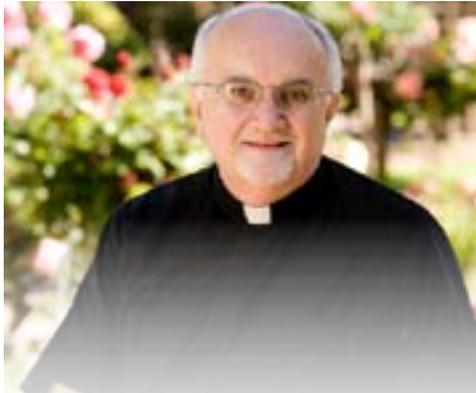




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Dear Brother and Sister Salesians:
From the Antilles province we welcome three confreres of the Dominican Republic, ordained deacons all three, to work at Camp St. Francis this summer and to perfect their English. They are Brothers **Oscar Almonte, Elvis Batista, and Rodolfo Duran.** ¡Bienvenidos!

I just received notice from Fr. Vaclav Klement, General Councilor for the Missions, that all the materials necessary for a province to celebrate SALESIAN MISSION DAY 2013 are now available. A province may choose any date it considers most opportune for its Salesian Mission Day. Our Mission Animation Delegate, Juan Carlos Montenegro, and his team are working hard to prepare such an important celebration here in our province.

This is the 26th time the Rector Major offers the Congregation a mission theme. This year, coinciding with Benedict XVI's Year of Faith, the theme for Salesian Mission Day will be "The Faith Journey in Africa." Fr. Chavez reminds us of three deeper motivations for a province to celebrate Salesian Mission Day: returning to Don Bosco who walked with young people in and to the faith, evangelizing the Salesian heart during the Year of Faith, and opening our hearts to missionary frontiers. Go to www.sdb.org and under the Missions Department you will find the materials readily accessible.

We don't have to wait for Salesian Mission Day to strengthen a missionary culture in our province community. Fr. Tom Prendiville is forever sending around DVDs that come from the Congregation about various Salesian missionary activities all over the world. Are they still in their plastic wrap? Dozens of films on the missions are within close reach. Each community should view some of them from time to time. Can anyone seriously suggest that it's hard to find materials for Community Day discussions?

So for 2013 the entire Salesian world is invited to get to know about the missionary situation in Africa. We in the San Francisco province should be especially interested. It was our own Fr. Harry Rasmussen whom Don Bosco's 7th successor, Fr. Egidio Viganó, tapped to get Project Africa moving. We were at the earliest origins of the Salesian presence in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Two California Salesians remain planted in the African missions: Brother Bill Regner's earthly remains are revered there and Brother Joseph Reza continues to work hard in Ethiopia.

More missionary good news! In the next Missionary Expedition from Turin, the Rector Major has decided to designate a missionary for our province to work with the immigrants! This awareness of our needs on the part of the Congregation ought to be another spur for us to look beyond our own needs here in Don Bosco West and to warm up our missionary fervor for the Salesian missions *ad gentes*, especially in Africa!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Timothy C. Ploch, SDB
Provincial

Provincial's Calendar

July 2012

- 19 Office Day
- 20 Camp Mass, St. Luke's, Stockton
- 21-22 Office Days
- 23-27 Visit Los Angeles Communities
- 28 Office Day
- 29-8/3 Confreres Retreat, San Juan Bautista

Please Pray for our Sick

Elizabeth Alvarez

*recovering from pancreatic cancer surgery
mother of Mike Alvarez,
mother-in-law of Judy*

Dona Bucilla

*former cook at Salesian Center, Columbus, OH
aggressive melanoma in the brain and lungs*

May They Rest In Peace

FILOTEA M. DIXON

July 16, 2012

sister of

*Fr. Eugene Maglasang, SDB
(at Corpus Christi)*

ISS TO BECOME ISS AGAIN

At a recent proposal to the provincial and council made by Fr. John Roche, director of Don Bosco Hall, approval was formally given to return the name of the programs offered at Don Bosco Hall in Berkeley to Institute of Salesian Studies.

From its origins in the mid 80's until at least 1997, the program of ongoing formation offered at Don Bosco Hall was known as the Institute of Salesian Studies.

In 1998, Fr. Joseph Boenzi with the Core Team made a proposal for new models of formation at Don Bosco Hall to be renamed the Institute of Salesian Spirituality. The rationale was to expand the understanding of the programs beyond merely intellectual formation to include a comprehensive renewal of participants in the strengthening of their spiritual lives.

However with the recognition of the new Master of Arts in Theology program with a concentration in Salesian Spirituality at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (March 2012), the further recognition of two more concentrations—Salesian Pedagogy and Salesian Youth Evangelization (May 2012), and the other new developments at Berkeley recently described here in InTouch, the return to the original title seemed appropriate.

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Salesian Clubs - LA

“Dogs, Boys and Girls...an innovative program offered by our Salesian Boys and Girls Club in Boyle Heights, Ca.”

The East Los Angeles oratorians participated in a unique learning experience that allowed them to learn all about best practices on how to take care of their pets responsibly. A team of professional trainers dedicated several weekend training sessions that were enthusiastically welcomed and enjoyed by our young oratorians.

Enjoy watching a video that memorializes this experience and watch the Club's Executive Director, Br. Tom Mass,

SDB at work! Please tell your friends about this and other programs prepared to promote important values to the kids that call “Salesian Boys and Girls Club” their second home... Congratulations, Br. Tom and all the volunteers that worked on this project which was a very special experience for our kids.

