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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

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DONATIONS ARE MADE TO THESE SALESIAN PROJECTS

CAPE TOWN:

Salesian Institute Street Youth Projects
Learn to Live
Lansdowne Youth Ministry

GAUTENG:

Bosco Oratory
Bosco Youth Programs (Love Matters)
Don Bosco Educational Project –
Ennerdale
Michael Rua School

Salesian Sisters – Finetown/Ennerdale

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Maseru Oratory and Youth Ministry
Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of
Christians - Youth Projects
Salesian Sisters – youth educational
projects

SWAZILAND:

Manzini High School – Part bursaries to
needy scholars
Manzini Youth Care
Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of
Christians – Malkerns Projects
Malkerns Oratory

FORMATION of future Salesians and
vocations promotion.

SALESIANS CELEBRATING 154
YEARS WORKING WITH CHILDREN
AND YOUTH THE WORLD OVER

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**WE NOW HAVE AN ANGEL
WATCHING OVER US.
MEET THE NEW RECTOR MAJOR**

DON ANGEL FERNANDEZ ARTIME

who has become the 10th Successor of Don Bosco. He courageously, generously accepted his unexpected election by the 220 General Chapter members. Since he had never been a member of the General

Council, he never expected he would be elected as Rector Major. In him, Don Bosco's fatherliness continues. The Rector Major is the head of a large international family, spread through 132 countries of the world, with 30 groupings at the service of young people, which enjoy full autonomy within the communion of the Salesian Family.

Fr Ángel is 53 years of age. He was born 21 August 1960 in North-western Spain. In an interview recently, his mother Maria said that her husband has worked as a fisherman and she sold the fish he caught. "One day, when Ángel was nine years old, a Salesian Co-operator who was a good friend of our family, asked him if he wanted to go to study with the Salesians 200 kms away from home. Ángel said he would think about it. The following year, when he was ten, he took the decision to accept the offer to go study at the boarding school. Four years later he had the choice of returning to his hometown to finish High School, but he didn't want to. He wanted to remain at the Salesian boarding school."

Replying to a question whether Angel got into mischief when he was a boy, his mother said that "he was so good that he never did – he was a real angel! When he was born, he didn't cry and we were very worried. But eventually when he did burst out crying, he didn't stop until he was three! He had a hard childhood, because he was alone for many hours at home, while we worked at the fish market."

He was ordained priest on 4 July 1987. He has served as Youth Ministry Delegate in his province of origin, then as Rector of a school and member of the Provincial Council, then Vice-Provincial and, from 2000 to 2006 he was Provincial of León province. In 2009 he was appointed Provincial in Argentina-South. During that time he got to know the then Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, now Pope Francis, and worked with him. He has a Doctorate in Pastoral Theology and a Masters in Philosophy and Pedagogy. Shortly before the General Chapter he had been appointed Provincial of a newly formed mega-province in Spain. Now he has an even bigger responsibility!

Best wishes, Fr Angel! *Father Francois Dufour*



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OUR DONORS AND FRIENDS.
WITH YOUR HELP SALESIAN MISSIONS HAS
BEEN SUPPORTING PROJECTS IN THE CAPE, GAUTENG,
SWAZILAND AND LESOTHO, FOR 25 YEARS. MAY GOD BLESS
AND REWARD EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR
KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY.**

NEWS OF OUR YOUTH IN THE VARIOUS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE



THE SALESIAN YOUTH IN CAPE TOWN, organised a very reflective Stations of the Cross at Kommetjie. There were about 60 people (young and old) participating, concluding with a celebration of the Mass at the top of the hill, led by Fr. Eoin and Fr. Roy, assisted by Deacon Mervin Solomons. (Picture left)

Learners at Learn To Live, during their art class,



having fun with clay. Shaping images from the clay and most importantly shaping their own destiny through the opportunities of the Education they receive from us. (Picture right)



A Vocations Camp was organised at Salesian Institute for about 24 youth from our Salesian parishes of Lansdowne, Hanover Park and Westridge. The program started on Friday evening with ice breakers and games followed by a short video clip (made in Australia) about vocations. Brother Odise and Brother Thoothe then shared their vocation stories with the youth. The youngsters were also given time to ask questions about the Brother vocation. We concluded the evening with Taize prayer around the cross. On Saturday morning the day started with Mass in the Salesian chapel followed by two married couples who

shared about their vocation. Vrene, one of the SYM committee members shared her experiences as a single person.

The weekend concluded with a delicious meal prepared by some of the youth leaders. It was indeed a fruitful weekend and we hope that the seed has been planted among the youth to follow Christ whether as a religious, single or married person; or even by giving some time of their life as volunteers. *Submitted by Brother Clarence Watts.*



Children from Manzini, Swaziland are seen in the following pictures:

repairing a bridge, posing in front of their permaculture garden, making music and going to school



"Cultivate a great, tender, true and constant devotion to Mary most holy. Oh, if you only knew how important this devotion is you would not exchange it for all the gold in the world" (*Don Bosco*)

"The youngsters should not only be loved, but they should know that they are loved." (*Don Bosco*)

DON BOSCO EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS - GAUTENG SUPPORTING GIRLS AND BOYS AT RISK



The Laura Vicuna Educational Centre (Primary School Level) which is an entity of the Don Bosco Educational Projects, was started in response to the need to give out-of-school at risk children an opportunity to be educated like all other children of their age. Many of these children are

too poor to clothe themselves appropriately to go to the main stream school. Some come from child-headed families; some live with elderly grandparents who do not have the means to care for them as they would wish, while others come from dysfunctional homes and are deprived of the love and care of happy families. Many have dropped out of main-stream education because they were unable to keep up due to mal-nourishment.

