

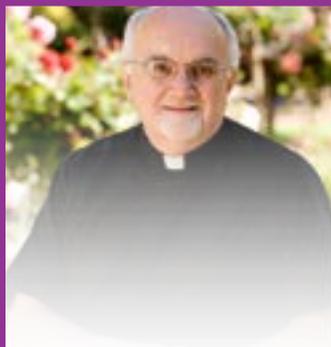
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USA West Province Newsletter - Building Bridges Between Communities

## ADVENT

*Jesus is coming...*





## Provincial's Letter

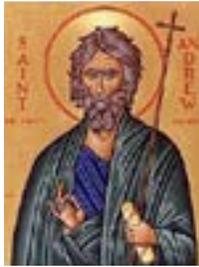
November 29, 2012

Dear Brother and Sister Salesians:

“You crown the year with your goodness,” we pray in Psalm 65. We find ourselves in the final week of the liturgical year. Last Sunday we celebrated Christ, King of the Universe, a feast that sums up all the mysteries of salvation we have lived and at the same time a feast which heads us towards Advent, the time of waiting and preparing for Christ to come again. And during this very rich week so full of grace and blessing, we here in the western province also celebrate the feast of our patron, Saint Andrew the Apostle (November 30). “You crown the year with your goodness.”

Like all the apostles, Andrew heard the Lord’s call to “Go and make disciples of all nations.” That is the very nature of being an apostle, a close friend of the Lord’s sent to spread the Good News. Legend has it that our patron Andrew went as far as the southern borders of modern-day Ukraine, along the Black Sea and that he travelled up the Dnieper River and actually reached the future location of Kiev.

What is not legend about our patron St. Andrew is found in the Gospels. In fact in his recent message for next year’s World Youth Day, Pope Benedict refers to our province’s patron! He writes, “To evangelize means to bring the



*Good News of salvation to others and to let them know that this Good News is a person: Jesus Christ. When I meet him, when I discover how much I am loved by God and saved by God, I begin to feel not only the desire, but also the need to make God known to others. At the beginning of John’s Gospel we see how Andrew, immediately after he met Jesus, ran off to fetch his brother Simon. Evangelization always begins with an encounter with the Lord Jesus. Those who come to Jesus and have experienced his love immediately want to share the beauty of that meeting and the joy born of his friendship. The more we know Christ, the more we want to talk about him. The more we speak*

*with Christ, the more we want to speak about him. The more we are won over by Christ, the more we want to draw others to him.”*

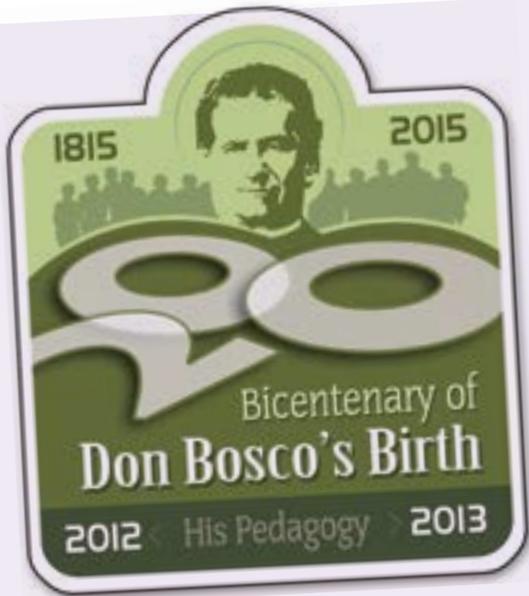
The entire text of the Pope’s World Youth Day Message is available on online. I urge everyone to access and read it! The challenge he gives there to young people is given to all of us educators and evangelizers too, Salesians of the West. The best way to celebrate our province’s feast day, especially in this Year of Faith, is to cherish our personal and community encounter with the Lord Jesus, the King who is, who was, and who is to come. And then to honor our patron Andrew by sharing this encounter, especially with the young.

Happy Feast of Saint Andrew!

Sincerely,

Rev. Timothy Ploch,  
SDB

Provincial



**“Rejoice in the Lord  
always. I will say it again:**

Rejoice!”

## EDUCATION OF THE HEART

Beginning from our understanding of Don Bosco’s pedagogy, the major points of reference and the tasks of Strenna 2013 are as follows.

**5. The formation of the upright citizen and good Christian.** Forming “good Christians and upright citizens” is the intention which Don Bosco expressed so often to indicate everything the young need in order to fully experience and live their lives as human beings and as Christians. So the presence of education in social life takes in all of this reality: educational sensitivity, educational policies, the quality of education in social life, culture.

