

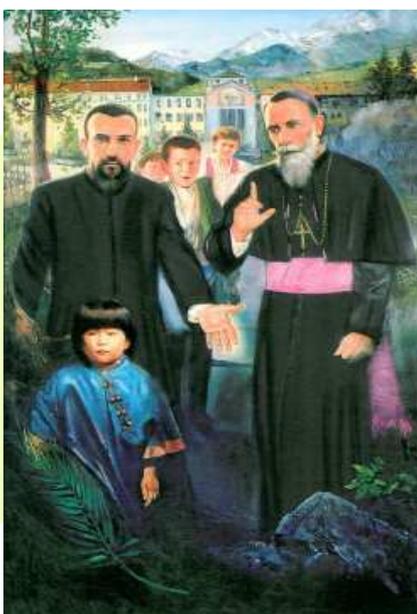


Why evangelise?

Dear Missionaries, Salesian confreres, friends of the Salesian missions!

I greet you during the month of our Salesian Proto-martyrs, Saints Louis Versiglia and Callixtus Caravario (martyred on February 25, 1930). The strena of the Rector Major calls us to grow as disciples and missionaries of Jesus. But without our own continuous evangelisation we can not be credible witnesses of the Gospel to young people. Precisely in this order: as we grow as faithful disciples day by day, we also become more credible signs and bearers of God's Love.

With our martyrs, the most credible witnesses, we can respond easily to the fundamental question: Why evangelise? Why go as missionaries to the end of the world? I shared this question with the young confreres. I have already received many different answers:



25 February
Feast of the Salesian Protomartyrs
Saints Louis Versiglia and Callixtus Caravario

- ◆ First of all because we have received a great gift of faith that we ought to share.
- ◆ Because we are sent by the Lord to the world at the end of every Eucharist "Go and proclaim the Gospel."
- ◆ Because as believers in the Lord Jesus, our vocation is the mission entrusted to us.
- ◆ Because we have received the baptism that makes us missionaries.
- ◆ Because all young people have the right to know Jesus Christ!

This 2010 each one of us is called to deepen the motivations why we need to bring the Gospel to young people who await us. We ponder this question in our hearts!

Fr. Václav Klement, SDB
Councillor for the Missions

MISSIONARIES SOUGHT FOR AMERICA

Province - Country	Required languages	Features of the setting and qualities required by missionaries
BMA – Brazil Amazonia	Portuguese, local languages	Missionary work among indigenous groups
BRE – Brazil Northeast	Portuguese	In need of confreres (Provincial to RM 2008)
ARS – Argentina Patagonia	Spanish	First Salesian mission, weak Church, few pastors, mission among rural indigenous groups (mapuches and others)
PAR – Paraguay Vicariate of Chaco	Spanish, local languages	Vicariate of Chaco, few SDB, refoundation of the mission
PER – Peru Vicariate of Pucallpa	Spanish, local languages	Amazonian missions – Vicariate entrusted to the Congregation, few confreres, mission among the kechua Valle Sagrado (Cusco); Ashuar
VEN – Venezuela Amazonian Vicariate	Spanish, local languages	Amazonian missions – Vicariate entrusted to the Congregation, few confreres, mission among the Yanomani
ECU – Ecuador Vicariate of Mendez	Spanish, local languages	Amazonian missions – Vicariate entrusted to the Congregation, few confreres, mission among the Ashuar-Shuar, Kechua (Andean zone)
CAM – Guatemala Vicariate of El Petén	Spanish, local languages	Mission among indigenous groups, at the moment only one SDB (the bishop)

...from Patagonia



Here I am to tell you that all goes well on this side of the world, although it is very cold. It's spring and it's like being in Jarabacoa, it is very cold from morning to night. During the night the temperature drops a lot. If this is spring, I wonder how will it be in winter! It is like turning on the air conditioner 24 hours a day.

