



Nouvelles Salésiennes

Salesian News

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SURREY. Canada Day had Fr. Harry Rasmussen, visiting us from Watsonville, CA, to perform a very special wedding of one of our organists and seventh grade teacher at OLGC School, Miss Vernice Sta Ana. The church was packed for the 1 pm Mass and this special occasion. Around 8:45 pm, our generator went out with a bang putting the rectory and our phones in the dark and out of service. Our property was the only area affected. Perhaps a bird/crow got "fried" in trying to roost there. By 10 pm the electricity was back on.

Holiday Monday, July 3rd, had us all attend the Salesian Cooperators cook out. Lots of enjoyment, laughter and pot luck delights. Later the Salesians privately bid farewell to Fr. Ted with a video movie and popcorn. He was earlier presented with a signed card, check, and book on John Paul II from the community. Fr. Mario returned on July 6th and Bro. Steve Aldorasi joined us for a week's visit on the 21st.

Meanwhile the community enjoyed a two day outing to Victoria, BC, on July 17th thru the 18th where they visited the Capitol buildings, waterfront, beautiful surroundings and spent a few hours at the noted Butchart Gardens. The weather was grand and the BC Ferry crossing unbelievable as we saw a pod of whales. All the while the church and rectory roofs received new tarring and paint makeovers, including a face lifting of the Youth Center facade.

The third week of July had the daily Masses being said in the Don Bosco Youth Center gym with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Fr. Luc arrived on the afternoon of the 26th for a few days before returning to Montreal and seeing to the arrangements for our up-and-coming August retreat in Mission, BC.

Bro. Jerry left on July 28th for the 2006 Brothers' Convention in Dallas, TX. The theme this year is "*Brothers as Collaborators in Ministry.*" Pope John Paul II in speaking to a community of Brothers indicated that collaboration was the only way to accomplish our mission of fostering evangelization. The keynote speaker was Bro. Loughlan Sofield, S.T., along with Sr. Mary Bendyna, RSM, Executive Director of the Center for the Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) who presented the first public report on the "*Study of Brothers in the United States.*"

The *Bosco Days Bible Camp* gets underway July 31st thru Aug. 5th concluding with the Parish Picnic at Hawthorne Park. Mrs. Margrit Garzitto is the overseer of this creative program designed by Liguori Publishers. Bro. Jim Zettel will be lending his talents by his magic presence. The camp theme: "*SonTreasure Island Where Kids Discover God's Love*" (1 Cor 13). The counsellors and volunteers have been having brain storming meetings for the past three months in preparation for this important event. Many are from the "*God's Little People*" Sunday School catechists. They will be using bible stories, crafts, skits, games, music and songs with a middle of the week outing to enhance their program.

With the Chinese and Koreans renting OLGC School for their Summer School in English, the month of July has certainly been an active playground, workspace and meeting place for groups and guest missionaries to make Our Lady of Good Counsel a "port of call."

SHERBROOKE. C'est les vacances au Séminaire. Le va-et-vient et les cris des jeunes nous manquent.

Toutefois ces deux mois de tranquillité relative nous permettent de faire le grand ménage et d'exécuter les rénovations qui rendront notre école un plus agréable milieu de vie (asphalte, peinture, aire ouverte pour les profs du 1^{er} cycle, etc.). Le concierge et sa vaillante équipe font paraître les planchers à ceux du palais de Versailles...Les jeunes ne sont pas tout à fait absents : chaque soirée de la semaine, les équipes de soccer de la ville occupent notre terrain de jeu. En échange de ce service, la Ville fait l'entretien du terrain et y apporte des améliorations appréciables.

