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Dear Fathers, Sisters and Members of the Salesian family,

Allow me first of all to wish you a **HAPPY EASTER**. May the risen Lord be the source of our strength and hope. We are in the season of awe, as once again we not only remember but relive and refresh the mystery of our faith. Truly Christ has died, and He has risen. He lives in glory.

I had the privilege of attending the last meeting of the superiors of our region in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the delegates of all the provinces and delegations. I feel delighted with the solidarity and the enthusiasm of the confreres shown at the meeting and in their interactions with one another. It was an experience of brotherhood and service apart from the sharing and exchange of ideas.

The main topic of our sharing was the rethinking of our Salesian Youth Ministry. All of us reflected and shared on the different kinds of Youth Ministry we are involved in, questioning whether we are effectively evangelizing in our different settings.

Time and again we need to remind ourselves to know and understand the culture of the young of today. We cannot excuse ourselves, saying that we are under the banner of charity, and that we are doing the work of evangelization and everything is alright in our pastoral responsibilities.

An essential element is the need for accompaniment and guidance. There is the need to be prepared in this important role and responsibility. If not, we are losing the ground in our educational endeavor. We therefore need to spend a good amount of time in reflection and discernment.

I would like to invite the Salesians and all the members of the Salesian family to set aside a time to rethinking our salesian youth ministry. The guidelines are already prepared and it will be distributed by the Commission. They can also be found on our website www.sdb.org.

Let this be our response to the gift of love that the Risen Christ bestows to us this Easter time. This can be our contribution for the coming bicentenary celebration of the Birth of Don Bosco.

Wishing you once again the **JOY** of living our faith, knowing and owning the gift of Christ, the gift of life, the gift of love - his resurrection. **VIVA JESU!** God bless you all.

Fr. Raffy Galve sdb, *PNG- SI Delegate*
15th April, 2012

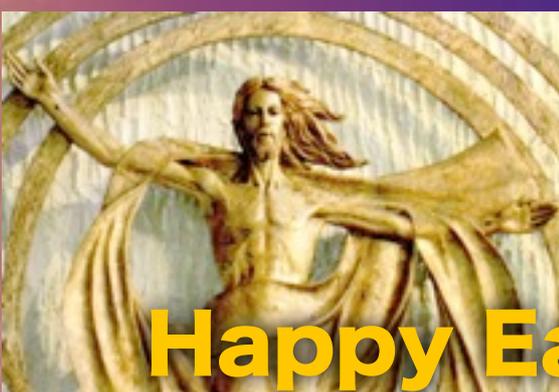


“Let us make the young our life’s mission by coming to know and imitate Don Bosco”

2012 Strenna of the Rector Major,
Fr Pascual Chávez sdb



**Delegation House – Araimiri –
Savio House – DBTI, Boroko –
Gabutu – Kumgi – Vunabosco –
Henderson – Tetere**



May the Radiance of the Lord be upon you!

Happy Easter

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FOR PNG-SI



Assembly: Federation of Religious PNG-SI (FOR-PNGSI)

MADANG -- From March 6-13, the Alexishafen Conference Center in Madang, Papua New Guinea, played host to more than fifty religious major superiors and delegates of the Federation of Religious from Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands (FOR-PNGSI) for their Annual General Assembly. Catholic Religious Australia (CRA) and the Conference of Major Superiors of the Pacific Islands (CMSP) also sent their respective representatives. Fr. Dominic Kachira was the delegate for the SDB while Sr. Alice Fulgencio and Sr. Annie Saligumba represented the FMA. The presence of Bishop Bill Fey, OFM Cap and Bishop Rolando Santos, CM, from the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG-SI as bishops' deputy for Religious confirmed the importance of this gathering.

