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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SALESIAN MISSIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR 33 YEARS

Message from the Rector Major regarding the communique that Blessed Artemides Zatti will be proclaimed a Saint

We are about to experience a special Easter. It is with immense joy that we have welcomed the great gift of the news that the Supreme Pontiff has authorised the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the Decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Artemides Zatti, professed lay member (brother) of the Salesian Society of St John Bosco; he was born 12 October 1880 in Boretto (Italy) and died 15 March 1951 in Viedma (Argentina). This official act of the Holy Father opens the way for the canonisation of Blessed Artemides Zatti.

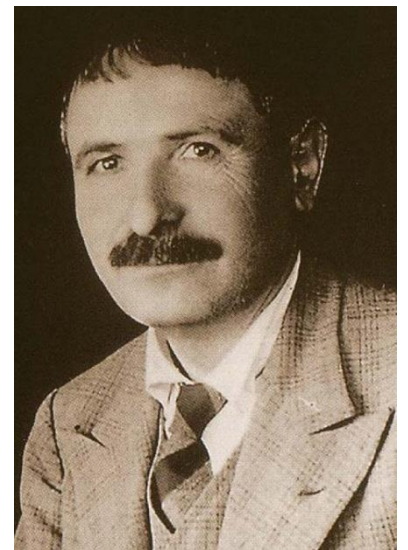


We are deeply grateful to God and to the Holy Father, Pope Francis. Today, in the Salesian Family, the Church in Argentina, and especially in the diocese of Viedma, in Boretto, in Italy, his birthplace, and in the Diocese of Reggio Emilia there is an atmosphere of great enthusiasm.

In the light of the Lord's Pasch, this is a **message and seed of**

hope in the dramatic times we are experiencing, marked by the pandemic but especially by wars, in particular the war in Ukraine, bringing death, sorrow and destruction. Artemides Zatti encourages us to experience hope as a virtue and attitude of life in God. The path to holiness very often requires a change in values and vision. This was the path taken by Artemides. **In the trials of life, he discovered in the Cross a great opportunity to be reborn to a new life.**

As I have written in this year's Strenna: "We too, as a Salesian Family, need to make the 'charism of the Visitation' explicit as a desire of the heart to announce, without waiting for others to come to us, going into areas and places inhabited by so many people for whom a kind word, an encounter, a look full of respect can open their horizons towards a better life." **Artemides Zatti was a man of the Visitation**, carrying Jesus in his heart, recognising and serving him in his sick and poor brothers and sisters joyfully and generously. May he intercede for us!



**HE IS RISEN - "PEACE BE WITH YOU - DO NOT BE AFRAID"
EASTER BLESSINGS AND THANKS TO ALL OUR READERS,
DONORS AND FRIENDS**



2022 EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL: HOPE AND JOY IN AFFLICTION AND DEATH!



Dear Friends,
Collaborators, Family,
Benefactors and Well-
wishers of the Salesians of
Don Bosco in Southern
Africa.

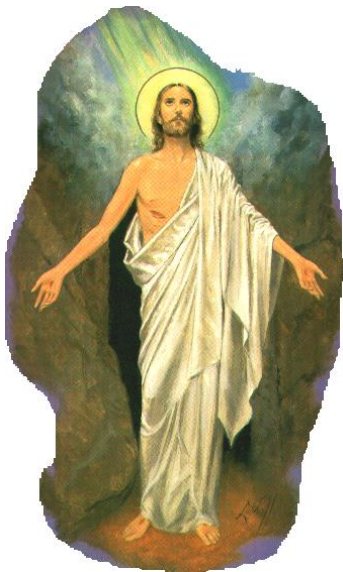
I sincerely thank Denise
Hards for the invitation to
share a brief message for
this Easter 2022. It is
indeed thanks to you all

that we are able to continue our mission work of evangelization and empowerment of the young people who are among the more vulnerable and disadvantaged of the society. It is our work together of sharing our experience of God's love and care in the limited ways possible to each of us, but which when combined, makes possible what otherwise would not be, and adds to the greater glory of God.

As most of you might have already heard, we have had a great farewell gathering in these days. It was a farewell gathering celebrating the life and work of Fr Patrick Naughton SDB. He was the great visionary that brought

about this Salesian Mission Office and the publication of "Salesian Spotlight" as a means of sharing and inviting more people of good will to the work of the Salesians of Don Bosco, in favour of the young people of Southern Africa who are poorer, and the formation of young men who respond to God's Call to live and serve as consecrated persons in the Salesian Society. In the recent last publications, we have read about Pat's life

and work, thanking God, and celebrating his Jubilees of Ordination and Religious Profession. Now instead we are celebrating his passing on into the eternal abode of the heavenly Father, to be with Jesus as promised in the Gospels and celebrate the continuation of God's image



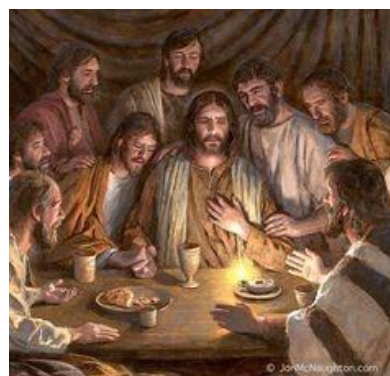
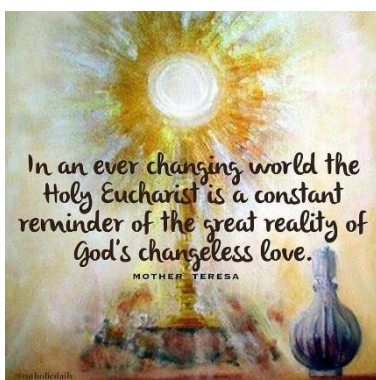
and Work in the multiplication of LOVE.

