

Provincials Letter

November 1, 2012

Solemnity of All Saints

It has been said that Don Bosco advises us to avoid politics. What can that mean as we here in the US face an election day next Tuesday?

Our entire educational and evangelical mission is to form honest citizens and good Christians. Honest citizens vote. As Catholic Christians we cannot disengage and remain uninvolved in the big discussions about taxes, unemployment, healthcare, immigration, the economy.

As important as it is to vote, we must go beyond the campaign rhetoric and reflect on the issues and political choices. We ought to study the issues

well before heading to the polls, forming our positions carefully, not according to party affiliation, but according to the Gospel. Yes, communities ought to discuss the candidates, the issues, the propositions, the referendums, all in an atmosphere of attentive listening, respect for other views, and search for the common good.

The US bishops have published a handy document that we ought to reflect on, *Forming Consciences for faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility*. “The document does not offer a voter’s guide, scorecard of issues or direction on how to vote.” Rather it gives us a chance for a new kind of political engagement, an engagement shaped by the moral convictions of well formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being.

So I encourage us all to vote, but to vote in a prepared and informed way, a way informed not only by study and reflection but also by prayer. As Salesians we are about the transformation of society into, as we say in our daily prayer to St. John Bosco after spiritual reading, “a

civilization of love.”

And finally, I urge myself and everyone to enter this process with great openness to one another, especially to those who take different positions from ours. Discussing politics can lead to arguments. This is what Don Bosco advised against, but on the other hand he also said “In those things which are for the benefit of young people in danger or which serve to win souls for God, I push ahead even to the extent of recklessness” (C 19).

This Tuesday’s local, state and national elections offer us Salesians a moment in which to grow one in heart and soul with each another, and at the same time to contribute to the transformation of society for the good of the young and the poor.

Sincerely,

Rev. Timothy Ploch, SDB
Provincial

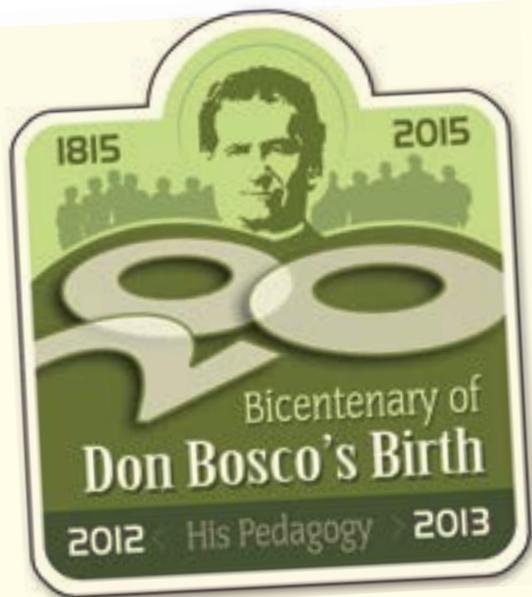
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**“Rejoice in the Lord
always. I will say it again:**

Rejoice!”

Education of the heart

In recent decades perhaps the new generations of Salesians feel at a little bit of a loss faced with the older formulations of the Preventive System: is it because they do not know how to apply it today, or because they unconsciously imagine it as a “paternalistic rapport” with the young? On the contrary, when we look at Don Bosco seen in his lived reality, we discover in him an instinctive and brilliant surmounting of a paternalism in education which was instilled largely by the pedagogy of the preceding centuries (1500-1700).

We might ask ourselves: *do the young and adults today enter, or can they enter into the heart of the Salesian educator? What do they find there? A technocrat, an able but empty communicator, or a rich, complete humanity, one enlivened by the grace of Jesus Christ, in the Mystical Body, etc.?*

Fr. Pascual Chavez, SDB

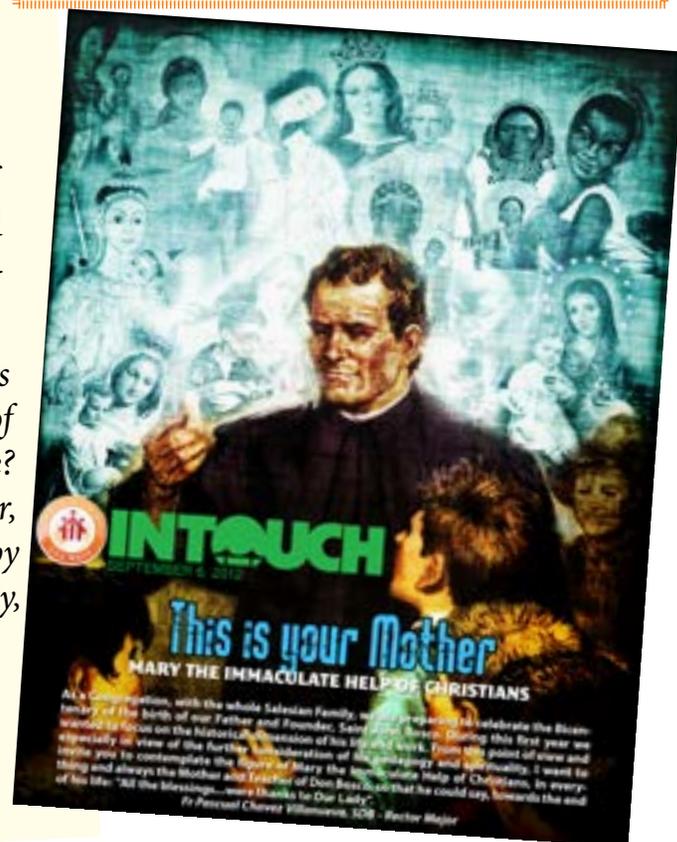
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PROVINCIAL'S CALENDAR

*Year
of Faith*

November 2012

- 1 Members Meeting,
St. Francis High School, Watsonville
- 2 Review Board Meeting
- 3-6 Office Days
- 7-9 Provincial Council Meeting,
Camp St. Francis
- 10 Bosco Fest, Richmond
- 11-13 Office Days
- 14 West Contra Costa Salesian
B&GCA Board Meeting
- 15 Office Days



Provincial Council Meeting

October 1 – 3, 2012

Agenda Summary

Location: Don Bosco Tech, Rosemead

1. Shared Reflections

Fr. Tim Ploch led personal reflections on the four sections of the letter of Fr. Pascual Chavez on *Mary the Immaculate Help of Christians*.