Fr. Pascual Chavez, SDB  
STRENNA 2013

## PROVINCIAL’S CALENDAR

### November 2012

29-30 Office Days

### December 2012

1-2 Office Days

3-5 Provincial Council Meeting,  
Soto Street

6 Board Meeting, Salesian B&GC,  
Los Angeles

7 Office Day

8 Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena,  
Watsonville

9 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass,  
Richmond Auditorium

10 Board Meeting, Salesian B&GC,  
San Francisco

11 Office Day

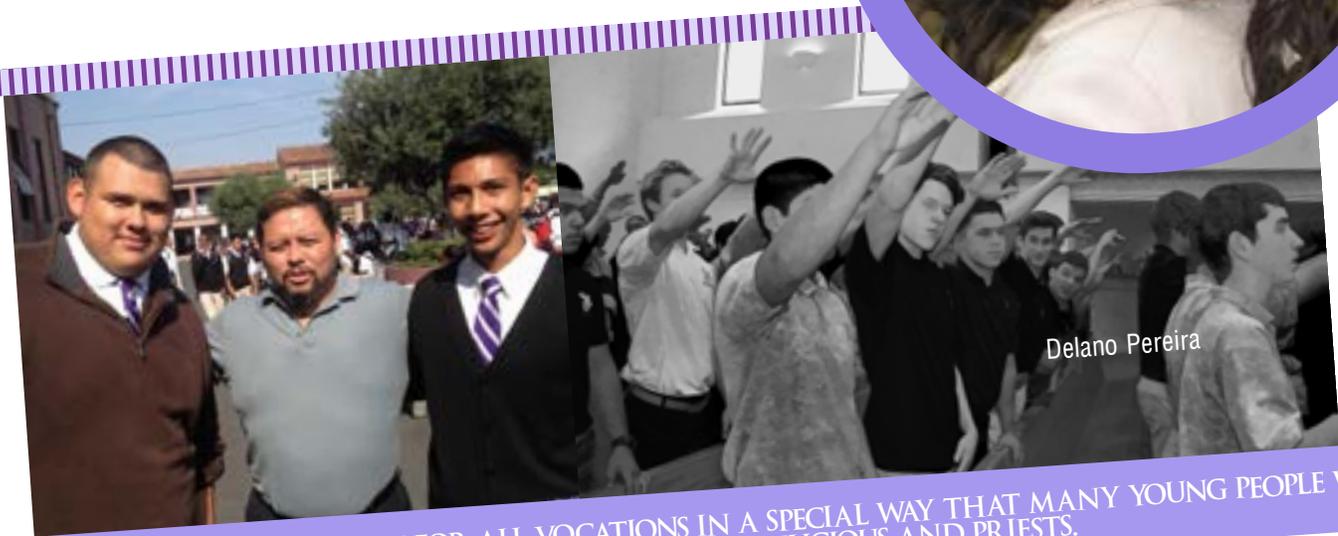
12 Las Madanitas, Stockton

13 Board Meetings:

- Trustees, Don Bosco Tech, AM
- Members, Salesian High School,  
Richmond, PM



# VOCATION CULTURE



Delano Pereira

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL VOCATIONS IN A SPECIAL WAY THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HEAR THE CALL TO BECOME RELIGIOUS AND PRIESTS.

Hey, my name is Claire Garrett. I am 16, homeschooled and a junior in high school. My hometown is Stockton CA. and I am a peer leader at my parish St. Luke's. Over the past couple years I have been gradually getting more involved in the youth ministry programs. Recently, it has become one of the main parts of my life and I always look forward to every chance I get to serve others in my community, especially the youth. Some of these opportunities include our youth choir, participating in giving the less fortunate a better holiday season and, as a peer leader, we get to plan different events and activities to get all the teens in our parish more educated, pumped up, and on fire about their faith. The youth choir has become a major contribution to our youth Mass every Sunday night for our youth Mass. Each week when we get together as a group to practice our songs for the next week, it is always more than just practice. It gives all of the participants a night to become united with each other, to praise and come close to each other and the Lord. It is a place everyone knows they can be exactly who God has called them to be and still feel accepted. On Sunday, when our voices join together with the congregation it brings a beautiful energy to the Mass and leaves everyone feeling the love of Christ. We also open the hearts of all our youth group participants during the holiday season by making gift stockings for the homeless men of our town. It helps them to see how the little things and time they contribute can make an amazing impact on those who really need it. Another opportunity we have is our annual fall youth retreat, which we just had this past weekend. It's a powerful weekend which gives the youth of our parish an experience they may have never even imagined. We join in song, Mass, adoration, fun and companionship while deepening our relationship with the Lord. The youth activities of our parish have kept me involved and on fire and continues to grow each and every week to be a solid foundation for those who take the time to open their hearts to Jesus.

# VOCATION CULTURE



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Peter  
**Le**

Bro. Peter Duoc Le grew up in California. He is the oldest of five children in the family. He attended high school in Oakland and went on to college in Berkeley, California. For a number of years he worked in Berkeley. During this time he was also a Salesian candidate taking courses at the Institute of Salesian Spirituality and Studies and was a member of the Don Bosco Hall Salesian community.

Bro. Peter completed his prenovitiate and novitiate formation years at St. Joseph Salesian Center in Rosemead, California. From 2012 to 2014, he will be attending Seton Hall University to work on his philosophy studies.