Easter is a celebration of Jesus' rising from the dead and thus claiming his victory over the reign of evil. The celebration of Easter is our proclamation of belief that in Jesus we too have the victory over the reign of evil on ourselves, Jesus having bought us with His own Blood offered in Sacrifice on the Cross. There is the celebration of Hope and Joy in the New Life being offered to us by Jesus, of which every believer has a certainty. This certainty and belief also urge us on a mission /path of proclamation to make many others also to know and love Jesus and come to share in the New Life that He alone can give. So, in death, and in every affliction of the world such as the present wars, we come to see into the beyond and celebrate Hope and Joy of the new life that comes after.

This is the kind of hope and joy that the death of Fr Pat Naughton witnessed to. He died serenely on the 23rd of March having completed his turn of pilgrimage here on earth. The message of hope for the better future of the young people was on his lips



to share and seek support from everyone who came to see him. His impending death was not his cause of concern, but the need of supporting the work of helping many more young people as possible, with a new start in their lives. With St. Paul he witnessed to the certainty of being raised to be by the side of Jesus and hoped also to have as many more of you (young people) as possible, with him/us, thus raising more thanksgiving to the glory of God (2Cor 4,14ff). May the passing on of Fr Pat, the afflictions of war and our celebration of this Easter, spur us all on a journey of mission to share the Hope and Joy of living and dying with Christ Jesus, and celebrating EASTER in our everlasting home in the heaven, when the time comes, with as many more of (you/newer) believers with us. With blessings for an Easter of HOPE, PEACE AND JOY. *Fr Joy Sebastian SDB.*



FATHER PATRICK NAUGHTON – A LEGEND IN THE SALESIAN COMMUNITY PASSED AWAY



Fr Patrick Naughton, the CEO of Salesian Institute Youth Projects (SIYP) and Salesian visionary, sadly passed away at the age of 81. His wish was to die in his own bed. His passing on the 23rd of March 2022 will leave a huge void at the Salesian Institute and Salesian Institute Youth Projects, and the Salesian Community, but his legacy will live on in the work to which he so passionately and selflessly devoted his life.

Born in An Spidéal, Galway in Ireland, Father Pat arrived in South Africa in 1960, where he served the young people of South Africa for over 60 years, 30 of which he spent at the Salesian Institute in Greenpoint. Fr Pat did his novitiate in Clonlea near Daleside in 1960, made his final profession in 1966 and was ordained in 1971.

He was appointed deputy headmaster of the then Savio College shortly after and taught math, and accounting. In 1978 he became parish priest of Lansdowne. He moved to the Salesian Institute in 1980 as Hostel Master.

Fr Pat next served as Rector in the Daleside and Lansdowne communities for six years each, until he was appointed as Provincial Superior for Southern Africa (AFM) for six years until 2001, during which time in 1987, he launched the Salesian Mission Office for AFM Province, together with Lynette Brady and Denise Hards. He then returned to the Salesian Institute as Rector and headed up the Salesian Institute Youth Projects as CEO from 2001. He was passionate about developing vulnerable children and youth at risk. He fundraised millions to this end.

Fr Pat handed over the position of CEO of Salesian Institute Youth Projects to Fr Francois Dufour at the end of 2021, and in early January 2022 was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He spent the last three months cared for in his own bedroom. "These are big shoes to fill, said Fr Francois, but with the support of the SIYP management team, staff and the Board, I am committed to building on Fr Pat's legacy continuing our focus on youth skills development and youth living on the margins of society."

His funeral service took place on 30 March 2022 at Our Lady Help of Christians in Lansdowne, Cape Town, with the Presiding Celebrant led by His Grace Stephen Brislin, Archbishop of Cape Town, where family, friends and the Salesian Community said their farewells. "Go dtuga Diasuaimhneas síoraí dá anam!" (Irish Gaelic)

May God grant his soul eternal peace! Hambe kahle mfowethu!" *Frieda Pehlivan*



50th Celebration for Father Michael Whelton last November 27th, 2021

His diary entry for the day: "I'm on time. Seven Christmas puddings are sitting on the floor. None has been stolen yet. The grass is flourishing, and the maize is rising to chest height. Mswati is finding it difficult to read 'the signs of the times'. I have selected a diary entry which might help you grasp my reading of this day of celebration.