2. Province Delegations

The Council discussed the reorganization of the two delegations: *Social Communication* and *The S Programs*. Both the leadership of the delegations and the supporting committees were approved.

3. Invited Speakers

- a) Jose Lucero: Covering both topics, Jose Lucero reflected with the Council on preparation for the coming Provincial Chapter, April 1-5, 2013. Along with a time-line of deadlines to prepare for the Chapter, the election of the local community delegates for the Chapter will be held in the month of October. Vocation Ministry: Jose Lucero intends to visit each community and review the local vocation plan. A discernment weekend will be scheduled when De Sales Hall is open and ready.

- b) Juan Carlos Montenegro: Juan Carlos led a discussion of several topics: (1) Preparation for the regional meeting of provincials in Rosemead is complete. (2) A Salesian Mission rosary Day is scheduled for Oct. 15, 2012. (3) A discussion on the steps required for the placement of a Volunteer in the province. (4) The conference in Quito on the importance of a missionary culture within the province.

4. Formation

Nick Reina introduced these topics: (a) Summer evaluations of Salesians in initial formation. (b) Report on the regional meeting of province formation delegates in Santo Domingo. (c) Salesian summer retreats.

5. Finances/Administration

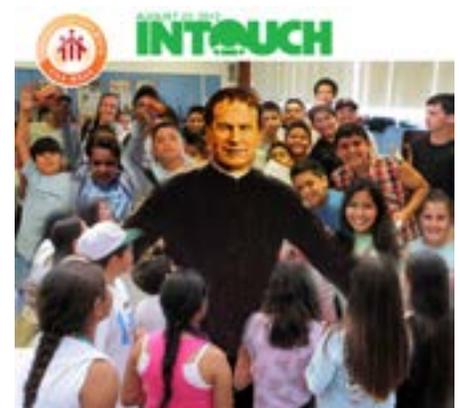
Joseph Farias led a discussion of these topics: (a) The organization and funding of a pilgrimage to places of Salesian heritage in 2015. (b) Financial arrangements in the houses of formation. (c) Information on the newly reorganized Province Finance Advisory Committee.

6. Preparation for the Extraordinary Visitation

Along with the reports for the individual communities of the province, the over-all view of the province is being prepared by provincial council members: Tom Mass on the geographic, social conditions of California and Texas; T. Prendiville, a history of the province and charts; Tim Ploch on the implementation of the last extraordinary visit and structures. A revised draft will follow. Next month will include Formation by Nick Reina and Youth Ministry by Al Vu.

7. Other topics

Personnel; Coming Events; Evaluation of Leadership Meeting, Sept. 17; Province committee for the Bicentenary; Care Ministry.





**Thank you
letters from
the Provincials
who participated
in our Inter-America
Meeting**

Our Province Rocks!!!

**Thank you
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Fr. Santo from Peru wrote: "Once again, thank you to the entire province for all their kindness. This experience has been something really beautiful and well organized. This was truly Salesian"

Fr. John Jairo from Colombia Medellin wrote: "Thank you so much to all the people who organized this meeting. To all of you many blessings from above! The fruits from this meeting are fraternity, good environment, happiness, work ... Salesianity! Everything was excellent."

Fr. Cleo from Mexico-Guadalajara wrote: "The San Francisco Province has made us feel at home and really happy. The things I have to thank the province for are limitless. You made us feel good in the middle of the work and this family dynamic that we lived as provincials was great"



Fr. Cristobal from Bolivia wrote: "I just gave the good night to the pre-novitiates and I shared with them that the thing that I valued the most in this meeting was the whole participation of the Salesian communities and the Salesian family. Thank you so much"

You may NOT want to read this one...

Dear brothers and sisters,

This past week has been a blessing for all of the provincials from our InterAmerica region, as well as for all of us in the province of San Francisco. The generous hospitality that was shown to the provincials of our region by our various communities and different branches of the Salesian Family has caused me to reflect and be grateful for the gift of so many in their energy, willingness, and love shown to the provincials and their meeting.

In particular I would like to thank the team that Fr. Tim appointed to work alongside me to host this meeting: Fr. Joseph Paradayil, Bro. Tom Mass, Bro. Al Vu, and Myriam Rodriguez. Since February, this team met to brainstorm, plan, and prepare that every detail for the provincials meeting would be ready. Along the way the team expanded and we invited Lisa Dreyer and Gina Robles to collaborate.

No sooner did these brainstorms of ideas become reality. Homemade ethnic foods by different groups of the Salesian Family were being prepared not only to quench the appetite of the provincials, but also to introduce to them to the rich cultural diversity of our province. Special souvenirs and gifts from our schools, parishes, and various people of generous heart were gathered to be given as reminders of our strong identity as Salesians. Menus for dinners by our local communities were drawn up to help the provincials gather to not only to unwind after a long day of work, but also to come to know the good work we are doing on behalf of the young in this province.

