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MONTREAL St. Joseph. Bro. Robert continues to work at McGill's Newman Centre with the newly appointed director Mr. Richard Bernier. semester he is coordinating a special event entitled "The Many Faces of Modernity: A Colloquium with Charles Taylor" in which students from McGill and other Canadian and American universities will explore how the different facets of modernity preoccupying today's youth (e.g., authenticity, self-determination, individualism and philanthropy) interact with and relate Christianity. Professor Taylor is one of the world's most renowned contributors to philosophy. He will attend the colloquium as a special guest in order to hold a conversation with the participants.

In October, Brother travels with twelve students to New York for a "Christian Heritage Tour" which includes activities ranging from feeding the homeless at Dorothy Day's Catholic Worker Kitchen on 3rd Avenue to attending a special choral concert performed by the boys of Westminster Cathedral Choir, London, at St. Thomas on Fifth Avenue.

In November, on the occasion of the *Massey Lectures* to be given by Margaret Somerville, Bro. Robert will be coordinating a Speakers' Forum where professors from various faculties will listen with students to the radio broadcasts of the lectures in order to animate a discussion afterward. Prof. Somerville's lectures are entitled "*The Ethical Imagination*" and will discuss how we can find a shared ethics for an interdependent world.

Bro. Robert also continues to accompany the youth of Paroisse St-Joseph in their activities. On 6 October the confreres at St-Joseph will prepare a Thanksgiving dinner for the animators of "la pastorale de la jeunesse." On 29 October the youth of St.-Joseph will come together with Maria

Ausiliatrice's *JPII Group* for a day of recreation and prayer to be held at the FMA Camp Tiberiade in the Laurentians.

SURREY, BC. OLGC Elementary School started with a "bang" on September 5 with plenty of youthful energy to spare. There were some new faces both on the teaching staff as well as among the students. All the Salesians were on hand to welcome the children back, as Bro. Steve Aldorasi began his music course at BC University.

Bro. Jerry's 46th anniversary of Vows had him attending the school children's Mass and speaking to them on Sept. 8 as they honoured him with creative, home-made cards. That evening he was present for the Salesian Cooperators' first meeting of the season. Being a member of the Epiphany Sacred Arts Guild, he attended their first meeting of the new season on the next day at St. Jude's Parish, where they will have a Sacred Arts Exhibit mid-October of various works done by their membership.

Sr. Anne Wanner--many Salesians know her for having been at OLGC last summer--who recently celebrated her birthday, received word that her brother, Al Wanner, died at noon on Sept. 9 in Chilliwack, BC. Bro. Jerry, the Principal of OLGC School, a Salesian Cooperator and a few parishioners represented the parish community in attending the funeral.

<u>Mabuhay--</u>Gawad Kalinga (GK), translated into English means "to give care," and it is an alternative solution to the blatant problem of poverty, not just in the Philippines but the world over. Its approach is integrated, holistic and sustainable: a concrete action plan to rebuild the nation by harnessing the best of the Filipino, his faith and patriotism. Recently that organization held its annual

fundraising walk near the Vancouver P.N.E. grounds. Bro. Steve Aldorasi along with our parish youth participated. Many came even though the weather was not welcoming. The money raised goes to build houses in the Philippines.

Bro. Steve and Fr. Jan had their first youth meeting of the new season. The group enjoyed our SDB Vocation CD and an excellent movie on Mother Teresa, which we watched also as a community on our Monday evening film time. All sharing by the young adults was under the delight of a pizza party rendezvous.

Sept. 18 had the whole community at the Vancouver Airport to welcome Fr. John Basso back from his trip home in Italy. Of course he was very tired with the nine hours time difference. Previous to his arrival we spent our "Salesian Monday" with a case study throughout the morning.--Recently we received two Salesian guests: Fr. John Malloy from San Francisco (to do a special Baptism), and Fr. Mario Baclig from the Philippines (to conduct our two day Salesian Educative Pastoral Plan) for the Parish Council and youth representatives to formulate the objectives for OLGC. Some 40 members attended, coming up with a workable Vision-Mission Statement.

Last week Fr. Mario was in Calgary for a little rest and to visit his brother. Bro. Jerry attended the *Parish Liturgy: Celebration of Our Faith* workshop with some of our choir members. The presenter was Fr. Richard Fragomeni from the diocese of Albany, NY. Before pursuing his doctorate he served as Director of the Office of Liturgy and Music. Father's current work is in the field of word and sacrament. The theme for the workshop: *The Ministry of Hospitality.--* Bro. Steve's talents are put to use in the parish, meeting with youth groups and playing the guitar for the Youth Group Choir.

So ends another month in the vineyard of the Lord, as we prepare and look forward to the up-and-coming holiday feast of Thanksgiving.

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SHERBROOKE. Un mois déjà passé depuis le début de l'année scolaire. Tout semble bien en ordre et organisé pour que l'année soit une réussite et pour nos jeunes et pour le personnel. La communauté aussi, en plus de partager diverses activités de la communauté éducative, a son rythme et ses propres activités. À la mi-septembre, nous avons participé à la journée des religieux du diocèse au Sanctuaire de Beauvoir. Le Fr. Cadrin, O.P., de l'Institut de Pastorale de Montréal, était le conférencier invité :L'Avenir de la Vie Religieuse (espoirs et défis).