With regard to customs, I'm adapting. The schedules are crazy. What a mess! But I don't make a big fuss about it, one learns to adapt to all situations! This weekend I was with a youth group called "explorers" with whom we were camping from Friday evening until Sunday evening. It was a very nice experience because, being with young people, little by little, one can slowly get to know them and their situation. Next Wednesday I'll go to a boarding school on the Cordilleras, until Monday. Fr. Onorio, in-charge of the boarding school and Rector of the community, asked me to accompany him. The only thing that worries me is the cold, because it goes to extremes. I had never experienced this cold, but no worries, one learns to adapt to all situations. So far, with the grace of God, I have been so happy. There is a lot of work and I like that. If you happen to feel tired when you go to bed at night, it means that the work of the day was magnificent, truly Salesian. Very well then, I end here and I pray that God and Mary Help of Christians may fill you with abundant graces and grant you the wisdom of the heart.

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Cuban missionary in Argentina

WHEN IS SALESIAN MISSION DAY 2010?

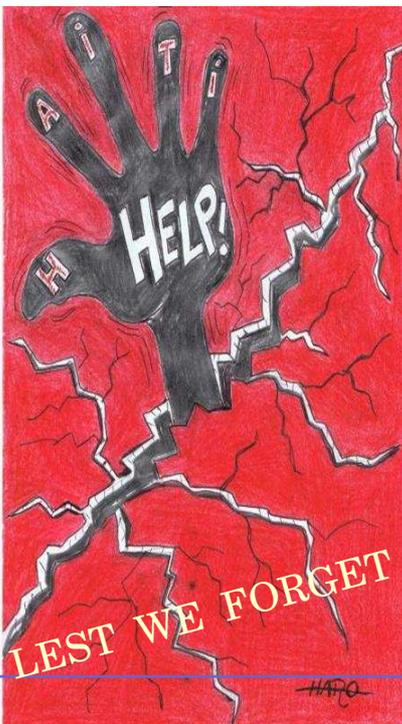
Due to the diversity of pastoral calendars in the different parts of the Salesian world there is no fixed date for the Salesian Mission Day. Many Provinces have already set their own dates: Italy (February 7), Portugal (25-31 January), Vietnam (November 11), Spain (May). Materials are available at: www.sdb.org or Fr. Stanisław Rafałko [cagliero11@gmail.com].

141st MISSIONARY EXPEDITION

At present 177 confreres from all the 5 continents are discerning. 49 of them have already written their application to the Rector Major. The course for new missionaries will take place from September 2-26, 2010 (16 days in Rome and 8 days in places of Don Bosco). The giving of the missionary cross will be on September 26, 2010. This course is also open to missionaries who were unable to have an orientation before their departure. For information contact Fr. Alfred Maravilla [cagliero11@gmail.com].

ON-GOING FORMATION COURSE FOR MISSIONARIES

This will be held at the Salesian Pontifical University, Rome from September 20 to December 5, 2010. Since 1995 around 250 SDB and 300 religious missionaries had participated in order to be renewed and deepen their missionary commitment. For information contact Fr. Dionisio Pacheco [cagliero11@gmail.com].



Salesian Missionary Intention

The missionary outreach of all provinces

That all the Salesian Provinces of the world may grow in openness towards the great needs of the missions of the universal Church and of the Congregation.

One of the principal objectives of missionary animation is the promotion of missionary vocation *ad gentes* - *ad extra* - *ad vitam*. This is the most tangible expression of the missionary commitment of the local churches. Also the 26th General Chapter calls on all the Provinces to "promote missionary vocations *ad gentes* among young people, among families, and among the Salesians" (n.49). During the month of February we are invited to pray for Salesian missionary vocations, make known the great needs of the Salesian missions, personally invite the young and the young Salesians to commit themselves to mission *ad gentes* and accompany them on the path of vocational discernment. No Province is so poor of personnel that it is unable to contribute to this commitment.



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