Finally, letters from our young people welcoming the provincials to our province were collected; this by far was one of their favorite gifts!

All of this may sound impossible, but we are Salesian and with that we enlisted over 75 volunteers. YES, 75 people came together to help make this meeting the best ever. I cannot thank all these amazing SALESIAN people enough for their time, availability, love and support. This example of collaboration and love has shown me that when we work together amazing things will happen. This is a hallmark of this province. Whether it be preparing for this meeting of the provincials or the relics of our founder, we as a Salesian family know how to come together and share the gifts we have for the greater good.

I am challenged to imagine if all of us continue to support our future Province events in this very same way what kind of witness then we become for the young and the kind of vocations we will receive because they saw how generous and readily willing people were to give of their lives to the Salesian Mission. I think the Holy Spirit continues to work in our province and it is moments like this that I believe the Spirit is challenging us to find the many opportunities to work alongside each other, share our gifts, and witness our love of Christ to the young.

May each of you be blessed for the generosity you shared with the provincials, whether in small ways or in extraordinary contributions.

Humbly in the Lord's service,

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VOCATION



CULTURE

Diocesan Vocations



coming from

OUR SALESIAN WORKS



Saint John Bosco was reported as saying that one out of every ten Catholic men has a vocation to the priesthood. We could say that he employed the word men in the inclusive sense and say that one out of every ten persons has a specific supernatural calling from God.

It was also known that Don Bosco also sent people to the Diocese and that he knew that not all who considered they had a calling to become Priests were meant to become Salesians.

On Friday October 26, I was honored to attend a Service "Calling of Candidates" to witness two young men who have come from our Salesian works: Nick Tam from St. Bridgets Parish and Justin Ordoeza alumnus from Don Bosco Tech who both were called as candidates today to enter into Theology for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

It was great seeing these guys pursuing their calling to the Priesthood who attest that their vocation was fostered in Nick's case at St. Bridgets and in Justin's case, at Don Bosco Tech.

I think it is great that these two young men are responding to God's call. This gives me great encouragement to see young men responding to God's call even though they may not be joining the Salesians.

Let us continue to pray for Nick and Justin and for all young men considering joining the Priesthood and Religious life.

Blessings,
P. Jose

VOCATION CULTURE



Benito Guerrero, Jr. is a native Texan, born in San Antonio but raised in Austin. He is the eldest of three boys. Both of his younger brothers are married and have children. He has lived his entire life in Texas so being away from home, from his parents, family and friends took some adjusting. But by the grace of God, things get better and better as each day passes.

After several years of discerning

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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



Benito
Guerrero, Jr.
candidate

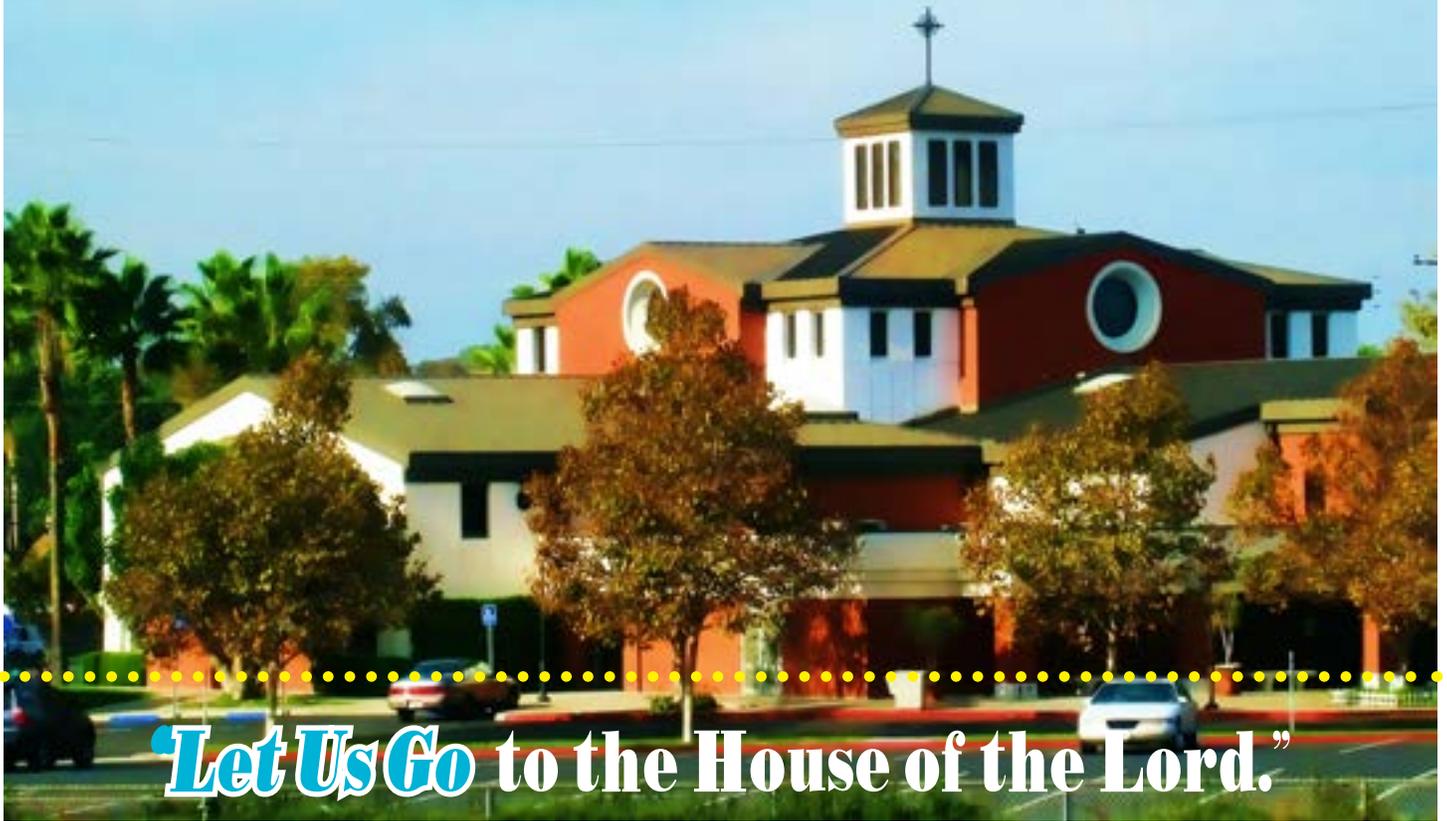
God’s call, Benito decided to enter the candidacy program with the Salesians. Many have found this decision quite surprising, but those of us with faith know that God certainly works in mysterious ways. He was baptized in the Church as a baby but not brought up practicing his faith. It wasn’t until 2005, as an adult, that he received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. From that point on he never left the Church. His adult formation classes were taught by one of the Salesian Sisters. Once Benito received the Sacraments, he immediately become involved in various ministries of the parish. First starting out as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. The Eucharist became extremely important to him and so he sought ways to bring others closer to the Sacrament. Inevitably, he began