I was ordained a Salesian priest fifty years ago. I said the 9am Mass in siSwati. It was too cold for a large crowd. Dressed in my best, we took pictures in the morning sun. Acted the lark after Mass and confessions for the boys. Lunch degenerated into Indian baroque excess – in their cold chapel with Ferrando's hideous, tentative grin. Written encomium. Then goldie, baubly tinkery in the dining room. A good 1 ½ hours before I could swallow a bite. Once I had my plate full, I answered questions between mouthfuls. I felt in good company, even tho' it was slapstick & giggly. Father Odise joined and was deft in reining in the extravagance. I just went with the flow. It won't be happening again. I got some quiet moments for recollection, and the boys were well behaved. Dishes galore for supper thanks to Mrs. Mkhonta. A wonderful day was had by all."

Fr Michael Whelton

SALESIAN INSTITUTE CAPE TOWN - LEARN TO LIVE SCHOOL OF SKILLS



Music Concert 2021

This is Lindokuhle, a young man who stole our hearts when he presented both a solo and a duet at the Music Concert held at the end of 2021. He had begged our Headmaster to ensure that his father would attend, and once he performed, he promptly burst into tears, overwhelmed by his own sense of achievement and pride that his father had attended and saw his son on stage, performing beautifully for a packed hall. It is these moments that we live for.

Work Experience and a Success Story 2021

This is Luke, a young man who started his final year at Learn to Live in 2021, by testing positive for drug abuse. He was responsive to intervention and rehab. Further behavioral issues resulted in a sit down with his Grandmother and School Headmaster, Mr Austen.

To our delight, Luke decided to work for himself and committed to following the intervention laid out for him. He enrolled in his Job Shadowing Internship at Cape Carpenters and proved himself to be such a proactive and committed young man that he has been offered permanent employment.

Luke is a shining example of what happens when students make the most of their opportunities and when home support – in this case his grandmother – join forces with the student and ourselves to ensure a successful outcome. We are so pleased for Luke and so proud of him.



Gender Based Violence Campaign 2021



Learn to Live staff with Father Joseph Nguyen (centre) starting off the 16 days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

Staff carefully packed and prepared the end of year gift bags.

End of Year 2021



A Student receiving his end of year gift parcel with stationery for the new year, a Kentucky Fried Chicken Lunch, juice, sweets and chips. Some parts of childhood, like a fun lunch, should be mandatory traditions!





Cloud covered the Table Mountain as we celebrated Don Bosco's Feast Day. However, it brought a welcome respite from the scorching heat of the Cape summer.

Salesian Institute Youth Projects delivers a total of 3695 Food Parcels



Prior to the lockdown in 2020, many people who were in formal or informal employment within the country lost their jobs leaving them unable to earn an income. Despite the number of food parcels being delivered nationally, the daily hunger people faced went far beyond the capacity of government organisations to feed them. The Salesian Institute Youth Projects are huge believers in the value of lending a

helping hand, and as a civil organisation we were blessed to be able to feed, 1329 direct beneficiaries and 6645 indirect beneficiaries over the past 2 years, thanks to the funding received from various donors. Involving our students and staff to collate and deliver the parcels, further enforced the ethos of caring and sharing.



Minister of Social Development of South Africa visits Salesian Institute Youth Projects"



Cape Town, South Africa - February 2022 - The Minister of Social Development of South Africa, Lindiwe Zulu, visited the Salesian Institute Youth Projects (SIYP) from 8 to 11 February. This work has been working with young people from at-risk backgrounds for over a century and currently offers four official programs: the "Learn to Live" Skill School; the Porsche Mechatronics Program; the

“Waves of Change” Maritime Training Program; and the Youth Work Preparation Program for non-studying and non-working children (NEETs). During her visit, the Minister interacted with various community organizations in Cape Town active in education, vocational training, and job placement for young people, who are affected by very high levels of unemployment in the country. The Minister met the beneficiaries of all four youth development programs, concluding the visit with a private meeting with Fr Patrick Naughton, SDB. Minister Zulu said she was struck by the enthusiasm of the "SIYP" in offering alternatives to unemployed young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The Minister is no stranger to Salesian ethics since both of her brothers attended Salesian schools in eSwatini, and she herself attended a Catholic school.

ORGANISATIONAL CHANGES AT SALESIAN INSTITUTE



Fr Francois Dufour

Fr Robert Gore

The Salesian Provincial of Southern Africa, Fr Joy Sebastian has announced the following new appointments at the Salesian Institute and Salesian Institute Youth Projects (NGO), fully endorsed by the SIYP Board

SIYP CEO, Father Francois Dufour

Fr Francois Dufour was appointed as the new CEO at SIYP, taking over from Fr Patrick Naughton. Fr Pat served on 5 different NGO Boards over the years and remained steadfast in his beliefs and passion to

provide the best possible opportunities for our youth. Fr Pat dedicated his life to the Salesian priesthood and the Salesian Institute Youth Projects for many years and will remain in the hearts of many whom he assisted and who loved him dearly.

