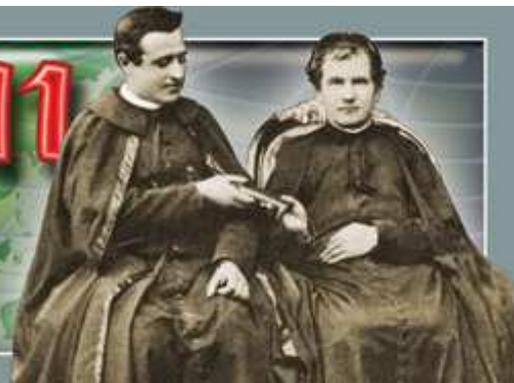


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Dear brothers, dear friends,

Enlightened by the Strenna 2016, with Jesus, we continue along this missionary journey with the Spirit. For this reason the Rector Major invites us this year to appreciate and to make young people appreciate the experience of **gratuity**. This must be proposed courageously and practiced gradually. Often we are full of admiration for young people's capacity to offer themselves freely in our settings. For example, a group of children from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, in India, have decided to make a collection for their peers in Chennai, severely affected by the floods. In a particular way we see this sense of gratuitousness, in the beautiful experience of the **Salesian Missionary Volunteer Service**. In fact, the preparation and the experience of our young volunteers become for them a real initiation to the beauty of offering oneself freely. They themselves experience that in fact, there is more joy in giving than in receiving, in giving oneself than in having, in losing than in gaining.

Let us continue, dear friends, on our adventure of the Spirit!

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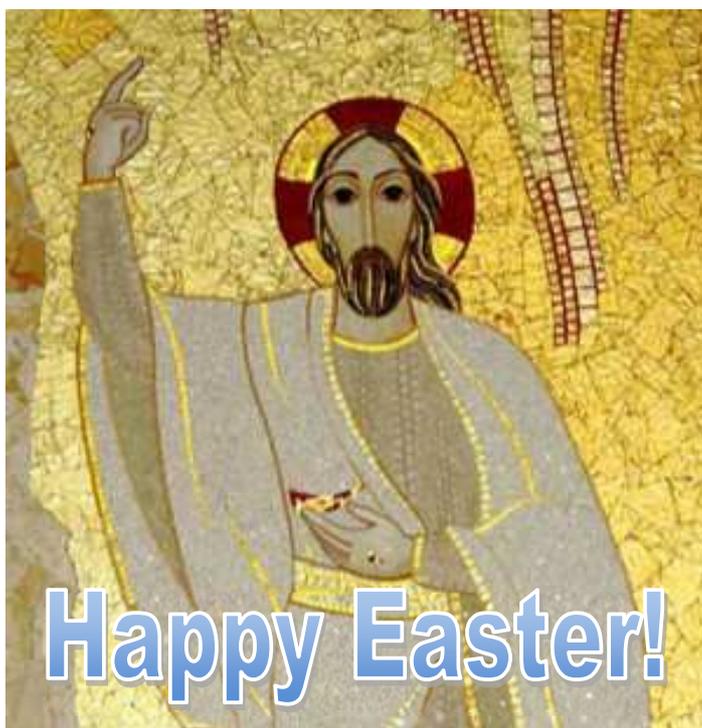
SALESIAN MISSION DAY 2016 VIDEO

Each year, as an aid for Salesian Mission Day (SMD), the Mission Sector, in collaboration with *Missioni Don Bosco* in Turin, prepares a video on the specific theme of Salesian Mission Day. This year this video presents the Salesians in Oceania. The video opens with the missionary dream of Don Bosco about Oceania. In 1885, he saw "a number of islands grouped together, whose inhabitants were of varied in temperament and appearance" and "a multitude of young people" who tended towards him with hands outstretched shouting "Come and help us!

For many Oceania is unknown. Salesian Mission Day 2016 seeks to raise awareness of its natural beauty and enormous cultural diversity, and the work of the Salesians for young people. As the Rector Major wrote in his message for Salesian Mission Day 2016, they try to "cultivate the art of understanding the different and specific cultural aspects of each group and of every nation."

The video shows how among the people there is an openness to the Gospel. "For us in Oceania, this is indeed an opportune time" says Fr Ángel Fernández Artime. "There is fertile ground for the charism, for proclaiming Jesus ... where the charism will take root, and will bring even more fruit if we are faithful to Don Bosco and to the young people of Oceania today".