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**“More, that vocational campaigns be put into action: families, parishes, all our schools should be able to create a pastoral microclimate where they can grow and ripen vocations, forming a genuine culture of vocation in which LIFE is conceived and lived as a gift, as a vocation and mission, amidst the diversity of options.”**  
**Fr. Pascual Chavez, SDB**

This past weekend St. Luke's youth were involved in a fall retreat. Friday night was full of fun activities it was very busy. Saturday came and it was my turn to give my talk about goals dreams and Jesus. Throughout my talk, I was starting to get hot and I felt a burning tingling sensation in my face. Afterwards I did not remember what I said, and then realizing it was the Holy Spirit that spoke through me. The day continued on and Father Jose gave his talk about the religious vocation. Break came and I was sitting down thinking what will I do after high school, I originally planned to become a veterinarian yet, I felt like I was called to do something else. Then I got up and was about to go to the next room but for some reason something told me to go and talk to father Jose. As we were talking, I told him about what I was feeling and I asked about the Salesian sisters, as the conversation continued tears just started to run down my face. I believe that was the Holy Spirit confirming that I was on the right path. As the day progressed it was time for adoration, I prayed and cried that whole time knowing what God might have planned out for me. After adoration I told my peers, they were very supportive. Sunday came and it was time to come back home. I met a lot of cool people and had a great time. I will continue to pray for my vocation and to continue to work with the youth.



**THERESA MARIE**

# Thanksgiving Day Celebration



at Stockton with the confreres of the North



# Thanksgiving Day



This last Thursday afternoon, the Salesians of southern California gathered at **Don Bosco Technical Institute** to celebrate Thanks Giving Day. The celebration began with games and fraternal sharing with some preferring the beautiful day outside and others the comfortable inside. Later, we gathered in the dining room for a fairly traditional Thanksgiving Day supper with other choices available for less traditional tastes. All seemed to enjoy the day and the Don Bosco Tech. community would like to thank all those that came to share in the celebration and especially thank those that helped in a variety of ways to make the day be so enjoyable. - **Bro. Bob Hennings**



# Living Social Justice: Tijuana Project

By Fili Cortez



**This group of young men reaffirm my believe that if we as teachers, parents, and leaders give opportunities to our young people to serve there will always be young people ready to accept the challenge.**

In our busy schedules we make time for just about everything, but sometimes we don't make time for Jesus. We make time for our studies, sports, work, family, parties, vacation, among many other things. But rarely do we intentionally serve those most in need. Whether this is done intentionally or not the fact of the matter is that in our busy schedules it is difficult to include Christ in our lives.

I must be honest, it was quite a challenge getting the group of students to go to Tijuana and serve the less fortunate, not only because people have this impression of Tijuana being an unsafe city, but also because it entails going out of our comfort zone. Nevertheless, I was determined to bring students to El Desayunador, a soup kitchen located a block away from down town Tijuana. El Desayunador feeds about one thousand needy people six days a week. This project was founded by El Padre Chava a Salesian priest.

I was excited that four brave young men decided to embark in this missionary project. Their parents were very supportive and enthusiastic about their children getting this unique opportunity to serve Jesus. I am grateful to these parents who not only put their trust in Saint John Bosco. I am also thankful to Dr. Rodriguez who supported my idea of taking students to serve in Tijuana. I would also like to thank the Spanish prayer group Maria Auxiliadora from Saint Dominic Savio who gave a donation of \$140 to buy razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes for the deported immigrants living in El Desayunador.

Among some of the highlights of our service project was praying the rosary with the deported immigrants staying at El Desayunador, receiving Holy Communion before serving, and interviewing deportees who were as young as nineteen. Another amazing experience was when the Bosco men got on the bus El Veloz (the fast one); Loaded with a raucous and enthusiastic group of young people from the different Salesian oratories of Tijuana as we made our way to La Lupita Oratory for a sports tournament. The Bosco men also got an opportunity to talk to missionaries from Austria and the US. I knew this was going to be a learning experience, however, this project surpassed my expectations. At the end of each workday students reflected on their service. Perhaps one of the most powerful experiences was when students reflected on their service, this really brought the team together, both spiritually and socially.

This group of young men reaffirm my believe that if we as teachers, parents, and leaders give opportunities to our young people to serve there will always be young people ready to accept the challenge. I am very proud of these young men for their generosity, and courageous heart to help our less fortunate brothers.

November 12, 2012

# Social Justice

By Luis Nunez



During my community service in Tijuana, Baja California I witness and experienced many noticeable changes in myself that impacted me very much; to the point where I thought I became a new man. These changes were the result of me helping so many innocent people that were in dire need of help and through my humble service to others I was able to answer all of my questions that I had during the trip. This change was not a physical one, but rather a spiritual one that helped me get closer to God through the service of others and helped me confront my fears that I held secret in the depths of my soul. I was always skeptical when it came to donation, because I did not have any trust in it and I even came to the point of doubting whether my donation even reached the innocent people who I sought to help. To confront this paranoia I had of donation I went out to Tijuana with my fellow classmates so I could witness with my own eyes if I indeed am helping people or rather to answer the question if I could even help make a positive significant change to others in need.