Fr Francois Dufour comes with valuable experience. He was previously based at the Salesian Formation Centre in Nairobi; he has served as Rector at several Salesian centres in South Africa since 1990 and was Provincial Superior for 2 consecutive terms from 2007 to 2017. Born in South Africa, he holds dual French and South African citizenship. He received his Honours degrees in Philosophy and Theology from the University of Ireland as well as Pontifical University. He was ordained as a priest in 1985 and has devoted his life to working with youth ever since.

Salesian Institute Rector – Father Robert Gore

Fr Robert Gore has been appointed as the new Rector of the Salesian Institute Cape Town. Fr Joseph Nguyen is now based at Johannesburg Salesian Community after serving almost 3 years as Rector at the Salesian of Don Bosco Community based in Cape Town.

Fr Gore qualified as a teacher in 1970 completing his BA degree with UNISA. After four years of teaching, he was admitted and continued his formation to the priesthood. In Ireland he embarked on theological studies, graduating with a BD Honours after 4 years. Returning to South Africa he was ordained to the priesthood on 1 January 1978.

In January 1980 Fr Gore was appointed principal at St John Bosco College serving 10 years, whereafter he was asked to assume the responsibility of Rector at Salesian Institute in Cape Town. During this period, he worked closely with Br Peter Simmonds and Fr Declan Collins with the development of

projects to assist homeless youth on the streets of Cape Town. In January 1995, he was appointed a Rector of the Lansdowne Community but continued to be involved (as chair) in the SI youth projects.

In 2001 he was appointed as Provincial for AFM, the Salesian Southern African province, South Africa, Lesotho, and Swaziland (now Eswatini) for six years. In 2007 he was appointed Rector at Bosco Youth Centre, Walkerville, as well as Economer (CFO) for AFM. In 2013 he moved to the Johannesburg Community in Booyens as local Bursar, continuing as AFM Economer, chairing the Don Bosco Educational Projects Board at Ennerdale, and serving as SPDO director. Having completed those various mandates by the end of 2021, Fr Gore has been appointed as the Rector of the

Cape Town community at the Salesian Institute for a second time.



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS LANSDOWNE, ANNUAL FOOD FAIR



#OLHC
FOOD Fair

26 February 14:00

Entertainment for Everyone!

Boerewors Rolls
Hot Chips
Pizzas • Burgers
Lasagne • Curries
Shwarma
Snoek & Patat

Face Painting

Jumping Castles

5-a-side Soccer
Age 10+
Dads welcome

Candy Store
Desserts
Cakes

Beer Garden + Irish Coffee

SHOW US YOUR Talent
AGES 4 - 16
R20 ENTRY



To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care.



EVERYBODY HAD A WONDERFUL TIME

ALL SAINTS PARISH ENNERDALE

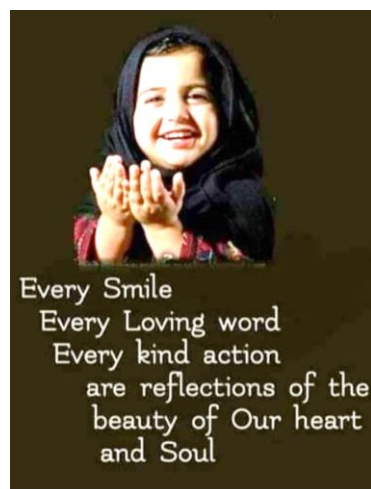


Johannesburg, South Africa - February 2022 - On February 13, the catechists of All Saints Parish in Ennerdale received the mandate to "proclaim Christ's message of faith, hope and love to all". The group includes some members of the Salesian Youth Movement (SYM), the Salesian Co-operators, and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. Fr Marian Kulig, pastor and Rector, presided over the Mass. **ANS.**

SANCTA MARIA EARLY LEARNING CENTRE



Photos of the awning at the school. Thanks to the donors of Salesian Missions for their kindness. **Sr Maria Nguyen**



ST. LUKE'S SALESIAN MISSION – MAPUTSOE – LESOTHO

DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD PARCELS IN LESOTHO



- 2.5 kg mealie meal
 - 5kg rice
 - 2 kg sugar
 - 2kg split peas
 - 1 kg sugar beans
 - 500 g salt
 - 500 g petroleum jelly
 - 2 litres cooking oil
 - Two bars of sunlight washing soap
 - Two hundred and fifty food parcels in all
- This is our second food distribution in the last

four weeks, and this is probably the biggest, if not one of the biggest village distributions in Lesotho. *Fr John Thompson*



A NEW PROVINCIAL FOR THE FMA (SALESIAN SISTERS)



SISTER CECILIA MOTANYA History has done it again. Can anything good come from Nazareth (Jn 1v 45-47)? The Lord takes delight in the humble and lowly souls. From the most insignificant, unknown, and landlocked country the Holy Spirit found a servant to use as an agent among the people of God. Sr. Cecilia Motanya was chosen to be the provincial of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christian in Southern Africa. Not only that but she is also the first local provincial to be asked to accept this task. We thank God for finding His servant worthy of His service. Sr. Cecilia worked tirelessly in the community of two members, from 2020 to 2021 in St. Boniface High School, as a full-time teacher, managed St. Mary Mazzarello, and the Production Unit, as well as overseeing the nitty gritty of Laura Pre-school. St. Luke's Salesian

Mission is humbled by what the Lord has done in their midst and assured Sr. Cecilia of their support and prayers.