helping in the religious education program run by another Salesian Sister. He eventually became a catechist preparing children to receive their First Holy Communion and continued assisting in the program in many ways for the next 7 years.

In working so closely with the Salesian Sisters, Benito learned about St. John Bosco and St. Mary Mazzarello. He quickly fell in love with their enthusiasm for working with the young. He even underwent formation to become a Salesian Cooperator. As the years passed, people would tell him that he should consider joining the priesthood but he would just laugh off their comments. Even though he was extremely involved in parish life there was no way he was going to become a priest. Benito recounts a joke where this is concerned; “How do you make God Laugh? Tell him YOUR plans!”

After much reflection, he began wondering if all these comments were God’s way of “calling” him. He kept it in prayer and spoke to various people and then finally decided to speak to the Salesians about discernment options. Benito is now in the candidacy program in Bellflower discerning God’s call for his life. While it may seem a little bit scary, he encourages all those who may have the slightest feeling that God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life, to follow that call. We pray that God gives Benito and all others the courage and the strength to seek out their vocation.

the 10th Anniversary of the dedication of ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CHURCH



Let Us Go to the House of the Lord.”

On the evening of Friday, October 26th the community of St. Dominic Savio parish celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the dedication of the new church. The church was filled with parishioners, old and new friends. Bishop Alexander Salazar was the main celebrant. It was also a great privilege to have the Provincials from the Inter-American Region present concelebrating the Mass as well.

The celebration began with a beautiful liturgical dance by students from St. Dominic Savio school. They danced to the song “Go Light Your World.” Which seamlessly lead to the lighting of the four candles located in each of the corners of the church. In his homily, Bishop Salazar reminded us that like our baptism, after the construction of a new worship space, the church also gets “baptized.” When we are baptized, we receive the anointing of the Holy Chrism and so does the altar of the new church. We receive a candle to remind us to continue to look to Jesus as the light of the world and the church also receives a candle so that all

who enter the sacred space are reminded to keep the love for Jesus enkindled in our hearts.

A true sense of unity and family spirit was palpable and very much filled the church. I was moved when during the prayers of the faithful, the response was recited in four different languages. Thus symbolizing the various cultures that make up the parish community. The preparing of the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist was another touching moment. Various members of the community brought forth beautiful ethnic cloths to adorn the altar, which to me was yet another sign that each of our cultural backgrounds is like a delicate thread that when weaved together make a beautiful quilt.

While there were many poignant moments throughout the evening’s celebration, one of my favorites was seeing Fr. Ted Montemayor and Fr. Gael Sullivan up at the altar during the consecration. It only seemed fitting since Fr. Gael was responsible for the construction

of the church 10 years ago and now Fr. Ted is charged with continuing that legacy.

The music throughout the liturgy was very uplifting and vibrant. Many commented on how much the music added to an already spectacular event. Those in attendance were fortunate enough to have the choir and cantors among us utilizing their talents in order to honor and praise God.

After Mass, outside the church we were greeted by a mariachi band and folklorico dancers, which would be the entertainment for the evening. Everyone began to make their way to the parish center to enjoy a variety of dishes prepared by the various parish ministries.

Many acknowledgments to everyone involved in the night's planning and especially to those who helped make the construction of the new church possible were made at the end of Mass, which reminds us that alone we can do nothing, but with God all things are possible. In the spirit of gratitude, let us keep the parish community of St. Dominic Savio in prayer, so that they may deepen the sense of unity amongst all parishioners. For all the intentions of the parish community, let us ask our Heavenly Father to continue to:

*Óyenos Señor;
Dinggin mo kami;
Xin nham loi chúng con;
Hear our prayer, O Lord.*

- Benito Guerrero, Jr.



The sharing of the Word of God.



The students of St. Dominic Savio school performing their liturgical dance at the beginning of the Eucharistic Celebration.



The choir, who provided excellent music fitting for the evening's celebration.



Various parish community members about to process in with the tapestries that will be placed on the altar.



Members of the parish bring in the offertory gifts.

Salesians of USA West and the visiting Provincials of the Inter-American Region concelebrating Mass.



Fr. Gael Sullivan, Former Pastor of St. Dominic Savio Parish.



