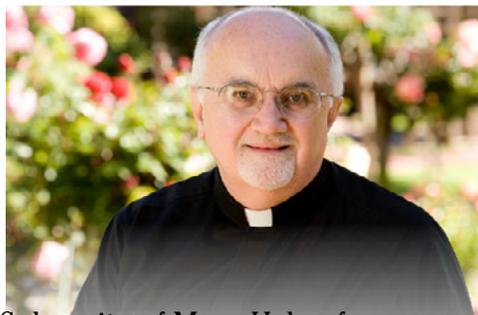




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Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians

Dear Brother and Sister Salesians:

Happy Feast of Mary Help of Christians to the entire Salesian Family of Don Bosco West! May we all have a joyful and blessed day in her honor. And may today's celebration help us all grow in Don Bosco's love and devotion to her and confidence in her help.

Trying to come to know and imitate Don Bosco better through study of his history this year has led me to a good many new understandings about our founder. One of them is this. I learned that while from his earliest days he was taught to be a son of Mary by Mama Margarita, his devotion to Mary with the special title of Help of Christians was something he gradually grew into. And that as the years went by he deepened his consciousness of her role as mother and help in his entire life's story.

Unreflectively, I used to think that he always knew her as Mary Help of Christians. But different titles and devotions preceded this one: Our Lady of Consolation and the Immaculate Conception especially. Church and state history, politics, and the gift of his own apostolic charism all worked together so that by the time he was ready to build his new and grand church in 1862, it was clear that it would be the Church of Mary Help of Christians, despite some influential

opposition. Ten years later he builds a living monument to honor his Madonna, with the help of St. Mary Mazzarello, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. And then of course in the last year of his life, weeping in Rome's Basilica of the Sacred Heart, it all comes together: "She has done it all."

So this teaches me that we too must grow in our devotion to Mary Help of Christians—it cannot remain static—until we too recognize that she is not just a pious devotion or a gilded statue, but a living and motherly help. And this help of hers we desperately need if we are to revive among us that apostolic passion of Don Bosco's: "Da mihi animas, cetera tolle." With her help and the grace of the Holy Spirit, may our devotion to Mary Help of Christians translate into imitation of her faith and charity, imitation of Don Bosco's unbounded trust in her help.

Two particular blessings to the province have come from Mary Help of Christians today. One is the generous witness of those young people who this week are on a mission trip to Haiti. The other is the priestly ordination of Fr. Thien Nguyen at Saints Peter and Paul Church. Don Bosco was convinced that every Salesian vocation, just like his, was guided and brought to fulfillment by Mary. May she protect our missionary volunteers and be a special mother to Fr. Thien. May she help him and all of us to make the young our life's mission as we serve God with our lives. And may she send us many more Salesian vocations!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Timothy C. Ploch, SDB
Provincial



Provincial's Calendar

May 2012

- 24 Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians
Ordination of Fr. Thien Nguyen, Sts. Peter and Paul, San Francisco
- 25 Baccalaureate Mass, St. John Bosco, Bellflower
- 26-27 Mass of Thanksgiving, Fr. Thien Nguyen, Portland, OR
- 28-6/2 Provincial Council Week of Prayer and Planning, Lake Arrowhead

June 2012

- 3 Pastoral Council Installation Mass, Corpus Christi Parish
Mass of Thanksgiving, Fr. Thien Nguyen, Sts. Peter & Paul
- 4-13 Trip to Jerusalem, Ordination of Deacon Chuyen Nguyen and Personal Days

Please Pray for Our Sick

Mr. Valentino

"Val" Colussi (93)

St. John Bosco, Bellflower

suffered a fall

hospitalized for

compressed vertebrae

Fr. Pascual Chavez, SDB

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May 24th - Today Salesians all over the world celebrate with great devotion the Solemnity of Mary Help of Christians. As she was for Don Bosco, so she is for us. Her presence among us makes all the difference!

