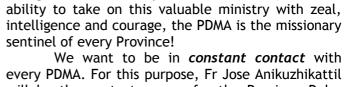
An item that was strongly requested by GC27 and on which the General Council has worked hard during this Summer session, is that of collaboration between the various sectors of the central government (Formation, Youth Ministry, Social Communication, Missions and Economy).

With regard to the Formation Department we have already made an immediate strategic decision. The Missions De-

partment will be present at the next annual meeting of the Province Delegates for Formation in each region. These will take place between September and November 2014. The objective is very clear: to see how well the recent guidelines of the Congregation on the Missionary Formation of the Salesians of Don Bosco (Rome, 2013) have been received and studied, and to ensure their implementation in each Province.

Another opportunity for collaboration between the sectors will be the regional meetings of the Province Delegates for Missionary Animation. These will take place in the second half of 2015, 2017 and 2019. The first and the last meeting of this six-year period (2015 and 2019) will be held together with the Province Delegates for Youth Ministry.

In all this we came to a very clear conviction: if anything is to change or be re-launched in the Provinces in reference to the missionary dimension, it depends in large part on the Province



Delegate for Missionary Animation (PDMA). With his

every PDMA. For this purpose, Fr Jose Anikuzhikattil will be the contact person for the Province Delegates for Missionary Animation of the two regions of

Europe (Mediterranean and North-Central Europe) and those of Africa. Fr Alfred Maravilla will be the contact person for the Region of East Asia-Oceania and the two regions of America (InterAmerica and Southern Cone), while I will keep contact with the Province Delegates for Missionary Animation of South Asia.

Now we want to offer a few brief but very strategic and important reminders to every PDMA:

the distribution of Cagliero 11, for which Fr Alfred is directly responsible, and its translation into the different languages of the



Province;

- encouraging the participation of the members in the various *missionary formation courses* (UPS, Shillong e Quito);
- Organising the Salesian Mission Day in the Province:
- the distribution and study of the valuable material of the Study Days on the Initial Proclamation of Christ of the previous six year period. This material has already been printed and sent to all the Provinces.

Let us remember in our community prayers the members of the 145th Salesian missionary expedition. They will have the Course for New Missionaries from September 3 in Rome and in the Salesian holy places. It will conclude on September 28 with the giving of the missionary cross by the Rector Major in the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians at Valdocco! Basaries

> Fr. Guillermo Basañes SDB Councillor for the Missions

Members of the 145th missionary expedition

	Name	Province	Destination
1.	P. <i>Martin</i> BONKÁLO	SLK	SLK-Azerbaijan
2.	S. Raphael Thembinkosi BHEMBE	AFM	China services
3.	P. Selvakumar Arockia KAMALAKANNAN	INT	SLK-Azerbaijan
4.	P. Jean-Claude KAZADE	AFC	FRB
5.	P. Celestine KHARKHONGOR	ING	AFE
6.	P. Lupicino Hyun Shik KIM	KOR	ZMB
7.	S. Peter Hoai Van NGUYEN	VIE	Del. PNG-SI
8.	P. Sabu Joseph PUTHUKULATHIL	INH	UNG
9.	S. Harsha Bandara THENNAKOON	LKC	Del. PNG-SI
10.	S. Beatus Vokmar TOLA	ITM	BCG
11.	S. Joseph Van Lich TRAN	VIE	BCG
12.	L. Efren UMANDAL	FIN	AET



Witness of salesian missionary sanctity

"Yes, I very much need the help of God; the mission that God has entrusted to me is difficult; it is an arduous journey. But the God who gave me so much courage will not abandon me: I feel that Jesus is very close to me, I'd say he makes himself felt sensibly; and in fact how could I, a poor creature so weak, have had the strength? How could I have so much courage? And how could I live so happy and be so contented in a foreign, and I would say almost barbaric, desert?" (July 13, 1923).

From the letter of **Blessed Maria Troncatti** (1883-1969), Daughter of Mary Help of Christians, missionary in Ecuador



Salesian Missionary Intention

For the 145th Salesian Missionary Expedition - Valdocco.

May the 145th missionary expedition help Salesians throughout the world to re-enkindle the missionary flame first lit in Valdocco way back on 11 November 1875.

From Don Bosco's time until today, around 11,500 Salesians of Don Bosco and 3,500 FMA and some hundreds of mission volunteers have received their missionary cross in Turin, Valdocco from the hands of the Rector Major. A further 2000 Salesians have been sent directly to mission territories by their Provinces. This year too Don Bosco's successor will send out various SDB, FMA and lay volunteer missionaries. By now missionaries come from all continents and are sent to all continents. The universal mission has become multi-directional. We pray that all Province communities may grow in their generosity and openness to the universal Church, leaving their country, region or culture and at the same time open to accept confreres coming from other cultures and countries.