Father Tim Ploch introducing each of the visiting Provincials.



What a beautiful message relayed in the form of dance.



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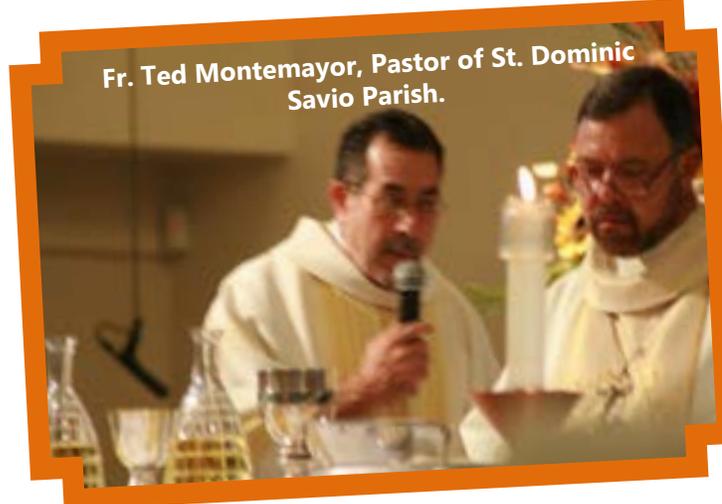
Bishop Alexander Salazar delivering his poignant homily.



Parishioners readying themselves to place the final linen upon the altar.



Fr. Ted Montemayor, Pastor of St. Dominic Savio Parish.



Fr. Leo Baysinger, Former Associate Pastor of St. Dominic Savio Parish.



Saints Peter & Paul

Community Celebrates the Feast of Blessed Michael Rua

By Bro. Joseph Lockwood, SDB

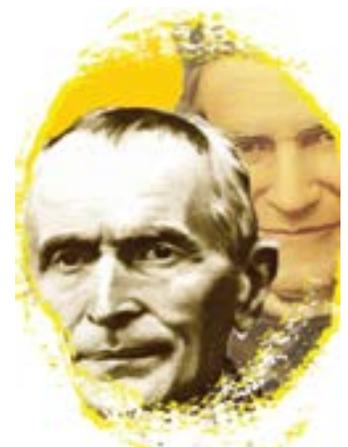


The first Salesians to the United States: Seated left to right: Fr. Raphael Piperni, (first Director and Pastor of SS Peter and Paul Church, San Francisco) leader of the expedition; Blessed Michael Rua, St. John Bosco's successor; Fr. Valentino Cassini (first pastor of Corpus Christi Church, San Francisco); Standing: Seminararian Brother Joseph Oreni; Coadjutor Brother Nicholas Imielinski.

Blessed Michael Rua is very close to the Saints Peter & Paul Community, Fr. John Itzaina, the Director and Pastor, explained to the parishioners at the Mass of Blessed Michael Rua. It was Don Rua who, in 1895, had summoned Father Raphael Piperni to Turin, Italy, and given him the assignment to come to San Francisco, California, and begin the Salesian apostolate with the Italian immigrants.

In 1897 the first Salesian work in the United States was founded right here. In gratitude the community celebrated the Feast of Blessed Michael Rua.

What does Don Rua teach us? How was he able to rise to the glory of paradise and to the exaltation that the Church gives to him today? Just by teaching us to be continuers; that is, followers, pupils, teachers, if you like, provided we are disciples of a higher Teacher. **Pope Paul VI**



San Antonio, TEXAS

Salesian Family

DON BOSCO, the educator

Oct. 27, 2012



By Maria Elena Vasquez

Our first Salesian Family Day was held at St. John Bosco Elementary in San Antonio, Texas on October 27, 2012. Present at the event were about 125 people from several different communities and ministries. Attendees from the Salesian Family were members from the SDBs, FMA, Salesian Cooperators, ADMA, Past Pupils, VIDES, teachers and staff from Salesian schools, catechists who work closely with the Sisters and a Spanish speaking ministry group from Austin called Jornada Juvenil who listened to Sr. Dolores Riojas translate the event's main presentation.

We gathered in the school gym where we listened to joyful music playing in the background and watched a slide show of the activities which had taken place in different branches of our Salesian family. We enjoyed refreshments and hot chocolate provided by Salesian Cooperators, Martin & Irma Bijarro from San Antonio, who later also provided a delicious Tex-Mex lunch. Many were happily catching up with old friends, however, most of us were being introduced to members we've heard stories about but never had the privilege to meet until this day. It truly was a family reunion! It was touching to see past pupils recognize their past educators as they greeted the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians who now reside in the Provincial House nearby.

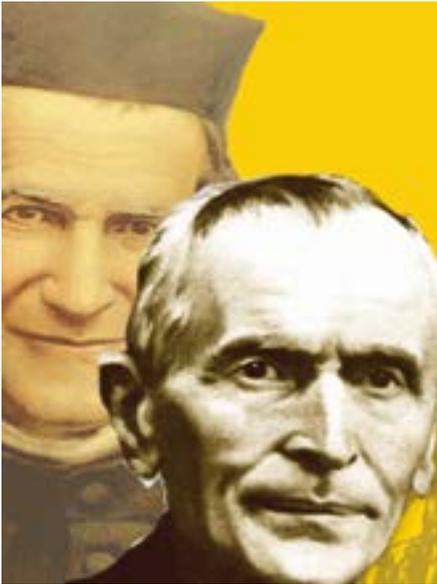
The master of ceremonies, Claudia Jimenez, from Laredo, expressed our gratitude to our Heavenly Father as she lead us in a song, "This is the Day". United in Mary, we prayed with Sr. Theresa Sironi and listened to a reading from the Gospel of Luke 1:46.