The theme of this year's encounter was *Leadership for Communion*. The workshop was facilitated by Br. Aengus Kavanagh, fsp, a Patrician Brother and Sr. Leone Pallisier, osu, an Ursuline Sister, both from Sydney. In the four-day workshop they helped the leaders see the importance of leadership from "inside-Out" for the strengthening of communion drawing from the framework of the Program *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey. The contents of the workshop were presented keeping in mind the Melanesian context and the facilitators used a process which was both engaging and dynamic giving a chance for all to share experiences, express

insights, bring out doubts and challenge the group to re-think processes and have a more planning mentality.

The synergy in the group was very much felt throughout the workshop and in the Federation's deliberations of burning issues during the business meeting. The Social night provided a welcome respite from the hard work of the past days and everyone with a talent in singing, dancing, drama, telling stories/ jokes contributed to make the event an unforgettable one. Even the two bishops gamely joined in the fun.

The business meeting was a moment of crucial deliberation and decision-making on some issues and concerns of the Federation which have been dragging on for the past years. Foremost among these issues is the future of Xavier Institute, a Center for ongoing formation of religious women and men. The federation voted on the motion to keep the Center open and for the congregations to take turns in running and staffing the Center. Many other important decisions were reached which will have an impact not only for the Church but for the society as well.

In the concluding Eucharist, Bishop Rolando Santos pointed out the importance of going back to the source of our consecrated life, Jesus, in order that we may be prophetic in our witnessing and life-giving in the mission.



Economers at their meeting

The Economers of the Delegation of PNG-SI met last 9-10 April, 2012.

Unfortunately, the two Economers of Solomon Islands were unable to attend. Six Economers together with Bro Jess Garcia, the Delegation

Economer met at the new renovated conference hall of the Emmaus Conference Centre. Bro. Jess gave a report about the recent meeting they had in Rome with the General Economer, Bro. Paul Muller. He highlighted articles from the Constitutions and Regulations that speak to us about Evangelical Poverty. According to Bro. Jess, Fr. Bregolin gave an input regarding Religious Discipline – to be made use of in the *Scrutinium Paupertatis*. Samples were

POVERTY: a personal choice!

presented and this could be done at the Monthly or quarterly recollections. "If we really want to reflect on how we practice the vow, we should take note that poverty is a personal choice. The example of Christ and Don Bosco is clear", he said. Bro. Jess also made mention about the PNG requirements concerning our administration system like taxation, labor code, registration and Nasfund. On the second day Bro Jess showed us the double-entry accounting system MYOB. Fr. Eduardo Revilla then gave an input regarding masses being celebrated in our communities. Reports have to be made regarding mass intentions and the Rector is in charge of following this up. Problems and difficulties encountered in the different settings were shared. "Remember what Don Bosco said, whatever we have does not belong to us, it belongs to the poor", emphasised Br Jess at the end of the meeting.

DB GABUTU

chronicle



❖ The Oratory at Gabutu has new life with the dynamic leadership of Fr. Casper, two aspirants from Savio Haus, Ms. Donabel and the servant leaders of *Bosco Haus*. A variety of activities are organized with special prizes. Ice blocks made with love by the Bosco boys and small snacks keep the children enthusiastic.

❖ The PCTA (Parents Citizens Teachers Association) at their first meeting on 5th March elected the Executive Board who are enthusiastic to make the presence of the parents felt in the school. They mean business and organized the Class Officers meeting and have undertaken 4 projects for the year, to benefit the school.

❖ Thanks to the hard work of Fr. Peter Baquero, a container full of school supplies arrived from Manila on 17th February, 2012.

❖ Fr. Peter Baquero attended the meeting of the Provincial Youth Pastoral Coordinators at Jakarta.

❖ On 2nd April, 2012, the community of Don Bosco, Gabutu warmly welcomed Br. Isidore Maramun sdb.



Photos:

From (R to L): Rev. Siulangi Kavora (President), Mr. Mathias Lasia (Vice President), Ms. Jacklyn Garoau (Secretary), Mr. Paul Sai'i (Treasurer), Ms. Patricia Kassman (Citizens's Rep), Mr. Anthony Yaueib (PRO)

Container with school supplies arrives on 17th Feb. from Manila and the students are proud to empty it.

