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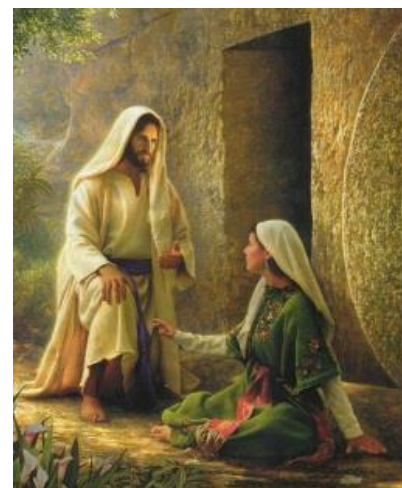


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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SALESIAN
MISSIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR 25 YEARS



In his Mass on Palm Sunday 2013 **Pope Francis** said the following: “The **first word** that I wish to say to you is **JOY!** Do not be men and women of sadness: a Christian can never be sad! Never give way to discouragement! Ours is not a joy born of having many possessions, but from having encountered a Person: Jesus, in our midst; it is born from knowing that with him we are never alone, even at difficult



moments, even when our life’s journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them!

And this brings us to the **second word** which is **CROSS!**

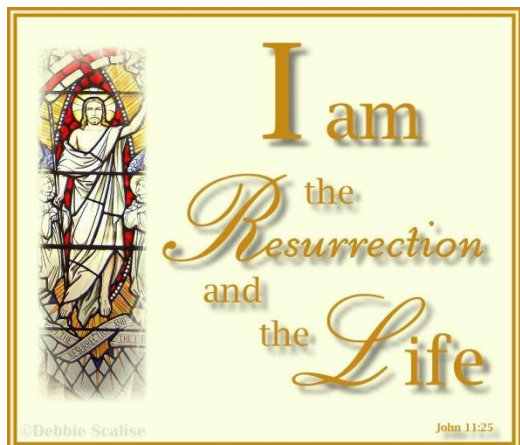
Jesus enters Jerusalem in order to die on the Cross. And it is precisely here that his kingship shines forth in godly fashion: his royal throne is the wood of the Cross! It reminds me of what Benedict XVI said to the Cardinals: you are princes, but of a king crucified. That is the throne of Jesus. Jesus takes it upon himself... Why the Cross? Because Jesus takes upon himself the evil, the filth, the sin of the world, including the sin of all of us, and he cleanses it, he cleanses it with his blood, with the mercy and the love of God.

And our **third word** is **YOUTH!**

Dear young people, I saw you in the procession as you were coming in; I think of you celebrating around Jesus, waving your olive branches. I think of you crying out his name and expressing your joy at being with him! You have an important part in the celebration of faith! You bring us the joy of faith and you tell us that we must live the faith with a young heart, always: a young heart, even at the age of seventy or eighty. Dear young people! With Christ, the heart never grows old!”



And finally in his message to Salesians acknowledging the Bicentenary of Don Bosco’s birth and his charisma, Pope Francis called upon Mary, Help of Christians, saying “she has never failed to give her help in the life of the Congregation, and she certainly will not fail to do so in the future.”



WE WISH ALL
OUR DONORS,
READERS AND
FRIENDS A VERY
BLESSED AND
HOLY EASTER

Brother Joseph Cao Thai Nguyen – the latest missionary to
the province – with Bosco Village children.

Children imitate us, we are their role models, and that is very important indeed.

THE WORLD IS CHANGED BY YOUR EXAMPLE, NOT BY YOUR OPINION. PAUL COELHO



Celebrating the Bi-Centenary of the Birth of Don Bosco 1815 – 2015



From very humble beginnings the Salesians of Don Bosco, are now an international organization founded by St. John Bosco, an Italian saint-educator of the nineteenth century. Salesians in the whole world, number 15,952, including 5 Cardinals, 125 Bishops and 450 novices. They are present in all continents of the globe in 133 countries. Their works are grouped into 7 Regions containing 89 Provinces with works involving formation, oratories, youth centres, schools, residential centres, vocation orientation, parishes,



social works, social communications and provincial services.