Elizabeth Gamarra
Board Member

Here's our club video!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4G19Kzo0X8

OR You can find it on our Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/SALESIANCLUBSLA>

can a dog change your life?

dogs, boys & girls

a program of respect & kindness

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Camp Savio 2012

By Adriana Dugquem

With close to two hundred counselors and over three hundred campers, we had a successful second week of Camp Savio. This week we had a few field trips; the entire camp was able to visit the Los Angeles Zoo on Tuesday and attended the beach that Thursday. This week our middle school boys and girls were able to go on a special field trip to Knott's Berry Farm, a fun and special privilege given to our older campers.

Although many participants of Camp Savio are campers and counselors, many members of St. Dominic Savio Parish have also volunteered their time to help the youth. We have many different ministries volunteering their time to help provide and serve our daily lunches. This is the main reason we have been able to sponsor over 130 Campers, YES 1/3 of all our campers are in some way sponsor.

But why do they volunteer their time? "It's just a pleasure to see all the young people helping each other out, I'm just glad I'm here to help them too." Says Maria, who volunteered her time on Friday to help serve pupusas for the campers and counselors. At Camp Savio, not only is it just the youth that want to help out, but it's the entire community.



This month we are blessed to have "Damas Salesianas", "Filipino Ministry", "Italian Catholic Federation", "Salazar Restaurant", "El Salvador Ministry with their delicious Pupuas", "St. Vincent de Paul", "Salesian Cooperators", "Ex-Alumnos Salesianos", "ADMA", "Spanish Grupo de Oración" among others.



St. Lukes Summer Day Camp

By Claire Garrett & Melody Grace Burdick

It's a nice warm Monday morning in Stockton, CA, and many children and parents find themselves walking up the steps into St. Luke's church gymnasium for another wonderful day of summer Olympiad camp. Everyone has a smile on their face, including the counselors who greet them as they sign in and start off another day of fantastic fun. Mothers and fathers smile as their kids run into a room filled with fun activities and games. "See you later guys!" the kids shout.

This is St. Luke's first year holding a summer day camp for grades 1-8. With the contributions of many teens, adults, and organizations within the community, each day of camp has been an astounding success! The theme for camp is the 2012 Summer Olympics, and each child that attends camp is considered an "Olympian". Each day, Olympians

learn about different saints and the importance of making God a part of their daily routines. They also exercise, sing, dance, play, and most of all, HAVE FUN!

Of course, each Olympian and counselor wants to stop and say "Thank You!" to all those who put on and took part in the Salesian Youth Leadership Conference. A few weeks before St. Luke summer camp started, a team of peer leaders from St. Luke's parish attended SYLC's leadership conference for one week in Aptos, CA. Here, they learned many valuable lessons about how to facilitate groups, encourage youth to interact during activities, play games, and much more. "If it weren't for SYLC and all its participants, St. Luke's summer camp would not have been able to achieve such a productive and amazing camp as they have so far!" Thanks guys!

Only one week has passed by, and many campers and counselors are excited and ready to take on the next two weeks of the summer camp program. St. Luke's is expecting a big increase in Olympians within the next two weeks. This experience has been described as very rewarding, not only for the children but counselors and staff too. "Our job is to be teaching the children, but each day the children teach us so much about what it truly means to be a Salesian" says Claire Garrett, a St. Luke's camp counselor. When asked what plans the staff and counselors had for the Olympians during the next two weeks, camp counselor Melody Grace answered "More games, more skits, more people, and more FUN!"

From your Stockton Salesian Parish,
Thank you, and God Bless!



The week of “Rocking”!!

By Brother Joseph Lockwood, SDB

During the past week all of the third floor framing was approved by the building inspector. The drywall subcontractor crew began to hang the first sheets of 5/8” gypsum board on the ceilings and walls. Once the first sheets are installed the crew came back to hang another sheet of 5/8” board. The first sheet is for fire proofing. To insure the fire proofing, the sheet must be staggered when they are screwed to the ceiling joists and wall studs. The end joints of the boards must not be in line with each other; this prevents the fire from going between the joints.

The building inspector will inspect the installation of the gypsum board making sure that the boards were staggered. Once he signs off, then the taping and finishing takes place. The first part of the process is to tape all of the seams and apply one thin coat of the “mud” (joint compound). After a few days of drying, the “tapers” come back and apply another thin coat of mud. Again, after a few days of drying, they return and sand the areas and put on the finish coat making it ready for sealing and priming and finally, painting.

The second floor is in the process of being dry walled.

In the kitchen, the stove hood was in question, namely the grease filter holder. That needed to be changed. A company came out and replaced the old one that was falling apart with a new stainless steel one. (See the pictures)

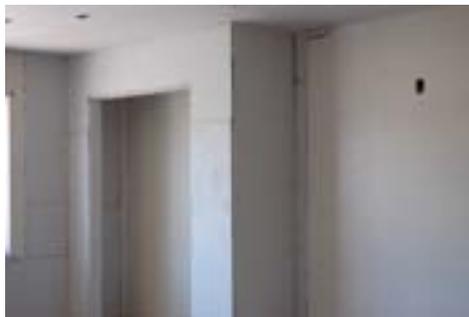
The interior of the elevator shaft has been dry walled and taped and is waiting for inspection. Once the work is inspected, it

will be sealed, primed and ready for painting. The next step will be the assembling of the elevator car within the elevator shaft and connecting the plunger and hydraulic hoses.

The exterior of the elevator shaft has received the plaster scratch coat and is now waiting for inspection before the final coat is applied.



The new stainless steel grease filter trays



Typical student bedroom with installed gypsum board



The old sheet metal grease filter trays



The exterior of the elevator shaft with its scratch coat of plaster



Interior of the elevator shaft with gypsum board and taped