This journey that I went on help me open my eyes and realize that not all is what it seems to be and that there are many good people in this city that the media condemns to be crime infested. What I saw was hundreds of people

gather together to make a difference in their ill reputed city and not only did they try to help, but were unbelievably successful in their mission of service. They were proof that anybody can contribute positively to others and they did this without violence, but rather through charity and love for others as human-beings. My question on donations was answered on the first day I arrived, because I saw that they were in fact using these gifts to help the poor and homeless effectively. This impacted me greatly, because it made me ponder the idea of joining them and help them on their mission of charity and love for others. During my stay in Tijuana I helped in the soup kitchen which was a sort of restaurant for the poor and here is where they (the homeless) received their meals that helped make it through another day. I saw in their eyes that they were in fact suffering, but what I also saw in their eyes was eternal gratitude for us as we were serving them their meals. This made me realize that we helped them not just to receive a meal, but also we were able to help them and encourage them to have faith that there is still hope in our world that we are living together as human beings of God. This is by far the most fun I had in helping others and by far the most life changing experience I ever went through.

November 6, 2012

# Social Justice

By Omar Urueta



When I first heard about the Tijuana trip, I wasn't sure if I wanted to take part in it. I really wasn't sure what to expect but because I needed hours and because I thought it would be different I went.

This trip was more than just a trip. It was a chance to learn about myself and to learn about others. I have been to Mexico before, but I've never stayed in Mexico at a Salesian residence with the focus of helping others. I went on this trip with two other juniors and another senior whom, before that trip, I have never talked to. At the end of the trip we were having so much fun and joking around with each other.

As mentioned earlier, I learned a lot about myself. I have a history of having trouble opening and really telling people what's on my mind. However on the first day of the trip, on Friday night, I was able to say some of the questions and things that were really on my mind and so did my peers.

The community service and work was also a major highlight of this trip. We went to the soup for a majority of Friday and Saturday. There they had us cut nopales, clean, and even refill coffee. The part that probably had the biggest im-



Time for reflection on serving others.



Oratory time! Playing a basketball game with our young friends of Tijuana.

part on me was the fact that these people were homeless and struggling and the fact that a lot of people were there because they were deported. The unfortunate circumstances that these people were in were sad, but it made realize how great it was that these volunteers from the soup were making a difference.

Then there was the part where we visited different oratories. I was able to see the full home, school, church, and playground in full effect outside of Bosco. The people who were at the oratories seemed very happy to be there and I'm sure the oratories make a big difference in their lives.

In total, this trip has had a huge impact on me and made me learn a lot about myself and about the Salesian mission outside of Bosco. I wish more people could experience this and I will try to convince people to attend the next one. Nothing I do or show, not even this paper, can really show what this trip was like and the effect it can have on people.

# Tijuana Trip

By Timothy Munoz



This trip to Tijuana for three days was a life changing experience for me and the rest of the students that went. I found that this trip was very healthy for me to escape some stress at home and school and see a different perspective on everyday life. A different view on what we should be grateful for and what we cherish every day. Some of us only focus on materialistic happiness and other things that we feel make us happy and feel safe and secure. During this trip I realized that other people have different problems than what im going to do this weekend but rather what am I going to eat or sleep. I've always seen poor people in the streets and begging for money every day because I lived in such a horrible neighborhood but not to this degree. Thousands of immigrants, deportees, and other homeless people flock to this soup kitchen for possibly their only meal all day. The food is by far the most amazing thing I saw because it was prepared with such love and care and anyone could eat it and love it. In fact we did eat the food and it was great that is something I didn't expect from a soup kitchen. I could almost say my expectations were very low since it was in Mexico and a very poor area of Mexico but the "Desayunador," as they called it really changed my perspective of Tijuana and how much they really want to help these people. I have seen other soup

kitchens in Los Angeles and unfortunately the people were very picky and kind of wasn't grateful for the food they received. Not Tijuana surprisingly the people we so respectful and kind whom a lot of people would not expect from that of someone is homeless. It is very sad to see all these people once had a life here in the U.S. and for whatever lost all of it from maybe a small mistake that everyone would make. They have families back in the U.S. and even children that they have to take care of but lost everything. A young boy named Gio recently was deported and went to Narbonne High School in Torrance. I lived in Torrance and my cousins go to that school. I found this to hit me close to home, he knew about the neighborhood and all the things that every normal kid here would know. To have all that taken away and have to move to a foreign country because of one simple mistake makes no sense in my eyes. I honestly wish that our country did not have to do this to hardworking people but it does and I will continue to go down and help them in anyway that I possibly can. I only hope that more students would realize that is happening only two hours away from their perfect lives. That they too would get up and say that they may not be able to stop this from happening but are willing to go help ease some pain and suffering of another human being.



Just one of the many elderly people who benefit from *El Desayunador*.



La Lupita Oratory: Before the girl's basketball tournament the ladies practice with the Bosco men.



Community Time! With the Austrian Missionaries and the American Missionaries at the Salesian Residence in Tijuana.



Left: Omar Urueta showing some dribbling skills at La Lupita Oratory.



Children also receive services at El Desayunador



Before serving at El Desayunador Bosco men receive Holy Communion.



Left: Luis Nuñez setting the table as he places a slice of bread. Right: Timothy Muñoz fills cups with water as they set the table for the next group to eat.

Living Social Justice: Tijuana Project



# BOSCO TECH OFFERS FREE DIGITAL ARTS WORKSHOP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

ROSEMEAD, CA—November 21, 2012—Los Angeles area middle school students will learn to create computerized art at Don Bosco Technical Institute's (Bosco Tech's) Digital Art Workshop (DrAW) on Saturday, December 15, 2012.