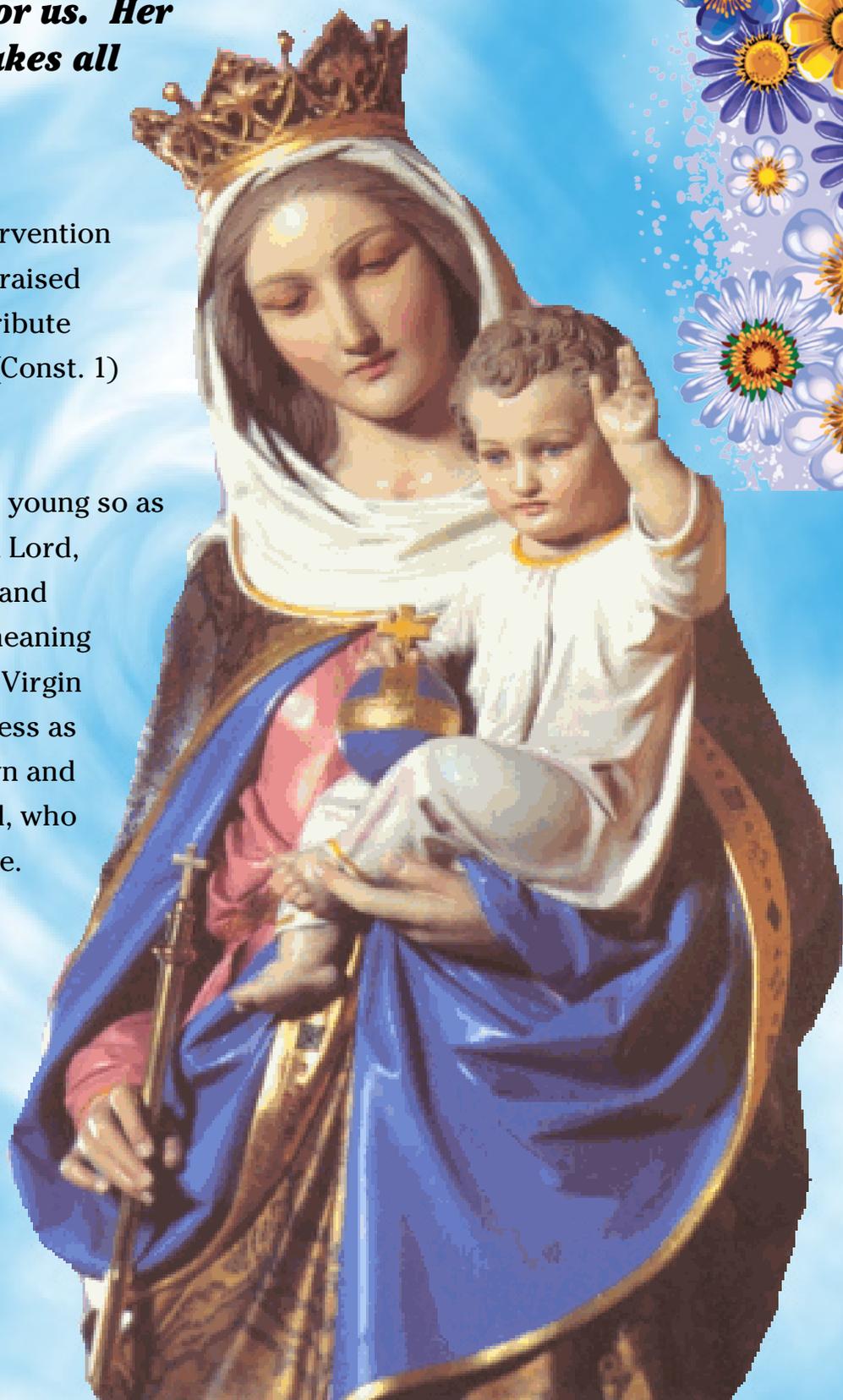
Through the motherly intervention of Mary, the Holy Spirit raised St. John Bosco to contribute to the salvation of youth. (Const. 1)

We walk side by side with the young so as to lead them to the risen Lord, and so discover in him and in his Gospel the deepest meaning of their own existence. The Virgin Mary is present in this process as a mother. We make her known and loved as the one who believed, who helps and who infuses hope.

(Const. 34)

***MARY HELP OF
CHRISTIANS,
PRAY FOR US.***

[Click here for :
Mary Help of Christians
FEAST DAY Movie](#)



St. Mary Mazarello Feast Day Celebration

On May 13th, the Salesian world celebrated the feast of St. Mary Mazarello. The Salesian communities in Bellflower gathered together to celebrate the feast. They began the celebration with evening prayer which was followed by a nice reception in the residence patio at St. Dominic Savio.





Rita Pezzini Liptak

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Lilian Lamin and Memunatu Jalloh, of the Salesian Mission in Sierra Leone, give heartfelt thanks to Rita. Because of Rita's generosity, Lilian and Memunatu were able to attend school.

Thank you, Rita!