GC 27

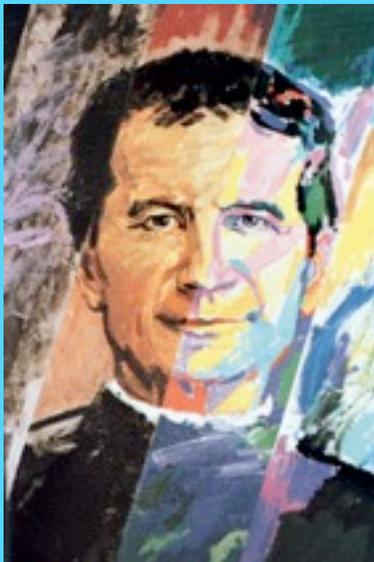
GC 27 will commence on 22nd February, 2014, in Turin, Italy
Theme: Witness of Gospel Radicalism

Fruits of GC 27: Living out our charismatic identity will make us more authentic. When identity is lived, it gives rise to visibility, credibility and vocational fruitfulness.

GC 27 aims to help every confrere and community to live the apostolic plan of Don Bosco faithfully.

CANDY AND CARDS

Stories of Don Bosco by Fr. Peter Lappin



Once Don Bosco came across a group of boys gambling at a street corner, they were so absorbed in their game that they did not notice him approach. He surprised them by kneeling down beside them. "Can I play?" he asked.

"Who's the priest?" whispered one boy. "What does he want to play for?" whispered another.

Don Bosco overheard. "I'm a friend," he said. "Besides, if I have money, does it matter who I am?"

He took out some money and began to play. Now and then he threw into the conversation a question on religion of which he discovered, the youngsters knew nothing about. Since he was not fool when it came to cards, within a very short time he had cleaned out the pool. The boy's eyes followed him as he stood up.

"Tell you what I'll do," he told them. "Promise me you'll come to the Oratory just one Sunday, and you can have your money back." "We promise", they said. Don Bosco then divided the money among them and left. The following Sunday a good number of them kept their promise. Once they set foot inside the Oratory, he hoped to draw them into coming regularly.



LENT – a time to **change**

Conversion does not happen overnight. It is a day to day challenge for all of us. But in order to effect a change in ourselves, we need to desire for it and make a decision to change. Vunabosco organized the retreat for our teachers and the graduating students, Grade 12's and 2nd year Trainees. March 2-3 for the teachers and instructors then March 5-10 for the three sections of Grade 12 (overnight each section) and March 12-17 for the three sections of Trainees 2. Fr. David Gough, a diocesan priest facilitated the retreat of the staff while Fr. Roger Miranda, Rector of Vunabosco preached the retreat for the students. It was really a time of renewal, especially renewing one's intimacy with the Lord. The students themselves love to share with their companions. Fr. Roger organized some moments for the students to share their family experiences. For many of them it was the first time to attend a retreat but it made a big difference in their lives. When they shared their problems and challenges with the others, they felt that they were already half solved. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was a beautiful moment. Even non-Catholics approached the sacrament with that sense of humility asking for God's mercy, listening wisely to the advice given them by their confessors: Fr. Valeriano Barbero and their preacher, Fr. Roger. Indeed, lent is to time to change... a time of renewal: renewing our relationship with God, with others and with ourselves.



Fr. Valeriano celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Roger with the students



SALESIAN COOPERATORS RABAU CHAPTER IN ACTION

- Remegio Harold A. Argante

It has been two years now since we made our Promise to live the mission of the Church and chose the

Gospel way of life through committing ourselves to the same mission among the young and the poor, in partnership and in close communion with other members of Don Bosco's Salesian Family.