The free DrAW workshop will feature instruction in Photoshop on computer tablets. A Wacom tablet will be raffled off to a workshop participant and a Bosco Tech scholarship will be given to a future incoming student who shows creative ability.

"It's a fun opportunity for kids to learn more about, and try out, digital art software using professional-level computers," says Luis Garza, chairman of the school's Integrated Design, Engineering and Art department (IDEA). "Bosco Tech's high school students have the chance to use these tools every day and the workshop exposes middle schoolers to the same equipment and programs that companies like Disney, Apple and Pixar are currently using in computer animation, product design and video games."

The three-hour DrAW workshop begins at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Interested students can register by contacting Garza at (626) 940-2079 or [lgarza@boscotech.edu](mailto:lgarza@boscotech.edu). Space is limited.

Bosco Tech is the only all-male Catholic high school in the state that

uniquely integrates college-preparatory curriculum with a comprehensive, four-year, project-based science and technology program. The academic curriculum allows students to meet university admission requirements while completing extensive integrated coursework in one of five technology and engineering-related fields: Architecture and Construction Engineering; Computer Science and Electrical Engineering; Integrated Design, Engineering and Art; Materials Science, Engineering and Technology; and Media Arts and Technology. For further information about Bosco Tech, please call (626) 940-2000 or visit [www.boscotech.edu](http://www.boscotech.edu).

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# FOURTH WORLD CONGRESS OF THE SALESIAN COOPERATORS

by: **Sr. M. Guadalupe Medina, FMA**



**Basilica of Our Lady Help of Christians - Turin**

The 4th World Congress of Salesian Cooperators met in Rome from November 8 to November 11 to approve the Statutes and Regulations of the Association. The days of reflection, prayer, and review of the commitment to personal holiness and mission brought about a renewal of fervor.

Present at the Congress were the Rector Major, Father Pascual Chávez; his vicar, Father Adriano Bregolin; Mother General Sister Yvonne Reungoat; the Salesian Family Delegate, Sister Maria Luisa Miranda, and Father Giuseppe Casti, the World Delegate of the Salesian Cooperators.

Sister Leslye Sandigo was named to replace Sister Maria Trigila, World Delegate of the Salesian Cooperators; Ms. Noemi Bertola was named to replace Dr. Rosario Maiorano, as World Coordinator of the Salesian Cooperators.



It is important to note that St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesian Priests and Brothers, (SDB's), and the Salesian Sisters (Daughters of Mary Help of Christians- FMA's) also founded the Cooperators and ADMA, (Association of Devotees of Mary Help of Christians). These groups and others founded by Salesians form a powerful group known as *the Salesian Family*.

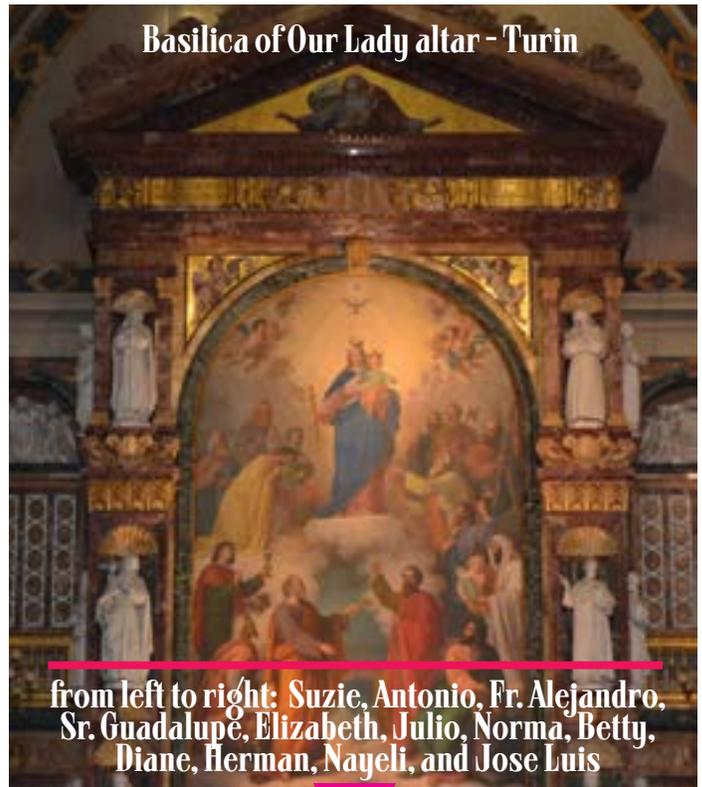
It was Don Bosco's great foresight to envision the Salesian Family, living *the Salesian charism and spirituality*, as a force that moves forward in our world.

Thirteen of us from the Inter American Region met in Turin on November 3rd. and made a pilgrimage to Salesian "holy grounds" accompanied by Hermán López Castro, the Coordinator of the Inter American Region. Our journey included Turin, Florence, San Gimignano, Siena, Pizza, Assisi and Rome.