Don Bosco celebrations among the Salesian Family in Maputsoe (picture right)

HE IS RISEN - "PEACE BE WITH YOU - DO NOT BE AFRAID"



MARY MAZZARELLO



VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE

St. Mary Mazzarello was first registered 36 years ago. In 2022, despite the covid pandemic, things became difficult. The challenge of space prevented us from reaching out to many girls,

who because of financial constraints did not make it to pursue their academic studies. In the past years girls used to be forced to do craft work because they had failed in the mainstream, but now slowly, society has come to terms with the reality that obtaining different skills is no longer optional but leads to self-reliance and substantivity. Gone are days when their fathers used to work in the mines of South Africa.

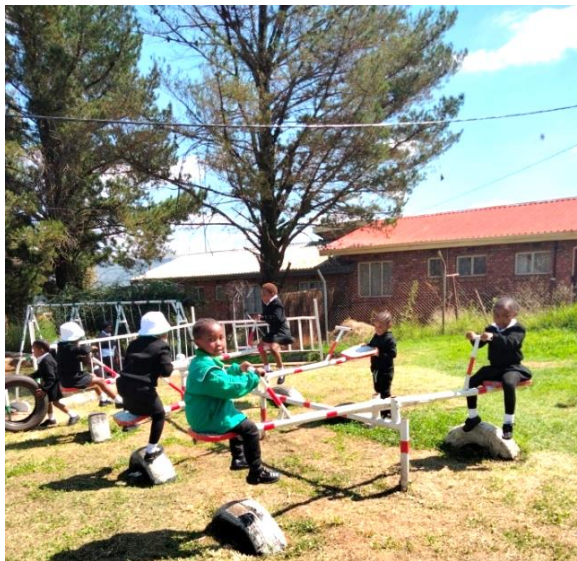


St. Boniface Alumni contributed and bought the school shoes for the St. Mary Mazzarello girls. We are grateful for the good relationship existing among the St. Luke's Salesian Schools in the mission.

LAURA VICUÑA PRE-SCHOOL

Laura Pre-school have 167 learners this year 2022 and we have no vacant classroom. Though our fees are close to nothing, still many children are loitering on the streets of Maputsoe because of the covid unemployment impact. The cost of living is getting extremely high and putting the parents of these underprivileged families under pressure, and there is a serious dilemma as to what to do for their children's study. Therefore, external financial assistance to school, would allow the school to support some of the neediest children, who under normal circumstances would never be able to go to school.

Sister Laetitia Motselisi



Mother Chiara Cazzuola is the Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical Faculty "Auxilium"

(ANS – Rome) – The Superior General of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians is henceforth Grand Chancellor of the Pontifical Faculty of Educational Sciences "Auxilium" in Rome. The Holy Father Francis approved the proposal in the audience granted to the Excellent Substitute for General Affairs of the Secretariat of State, Archbishop Edgar Peña Parra, on 2 November 2021. The official communication bears no. 853/2021 of the protocol. The Grand Chancellor is therefore Mother Chiara Cazzuola, current Superior General of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA).

Since 1970, when the International Higher Institute of Pedagogy and Religious Sciences of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, founded in 1954, aggregated in 1964, and then incorporated in 1966 to the Higher Institute of Pedagogy of the Salesian Pontifical Athenaeum, became the first Pontifical Faculty entrusted to a female religious institute. The Grand Chancellor was the Rector Major of the Salesian Society of St. John Bosco. The Vice Grand Chancellor was the Superior General of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. The Principal of the "Auxilium" Faculty, Prof. Piera Ruffinatto, on behalf of the entire academic community, thanks the Holy Father "for this recognition, as an act of esteem and trust in the



Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians" and assures Mother Chiara Cazzuola "collaboration to continue to qualify and give impetus to the cultural mission of the Faculty at the service of the universal Church and the Institute".

The Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians expresses its gratitude to Fr Ángel Fernández Ártime, Rector Major of the Salesian Society of St John Bosco, until now Grand Chancellor and in him, to all his predecessors who with availability and foresight, have encouraged and accompanied over the years the mission of the Faculty in the panorama of the Pontifical Academic Institutions, in its identity and vocation to promote 'a culture of life', to form professionals in the field of education

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN BOSCO



On Saturday 29 January the Salesian Youth Movement (SYM) of Johannesburg celebrated the feast of Don Bosco at the "Don Bosco" youth centre in Walkerville. The day started with a solemn Mass concelebrated by all the Salesians priests, the main celebrant being the Rector, Fr Jonathan. He reminded us to imitate Don Bosco in three aspects: be joyful, look at others through the human eyes and look at everything through God's eyes.



The young people watched the video of the Rector Major's Strenna 2022, on the theme "Do all for love, nothing by constraint", and they reflected and debated together on how to make the Strenna concrete in their daily lives. Subsequently, through



representations, poems and songs, they showed their interpretation of the Strenna.