The Salesian Family consists of 30 branches that have sprouted over the years that draw their inspiration from Don Bosco's style and charisma. The first four that originated during Don Bosco's lifetime are The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, The Salesian Co-operators, The Past Pupils of Don Bosco and the association of Mary Help of Christians (ADMA).



Saint John Bosco dedicated his life to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents and other disadvantaged youth, employing teaching methods based on love rather than punishment. Hence the first and principal beneficiaries of our mission are the young, especially the poorest of them, young workers and those preparing themselves for work, and apostolic vocations. We work amongst the common folk with special attention to lay evangelizers, family, social communication, and those not yet evangelized.



TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louis, do you know why his father didn't punish him?
LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....
TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?
SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mum is a good cook.
TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?
CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

And More Celebrations:

MALKERNS, SWAZILAND LANTERNS



RANDVAAL, ROBERTSHAM AND BOOYSENS GAUTENG



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SALESIAN INSTITUTE – CAPE TOWN

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FR BONGI (FAR LEFT) AND DIOCESAN YOUTH AT MANZINI



LUSITO CENTRE, MALKERNS, MSMHC SISTERS

22 Feb 1875: During an audience Don Bosco asked Pope Pius ix if the Salesians should request a Cardinal Protector as was customary with religious Congregations. The Pope replied, "as long as I live, I myself shall be Protector both to you and to your Congregation."

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Dear Friends
JESUS IS RISEN.
 Think of Him at the tomb with Mary Magdalen. This is such a peaceful scene, so completely

contrary to what we experience in the world today. Families are suffering because of drugs, abuse, drink, pornography, crime, poverty, anger, fear and bad leadership. Then we have people who are raving about 50 shades of grey, unconcerned about the devastating effects it will have on children. And these are only the problems in own homes. The mind baulks at the enormity of problems both nationally and globally.

Well we can counteract all this by closing our eyes and stepping out of the sadness and turmoil, and think, if you wish, of 50 sayings of Jesus. Here is a start:
 "Peace it is I, do not be afraid."
 "Doubt no longer, but believe."
 "Let the little children come to me."
 "Love one another."
 "Has anyone condemned you? Neither do I. Go and sin no more."
 "This day you will be with me in Paradise."

From Mary: "Do whatever He tells you."
 Let us listen to Jesus in the quietness and the gentle breeze, in the rush of the waves and the twittering of the birds. May the Kindness, Peace and Love of Jesus envelop you all this Easter as you look forward in Hope to the Courage of the Apostles after Pentecost. Happy Easter and may the Risen Lord bless and reward you all. Special thanks to those who increased their monthly donation. Much love Denise

FEAST DAYS

- 02 April Holy Thursday
- 03 April Good Friday
- 05 April Easter Sunday
- 12 April Divine Mercy Sunday
- 01 May St Joseph the Worker
- 06 May St Dominic Savio
- 13 May St Mary Mazzarello
- 17 May Ascension of Our Lord
- 24 May Pentecost
- 25 May Mary Help of Christians

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. We would be extremely grateful.
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CAPE TOWN

Salesian Youth participated in the annual Stations of the Cross at Kommetjie. Father Mikel Garmendia concluded the reflection with Mass at the top of the hill.
 (Pictured Fr Mikel, youth and Brother Clarence Watts on the right)



Fridays at Learn To Live are fun days, in the picture you can see some of the learners enjoying a football match.



GREAT WORDS OF WISDOM

Spending time with children is more important than spending money on children.
 It's better to walk alone, than with a crowd going in the wrong direction.
 The mind replays what the heart cannot delete.
 Take care of your thoughts when you are alone, and take care of your words when you are with people.
Music is what feelings sound like.

Salesians have a special devotion to Mary Help of Christians, and we celebrate her feast day on the 25th May.
 Don Bosco said of her: "In every danger call on Mary and I guarantee that your prayer will be heard."



CAN ANYONE REMEMBER THOSE DAYS OF WILD ABANDON? LOVELY!!!!!!!



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