Back to our workplace, we promote the ethics of service to our co-workers and to people from all walks of life through our professional way of dealing with them and handling situations with a more mature attitude. This is a way we know we can attract people to join the Salesian way of life. At present, there are seven candidates who are now undergoing the formation programme: there are four Filipinos and three Papua New Guineans, who by August are set to make a Promise as full-fledged Salesian Cooperators.

On Sundays, near or far, rain or shine, we commit ourselves to the Sunday mass animation and catechism in Vunapope parish that extends to the villages of Palnakaur, Vunamami, and Warangoi. We also give teachings on health and other important issues affecting the family especially women and children.

At the start of this year, we led the 'Gift-giving project' to 100 families of the nearby villages in cooperation with Vunabosco Agro-Technical Secondary School headed by Fr. Roger Miranda, SDB.

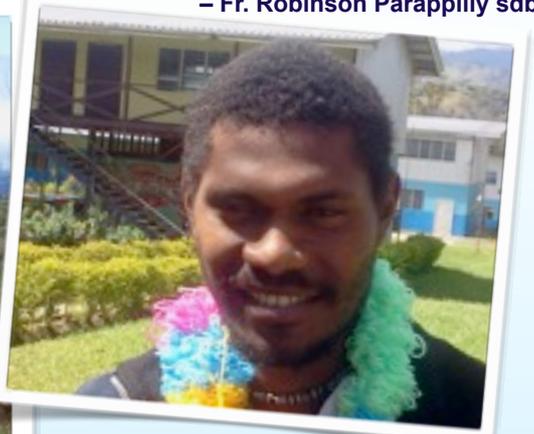
Our president, Ms. Isabelita Gutierrez, with her animating presence always makes sure that we keep the family bonding and fellowship alive through our monthly meetings, picnics, and trips to relevant places that help us develop camaraderie. Furthermore, majority of the Kokopo block rosary group are now members of the Association of the Salesian Cooperators. During our Bible sharing, we often give personal sharing about the Salesian experience, encouragement and words of wisdom.

In observance of the Lenten Season, we shall have our Recollection that is also open to other parishioners so that they may also be inspired and drawn to the spirit and charism of Don Bosco.

Growing in numbers, spreading and promoting the works of Don Bosco may not all be there is to it, but surely, they are reasons for rejoicing!



*"Called to help the young and the poor in the spirit and heart of Don Bosco;
Aim to have a sense of spiritual maturity through a deeper relationship
with God; Move by our conviction to share our
God-given talents, gifts, and time-"
Our guiding path as Salesian Cooperators.*



Wesly Gunugu
Rabaul Queen Survivor returns

Dead man walking

Wesley Gunagu, survivor of MV Rabaul Queen disaster, reunited with his Principal, Sr Leena John, and Br John Tien, and others from Don Bosco Institute of Technology at Kundiawa, Kumgi, Simbu Province, PNG

KUMGI PNG -- February 2nd was the most tragic day in the history of PNG. M.V.Rabaul Queen ferry which carried up to 600 passengers from Rabaul to Lae went down to the ocean floor at the depth of 1300 -1600 m.

On that day I had travelled to Lae to collect the uniforms for our students which were being shipped by M.V. *Rabaul Queen*. Since there was a road block after 80kms, I had to return home. Upon my arrival I came to know the tragic accident and the loss of people (and potentially, of our uniforms, worth 60,000 Kina). After one hour I received a call from the manufacturer of the uniforms telling me about the accident and that our uniforms were safe; since there was no space on the vessel they had to off load our uniforms!

Our real worry was the number of students who might have been aboard the passenger ship. Since it was the opening of the school year we knew there were many students likely to be on board. Wesley Gunugu is one of our students who boarded from Kimbe and travelled on the ill-fated ship.