Thereafter a scrumptious braai was prepared and served which all enjoyed. After lunch and before dessert, a talent show followed. Joy and laughter were at the heart of it all. Before we knew it, time was up, and we had to pack up and go our separate ways.

ANS/Brother Clarence



Saint John Bosco was a great storyteller!

Whether describing about his childhood or speaking about his dreams or writing the biography of some of his boys, he knew how to tell stories to touch people hearts and minds.

Don Bosco shaped his narratives: through faith!! His stories, his dreams, his writings were interpreted through his deep faith in God and in the Mother of Jesus. Narratives also have to do with the testimony of love and caring for others. Don Bosco narrates stories characterized by his strong and faithful love for the youth: being among them, captivating them, loving them, demanding the best of them, creating affective bonds, placing challenges before them, working together, getting involved in religious, educative and artistic activities. Don Bosco learned how to narrate experiences of himself and realized the importance of narrating the lives of others.



Old photograph of Don Bosco among the young

In 1861 Don Bosco's health deteriorated and so some young Salesians, led by Giovanni Cagliero, fearing for his life, convinced him to let himself be photographed.

On May 19, on Pentecost Sunday, Past Pupil Francesco Serra took various photographs. One still survives today: the famous image known as "Don Bosco among the young".

Francesco Serra was a young enthusiast of new portrait techniques and made various studies with light and shadow with his camera. Many believe that it is a daguerreotype, but it is actually a photograph made with more modern techniques. Although it is not a clear image, it is a precious testimony of Don Bosco's love for his children.



Prayers Please



For the people of Ukraine, and for an end to the pandemic.
For PEACE in our country and the world over.
For all Readers, Donors and Friends of the Spotlight.
For those who have been retrenched and have no money.
For starving children and families, the world over.
For all women who are used and abused.

For children who suffer at the hands of abusive adults.

For the protection of Our Blessed Mother and Her Son.

For all carers, nurses, doctors and those in religion who help without expecting thanks.

For an end to corruption in our Government.

For all dedicated Priests, Brothers and Religious.

For all those who have gone before us. May they rest in peace.

And here we pray especially for the repose of the souls of:

Father Hugh Boyle, Hugo Van In, Mr Bondonno, Natalie Hinton – Gail's niece, Jimmy Stark and Maryanne Chetty's mother.

Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace.

“Almighty, ever-living God, whose love surpasses all that we ask or deserve, open up for us the treasures of your mercy. Forgive us all that weighs on our conscience and grant us more even than we dare to ask. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



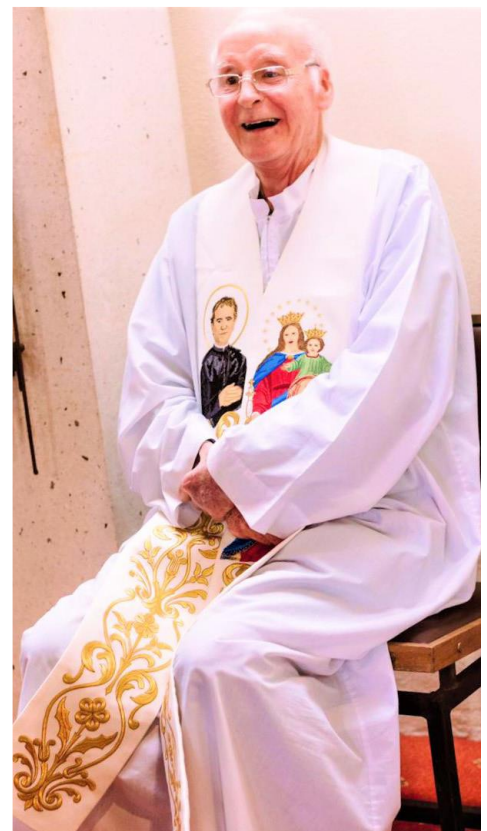
Father Hugh Boyle -

Born 20 December 1927 - Died 31 December 2021

Father Boyle, nephew of Bishop Hugh Boyle RIP of Johannesburg, was known and respected throughout Southern Africa. Born in Ballymena in Ireland, he came to Eswatini as a Brother and at a meeting with his uncle, he decided to become a Priest.

He returned to Ireland to complete his Theological Studies and was ordained in June 1974 in Ballymena. He then returned to Eswatini and following that he served as Parish Priest in every Parish in Mitchell's Plain, as well as Hanover Park and Lansdowne. After which he travelled back and forth between Ireland and Eswatini. His final destination was Crumlin, in Ireland, where he finally passed to his eternal reward.