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Catechizing Digital Natives



Communications in the diocese of Stockton offers this video link of a webinar offered by Jonathan F. Sullivan on strategies for passing on the faith to the "net generation."

[Catechizing Digital Natives](#)

For further reading on this subject, [here is a list of books, useful articles and tools referenced in the video.](#)

Viva Cristo Rey

G.K. Chesterton Theatre Co. with Ruah Productions and St. Dominic Savio Parish present the play *Viva Cristo Rey* live at the Downey Civic Theatre on Saturday, June 30 at 7:30 pm and Sunday July 1, 2012 at 3:00 pm. Experience the riveting story of Blessed Fr. Miguel Pro's courage and faith during the religious persecution of 1920's Mexico. For ticket sales and information see flyer attached to this InTouch or call Dr. Raul Vallejo (562)618-1549.

Young Salesian Inventor



Pittsburgh, Pa. – May 17, 2012
 José Miguel González Arias, alumnus of the Colegio Tecnico Don Bosco de San José (CEDES), Costa Rica, took second place in the patents section of Intel

ISEF (Intel International Science and Engineering Fair) 2012. The project was José's work during the last year of his course in electronics at CEDES Don Bosco. The young man adapted a traditional Braille printer for use with recyclable paper, avoiding the high costs of the present technology. In addition he developed a digital Braille keyboard and an archive system.

Steady Progress

By Bro. Joseph Lockwood, SDB

On May 15, 2012, the contractor received the “firestoppings” fire prevention manual from Karcher Interior System, Orange, California. This 50 page manual specifies all of the “firestoppings” for the building (for example, cable bundles that pass through a wood ceiling or wood frame floor must be wrapped in a 3M fire approved product). This manual specifies everything. Karcher Interior System has done manuals like the one given to us for big construction companies like PCL (Pool Construction Limited, Edmonton, Alberta).

On Wednesday, May 16, 2012, the contractor poured 8 yards of concrete. The elevator pit is now complete. The 9,000 pound steel structure is secured and the canopy footings are poured. The footings size for the legs of the steel structure are 2' x 6" x 7' of concrete.

Judson Studios of Los Angeles has been contacted to repair the broken pieces of the stained glass. The window was donated by Marie-Aline and Ronald Cox of Edmonton of Alberta, Canada. The designer of the window was a local artist from Alberta. The window will be the back drop for the Blessed Sacrament altar.

On Friday, May 18, 2012, Mr. Alex DeLeon, Vincor

Construction; Mr. John Ward, Pacific Door and Frame, Inc., Paramount, California; and Mr. John Swick (a Don Bosco Tech graduate of 1977) from Harold's Key Shop, San Gabriel, California; met with Bro. Joe Lockwood to discuss the new keying system for the De Sales Hall residence and the house.

Thanks to Michael Sullivan for recommending Harold Key Shop. John gave very good advice on how a good security system works, and the exchange of information with Mr. Ward was very helpful. Mr. Ward remarked that this was one of the few occasions in

which the locksmiths and the door company met before the doors were installed.

John Swick has a special interest in the ministry that the St. Joseph Salesian Youth Center is doing both in the Salesian personnel formation and the youth retreats. He has decided to take on the Center as a special project in helping the Salesians with proper security through the key system.

The painting contractor finished spraying the final coat of paint on the south and east side of the building.



Jose Moreno, concrete finisher stamps down the concrete in the canopy footing to fill in the voids.



Pumping concrete into the elevator structure footing.



Jose Moreno trowels the concrete around the elevator structure and on top of the footings giving it a smooth surface.



Vibrating the concrete in the elevator structure footing to help it settle and remove air voids.

VIVA CRISTO REY

By Cathal Gallagher
& Fred Martinez

Directed by
Angel Duran



The riveting story of **Fr. Miguel Pro's** courage and faith during the religious persecution in **1920's Mexico**

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Youth Ministry Certificate Program - Don Bosco Hall

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Parish or School Name _____

I am interested in: (please check)

_____ Individual courses

_____ Principles of Youth Ministry

_____ Practices of Youth Ministry

_____ Foundations for Ministry

_____ Leadership

_____ Skills for Christian Leadership

_____ Completing all eight courses for a

Certificate in Youth Ministry

_____ Credit information (if applicable)

For additional information, contact:

Fr. John Roche, SDB or Christine Vincent

(510) 204-0801 or (510) 204-0817

Mail this registration form and

payment to:

Institute for Salesian Studies

Don Bosco Hall

1831 Arch Street

Berkeley, CA 94709

Overview

The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies is a ministry education program *for adults* in ministry with youth, ages 11 to 18, in both parish and school settings. It equips leaders with the knowledge, skills, practical tools, and techniques needed for creative and comprehensive ministry with youth.