Sr. Patricia King introduced our guest speaker, Fr. Joe Boenzi, who was brought to us, via Skype,

from Rome. We received him with a warm Texas greeting. In his presentation, he painted the vivid images of the economical, political, industrial, social and spiritual circumstances Don Bosco faced among the people of Italy during his ministry. He also explained how Don Bosco created a sense of unity by drawing the youth to our Blessed Mother. With her help, the youth became honest citizens and good Christians. After Fr. Boenzi's presentation, we were given an opportunity to break into small groups where we shared any insights from what we've learned and formulated questions for further information about how Don Bosco accomplished so much with the youth and overturned so much corruption in businesses and how we can apply these lessons to our present time.

The event was closed with a short walk to the chapel at the Provincial House where we celebrated the Holy Mass. Our celebrant was Fr. Michael Gergen who joined us from the only Salesian parish in the state of Texas, San Luis Rey parish in Laredo. Just as we opened this day, with our Blessed Mother, Fr. Mike invited us to look at Mary to imitate her in her service and to place our trust in her just as St. John Bosco did.

We thank God for such a successful event and pray for the intercession of the Blessed Mother and Don Bosco as we continue side by side in spreading the Salesian Spirituality wherever we go. Every attendee played a very important role in making this a successful event and we appreciate everyone's presence. We look forward to doing this again next year.



Don Rua: Loyalty and Kindness Lead to Grand Works!

By Benito Guerrero, Jr.

This past Monday, October 29th marked the Feast Day of Blessed Michael Rua. In order to celebrate this important member of the Salesian Family, the candidates were asked to present various aspects of Don Rua's life to the De Sales Hall and St. John Bosco communities. Also present were the Salesian Sisters and the Postulants from St. Dominic Savio.

Throughout the course of the presentation, we learned that when young Michael Rua first met Don Bosco, he was told by Don Bosco that they would go halves in everything. While Michael Rua didn't fully understand what that meant at the time, he would eventually come to find out God's plan for him and we would come to know how important he would be to Don Bosco and the entire Salesian Family. Michael Rua would come to stay at the Oratory in order to begin

his studies for the priesthood. Soon he would become the spiritual director of the Salesians before even being ordained a priest himself. Once ordained, he would become the first member of the Salesians and even accompanied Don Bosco to Rome to meet with Pope Pius IX in order to present Don Bosco's plans of starting a religious congregation. Don Rua quickly became extremely important to Don Bosco and vice versa. Don Bosco became a model for Don Rua, he admired Don Bosco's works and actions. Don Bosco entrusted the boys of the Oratory only to Don Rua's care. Don Rua often-times would even have to take over Don Bosco's own duties.

As the years progressed Don Bosco began to worry about who would carry on his works, but I'm sure he knew that Don Rua was more than capable.

However, just to be sure, Don Bosco sent Don Rua to Mirabello as Rector of the Salesian school. It was during this time that Don Rua began to fully embody the spirit of Don Bosco. It was said that in Mirabello Don Rua acted just as Don Bosco did in Turin. The children flocked to Don Rua just as they did with Don Bosco. It appeared that Don Rua was doing remarkable work, however, he would soon be called to return to Turin.

Upon his return, Don Bosco quickly began to hand over much of the day-to-day responsibilities to Don Rua. It was obvious, with Don Bosco's declining health, that he was grooming Don Rua to be his successor. Sure enough, in 1888, Pope Leo XIII, at Don Bosco's request, named Don Rua as Rector Major. Don Rua would hold this office longer than other other successor to date.

Don Rua's humility and kindness and his desire to carry on the work that Don Bosco began lead to increased vocations, increased numbers of Salesian communities and the creation of more provinces. In fact, because of Don Rua's works and accomplishments, Pope Paul VI said at Don Rua's beatification ceremony that: "The Salesian Family owes its origin to Don Bosco, to Fr. Rua its continuation... he developed the Saint's example into a school, his Rule into a spirit, his holiness into a model. He turned the spring into a river."

We certainly owe a debt of gratitude to Don Bosco for starting the Salesian Family, but also to Don Rua for courageously embodying the spirit of Don Bosco and furthering the entire Salesian movement.

a little miracle in this **Year of Faith**

Fr. Jim Nieblas, SDB



As we come to the end of the football season and the month of the rosary, I would like to share with you a little miracle which took place after one of the football games at Bishop Mora Salesian High School.

At present our record is 7 wins and 1 loss. The head coach of the football team is Mr. Roddy Hiatt who does an outstanding ministry, along with the other coaches on staff here at Salesian. Mr. Hiatt is a very devoted person to Our Lady of the Rosary, and before and after each game the whole team says the rosary.

So after our victory over Whittier Christian High School, the team was reciting the rosary and they

were on the third decade. Leading the rosary was a student, Moses Dominguez, who is the team manager and aspires to be a priest someday. Moses asked Mr. Hiatt what the intention for the third decade should be, Coach said, "For a safe trip home." Some moments after a car suddenly blocked the bus



and the driver ran out. The coach told the team to stay in the bus and after a short conversation with the driver, the coach ran back and told the team, "the bus is on fire.. .get out!!". The team moved fast and I believe our Blessed Mother kept them all safe. The bus was not totaled but it was a late night for the members of the team.

Was this a miracle? Well to our students, staff and myself it was Our Lady and Don Bosco protecting our boys. In this Year of Faith and Evangelization our students, along with their teachers and parents have had their faith renewed in this little life moment situation.

Opting for the poor

E.L.A. Salesian Youth Movement

Serving the least

In E.L.A. our youth leaders are on the move in our option for the poor and the least. Starting this school year, our leaders have organized various projects that will be taking place throughout the year.