Plus d'une centaine de paroissiens/nes de Marie-Auxiliatrice à Montréal, sont venus pique-niquer au Camp Savio le jour de la Fête du Travail. Entre la musique, les « bocce » et le BBQ (saucisses italiennes, bien sûr!), tout s'est bien passé, même si le soleil n'était pas de la partie.

La journée officielle de l'accueil pour les étudiants avait lieu le 12 septembre. Cette année, contrairement au passé où les groupes allaient au Camp Savio à tour de rôle, tout s'est déroulé sur place. Et la température a contribué au succès, avec un soleil resplendissant. Notre champ sportif semblait devenu un cirque : des jeux, de la musique, de la bouffe en quantité! De la joie salésienne! Et miracle! Avant que les élèves quittent à la fin de l'après-midi, le champ était propre et bien nettoyé...

Le weekend du 23, nous avons reçu la 1ère visite du Père Provincial depuis sa nomination en août. Au cours d'une assemblée des confrères, il a partagé avec nous des nouvelles concernant la province, ainsi que certains défis auxquels nous devons faire face. Une invitation à souper- à ses frais- Au Vieux Duluth lui a valu ce compliment de la part d'une confrère : « Richard commence très bien son mandat! » Une semaine plus tard, il tenait son 1er conseil provincial au Centre des Jeunes à Montréal. À la mi-octobre, il se trouvera à une provinciaux rencontre des de la Région Interamérique à Porto Rico. La « vie bohémienne » reprend!

Encore cette année s'est tenu le Salon du Bénévolat. Quatorze organismes de la région étaient représentés. Le tout était organisé et coordonné par le P. Alain. Cet événement fournit aux jeunes l'occasion de s'ouvrir à l'engagement social et de s'impliquer dans leur milieu. C'est une part importante de l'éducation intégrale dont il est question dans la vision éducative salésienne.

TORONTO-HAMILTON. The Don Bosco community recently welcomed a young adult, David McConkey, from Ottawa as a boarder for the school year 2006-2007. David has undertaken his first year of teaching at Mary, Mother of God School here in Toronto.--At the recent St. Bernedict Parish retreat as well as at the Salesian Cooperators' first meeting, Fr. George gave a formation session on Don Bosco's Preventive System of Education.

On Sunday September 17, St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish in Hamilton held its annual banquet in honour of its saintly patron. They also celebrated Fr. Ivan Dobersek's 95th birthday (Sept. 7). The pastor Fr. Drago Gacnik had celebrated early the Holy Eucharist in a filled church. He likewise presented a Power Point collection of digital photos of the numerous parish activities. All were entertained also by lively musical compositions during a good part of the afternoon.

Fr. Occhio will undergo his second hip operation on October 11. This past month he has been undergoing various preparatory sessions. We want to assure him of our prayer for a successful operation and a rapid recovery.

A small group of parishioners from St. Benedict's along with Fr. George participated in a liturgical session on Sept. 23 at St. Bonaventure's Church. The session was animated by Fr. J. Glenn Murray S.J., from Cleveland, Ohio. All 350 participants left the session refreshed, reenergized and reinvigorated after Fr. Murray's dynamic and original presentation on the Ordinary Time of the liturgical calendar.

Nominations chez les salésiens de Don Bosco

Le supérieur général des salésiens, Don Pascual Chavez, vient de nommer le nouveau supérieur provincial pour le Canada. Il s'agit du Père Richard Authier, âgé de 58 ans; il succède au Père Luc Lantagne qui vient de terminer un mandat de 6 ans. Il a aussi approuvé les membres de son conseil : les Pères Roméo Trottier, vicaire provincial, Joseph Costamagna, économe et le frère Bernard Dubé, conseiller chargé de la pastorale jeunesse. Le charisme des salésiens s'exerce principalement auprès des jeunes, même lorsqu'ils ont la charge pastorale d'une paroisse. Les œuvres, francophones et anglophones, de la Province St-Joseph se situent à Montréal, Sherbrooke, Toronto, Hamilton, Edmonton et Vancouver. Ils tiendront un Chapitre provincial au printemps 2007, en préparation au Chapitre général qui se déroulera à Rome en 2008. Le thème de ce Chapitre--Da mihi animas, caetera tolle--(Donnemoi des âmes, ôte-moi le reste) se veut un approfondissement de la passion apostolique du fondateur. « Ce sera une invitation aux membres de la famille salésienne à retourner auprès des jeunes par une nouvelle évangélisation et sur de nouvelles frontières.» précise la communauté dans un communiqué.

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The World Congress for Salesian Cooperators is to be held in Rome at the Salesianum, November 9-12. The goal is to share and approve "ad experimentum" the Project of Apostolic Life (PAL), as the Salesians did for their own Rule of Life in 1984. That congress is the equivalent of a General Chapter. Three delegates from Canada will be attending: Pierre Larocque, national coordinator, Sr. Micheline Bertrand, FMA delegate and Carla Comin, from Surrey, BC, chosen as delegate-at-large to represent the English-speaking Region.