Wesley came to Don Bosco Kumgi in 2011 as part of the Independent Fellowship Program (IFS) sponsored by the government of PNG. After completing one year of study in Basic Electricity at Don Bosco, he wanted to join the school for another two years vocational training. He was accepted and returned home for his holidays. On February 1st, together with his sister who is a second year student at Divine Word University, he boarded the ship to come to Don Bosco. The ship, believed to be carrying up to 600 people, sank at 6. a.m. in rough seas off the coast of Finschhafen in Morobe province, while on its way from Rabaul to Lae. Wesley's whereabouts were not known to anyone at school. On February 14th when the disaster office published the list of missing people and survivors, Wesley's name was found on it. One of his class mates who found Wesley's name, sent an SMS message to students at school asking for prayers and his eternal repose. The message spread fast that

Wesley had perished on the M.V.*Rabaul Queen* and his body was missing.

I was in Lae picking up the uniforms and also received the SMS at about 10.30pm. Since I had the news paper and the name list, I just wanted to make sure of the name and I found, to my surprise, that Wesley was now on the Survival list! I immediately called the school telling them that the boy was alive. Meanwhile Fr. Angelo had printed the photo of the boy and preparations were well in progress at school for the Requiem Mass the following day. We manage to acquire the mobile number of Wesley's aunty who was in Lae and Wesley joined me on 16th to return to Don Bosco. He was given a rousing welcome by all Bosconians who were so happy to see the survivor Bosconian.

Wesley, who had been sleeping on the bottom deck, had came up top for his morning needs. Ferocious waves were lashing the vessel and at one moment the vessel lost its balance. According to him very strong rough 5 meter high waves engulfed the vessel and he was thrown from the ship. He removed his shoes and trousers and started to swim away from ship. He could see that within a few minutes the whole vessel had gone down, dragging most of the people with it. There were only six life-rafts available for survivors. He grabbed hold of one of these rafts clinging on for five hours and battled the rough waters to save his life. A Chinese cargo ship rescued them. He came to Lae the following day. His beloved sister whom he had left asleep on the bottom deck of the ship is lost forever.

The Salesians, sisters, staff and students are happy to welcome our Survivor Bosconian back to his Alma Mater. We thank the good Lord for the gift of second life he has given to Wesley and the protection of Our Blessed Mother. We pray for the eternal repose of the souls of all who perished in the disaster and God may give peace and consolation to their families and all those who have survived.



Community Day celebrations

23rd March, 2012



Fr. Roger celebrates the Thanksgiving Eucharist

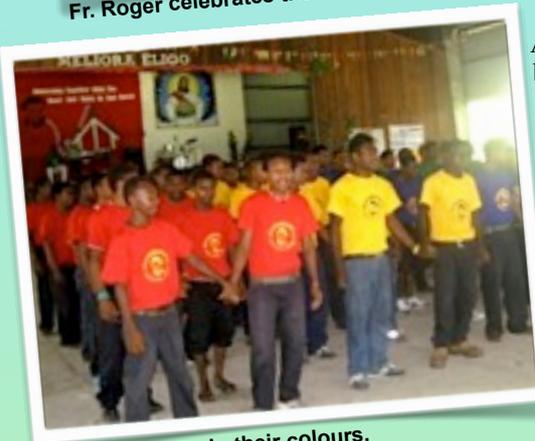
of you, especially the young people to be closer to God. You are the focus of this Community Day with the hope that you also fix your eyes on Jesus," he added.

During the holy mass, the Oath-Taking Ceremony of the duly elected officers of the Student Representative Council (SRC) and the House Colour Prefects also took place. This new breed of young leaders were inducted by Fr. Roger, and assisted by our principal, Fr. Clifford Morais. As the new officers of school year 2012, Fr. Rector stressed the three purposes of their being inducted; *to be ready to accept their responsibility; to do what they say; and to faithfully perform their duties as Bosconian servant-leaders.*

As a metaphor of service, Fr. Rector and Fr. Principal handed in their flags and their SRC uniforms. They were advised to love the beauty of virtue and hate the ugliness of sin, and above all, to execute their bounden duties in the Salesian style.