Our kick off was at the L.A. AIDS WALK 2012. In which we fundraised \$500 for Project L. A.'s cure for AIDS. We also had our highest participation of 45 youth walking 9miles to support this effort.

Following that week we made a monthly commitment with our sister parish Dolores Mission a Jesuit parish that is pretty much a leader on helping the poor and homeless.

Dolores Mission hosts a men's shelter every day starting with a hot meal and prayer. Our Salesian Youth Movement at the parish and clubs started by hosting a pozole and horchata dinner. The men at the shelter were impressed to see our young people so humble and friendly.

Our young people are enjoying this new area of ministry at our parish that focuses on a living gospel and walking the talking of our faith.

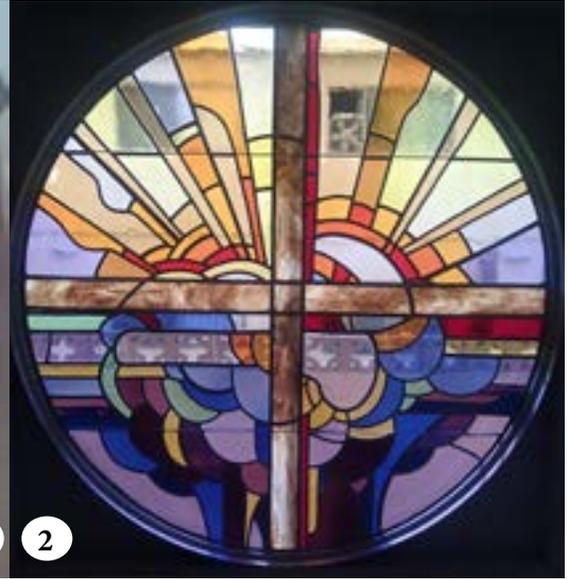
Enjoy the pics and keep our ministry for the poor in your prayers.



Ministries in the Southland, if you would like to join us in our monthly service to the poor, please contact Gaby for more info.

By: Bro. Joseph Lockwood, SDB

finally **SCE** showed up! DE SALES HALL, BELLFLOWER



1. Wood panel in the chapel refinished.
2. Stained glass window: The stain glass window for the Blessed Sacrament Altar (installed)
3. SCE crew installing the new transformer.

Tuesday (October 30, 2012) the SCE construction crew showed up to provide power for De Sales Hall. The work began with the running of high voltage lines from the power pole to the transformer. The crew installed the necessary conduits to the pole and pulled the wires to the transformer. Once the transformer is installed, the high voltage lines and the lines from the meter panel will be connected to the transformer. Then the switch will be turned on. We will see.

In the meantime, the painters have refinished the wood panels and done all the touch up in the chapel. The chapel is now ready for the carpeting. The door stops have also been installed in the rooms.

The Public Works up-grades (the entrance apron for the parking lot, the removal of the apron in front of the pedestrian' gate and sidewalk repairs) have begun.

Now it is time to schedule all the different inspections.



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



PETER NGUYEN NGO
October 26, 2012
brother-in-law of Fr. Peter Bui, SDB

TIMOTHY WONG
October 28, 2012
DBTI alumnus
youngest son of Maria Wong.
Salesian Cooperator



MEMORIAL MASS
for
**Deacon
Michael Doherty**



WHEN:
November 10, 2012
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Saturday
TIME:
1:00pm
WHERE:
**Holy Name
of Jesus Church
1555 - 39th Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94122**

We continue to pray for
our brother Michael

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR SICK**



Odila Martinez
96 years of age
mother of Bro. Ernest Martinez, SDB

Doris Roche
mother of Fr. John Roche, SDB

Gina Robles
Youth Ministry Office

Bro. Tony Freitas, SDB
hospitalized

Ray MacRae
severe stroke
father of Aline Cox
longtime Edmonton supporter



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INTENSIVE SALESIAN COURSES



SALESIAN PEDAGOGY

JAN 7-11
5pm-8:30pm

**Education & Evangelization:
Girls & Young Women**

JAN 14-18
5pm-8:30pm

**Education & Evangelization:
Boys & Young Men**

Berkeley, CA

For the Salesian Family, the entire academic year 2012-2013 is dedicated to the study of St. John Bosco's Educational Methodology, a Salesian Pedagogy. Therefore, the Institute of Salesian Studies is offering two week-long intensive courses. The first week presents a pedagogical approach to the education and evangelization of girls & young women, and the second week for boys & young men.

Although these two weeks of courses stand on their own, the two weeks are designed to complement each other. You may register for one or two weeks.

Week One

Sr. Ann Cassidy, FMA draws upon the research of contemporary educators, as well as her own years of experience, to highlight the effectiveness of Salesian pedagogy, as well as to tailor its educational methods to the education of girls & young women.

Week Two

Fr. John Serio, SDB, tailors his course toward the Salesian educational and evangelical approach for boys & young men.

Continuing Education/Graduate UNITS

If you wish to take these courses for graduate or continuing education units, email:

info@salesianstudies.org

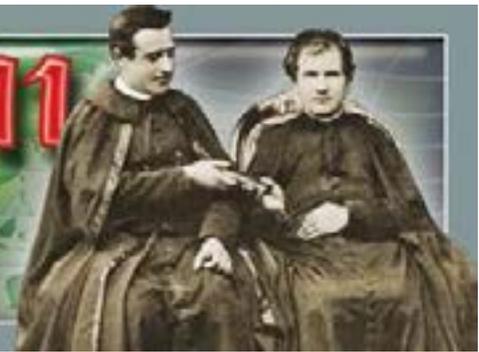
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CAGLIERO 11

Newsletter for Salesian Missionary Animation



A Publication of the Mission Department for the Salesian Communities and Friends of the Salesian Mission

Migrants: brothers & sisters to be welcomed & a resource for the Congregation

Dear Salesian missionaries and friends of the Salesian Missions!