The Centre provides a basic integral education, food, nutrition, health and social care to these children. Through



the care and education they receive, they are enabled to reclaim their self-respect and confidence. Then there is the possibility that those youth, who are of an acceptable age, will be accepted into the Declan Collins Skills centre, for training in an employable skill. The day-to-day running of the project is dependent on charity donations to provide food, clothing, books, stationery and all the

normal requirements of school children.

While the Salesian Sisters work with both indigent girls and boys, it is the girls who need that special attention in a society that has high incidents of sexual abuse and rape of females, whatever the age. Even infant girl children are brutally raped.

Sister Margaret Sweeney FMA / Father Robert Gore SDB

CHILDREN PLAYING, PRAYING AND STUDYING IN

MAPUTSOE LESOTHO



Dear Friends
What an achievement!!
25 years of donations to Salesian Missions for the needy

children in our projects. As I think back over these years my heart is full of gratitude to all the people who have helped us to flourish. We have had our ups and downs, due to the economy, emigrations and deaths, but my thanks go to those donors who stepped into the breach and helped when we most needed it. I appreciate all the donors who give us a monthly amount – we know that we can rely on you. Special thanks go to those who donate the widow's mite – the ones who battle against the odds of no work, medical expenses and family problems. Thanks also to those who have been loyal and constant over the years. May God bless and reward you all. It would be impossible to name each one of you, but your names are written in God's good book in heaven. I remember all my wonderful friends with whom I worked at Learn to Live (the multiplication of the loaves and fishes happened every morning in the kitchen.) Thanks also to the very special Priests, Sisters, Brothers and Volunteers who dedicate (and still do) their lives for the children. To all my friends who supported and prayed for me during my illness, my mother, for always being on hand to help, my printers who go the extra mile for us. My thanks also to all those children in my life who taught me, and not I them.

To all those who have gone before me – may God grant them eternal rest. And last but not least to the good Lord and His Blessed Mother who have been my mainstay throughout the years. No parties, no celebrations (no money), but I raise my glass to you all, for your loyalty, your prayers and your support. Keep warm – winter is here, and don't forget it is the month of the Sacred Heart. Much love Denise

"In all dangers turn to Mary and I guarantee that she will help you." Don Bosco

THE MEETING OF TWO FRANCIS'



Fr Francois Dufour shaking hands with Pope Francis after the meeting. (Picture above)

Warm, loud and prolonged applause greeted the Pope when he addressed the chapter members in his usual style - simple, familiar but no less profound. The new Rector Major, Father Angel had welcomed the Pope with a family greeting: "Dear Pope Francis, Dear Father." The Pope said that the Holy Spirit has entrusted the Salesians with the mission of the evangelization of young people. He wished for them that Don Bosco and his "preventative system" would assist them in this mission. "May the Holy Spirit help you to respond to the expectations and the challenges of our time, especially [those] of young people, and to interpret them in the light of the Gospel and of your charism," said the Pope, noting that a certain language in particular would be fundamental, that of the language of the heart. In conclusion he said: "Please pray for me! Thank you!"

I HAVE LEARNED

That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
 That when you are in love, it shows.
 That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of most peaceful feelings in the world.
 That being kind is more important than being right.
 That you should never say no to a gift from a child.
 That you can always pray for someone when you don't have the strength to help them in some other way.
 That we should be glad God does not give us everything we ask for.

FEAST DAYS

08 June Pentecost
 13 June St Anthony of Padua
 15 June The Most Holy Trinity
 22 June The Body & Blood of Christ
 24 June Nativity of John the Baptist
 27 June Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 28 June Immaculate Heart of Mary
 11 July St Benedict
 16 July Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 26 July Ss Joachim & Anne
 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola
 02 Aug Bl. Augustus Czarotorski sdb
 06 Aug Transfiguration of Our Lord
 15 Aug Assumption of Our Lady
 22 Aug Queenship of Virgin Mary
 26 Aug Bl. Ceferino Namuncura
 27 Aug St Monica
 28 Aug St Augustine

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Perhaps you would like to leave something to Salesian Missions in your Will. An enquiry can be made and the necessary form can be sent to you.
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 We would be extremely grateful.

LOVE MATTERS



The Bosco Youth Ministry Team went to Swaziland and Lesotho to present the Love Matters. There was a full attendance at both programmes. (Picture left)

Chuckle...
 Father O'Malley answers the phone.
 'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?'
 'It is!'
 'This is SARS. Can you help us?'
 'I'll try!'
 'Do you know a Ted Legend?' 'I do!'
 'Is he a member of your congregation?' 'He is!'
 'Did he donate R10,000 to the church?'
 'He will.'



The 2014 Youth Ministry team, volunteers and Salesians, having some fun at Bosco Randvaal. (Picture above)



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