After that meaningful celebration of the holy mass, the much-awaited class competition followed. The classes of **Grade 10B, Trainee 11B, and 12B** all got the most coveted **First places in the Bosconian Song, Vision-Mission, and the Alma Mater Song interpretation** respectively. The programme was heightened by the soulful song item of Fr. Principal, and the captivating song and hilarious dance number of the male teaching staff.

The day ended with a palatable snacks prepared by the school administration. And as seen on the faces of everyone, our celebration of Community Day became a truly memorable, successful and wonderful event that made us more united, more blessed, and more determined to be a full-blooded member of the Educative Pastoral Community.



Students in their colours.

A conglomeration of bright colours of **Blue, Red, Green, and Yellow** flooded the school gymnasium as everyone was in his House Colour uniform to celebrate the Community Day. The theme for this year's celebration was "Journeying

Together with the Heart and Spirit of Don Bosco". This is the day that we give honour and gratitude to our rector and head of the school, Fr. Roger Miranda, SDB.

This momentous event started off with a Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Rector himself. In his homily, he emphasized that the Community Day is not only the Rector's Day but it is also our day- the teachers, ancillary staff, the administration and the students.

"You are the community, the main mission of Don Bosco's Reason, Religion, and Loving Kindness. He wants all

Understanding Vocations

- Fr. Simal Priyanga and Hilda Anihoniara



Participants in song

The 'Come and See' program is designed to introduce young people to the concept of vocation and then support

them until they reach it or decide upon it. The first session of this program was implemented by Fr. Simal Priyanga sdb and Fr. Pankaj Xalxo sdb at Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson. Young people from several parishes came along to find out more about vocation and the Church.

Those attending the session understood that the call to vocation, a gift from God, comes differently for each individual, calling each person to the mission God has chosen for them to do. Fr Simal used the illustration of a flower to explain the different possibilities for service to the Church and the organization of the Salesians through

many different associations. He explained that to be a Bosconian is to have Jesus in your life and a strong desire and mission to bring the hope of Jesus Christ to young people. The aim of the program is to assist and guide the young people on the path to their vocation, encouraging them in prayer to develop a strong interpersonal relationship with God involving both prayer and examination of God's word.

God chooses and appointed each one of us before we were formed in our mother's womb to become prophets for the nations. He consecrates us before we enter the world (Jr. 1.4-6). God is calling us and the church needs us. It is up to us to respond positively', said one participant.



Come and See group

I have a **mission:** New student leaders at DBTI

The announcement and swearing in of new leaders is always an exciting and invigorating time. The ceremony that took place at DBTI was no exception as the 16 new student leaders, elected by their peers, promised to serve their classmates, their teachers and uphold the ethos of Don Bosco in their actions.

“God has created me for a special purpose. I have a mission”, said Fr. Ambrose Pereira, and in his homily he expanded on the idea of individual student mission. He encouraged each student to examine their lives now and make the changes necessary for the achievement of their short and long term goals.

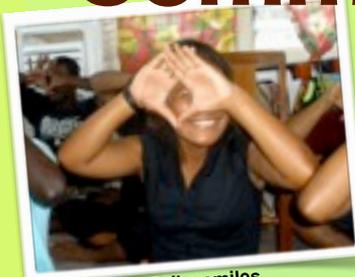
The student leaders of DBTI are the class captains appointed by each group. The young men and women elected will stand for their peers as members of the SRC and will also work as assistants to the various events and activities that take place around the school. Among these were the elected School Captain Ken Tolo’ofa and School Vice-Captain Florence Kwana’au.

Ken Tolo’ofa finished the morning’s official events with an inspiring speech about his desire to serve others as he continues to forge his own identity as a young person and a leader. He asked everyone to work with him, as his friends, as there was no place for a leader who worked entirely in his own. His words were greeted with an enthusiastic applause, indicating that he will be well respected by those he serves. Ken will represent the students as a member of the School Board.



The new leaders serve throughout 2012.

