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# SALESIAN SPOTLIGHT

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## HANOVER PARK CAPE TOWN



While the South African National Defence force have infiltrated most of the Cape Flats (this in order to control the 'gangs' who have taken control and are causing havoc), the children in Hanover Park staged a Peace Request. In the picture on the left Father Jonathon Daniels,

Parish Priest of Hanover Park, is seen bending over the children who are petitioning for peace.

## LOVE MATTERS – DON BOSCO CENTRE RANDVAAL



During the month of June, Don Bosco Centre hosted Pretoria and Tembisa Parishes youth groups for the Love Matters programme. The programme was packed with activities like team building games,



obstacle courses, and hiking. There were also sessions about Human sexuality, digital cocaine and substance abuse.

Guest speakers included doctors, Couples ready for Marriage, Reach for Life, No Regrets and Living for a 'Cause.' On the final Day young people were encouraged to commit to the 'True Love Waits Pledge. *Nhlanhla Mdlalose Love Matters Programme Coordinator*



## LAURA VICUNA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE (LVEC) ENNERDALE

(which is part of Don Bosco Educational Projects) was established with a view to creating an opportunity for the children from Finetown to receive some form of education. LVEC offers basic primary and elementary education to the children.



## PRAYER TO MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Mary  
 You love me with a Mothers heart.  
 Just as you held your son Jesus in  
 your arms you hold me in your care.  
 Help in my need;  
 Protect me day by day;  
 and through your Motherly  
 intercession,  
 may I become ever more aware of  
 the breath of God living within me.  
 Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.



Salesian Institute Youth Projects

# Porsche Training & Recruitment Centre, together with the Salesian Institute Youth Projects delivers 23 Automotive Mechatronic Technicians

In 2017, we saw the opening of the Porsche Training and Recruitment Centre in South Africa (PTRC-ZA). Youth from socially disadvantaged communities got the opportunity to participate in a 2-year training programme. Porsche AG has established training facilities for under privileged youth in emerging markets since 2008. In 2016 the Salesian Institute Youth Projects was privileged to have been selected as a South African partner to this project. After a lengthy selection process, the initial cohort of 23 candidates started their training. The Cape Town project is based on the Porsche Training and Recruitment Centre Asia in Manila, which has been training young Filipinos as service mechatronics since 2008, in cooperation with Don Bosco Mundo and the local Porsche importer. Of the first intake a group - 23 young men and woman completed the course successfully in South Africa and graduated on 1 July 2019 as mechatronic technicians. The VW Group dealer network will employ these graduates in their network.

The 2-year training, designed by Porsche After Sales experts, involved practical and academic learning modules, including high voltage training. The project was organised by Don Bosco Mundo, The Salesian Institute Youth Projects (SIYP) in Cape Town and the local Porsche importer, LSM Distributors (Pty) Ltd. This will unlock career opportunities in the retail operations of the Volkswagen Group in South Africa.



Fr Pat Naughton, head of the Salesian Institute Youth Projects, could not contain his pride and excitement in successfully delivering these enthusiastic young individuals to the automotive industry. "Our experience in youth skills development (since 1910) assisted us over the last 2 years. It was new territory for us and a learning curve for all. SIYP delivered according to their mission to provide opportunities for youth at risk. We honour our founder Don Bosco whose vision was to serve the youth and to create opportunities, opening their hearts and minds", said Fr Pat. The graduation includes handing out a certificate and a commitment from the Quality Council for Trades & Occupations (QCTO), to conclude the MerSETA accreditation of this program in due course. The students were excited to be able to enter the job market and said that it had been a privilege to work on the amazing vehicles.



GRADUATION of the students in the Bricklaying Class



DON BOSCO EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS



FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE CLASS learning how to bake cakes



PLUMBING CLASSES - Students learning how to solder copper pipes

## LEAGUE OF MARGHERITA – ROBERTSHAM PARISH

The League takes its name from the mother of Don Bosco, whose name was Margherita. It was started by Fr Pat Ahern



in 1987 in Robertsham Parish, Johannesburg. The members live their Mission by encouraging the entire Christian Community to be involved, aware and responsible. This in

regard to the basic needs of others less fortunate in the Christian Communities, especially those within the Parish and Salesian Community. They assist families in need, Nazareth House and Lerato, to name but a few.

At a recent meeting, a sincere thank you was issued to Maud Lahoud for being the Treasurer for 30 years.

*Picture top: Members of the League 3 years ago and right: Members now, with Maud in the centre holding her 'thank you' card.*



### ECUMENISM IS ALIVE AND WELL IN CAPE TOWN

Lansdowne

parishioners celebrating

Women's day at St. Mary's Anglican Church, in Woodstock. The church is 163 years old. They were entertained by a magnificent choir and lots of delicious goodies to eat.