Father Boyle loved people, he loved life, he loved being a Salesian Priest, and he loved sport and music. He spent time in prayer every day and bore his illness with courage and patience. He will be sorely missed by many. May he rest in peace. *With acknowledgement to Father Martin McCormack SDB*

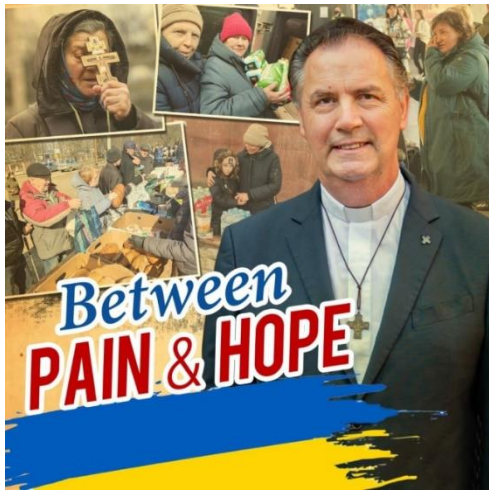




(ANS - Kyiv) "In these difficult times, we, the Salesian Family of Ukraine, ask the whole Salesian world to unite and help the Ukrainian people in this tragic moment, praying for peace and humanitarian aid," is what Fr Anatoliy Hetsyanyn, Delegate of Social Communication of the Vice Province of the Greek-Catholic Ukraine (UKR), declares in a statement.

(ANS - Lviv) - In the current reality that Ukraine is experiencing, the Salesians

present in the country are doing everything possible for the young and the needy population, describing the situation they see with their own eyes and raising their prayers to God, along with requests for solidarity and help from the international community.



My dear friends and readers around the world, As I write these lines to you, the media worldwide are giving, minute by minute, almost instantaneous news of the terrible war that is taking place in Ukraine. I am convinced that the vast majority of the Russian people do not want to do harm to anyone. Indeed, I think that most of us agree in describing what is happening in that land blessed by God as being terrible, unimaginable, and unbelievable in the 21st century, calling it total madness and true genocide. The thought of how we would feel if we were living that reality must, I suppose, fill us with sadness and shake us. The sad reality is that, yet again, evil makes noise, destroys things and people, brings death, skews human lives, fractures families, etc. The good—so much good and solidarity—that we are witnessing even while rockets and long-range projectiles fall, is all done silently. This good tries to mitigate the pain, dry the tears, and provide human warmth. The

human heart is capable of this, too. In situations such as these, we see the worst of human nature and the greatest beauty of the human heart simultaneously. We are witnesses to a living Gethsemane and Calvary. Let us hope also to see the Resurrection of this country and its people. **ÁNGEL FERNÁNDEZ ARTIME, RECTOR MAJOR**

LEST WE FORGET



"I would like to put a 'comma' in our conversation about the tragedy of the Ukraine war and remind ourselves of other disasters that we are still dealing with.

Ethiopia. The situation is extremely bad, and we are doing what we can, but we cannot give any publicity to it due to the delicate situation.

Haiti. The recovery from the

earthquake of August 2021 has been slow. Recently we inaugurated the short-term courses for young men and women who will find employment in the construction industry to rebuild all the collapsed houses. Typhoon Odette in the **Philippines**. The reconstruction of all the damaged institutions and homes is making a painful progress.

Recent resurge in the civil war in **South Sudan** and a huge flow of refugees into **Uganda**.

While we concentrate on the war in Ukraine, let us not entirely forget our brothers and sisters in these tragedies. In each of these our confreres have been affected and are involved in helping the victims." **Father George Menampampil**

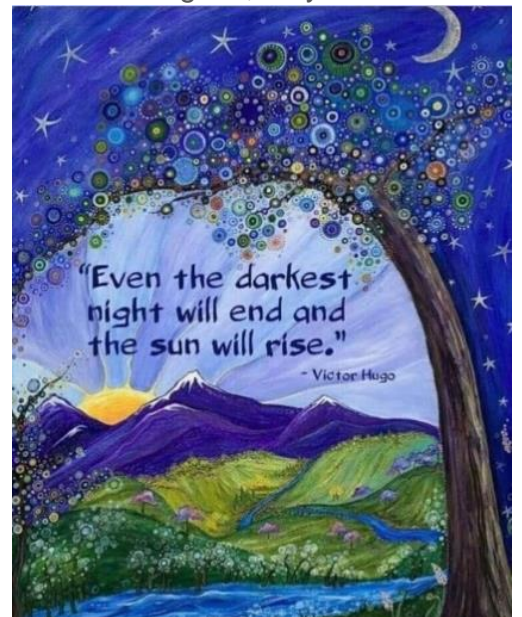


Uganda - Palabek refugee camp: solidarity, closeness, prayer for Ukrainian people



Palabek, Uganda - March 2022 - "And who is my neighbour?" (Lk 10:25-37). On Sunday, March 20, members of the Salesian Missionary Group from the Palabek refugee camp gathered to reflect and pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Expressions of solidarity and closeness to all refugees came from the Palabek refugee camp: "Please forgive us for not being able to send you anything, but today we have gathered to pray for all of you and for peace throughout the world." Fr Ubaldo Andrade, Rector of the Salesian community of Palabek, writes: "All the members of the Salesian Missionary Group are refugees, they know well

what it means. Even today, more and more refugees from South Sudan continue to arrive in large numbers at the Palabek camp. They walk, even for weeks, to cross the border with Uganda and then they arrive at the camp. They are fleeing invasion by other tribes in the country, who are forcing them to abandon their lands at gunpoint. In South Sudan, almost all tribes live from pastoralism and in this period of drought, they invade the lands of other tribes to feed and water their livestock, forcing their inhabitants to leave everything. The women and children flee first, while the men stay to fight. In Palabek camp, refugees live and sleep outdoors, in the sun... It is hard to live in these conditions with no water, no food, no bathrooms, but at least it's safe. And who is my neighbour? Let us all unite in prayer so that peace may reign throughout the world." ANS