The Salesian communities are invited to pray this special prayer for the success of the congress at least once a week in community. And why not more often, in community or individually, in communion with our brothers and sisters Cooperators?

PRAYER FOR COOPERATORS' WORLD CONGRESS

Don Bosco,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Lord In contemplating the great gift given to the Church Through you, the founder of the Salesian Family. You have been given us by the Lord as Father and Teacher And you built up a vast movement of people

Who, in different ways, are working for the salvation of the young.

In this your family, you have desired

That along with consecrated Salesians, the Cooperators be at work;

committed laity and secular clergy,

Who, living out the same Salesian vocation in the world, are the expression of your fatherly love In all of life's settings: the family, school, work, society and Church.

Help us, through witness and apostolic activity, To be new evangelizers

Offering the world and especially the young The experience of a life that is fulfilled and happy, rich in authentic values, inspired by the message of the Gospel.

May we know how to accept with joy and energy The renewed project of apostolic Salesian life For the glory of God and the salvation of souls. AMEN

Prière à Don Bosco pour le Congrès Mondial des Coopérateurs

DON BOSCO,

Notre coeur est plein de gratitude envers le Seigneur dans la contemplation d'un si grand don qui est fait à l'Église à travers toi, fondateur de la Famille Salésienne.

Tu nous as été donné par le Seigneur comme Père et Maître, et tu as créé un vaste mouvement de personnes qui, de façons diverses, oeuvrent au salut de la jeunesse.

Dans cette famille qui est tienne, tu as voulu qu'à côté des Salésiens consacrés, oeuvrent les Coopérateurs, laïcs engagés et prêtres séculiers,

qui, vivant dans le monde la même vocation salésienne, soient l'expression de ton amour de Père dans tous les milieux de vie : la famille, l'école, le travail, la société et l'Église.

Fais que, à travers le témoignage et l'action apostolique, nous puissions être de nouveaux évangélisateurs qui offrent au monde et par-dessus tout à la jeunesse l'expérience d'une vie pleine et heureuse, riche des valeurs authentiques inspirées du message évangélique. Fais que nous puissions accepter avec élan et joie le projet salésien renouvelé de vie apostolique pour la gloire de Dieu et le salut des âmes. Amen

INTERVIEW: with Bro. Bernie Dubé.

Brother Bernie Dubé has been in the Salesian community of Toronto for the past 17 years. He has been recently named on the Provincial Council of the Salesians of Canada, in charge of vocational and youth ministry.

Can you tell us something about your family and childhood?

I was born on March 19, 1949, in Lewiston, Maine, USA, of Emile J. Dubé and Pauline Baillargeon Dubé. I have three older brothers and a younger brother who is also a Salesian brother in the New Rochelle, NY Province.

I was educated by the St Joseph Sisters of Lyon, France at Holy Family Catholic School, Grades 1-4. We then moved and I attended St. Peter's School from Grades 5-7. Then I attended a private Catholic boarding school, Denis Hall, in Alfred, ME, conducted by the Christian Instruction Brothers for Grades 7-8. I graduated from St. Dominic Regional Catholic High School taught by the Brothers of Sacred Heart, in Lewiston. I entered the Salesians in 1969. made my first vows in 1971 and final vows in 1978.

You come from the State of Maine. How did you learn about the Salesians and what attracted you to join them?

I belonged to the St Dominic Savio Club at St. Peter's School & Denis Hall. I was an officer once. The club was founded in 1954 by the Salesian brother, Michael Frazette in Paterson, NJ. The club grew in leaps and bounds all over USA, Canada, the Philippines and elsewhere. In mid 1960's, it had reached 90,000 members.

You are a coadjutor brother. How do you see your vocation as different from that of the Salesian priest?

As brother I'm free to be more available to the young people I work with, and not being tied down to the Sacramental life that a priest has to offer. The brother vocation and spiritual life is different from that of a priest: Mass, hearing confessions, administering the Sacrament of the sick, etc.

What can you tell us about your Salesian itinerary and what kind of work do you cherish most?

I'm beginning my tenth year as chaplain at Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School. The most cherished work was at St. Benedict Parish, where I was Youth Minister for eight years.

How do you see your task as provincial councillor, with a special attention to youth ministry and vocational animation?

I hope to bring my varied experience: retreat work, parish youth ministry, chaplaincy, day camps, Salesian Leadership Retreat, Youth Rally, WYD, etc. I hope to animate youth ministers, and help young people to discern their vocation.

If you had a couple of things to tell young people, what would you say?

Take courage, persevere in your prayer life, and be of service. And get involved in your school, community and in your parish.

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In October we remember...

Liturgical feasts:

5: Blessed Albert Marvelli

7: Our Lady of the Rosary

11: Blessed John XXIII

13: Blessed Alexandrina da Costa, SC

24: Blessed Louis Guanella

Happy Birthday!

9: G. Costamagna (70th)

10: Jan Staszel

24 Drago Gacnik (50th)

Religious Profession

21: G. Costamagna

Priesthood

9. Mike Pace