Communications *build relationships*



Patrina Teika smiles

Don Bosco Animation Centre, Kola Ridge reverberated with 40 participants from 9th to 11th March, 2012. The excited students and teachers converged at the centre to attend their first weekend of a 5 weekend media education

seminar programme being offered by Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson. Representatives of St Nicholas, Honiara; St John’s, Rove; St Joseph’s, Tenaru; Bishop Epalle, Rove and Don Bosco Technical Institute, Henderson have been afforded the opportunity to learn about media and communications through these weekend programmes. This course aims to give students an understanding of the different forms of media and practical experience required to prepare newsletters, magazines and other publications within their school. It strives to prepare students to be critical consumers and creative producers of the Media.

‘Silence and the Word’, the theme of World Communications Day, 2012 was dealt with at the first session. “It is necessary that we understand our situation and reflect on it. We need to create a space that permits mutual listening that will help us build better relationships”, stressed Fr. Ambrose Pereira sdb as he presented the

message of the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. The participants then created images to form a logo expressing the theme.



Penny Chilton doing a recording of students

Students enjoyed a presentation from media expert and SOLMAS personnel David Barrow. A visit to SIBC gave them an opportunity to observe how radio works at a professional level. The students then worked together to produce their own short radio spots on issues important to them, including peer pressure, education, climate change, alcohol, health and teenage pregnancy.

Through a variety of exercises and group work, under the able and energetic direction of Penelope Chilton, Communications and Drama Instructor and AVI Volunteer at Don Bosco, the participants learnt about confidence, how to use their voice, express their views and understand how the media influences people.

SOLMAS David Barrow instructs



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Golden years of fidelity
The Good Shepherd



Congratulations Fr. Eduardo Revilla sdb

PORT MORESBY -- On March 17, 2012, Fr Eduardo Revilla celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood. He is presently the Rector of the Savio Haus Aspirantate in Boroko, Papua New Guinea. He was also a missionary in the Philippines for a long time before coming over to PNG. He first came to PNG from the Philippines in 1994. After six years at Vunabosco, he returned to the Philippines. Then in 2007 he again joined the PNG-SI Delegation.

Help of Christians in Boroko. The Archbishop of Port Moresby, John Ribat, MSC, DD, priests and religious also graced the event. Members of the Salesian Family: the SDBs assigned in Port Moresby, FMAs, Caritas Sisters of Jesus, Salesian Cooperators, Bosconians and friends all gathered to join in the celebration. The aspirants of Savio Haus led the music and the singing.

We can say that the Lord has truly blessed their family because their parents gave six of their children to the Lord as Salesian Religious, four priests and two sisters. Fr Lazaro Revilla, Eduardo's brother, was a Provincial of FIN.

After the Mass, there was supper and item presentations. There were songs, dances and speeches.

To celebrate this momentous event in the life of Fr Eduardo, a solemn Mass was held at the Shrine of Mary

Fr. Eduardo takes as his inspiration and motto: "The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep."



RECTOR'S MEET

The PNG-SI Delegation Rectors met on 19th February, at the Emmaus Retreat Centre. Dwelling on the Constitutions, Fr. Raffy Galve sdb, Delegate, stressed that we imitate Don Bosco and emphasize Salesian Formation. It was a nice time of interaction, sharing and planning.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

MAY
20 Fr. BOSQUEZ, Heraldo (1974)

JUNE
9 Cl. SACHITULA, Pedro (1981)
12 Cl. Fr. LE, Mac Khai (Peter) (1982)
Cl. OHOAU, Jefferson (1979)

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PROGRAMMES ahead

MAY:
24: **Feast of MHOC**

JUNE:
14: 33rd Anniversary of the Salesians in PNG
26: Spiritual Moderators meet
27 - 29: Quinquennial Seminar
30 - 6: 1st Batch Yearly Retreat

JULY
6: Delegation Day
7: Salesian Family Day
8-14: 2nd Batch Yearly Retreat
15: Rector's Meeting

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