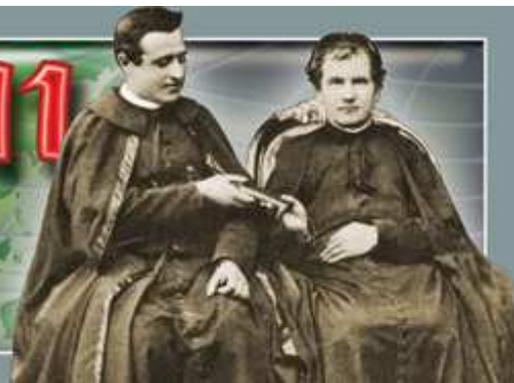


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Dear Salesian missionaries and friends of the Salesian Missions,

Last November 25-27, 2011 the first meeting of the 30 young missionaries in eight European provinces with their superiors took place in Rome for two days. Their enthusiasm, joy, spirit of faith and commitment were surprising without hiding the challenges they face.

Over the past 10 years about 80 confreres have been sent to strengthen the different provinces in Europe, half of them after the start of the Project Europe in 2008. This is just a drop but a young confrere coming from halfway around the world produces many fruits in an old and monocultural Province: he brings hope and rejuvenates the provincial community. Being close to young people there are also vocational fruits and he helps to be close to many young migrants.

It takes great faith and commitment on the part of all the Salesian Provinces of the world in order to revitalise the Salesian charism in Europe. During the second meeting of the Provincials of Europe in 2008 the Rector Major pointed out that Project Europe is an unparalleled spiritual proposal. As we pray for more missionaries in Europe, let us ask ourselves how we can contribute to this project of the whole congregation.

Václav Klement
Fr. Václav Klement, SDB
Councilor for the Missions

What contribution can I make to Project Europe?

At the conclusion of the GC 26 Fr. Chávez explained the *raison d'être* of Project Europe: «Today, more than ever, we become aware that our presence in Europe needs to be re-thought. This consideration as I already said in the address to the Holy Father on the occasion of the Audience he granted to the members of the GC26 - is "aimed at re-dimensioning our Salesian presence for greater impact and effectiveness in this continent. That is, seeking a new form of evangelisation in order to respond to the spiritual and moral needs of these young people, who to us appear as wanderers without guides and without destination."»

It is a question therefore of rejuvenating with Salesian personnel those Provinces most in need to make the Salesian charism more significant and fruitful in today's Europe. I intend to make clear therefore that:

- This is a project of the Congregation;
- It will involve all the Regions and Provinces in sending personnel;
- Strengthen the communities, called upon to be intercultural and to make Don Bosco present among the young, especially the poorest, the abandoned and those at risk;
- The whole process will be entrusted to the coordination of the three Departments for the Mission.

This project will obviously demand structural changes in the communities of the Old Continent. "New wine in new wine-skins". It is not therefore a work of the simple "maintenance of structures", but a new project to express a new presence beside today's young people. We are moving with the heart of Don Bosco, rich in his passion for God and for the young, in order to collaborate in the social construction of a New Europe, so that it may really have "a soul", so that it may find again its strong spiritual and cultural roots, so that at the level of society it may make room for and give equal opportunities to educational and cultural proposals, without discrimination or decisions regarding social exclusion.

Among the priorities I indicate the most important:

- Creating new presences for young people,
- Encouraging dynamic and innovative initiatives,
- Fostering vocations.

All this should help the Salesians who are working in this context to achieve a way of thinking that is more and more European, strengthening the synergy among Provinces in the different sectors and re-enforcing collaboration at Regional level». **What contribution can I make, then, to Project Europe?**



Participants at the first meeting of the Salesian missionaries in Europe - Pisana, Nov 25-27, 2011

As a missionary I must hand on Don Bosco's charism to local Salesians



During my post noviciate in Nashik, India, I used to attend the monthly 'Mission Day,' and it was on one of those occasions that I discovered my missionary vocation. The various mission videos that I saw, constant prayer and a deep relationship with God were great helps in deepening my missionary vocation.

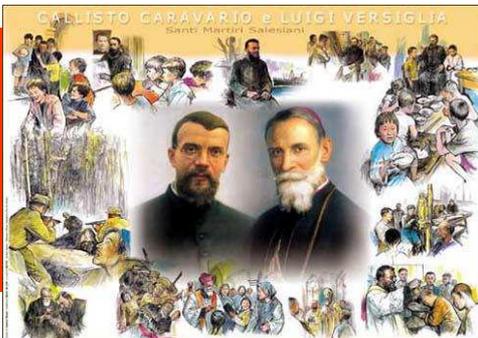
I am grateful I had the chance to attend the *Course for New Missionaries* in Rome and the pilgrimage to the Salesian holy places in Piedmont. It helped me to value my Salesian missionary vocation on two fronts: the theoretical and the experiential. The aspect that struck me during the many inputs that I heard was the importance of learning the language well as the key for inculturation.

On the experiential level it was the pilgrimage to the Salesian holy places which helped me relive the roots of our Salesian charism and made me more aware that as a missionary I am a bearer of this charism which I must guard, deepen and hand on to the local Salesians in Hungary!

Although there is a lot of work that needs to be done because there are very few Salesians in Hungary, I also realised that as a missionary I must resist the temptation of frenetic activism and take great care of my spiritual, intellectual, emotional formation as well.

I also realised that as a missionary it is important that I strive to inculturate myself patiently and humbly wherever I am sent, be it in India, Hungary or any part of the world so that I can bring Jesus Christ to the people I am sent to and share with them Don Bosco's love for the young through his preventive system of education.

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*A special remembrance in prayer
for all Salesian missionaries
on the feast of our Salesian protomartyrs*



Salesian Missionary Intention

HAITI - For the Journey of rebuilding the Salesian Mission

That the Salesians of Haiti continue with courage the rebuilding of the Salesian Mission

Two years after the terrible earthquake of January 12, 2010 there are already some visible signs of new development in the communities in the capital, Port-au-Prince. However, there is still a long way not only to raise the walls of the houses, but above all to rebuild our mission in the poorest country in the American continent.