The program includes eight courses. The primary aim of the program is to promote personal, spiritual, and ministerial growth. The Certificate program is utilized in a number of ways:

- as an integrated formation program leading to a *Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies*
- as an enrichment or continuing education program for veteran leaders
- as a workshop series which can be taken on a course-by-course basis by professional or volunteer leaders

Program Benefits

Participating leaders will experience the following benefits:

Confidence. Participants feel more confident in their youth ministry role because they have integrated and applied the most recent and innovative theory and approaches into their own setting and responsibilities.

Competence. The comprehensive sequence of courses provides a solid foundation of theory, theology and practical approaches, which can be applied in any parish or school youth ministry setting.

Credibility. This is a nationally recognized curriculum, offered in over 30 sites and sponsored by over 50 dioceses, whose graduates are in parish, school and diocesan leadership positions all over the country.

Year One Courses

Principles of Youth Ministry

Principles of Youth Ministry presents the foundational understandings and principles for developing effective, comprehensive ministry with young and older adolescents. It presents the vision and principles for comprehensive youth ministry and a model for developing youth ministry which incorporates developmentally appropriate youth programming, strengthens family life, involves young people as integral members of the faith community, and collaborates with civic organizations in a common effort to promote positive youth development.

June 28-29, 2012 Cheryl M. Tholcke, Instructor
Thursday 9AM to 6PM & Friday 9AM to 4 PM

Practices of Youth Ministry

Practices of Youth Ministry explores the development of comprehensive youth ministry through the collaborative sharing of the resources in the community. Rooted in a theological and pastoral vision of community life, this course develops foundational understandings that will assist leaders in setting and implementing a vision for dynamic ministry with youth. This will include skills for advocacy, planning and organizing youth ministry efforts. Methods for collaborative leadership among ministries and within ministry teams will also be developed.

June 30-July 1, 2012
Cheryl M. Tholcke, Instructor
Saturday 9AM to 6PM & Sunday 9AM to 4 PM
Sunday Eucharist will be provided on site

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Foundations for Ministry Leadership

Foundations of Ministry Leadership explores the theology, principles, and practices of effective leadership in Christian ministry. Participants will explore current leadership concepts and approaches, as well as Christian perspectives on leadership. Participants will also learn how to empower individuals and teams of leaders for ministry with youth. The course combines theory presentation with experiential learning as participants explore (a) leadership theory and an assessment of styles for effective leadership; (b) theological and pastoral foundations for understanding leadership and empowerment; and (c) processes and tools for inviting, preparing and nurturing adult and youth leaders in ministry.

July 26-27, 2012 Ann Marie Eckert, Instructor
Thursday 9AM to 6PM & Friday 9AM to 4 PM

Skills for Christian Leadership

Skills for Christian Leadership addresses the theories and skills needed for principle centered leadership in ministry. Participants will develop a practical, working understanding of leadership process and skills and the experiential ability to use the skills. The course stresses the application of leadership skills to various ministry settings, problems, and issues.

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Year Two Courses (to be held in 2012-2013)

- Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Evangelization and Catechesis
- Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Justice and Service
- Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Pastoral Care
- Fostering the Faith Growth of Youth through Prayer and Worship

Credit Information (if applicable)

Graduate credit is available for participants of the Certificate program through the Institute of Salesian Studies. One credit is awarded for each weekend course for a total of eight credits.

Site and Schedule

Courses will be offered at Don Bosco Hall.

The schedule for the courses is:

1st Day (Thurs. or Sat): 9 AM to 6 PM
2nd Day (Fri. or Sun.): 9 AM to 4 PM

Registration and Requirements

- The fee for each course is \$250. This amount includes tuition, books, materials, meals, and refreshments.
- The group rate is \$500 for up to 3 people. *Groups will work with one set of books.*
- A one-time graduation fee of \$55 will be assessed upon completion of all eight courses and assignments.
- Overnight lodging is available (see flyer).

About the Center for Ministry Development

Founded in 1978, the *Center for Ministry Development* is a non-profit organization that provides leadership training, consultation, resources and program services in the areas of youth ministry, young adult ministry, family ministry and religious education. The *Center for Ministry Development* has been providing youth ministry leadership training through the Certificate Program since 1979.



The Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies Program

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