The Rector Major portrayed the profile of the new Salesian Cooperator as "a true Salesian lay person who must bring to society the social and pedagogical insights of our founder, revisited in light of the current needs of a multiethnic, multicultural, very often undermined by the dangers of subjectivism and rampant relativism." His strong message was "to leave the comfortable positions, to leave 'the sacristy', to meet the new sociopolitical and cultural realities; ---to deal with the challenges of the new evangelization, with renewed strength and enthusiasm to be more and more active leaders in the Church."

The last day of the Congress was enriched by a visit to the Vatican and the opportunity to listen to the Holy Father's weekly message. After the Congress ended, we welcomed another opportunity to go to the Vatican celebrating this Year of Faith, the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II, and the 20th Anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

This opportunity to attend the Congress enriched us in many ways with an increase of faith and love of God, our

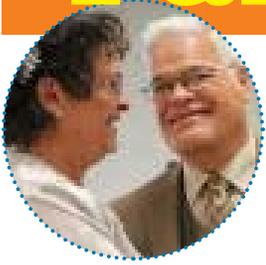


from left to right: Suzie, Antonio, Fr. Alejandro, Sr. Guadalupe, Elizabeth, Julio, Norma, Betty, Diane, Herman, Nayeli, and Jose Luis



beloved Mother, Mary Help of Christians, and our dear Don Bosco, Father and Founder. United we go forth to share our experience in a spirit of mission and apostolate.

# Parents of a Salesian



## celebrate 50 years of **Marriage**



I had the honor and privilege of presiding at my parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary in Moriarty, New Mexico on November 24, 2012, their anniversary date in effect.

It was great having my Salesian brothers accompanying me, Fr. Joe Farias and Fr. Leo Bay-singer. My parents have gotten to know both Fr. Leo and Fr. Joe in recent years and it was truly a blessing to have them present with our family.

There were about 200 guests at my parents celebration which began a Holy Mass at 2pm Saturday. All of the ministries were done by their grandchildren. At the presentation of the gifts, a few of the gifts brought up before the bread and wine were a blessing from the Archbishop, an Apostolic Blessing from the Pope, an acknowledgement from the



President, a Hand made quilt with images of their children, grandchildren and great children on it, and finally a hand made portrait of my parents chapel presented to them by their grandchildren.

It was an amazing night seeing my parents so happy surrounded by their children, grandchildren, their siblings and friends and family.

I'm very blessed to have my parents with me and the fact that they have completed this milestone of 50 years together as husband and wife. What a great example they have been to everyone in our

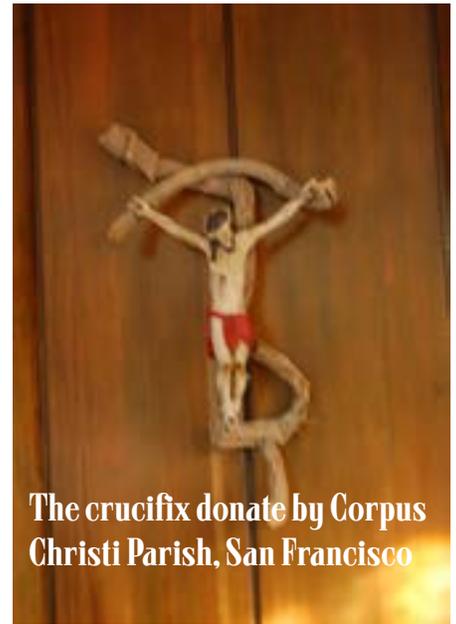
community. I love them very much and I must say that they have also been a great example to me of perseverance and steadfastness in my own vows. God bless them abundantly.

**Jose Lucero, sdb**





The dining hall with the new chairs



The crucifix donate by Corpus Christi Parish, San Francisco

# DESALES HALL

## Que Paso?

**Bro. Joseph Lockwood, SDB, muniz carlos**

Last week after inspecting the entire building, Jeff Gannaway City of Bellflower Building Inspector told us that we can move in the furniture.

On Tuesday, November 22, 2012, with the help from Mr. Larry Arellano; Benjamin Pullido, Luke Torres, Benjamin Rocha and Carlos Hernandez moved in the dining room table, the two conference tables (one for the Director's office and the other for the small meeting room), couches for the lobby, two couches for the community room, other items and conference table chairs. The conference room looks really great.

The Asia Kitchen Supplies, Rosemead, with the help of Bro. Khoa Luong, delivered the freezer and refrigerator with the rest of the dining room chairs. The dining room looks great!

The main altar, Blessed Sacrament altar and the tabernacle were put in

place. From the picture you can see the chapel carpeting. The statue of Mary Help of Christians, which was hand carved in Italy and shipped to us, was mounted on the wall. The chapel chairs were moved in and put in place. The statue of St. John Bosco and St. Francis de Sales was mounted. The crucifix (donated by Corpus Christi Parish, San Francisco) was mounted. The cleaning of the rooms is still taking place.