Notre camp d'été vient de prendre fin. Cela consiste, comme vous le savez peut-être, puisque c'est la 21^{ème} saison, en un camp cycliste d'une durée de 5 semaines : Bosco-bicycle (3 semaines, un groupe de 30 chaque semaine) et Bosco II (2 semaines, de 12 à 15 chaque semaine)). Le 1^{er} se fait avec l'accompagnement des PP. Alain et Bob, le 2^{ème}, qui fait une plus grande place à l'autonomie-les jeunes étant plus grands- est organisé par le P. Bob. Le tout compte environ 125 jeunes, dont 6 moniteurs, élèves du Salésien. Le thème développé au cours de ces excursions était inspiré cette année de celui de l'athlète olympique Bode Miller : « GO FAST! BE GOOD! HAVE FUN!»

Le 15 juillet la paroisse Maria Ausiliatrice de Montréal RDP fêtait les 50 ans d'ordination sacerdotale du P. Enzo Trigatti. La messe présidée par le jubilaire fut dans les paroles mêmes du P. Enzo la meilleure façon de rendre grâce au Seigneur pour toutes ces années données au peuple de Dieu. Durant la réception qui suivit à la salle paroissiale, les paroissiens et les confrères manifestèrent leur reconnaissance et appréciation pour tout ce que le P. Enzo représente pour eux. Le Fr. Gérard Richard et le P. Roméo Trottier représentaient la communauté de Sherbrooke.

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ROME. Suite à la communication du thème du prochain Chapitre général, le père Pascual Chávez a reçu de nombreux signes et messages d'appréciation. “**Le thème du CG 26** possède un

aspect important qui poursuit la direction du processus de renouvellement entrepris par le CG 20: proposer à nouveau notre père et fondateur avec son programme de vie, sa spiritualité, sa pédagogie. Cela renforce notre identité de vocation dans l’Église et dans la société. Les jeunes d'aujourd'hui attendent le Don Bosco d'aujourd'hui”, a écrit le père João Carlos Ribeiro, provincial de Recife. “Nous souhaitons que ce thème puisse susciter un renouvellement et un engagement apostolique pour toute la Congrégation”, a déclaré le père Afonso de Castro, provincial de Campo Grande. On peut dire que le CG 26 est déjà commencé; un mouvement d'enthousiasme, de prière et de réflexion – personnelle, provinciale et communautaire – fait ses premiers pas. Le père Pascual Chávez, avec son Conseil, espère que la procédure de préparation et la célébration même du CG 26 puissent amener chaque salésien et toute la Congrégation à dire, comme le fit Don Bosco, “**Da mihi animas, cetera tolle**”.

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« **Da mihi animas, caetera tolle** » (cf. Const.4) est le thème qu'avec le Conseil Général j'ai choisi pour le CG26....Il représente le **programme spirituel et pastoral de Don Bosco**. En lui se concentrent l'**identité charismatique et la passion apostolique du salésien**. » (*Lettre du Recteur Majeur*, juillet-septembre 2006).

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STONY POINT, N.Y. Cooperator Delegates Meeting On July 21, 2006, 15 SDB and FMA Salesian Cooperator delegates met at the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point, N.Y., for a day of study and reflection on the role of the delegate. Provincial delegate for the Canada vice province, Fr. Romeo Trottier, gave the keynote address, in which he stressed what a delegate is not, what he or she is, and the qualities of a good delegate. He then went on to present six challenges that delegates face: formation of Cooperators, their perseverance, comprehension of the Cooperator vocation among SDBs and FMAs, keeping a sense of humility, communication, and the apostolate.
(From *E-Service*, by Fr. John Puntino, SDB)

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ROME, Sept nouveaux décrets de la Congrégation pour les Causes des Saints, et dont le pape a approuvé la publication, concernent 149 martyrs de la Guerre Civile Espagnole : prêtres, religieuses et religieux, laïcs. Ces décrets authentifient le martyre de victimes espagnoles de la persécution religieuse qui a sévi pendant cette violente période de l'histoire. Parmi eux, se trouvent **les serviteurs de Dieu Enrique Sáiz Aparicio (1889-1936) et 62 compagnons (prêtres, abbés, coadjuteurs, aspirants, laïcs) de la Société des Salésiens de Don Bosco, assassinés en 1936 et 1937.** (*extrait de l'Agence Zenit, 26 juin 2006*)