### Christmas in July

Parishioners from Hanover Park celebrated Christmas in July at Savio Hall in Lansdowne. Picture shows Fr Farrelly who celebrated his Golden Jubilee of Ordination recently, talking to some of them.

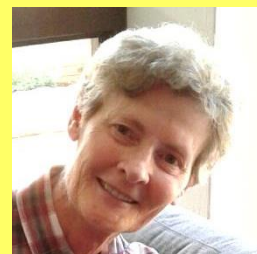


### Mother Teresa: If a Mother Can Kill Her Own Child, How Can We Tell Other People Not to Kill?

It is a simple moral question: Do you support the murder of children by abortion, yes or no? If you say yes, then anything goes. For if it is okay to kill a baby in the womb, then it is okay to do anything. You cannot say something is wrong, if child-murder is right. This is bottom-of-the-barrel morality. **Michael W. Chapman**

Dear Friends

Recently I was speaking to Father Tim Wrenn at Robertsham Parish, where he is now Assistant Priest. He was formerly in



Ireland, Lansdowne and Swaziland. We were reminiscing about all the Parish Priests who had passed through Robertsham and Booyens. We both had some interesting stories to recall, all of which will have to be left for a future history book.

We got to speaking about mothers and Father told how his mother in Ireland had always written to him while he was in this country. She had a writing desk and her last letter to him was written from there. After attending her funeral in Ireland he returned to South Africa and her last letter was there waiting for him. What a poignant reminder of her love for him and how amazing the post was in those days. Mothers are extraordinary human beings. I'm sure you've heard the saying that because God could not be everywhere, his children needed him so he created mothers... and especially his own Mother. I only hope that everybody who reads this editorial has respect and love for their mothers, not only when they are old but at all times.

Now space allows me to once again say THANK YOU to all our wonderful donors and friends, for your loyalty, your generosity, your prayers, your kindness and your donations. October is the month of the Rosary and September holds Our Lady's birthday. I ask for your prayers, for all our needs, for the children, for our Priests, and I ask you to pray for me as I do for you. Much love Denise Hards

**Chuckle:** Scientists at NASA built a gun specifically to launch standard 4 lb dead chickens at the windshields of airliners, military jets and the space shuttle, all travelling at maximum velocity. The idea was to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields. British engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the British engineers. When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's backrest in two, and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin, like an arrow shot from a bow. The horrified Brits sent NASA the disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the U.S scientists for suggestions. NASA responded with a one-line memo - "defrost the chicken." (True story)

**FATHER CANICE DOOLEY RIP**



Father Dooley died peacefully in his own room on 13 July 2019. 'Although the certainty of death saddens us, we are consoled by the promise of future immortality. For the life of those who believe in you Lord is not ended but changed.'

**ORDINATION FATHER ODISE LAZRI**



On Saturday 6 July Odise Lazri was ordained a Salesian priest in Shkoder, Albania in the presence of 38 priests and about 350 of the faithful people of God. He celebrated his first mass on Sunday 7 July where Fr. Francois [representing South Africa] preached the homily [with the help of a translator]. Fr. Victor Kyanga was also present.

(Picture: well-wishers after his first Mass)

**MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**

We are family and Mary help of Christians is our attentive and consoling mother. She took Don Bosco by the hand and takes ours also to guide us along the paths of this world.

*Rector Major Father Angel Artime*



**CAN A CHRISTIAN EVER CLAIM TO BE AN ORPHAN?**



Mary is Mother, and one cannot conceive any other title of Mary that does not include 'Motherhood.' She is Mother, because she brings us Jesus and she helps us with the strength of the Holy Spirit, so that Jesus will be born and grow in us. She constantly gives us life. She is Mother of the Church. She is maternity. We do not have the right — and if we think we do, we are misguided — to have the mind-set of an orphan. A Christian does not have the right to be an orphan. He has a Mother! We all have a Mother. An elderly preacher once ended his sermon by saying, "Whoever does not want Mary as a Mother will have her as a mother-in-law!" *Pope Francis*



**'Run, jump, shout, but do not sin'**  
**St John Bosco**



Arch. Fulton Sheen said, "The power of the rosary is beyond description."



**FEAST DAYS**

- 12 Sept Most Holy Name of Our Lady
- 14 Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 21 Sept St Matthew
- 02 Oct Guardian Angels
- 04 Oct Francis of Assisi
- 07 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary
- 29 Oct Blessed Michael Rua SDB
- 01 Nov All Saints
- 02 Nov All Souls
- 24 Nov Christ the King

**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT**

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