Now the other news: Mitsubishi is again holding up the final inspection. Alex DeLeon from Vincor phoned Mitsubishi's office and asked about the installation of the elevator flooring. The response was that a deputy inspector needs to be hired (by the owner) and be present while the flooring is being installed. Alex questioned Mitsubishi's representative about the flooring installation being part of the

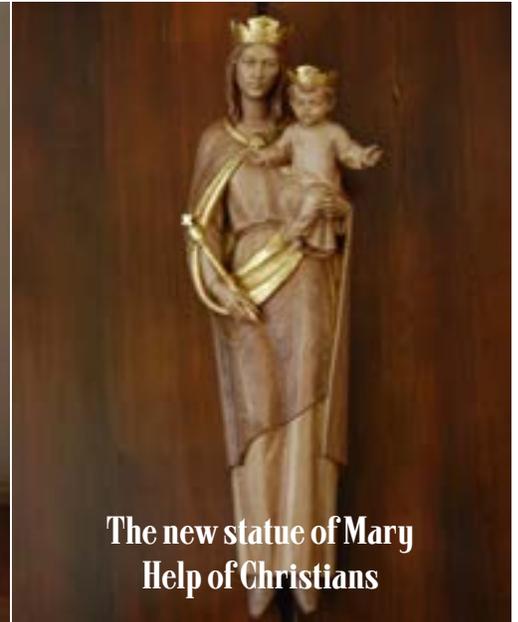
contract. The answer was that according to the building code the owner needs to hire an inspector to be present. When Inspector Jeff Gannaway was inspecting the building last week, we asked Jeff if it is a true statement (about having an inspector on site during the flooring installation). Jeff told us that he has not heard of any such regulation and told us to ask Mitsubishi to give us the regulation number about the inspector. Well, we found out that there is no such regulation. They were just blowing smoke . . . . Mitsubishi has scheduled to be out after Thanksgiving weekend to open the elevator so the floor can be installed. The deputy inspector did show up on Tuesday, November 27, 2012 to watch the floor being installed. Now we can schedule the state inspector to come out (we hope) to issue the permit to operate the elevator.

Mitsubishi's technicians were on site to calibrate the conveyance so it will stop level at each floor with the passengers. The maximum weight that this conveyance can carry is 5,000 pounds. To check the maximum weight, they used two wheel carts (see

# DESAQUEPASO? HALL



The lounge area before entering the dining hall.



The new statue of Mary Help of Christians

the picture) each weighing roughly 600 pounds. These carts are placed in the car while it moves between floors. All of the safety features (telephone, alarm bells and the three safety doors that close when the alarm goes off) are checked and then certified that they work. When they finish checking the safety elements and the conveyance is calibrated, the technicians will notify the State of California Industrial Relation, Division of Occupational Safety and Health to come out to the site and certify that the conveyance is safe. Then the State issues the certificate.

United System (the fire alarm company) was on site installing all of the strobe lights and smoke detectors in each bedroom, the chapel (4), dining room, and hallways. The technicians connected the window smoke detectors. On each floor a fire alarm power supply box was installed in the data closets. When the technicians finish testing the equipment, the Los Angeles Fire Marshall will inspect the fire safety of the building. The evacuation plan for each room has been completed and is ready to be posted in each room.

You remember that there was a roof

leak over the community room. Vinacor gave us a bid to repair the roof where they thought the leak was. After removing the existing roofing material from the suspected area, they decided to replace the complete roof at no extra cost to us.

The roofing contractor removed the existing roofing material down to the plywood sheathing and inspected it to see if there was any dry rot or any other water damage. They did not find any, the plywood sheathing was sound. The roofers replaced all of the roof jacks before tacking down the 30 pound felt. Once the felt is in place, then the roofers hot mop over the felt with hot tar. Then they put another layer of felt and repeat the same process. Then they put the cap sheet over the hot tar.

The flooring company is finishing the installation of the non-slip flooring material on the two stair cases. The chapel carpeting is installed.

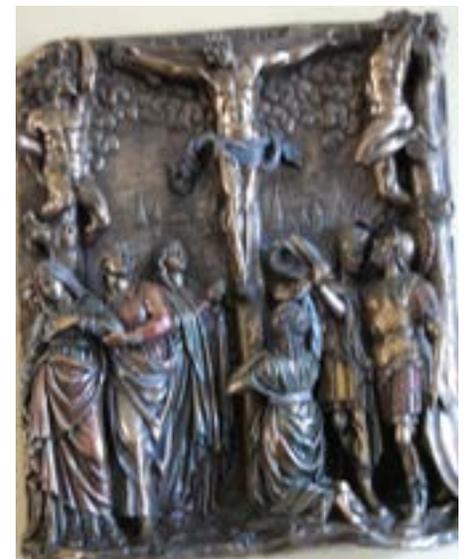
The plumbers have finished installing the coffee counter sink in the dining room and the counter sink in the community room.

Part of the finishing is to do a thor-

ough cleaning of the building and that means to wash all of the windows, clean the floor and check for little nicks and marks on the walls. The cleaning began on the third floor this week.

The basketball back board is installed and ready for a half-court game, even at night with the great court lights.

