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SALESIAN SPOTLIGHT

JUNE 2016 MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART
AND YOUTH MONTH IN SOUTH AFRICA



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The Annunciation in Art: A Stunning Comparison

The Incarnation had just been completed. Our Lady remained in ecstasy. Every theologian agrees that during this thrice-holy moment God raised her to the most sublime contemplation a pure creature can attain upon earth. Perhaps she was even granted a momentary glimpse of the beatific vision. The Archangel Gabriel had fulfilled his mission. Upon his arrival he had respectfully bowed before the Queen of heaven. Before departing, he prostrated himself, for Mary was no longer alone. In true justice, the Child she bore in her womb merited the adoration of the archangel, who adored the God-made-man and then returned to Heaven.

From this mystery, we must draw a stronger and deeper devotion to the Blessed Virgin. The Church, which encourages us to pay special honour to the Immaculate Mother, does not wish to place her on the same level as the Most High. While Mary reigns over all the angels and saints in Heaven, she is still but a simple creature and, accordingly, an infinite distance stands between her and her adorable Son. Nevertheless, God has united Jesus and Mary so intimately that we

cannot separate Them. By consenting to the work of the eternal God, Our Lady has become ipso facto the moral cause of our salvation. She is morally necessary for us to go to Jesus.

Souls today are powerfully attracted to the Heart of Jesus. To penetrate this adorable Heart, the sanctuary of the Divinity, more fully, we must go through Mary. Let us ask Our Lady for the sovereign grace of placing us confidently in the arms of Jesus and there, upon His heart, let us rest both in time and in eternity. **Fr Thomas de Saint-Laurent** Courtesy Fr Francois Dufour

SALESIAN FAMILY DAY

On Saturday 13 May, feast of St Mary Mazzarello, the Salesian family of Gauteng region gathered at the Provincial House to celebrate the feast day and also to celebrate Salesian Family Day. The two provincials, Fr Francois SDB and Sr Marie-Claire Jean FMA opened the gathering with welcome messages. SDBs, FMAs, MSMHCs, Cooperators and lay collaborators from our presences in Ennerdale, Lawley, Finetown, Robertsham and Walkerville reflected on themes such as Salesian Family and Salesian Spirituality which were led by Sr. Cecilia and Fr. Lingoane. Fr. Americo Chaquisse celebrated the mass and Sr. Chantal Mukase FMA, General Council member, gave the final message to end a memorable day.
Brother Clarence Watts



Maputsoe Oratory Lesotho

**I WILL BLESS THE HOUSES IN
WHICH THE IMAGE OF MY
SACRED HEART IS EXPOSED AND
HONOURED**

**SALESIANS WORKING WITH
YOUTH FOR OVER 150 YEARS**



"Booyens Beach"



3 OF DON BOSCO'S SIMPLE WAYS TO LIVE A GOOD LIFE AND REACH ETERNAL HAPPINESS

These are what Don Bosco called "medicine" for the soul. The simplicity and efficacy of these "prescriptions" remind us of those good old-fashioned homemade remedies made by our mothers.

- 1: Give God the greatest possible glory and honour Him with your whole soul. If you have a sin on your conscience, remove it as soon as possible by means of a good Confession.
- 2: Never offend anyone. Above all, be willing to serve others. Be more demanding of yourself than of others.
- 3: Do not trust those who have no faith in God and who do not obey His precepts. Those who have no scruples in offending God and who do not give Him what they should will have many fewer scruples in offending you and even betraying you when it is convenient for them.

SALESIAN EVENTS DURING THE PAST 3 MONTHS

Easter Drive 2017 Salesian Institute Cape Town

The Annual SIYP 16+ Outreach Easter Drive brought a lot of excitement among the children. A total 3984 eggs were shared among disadvantaged children. This event ran over a period of 3 days from 11-13 April 2017, where we focused on children from Oasis Farm, Freedom Park, Silver City and the Kraal kids of Zeekoevlei.