Distribution of Salesians in their respective Regions

According to Statistics updated to December 31, 2021, there are 13,488 professed Salesians, 422 novices and 118 Salesian Bishops, for a **total of 14,028**.

Looking at the distribution in the individual Regions, it emerges that the Salesians are divided as follows:

Africa-Madagascar: 1,841 professed, 191 novices;

America South Cone: 1,123 professed, 29 novices;

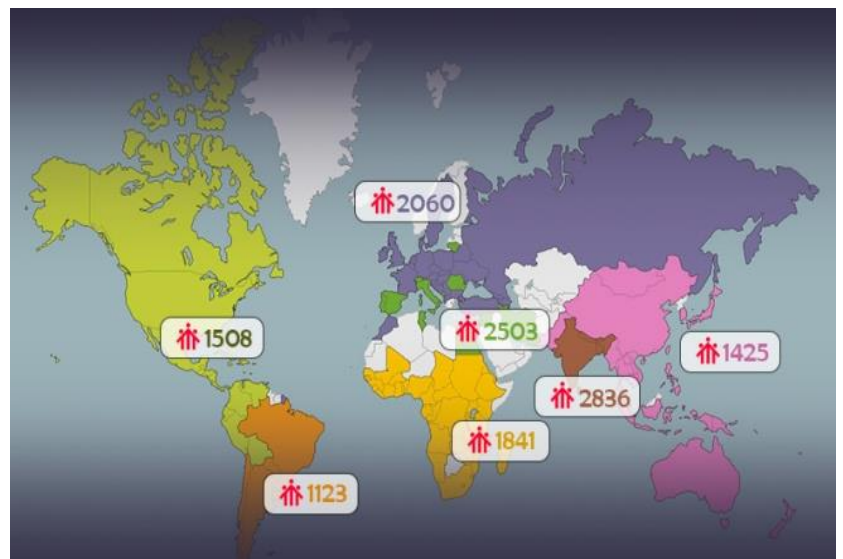
Interamerica: 1,508 professed, 26 novices;

East Asia-Oceania: 1,425 professed, 51 novices;

South Asia: 2,836 professed, 102 novices;

Central and North Europe: 2,060 professed, 13 novices;

Mediterranean: 2,503 professed, 10 novices.



79th Foundation Day and 20th Foundation Day of the MSMHC Sisters



A Festive Oratory was held to celebrate the 79th Foundation Day of the Congregation and the 20th Foundation Day of Eswatini Mission, by Sisters Elsa Joseph, Clara Topno and Susan Soren. It was held in Focus Village and 85 children and a few mothers with their young children gathered for the festivities. After some spiritual nourishment, games and sports were held and then all were given some nourishment to take away with them.



POPE FRANCIS' EASTER MESSAGE 2021

“The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the source of hope for humankind. the Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape from the difficult situation we are experiencing.” He noted that “the pandemic is still spreading, while the social and economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor.” In addition, he said, “the scandal of today” is that “armed conflicts have not ended, and military arsenals are being strengthened.”

Indeed, “there are still too many wars and too much violence in the world.” He prayed to the risen Lord, “who is our peace, to help us to overcome the mindset of war,” and called on world leaders to “curb the race for new weaponry.”



Dear Friends

This will be a short editorial, as there is not much space left in this expansive newsletter. So much has happened in the last few months and there is still more trouble brewing, in the west and in the east. We need to pray more. but we also need

to be patient. There is a reason for everything, and we must remember that God is in control. We are all clamouring for peace, and yet there is always the good versus the bad. So, we need to talk more to Our Blessed Lady. We need Her to invoke Her Son as she did at Cana in Galilee. “My Son, please, Your children need You.” May God bless and reward you all, once again, for your generous donations, prayers, and your loyalty. To all our donors – those who give monthly, quarterly and anonymously, please accept my very sincere thanks. May God bless you abundantly. A Blessed, Peaceful and Joyous Easter to you all and may the Risen Christ bless you and your families. Pray for me, as I do for you. Much Love Denise Hards

FEAST DAYS

- 14 Apr Holy Thursday
- 15 Apr Good Friday
- 17 Apr Easter Sunday
- 24 Apr Divine Mercy Sunday
- 29 Apr St Catherine of Siena
- 06 May St Dominic Savio
- 13 May Our Lady of Fatima
St Mary Mazzarello
- 24 May Mary Help of Christians
- 26 May Ascension of Our Lord
- 27 May St Augustine
- 31 May The Visitation of Our Lady

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