At the end of November the Provincials of Europe will meet for the fourth time. **Project Europe**, launched in 2008 has already produced some fruits for the revitalisation of the Salesian charism and the new evangelisation of the Old Continent. Among the topics for discussion is also the result of the research on the **Salesian commitment for migrants in Europe**. According to official statistics, there are about 40 million migrants in Europe: 20 million from other continents, 10 million from countries of the European community, 10 million Gypsies. We Salesians are engaged in various works for migrants.

The Commission for Project



Europe pointed out in 2011 that the **commitment to migrants in Europe is really about revitalising our charism**, a contribution to the new evangelisation, and it provides a resource for endogenous regeneration of our charism. In the same way that Bartholomew Garelli, a young migrant in Turin, marked the beginning of the Salesian mission so was our work for Italians in Argentina the starting point of the Salesian mission *ad gentes*. **Some fundamental insights** could help inspire the journey of the 28 Provinces of Europe: the work with migrants is a prophetic field to become credible in front of the Church; it is a humanitarian witness - visible to non-believers; it is a vocational field; it is a new field for learning how to work in synergy; it is a field with the full involvement of the laity; it could easily involve other

Provinces outside Europe in the context of Project Europe. It is also a field of formation and specific preparation of the Salesians.

A European missionary in the Italian Salesian Bulletin of July 2012 wrote about Nicolas, a boy from Ghana who, though economically poor, prays for the evangelisation of Europe! Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by the dynamics of a quickly changing world! The migrants present in Europe are brothers and sisters to be welcomed and a resource for the Church and for the Congregation.

Václav Klement

Fr. Václav Klement, SDB
Councillor for the Missions

NOVEMBER - Upcoming Events

- 5-9 > Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Study Days on the Initial Proclamation of Christ in Africa and Madagascar
- 10-12 > Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Meeting of PDMA of Africa and Madagascar
- 24 > Macas, Ecuador: Beatification Sr. Maria Troncatti



All previous issues of "Cagliero 11" are available at purl.org/sdb/sdl/Cagliero

Don Bosco wanted his Congregation to be profoundly missionary

The 11th of November is a powerful reminder about the missionary dimension of our Congregation. All members of the Church, by baptism, are called upon to live her missionary dimension. This does not exclude that some of the baptised (lay, consecrated, priests) may dedicate themselves to the missionary activity of the Church. Indeed, our Salesian vocation places us at the heart of the Church (*Const.6*) which is missionary by her very nature (*Ad Gentes*, 2).

At Valdocco Don Bosco's ministry to young people was deeply permeated by the missionary dimension as a dynamism that animated all his endeavours. He used the means of communication of his time to spread the faith and make known the Congregation's missionary activities. This missionary zeal - synthesised in *Da mihi Animas* - was the animating force which undergirded all his initiatives: «He took no step, he said no word, he took up no task that was not directed to the saving of the young... Truly the only concern of his heart was for souls» (Don Rua). It is in this light, that immediately after the approval of the Constitutions (1874), on 11 November 1875, he sent the first missionary expedition.

Don Bosco handed on to us this missionary ideal as a constitutive element of his spiritual and apostolic heritage. Thus, the Special General Chapter had emphasised that the missionary dimension is an «essential part of our charism». To keep this missionary ardour alive it also insisted that «right from the very beginning of their formation we should present to young Salesians the missionary ideal in an objective and attractive manner, clearly demonstrating its value. We should spread the knowledge of and promote the missionary undertakings of our Congregation; we should study the lives and the personalities of our great missionaries, and above all we should cultivate the apostolic zeal and spirit of supernatural generosity which forms the foundation of every missionary vocation» (*SCG*, 476).

The missionary dimension of the Salesian charism does not preclude but actually implies that there are Salesians who have a specific vocation to be engaged in the missionary apostolate among those who have not yet heard the Gospel and where the Church is not yet fully established (*ad gentes*), or where there is an abandonment of the faith, outside their own homeland, cultural milieu and language group (*ad exteros*), through a life-long commitment (*ad vitam*). A Salesian who feels called to be a missionary should seek, first of all, the help of a spiritual guide to discern the call of God, purify and deepen his own motivations, ascertain his qualities and attitudes in view of determining his basic suitability for Salesian missionary life. This is the initial and most important step in the process of missionary discernment that will lead to the writing of the letter offering oneself to the Rector Major to be a missionary which will conclude with the giving of the missionary cross and missionary send off.

Fr. Alfred Maravilla, SDB
Missions Department



Members of the 143rd Salesian Missionary Expedition



Salesian Missionary Intention

The animation of Project Europe in all the 28 Provinces of Europe

That Project Europe may open new horizons and stir up new hopes to foster the endogenous revitalisation of the Salesian charism in the continent.

In the last five years all the Provinces of Europe began the process to revitalise the Salesian charism in Europe from within. Thus new horizons were opened for 6,300 confreres present in the continent. The Committee for Project Europe which meets every six months and the Assembly of the Provincials of Europe which meets every two years - have identified two specific topics of this process. Besides the Salesian contribution for the new evangelisation of young people it aims at more focused commitment for young migrants and their families in Europe. There are about 40 million migrants in Europe (20 million came to Europe from other continents, 10 million moved within the continent and about 10 million Gypsies - Roma) most of them are Christians.