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LEBANON. Salesian joy brings a little relief to the children in the reception centres. On the morning of the 25th, Fr Gajowy Kazimierz, Rector of the Salesian house in Al Fidar, and Fr Pozzo Vittorio met the person in charge of centres welcoming the displaced people to assess the situation. In the course of the meeting there was a positive response to the idea of the youth leaders from the Al Fidar Oratory providing entertainment for the young refugees in the 'Amira Daou' school at Jbeil on the evening of July 24. Those in charge of the centre as well as the youth leaders saw the positive effects on the children as they were cheered up and experienced some peace and calm which also had a positive effect on the adults. (The experience was repeated on July 27th at the public Hajj School where dozens of children were waiting for them: there were group games, miming songs and dancing. More engagements are scheduled).

(ANS – Al Fidar: 27 July 2006)

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ITALY. Korean SDB pilgrims in Rome - RM's Good Night. The first group of Korean Salesians, led by their Vice Provincial Fr Henry Bonetti, has arrived in Rome to get in touch with their Christian and Salesian roots. A highlight of the Rome visit

was supper and a *Good Night* from the Rector Major. At the Generalate they took the by now obligatory photo with the Rector Major and 'Don Bosco', the relatively new life-sized bronze statue of the Founder in the entrance hall. In his *GN*, Don Chavez said that despite the fact that the Congregation has now spread to 130 nations, the sense of charismatic unity and fellowship is very strong, thanks to the Don Bosco-centred life of many confreres. He went on to say that we recognise in Don Bosco one of the most complete of the saints, one of the most zealous. He remarked that he has just finished reading the life of St. Ignatius Loyola, an amazing story. He notes that Ignatius began the Jesuits with well-prepared graduates from the Sorbonne. Don Bosco on the other hand began with a bunch of teenagers. He believed in them, formed them, to the point where one became his successor, another cardinal, and another (who could well have been a Salesian had he lived) the youngest non-martyr saint in the Church. At the basis of his multiple activities for God and Church was his zeal. It became the Rector Major's wish, then, for this group of Korean Salesians that they discover Don Bosco's deepest convictions as part of this pilgrimage, especially the conviction of giving his life for the young, believing in them, believing in the impact of good education (values, and the emotional, intellectual, relational dimensions). He asked them to believe in the need to call many more people to this youth-centred movement.

(Condensed from ANS - Rome: July 26th, 2006).

NEWS IN BRIEF/EN BREF

À la mi-juillet, les confrères du Canada apprirent avec joie que le Recteur Majeur et son conseil avaient nommé le P. Richard Authier comme supérieur provincial. Le 15 août il succédera au P. Luc Lantagne qui assume cette tâche depuis 2000.

Le 24 juillet, le conseil provincial des coopérateurs recevait la « conseillère générale » pour la Région Anglophone des Coopérateurs

Salésiens, Marlene Frederick (de la Floride). Mme Rosa D'Addario, secrétaire du conseil provincial, nous a reçus chez elle à Rivière-des-Prairies. Le P. Authier, délégué local, et Sr. Alphonsine Roy, provinciale, se joignirent à nous pour le « super-souper » préparé par Rosa. Dans la soirée, d'autres CS se joignirent à nous : Marlene nous a entretenus, entre autres, de la longue démarche de réflexion qui aboutira en novembre prochain au congrès mondial des Coopérateurs à Rome. Elle nous fit part aussi des principaux changements envisagés dans la nouvelle rédaction des *Statuts et Règlements*.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

15 : Roméo Trottier
20 : Steven Aldorasi

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION!

15 : George Harkins

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION!

11: Drago Gacnik
13 : Jacob Trcek
16 : Steven Aldorasi
 Richard Authier (40^e)
 John Basso
 Robert Di Pede
 George Harkins
 Joseph Ho
 Enzo Trigatti
 Romano Venturelli
22: Jan Staszek
28: James S. Zettel

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Retraite des salésiens du Canada
à l'abbaye des Bénédictins,
Mission, BC (11-16 août)

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