The video (<http://tinyurl.com/grkvbqq>), together with the booklet for Salesian Mission Day 2016, is intended to help people to look at Oceania with the eyes of Don Bosco, seeing there a promising new frontier for the first proclamation of Jesus Christ.



Happy Easter!

Born a Buddhist, I became a Christian, Missionary Volunteer and Salesian



I was born a Buddhist. At 23 I finally decided to ask for baptism, after following a formation course under the guidance of Fr Achille Loro Piana, a Salesian missionary who lived in Japan for over 50 years. The following year I received the sacrament of Confirmation in Tokyo, at the Salesian parish in Meguro.

At 24, I started working for the homeless in Tokyo and for people suffering from mental disorder as a psychiatrist social worker. One day I

heard that a homeless person had been admitted to the hospital because she was suffering from cancer and I was on my way to visit her in the hospital. But I wanted to buy some presents, and so I went in a store in Tokyo. While I was on the third floor of the store, suddenly I seemed to hear a voice I had never heard before, completely different from the inner voice that I felt every day while I was praying. The voice said, "Go to Africa and become a priest"! But how? I had no means to go to Africa!

After a year, however, I met again Fr. Loro Piana after seven years. I shared with him the call that I had heard. A few months later I met the, then, Delegate of the Sudan during his visit to Japan, and I told him about my desire to be a missionary volunteer.

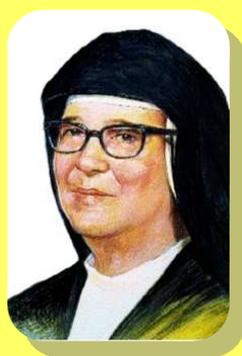
Finally in 2011 I decided to leave behind everything to follow the call of the Lord, even if it was the most difficult decision of my life. Before leaving Japan, I had to leave my job and convince my parents. My mother, who is Christian, cried but accepted my choice. However, to persuade my father, who is an atheist, took a long time. I went to Wau, in South Sudan (AFE Province), to work as a volunteer among the street children.

Eventually I decided to become a Salesian and in 2012 I entered the pre-novitiate of the AFE Province in Nairobi, Kenya. I made the novitiate in Morogoro, Tanzania and made my first profession in 2014. Now I am studying philosophy and pedagogy in the post-novitiate in Moshi, Tanzania.

In the summer of 2015, after the first year of the post-novitiate, I returned to Japan for the first time as a professed Salesian. During my holidays I discovered that I am not called by God to stay on top of a mountain, but to be with young people, especially with those who are not loved and accepted in our society, and be the poverty of Christ, the humility of Christ and the obedience of Christ. I realised that I must have an interior attitude marked by profound simplicity in order to understand what God has given us.

After serving the people of the Delegation of Sudan to which I belong these past years, I dream of being a missionary in a country where there is no Salesian, like Somalia. And, if this is the call of God, I want to be a martyr like Bishop Luigi Versiglia and Fr. Callixtus Caravario, to be good ground for Christians and non-Christians there. However, for now my dream is to become a humble Salesian like Fr. Cimatti.

Cl. Chihiro Morito
Japanese, missionary in Sudan



Witness of Salesian Missionary Sanctity

Fr. Pierluigi Cameroni SDB, Postulator General for the Causes of Saints

Among the prayers of **Blessed Maria Romero Meneses** (1902-1977), Daughter of Mary Help of Christians, we find: *"My God, change my heart, make it new, but leave me the memory of my weakness and misery, to keep me humble and deserving new gifts from your mercy ... Grant me, O God, the grace to be able to console those I will meet on the path of Calvary ... Grant O God, that I may be an expression of your goodness and mercy"*.



Salesian Missionary Intention

That our oratories and youth centres in Africa and Madagascar may really be at the forefront of mission and first evangelisation.

In many places of this vast region, oratories and youth centres often become a first missionary frontier. For many youngsters who are not Christians, or who follow the gospel of Jesus Christ still superficially, these educational environments are the places where the first contact with a Christian environment or with those who follow Jesus takes place. It is rightly in these contexts that the young touch with their hands that it is possible to build a new society of peace, justice and reconciliation inspired by the gospel. In fact, this is the path indicated by Pope Benedict XVI in the post-synodal exhortation "Africae Munus" (2010).