The distribution process began with an Easter message, and spiritual guidance about the true meaning of Easter and why it is celebrated. On average we managed to put a smile on 996 faces, each child receiving 4 Easter eggs. The children were extremely excited and grateful for the sweet treats.



Hospitality at SIYP Cape Town

The Salesian Institute Youth Projects completed its first successful Hospitality Skills Training Course.

The purpose of the project is to provide 15 youth (between ages 18-26) with life skills training and technical skills to secure jobs in the hospitality sector. Modules covered include: Customer Service, Barista/Beverage Service, Food Preparation Service, Kitchen Hygiene, Equipment and Storage, Meat, Poultry and Fish Dishes, Fruit and Vegetable Dishes, Business Development Skills. The first class graduated on the 5th May and from here, they must do one week work experience within the industry. The next class commences mid-May.

Aileen McCloskey



Sr Rose Mary MSMHC with some young people at the Salesian table promoting **VOCATIONS** to the Salesian family at the Cathedral in Johannesburg.



Sr Malgorzata FMA with Teachers and children from **MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS** crèche in Booyens.



Our Regional **FR AMERICO**, who is conducting the 6-yearly visitation on behalf of the Rector Major, visited the youth in Hanover Park, Lansdowne and Westridge in **Cape Town**. He awarded Vrene with a medal for her work with the youth.

SALESIAN SISTER challenges soldiers at the March of Silence in memory of people killed in protests in **VENEZUELA**.



Cherish the friend who tells you a harsh truth, wanting ten times more to tell you a loving lie.



Being the year of the Fatima Apparitions, **Fr Joy Sebastian**, Parish Priest of Ennerdale is trying to revive the practice of praying the

Rosary as a Family Prayer in every family. Maybe we can all follow this example.

LOVE MATTERS - BOSCO RANDVAAL

A few Parishes who came to Bosco for the LoveMatters programme recently were All Saints, St Francis De Sales, Santa Maria, Our Lady of Fatima and St Patrick's La Rochelle. We had 66 young people accompanied by 4 Catechists which marked our 281 programme since we started in 2001. We have reached 23840 young people thus far. **Father Lingoane Tlaile**



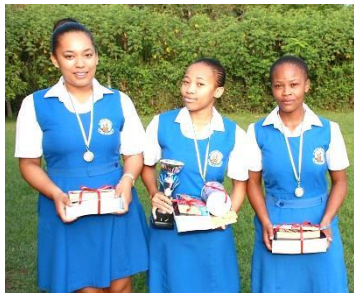
MALKERNS - SWAZILAND

St Anne's High school ladies won the debating competition -team award and best speaker in recent 'Swaziland against abuse competition.'

St Anne's was set up by Father Martin McCormack as a centre for women's empowerment training after their teacher was murdered last year. The trial of her killer was due shortly but last week the young man took his own life in the Forrest near Malkerns. No winners in this double tragedy. (Picture left)

AND Bosco High Form 4 students who completed Leadership for action training.

Father Martin McCormack



BOOK REPORT ON THE

ENTIRE BIBLE BY A GRADE 6 CHILD Here is what he wrote: **The Children's Bible in a Nutshell.**

"In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that. Anyway, God said, "Give me a light!" and someone did. Then God made the world. He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet. Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden. Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars. Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel. Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check. After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff. Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother. One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me. After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore. There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New Testament. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, "Close the door! Were you born in a barn?" It would be nice to say, "As a matter of fact, I was.") During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him. Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount. But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead. Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution."

Dear Friends

Just recently I was having a conversation with Father Hennessy, whom I happened to meet after a long absence. We were reminiscing on the days when the Rosary was part of family life. I mentioned to him the fact that we, as children, never went to bed, or left the house without my mother saying, "God Bless you." It was part of our existence.

We dwelt on the times of Grace before and after meals, the trimmings on the Rosary, and having a Mass said as a gift, when someone had died, or when there was a crisis and prayers were needed. We spoke about the miracles of the Sacred Heart, Catechism at school and the Mass in Latin

Times have changed and parents have a much more difficult time nowadays and so I would ask those of you who were fortunate like myself and Father Hennessy, to pray for the parents of today. Pray that they will have the time to instill in their children the love of Jesus and Mary, so that this love will grow in the hearts of all children.