## The Crucifixion relief, the center for the Stations of the Cross mediation



MAY THEY REST IN  
THE PEACE OF CHRIST  
Please pray for the repose of the souls of



**REV. ARTHUR HUMPHREY**  
November 24, 2012  
Archdiocese of Newark  
former Salesian Novice 1966-1967



PLEASE PRAY FOR  
OUR SICK



**MRS. PATRICIA LAWTON**  
sister of Fr. Tom Prendiville



**SR LUCY BALLESTRIERI, FMA**  
was brought to hospital on Monday; grave conditions. She taught for a number of years at St Dominic Savio Bellflower, both at the school and in the Religious Education Program when the parish school began, from 1956 to 1960... and again in the 1980s. She now belongs to the North Haledon province, since the split, but she is one of the very important figures for the people of St Dominic Savio parish and school.



ADVENT READING



The days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will fulfill the promise  
I made to the house of Israel and  
Judah.

In those days, in that time,  
I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and just in  
the land.

In those days Judah shall be safe  
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;  
this is what they shall call her:  
"The LORD our justice."

*Jer 33:14-16*



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**Notes**

These pages are the fruit of spoken sessions and living experiences. I cannot claim to add anything to the great work of so many scholars on themes that derive from Francis de Sales and the Salesian tradition. I can only hope that these pages continue to add to the conversation, allowing people to resonate with Francis de Sales in their own circumstances. *Joseph Boenzi, SDB*

# INTENSIVE SALESIAN COURSES



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[www.DonBoscoWest.org](http://www.DonBoscoWest.org)

with a special blessing from our provincial Fr. Tim Ploch, SDB. The text of the blessing will be available online.

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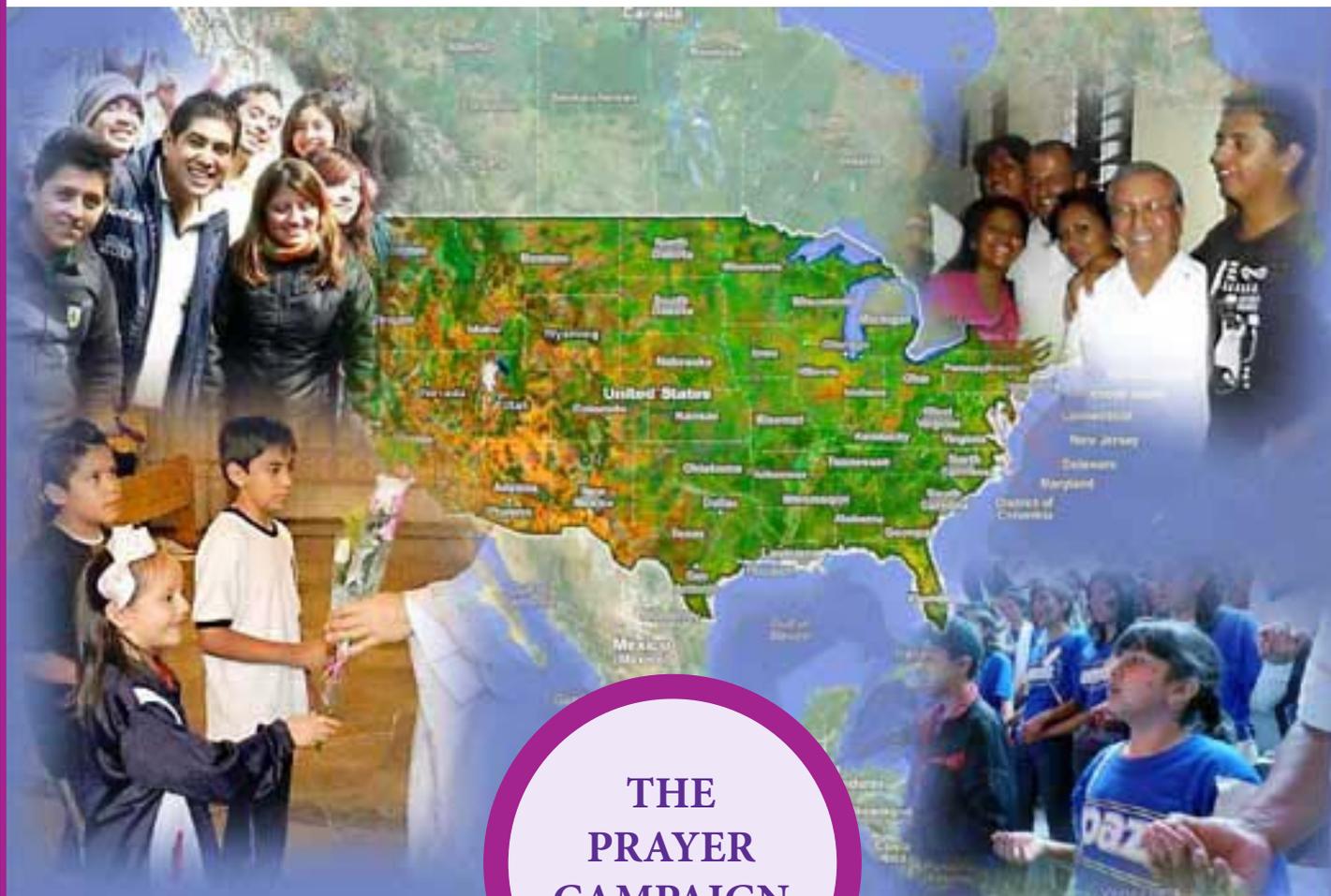
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# Mission for Hispanic migrants in the United States



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