My apologies for the small print on this page, some of you might need a magnifying glass to read it, but I could not resist including the Bible Story by the 6 year old child. Please read it to the end. I am sure that it will give you great pleasure.

Once again I would like to **THANK** all of you who have supported us by your prayers, donations and loyalty. Thank you also to the unknown donors who just leave a name and no contact number. May God bless and reward you all. And as one of you said, "It is only a small offering," – remember we appreciate **ALL** offerings. My love to you all during this month of the Sacred Heart. Pray for me as I do for you. **Denise Hards**



THE PORSCHE-SALSIANS VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROJECT

Dr. Ing. h.c.F.Porsche AG (Porsche AG), Don Bosco Mondo e.V (Germany) and LSM Distributors (Pty) Ltd. are working together with The Salesian Institute Youth Projects



(SIYP) Cape Town, Porsche Middle East and Africa and the brands of the VW Group at market and dealer level, to bring about a very successful vocational training initiative operated by Porsche AG in the Philippines. The South African project will naturally seek to take lessons from the Manila experience and consequently, the introduction of this project will take the form of a “3-intake” PILOT PROJECT which will allow for its thorough and proper monitoring and evaluation; and the refinement and adjustment



of various aspects of the programme as it evolves. **Each** intake will comprise a number of **30 pupils** drawn from socially disadvantaged and marginalised working class communities in and around Cape Town. **50% of these candidates will be young women.** The course will commence in July at the Salesian Institute in Cape Town and upon the successful completion of the full course programme, candidates will be certified as Automotive Service Mechatronics Technicians internationally recognised by Porsche and all of the other brands of the Volkswagen Group Worldwide (Audi, Volkswagen, Bentley). Thanks to Porsche and Congratulations all round to those who have put this programme in place for the disadvantaged youth of Cape Town. **(Pictures Top: Fathers Francois Dufour, (right) Jeffrey Johnson (centre) and a Porsche representative at the launch. Middle: Father Pat Naughton, (left) Porsche Rep. and Leann Mannas of SABCTV. Left: Two students at the launch of the Porsche training programme.)**



Pope Francis: TED talk on building the future

In an unexpected TED talk, filmed in a Vatican office and streamed to the TED conference in Vancouver, Pope Francis made an engaging and passionate speech on the conference topic 'The Future You'.



He had 3 messages, but his 3rd one was about the revolution of TENDERNESS.

“Tenderness is the love that comes close and becomes real. It is a movement that starts from our heart. Tenderness is the language of young children, but it is not weakness. It is fortitude, the path of solidarity and humility.

The future of humankind isn't exclusively in the hands of politicians, of great leaders, of big companies. Yes they do hold an enormous responsibility. But the future is, most of all, in the hands of those people who recognise the other as a “you” and themselves as part of an “us.” We all need each other. And so, please, think of me as well with tenderness, so that I can fulfil the task I have been given for the good of the other, of each and every one, of all of you, of all of us. Thank you.” Pope Francis



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Salesians are in 132 countries (sometimes listed as 133) and the words DB nel mondo just mean - DB (or Don Bosco) in the world!
(Picture above is the back of Father Francois' jacket.)

FEAST DAYS

- 04 June Pentecost
- 11 June The Most Holy Trinity
- 18 June The Body and Blood of Christ
- 23 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 24 June Birth of John the Baptist
- 29 June Ss Peter and Paul
- 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola
- 06 Aug Transfiguration of Our Lord
- 15 Aug Assumption of Our Lady
- 22 Aug Queenship of the Virgin Mary

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 information can be given to you.
Tel: 27 (0) 11 476 8315
We would be extremely grateful.

Dear God, We read that Thos. Edison made light. But at Catechism they said you did it. So I bet he stole your idea.
Sincerely Donna.

Dear God, Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones why don't you just keep the ones you got now? Jane