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FORMATION of future Salesians and vocations promotion.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY

Pope Francis boarded a plane to meet with young people from all over the world, who had gathered in Brazil for this wonderful and spiritual encounter. This journey would take him to, amongst other places, the Shrine of our Lady of Aparecida where he said, "Today I have come here to ask Mary our Mother for the success of World Youth Day and to place at her feet the life of the people of Latin America. When the Church looks for Jesus, she always knocks at his Mother's door and asks: "Show us

Jesus". It is from Mary that the Church learns true discipleship."

Local media spoke of a "rock star welcome" with Pope Francis "drawing more people than the Rolling Stones in 2006". The Vatican bodyguards jogged alongside the popemobile, resigned to the fact the crowds would come as close

as possible and Pope Francis would stop and talk or accept gifts along the way. The people obliged, tossing WYD T-shirts, soccer shirts and caps into the popemobile. Scores of babies were blessed and kissed and many sips of mate taken by the Holy Father which were offered to him along the way.



3 Million pilgrims braved the wind and the cold weather on Brazil's Copacabana beach as they gathered for the Saturday night prayer vigil with Pope Francis – one of the most eagerly awaited events of World Youth Day. On Sunday the Pope celebrated the concluding World Youth Day Mass in Rio de Janeiro. When the mass began it was prayerful and very moving. When a moment of silence and reflection was called for following communion the only noise was the sound of the waves falling onto the beach.

Pope Francis' message to the young people was, "Jesus is calling you to be disciples with a mission! Today, in the light of the word of God that we have heard, what is the Lord saying to us? Three simple things: Go, do not be afraid, and serve."

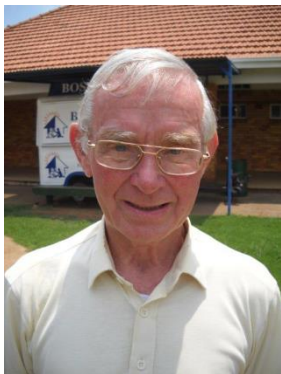
**HAIL HOLY QUEEN**

Hail, holy Queen Mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary, pray for us, O holy mother of God,

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Mary Help of Christians pray for us.

**AD MULTOS ANNOS
AND
CONGRATULATIONS
TO**



FATHER SEAN MURPHY who celebrates 40 years of ordination and 50 years of profession to the Priesthood, on 29 April and 31 August this year. Born in Ireland he has spent most of his priestly life in Swaziland, Lesotho and Gauteng.



FATHER DINO MIOTTO who celebrates 50 years of religious profession on 16 August this year. Born in Italy he has spent most of his life as a teacher in Daleside, now Bosco – Randvaal; and as the Principal of Michael Rua School, where he did some sterling work.



BROTHER PETER SIMMONDS who celebrates 60 years of religious profession on 8 September this year. Many people will remember him from his days in the Repository in Cape Town, and following this, as the 'founder' of Learn to Live.

BOSCO YOUTH CENTRE - MINI WORLD YOUTH DAY

A wonderful weekend was had by almost 200 young people from Lesotho, Swaziland, Kwazulu Natal, Cape Town and Gauteng, who were celebrating Mini WYD, in union with the youth in Rio. On the opening night the youth were shown a PowerPoint presentation about the history of WYD. This was followed by a short address from the Provincial. The evening was concluded with prayers around



the cross, and the icon Mary, very special symbols of WYD.
Brother Clarence Watts



DELFT - CAPE FLATS - CAPE TOWN



The Salesian Sisters have been working for the past few years with the pastoral youth of St. Lawrence Parish in Delft. Security posed a problem in the evenings, so the children were invited to come to the Oratory on Saturdays afternoons. They come in droves. One could almost say "from every tribe and nation," from the surrounding neighbourhood of Leiden. They are very poor children, from the age of 14 onwards and they come to play games, have fun and enjoy Salesian spirituality. It is a place where they can feel at home, a place where they "belong." A good anecdote explains how the charism of Don Bosco works in the heart of young people. There were few cases of stealing at first and then one of them, recently said: "I was the one who stole the pens, but now I do not steal anymore because "I like this place." This same child comes regularly now and his behaviour has changed notably. The Sisters plan is to set up a proper Salesian oratory, but they lack many things. They are hoping that little by little they will be able to offer much more to the children transforming them into good Christians and honest citizens.
Sister Ana Maria Mainero

NEWS FROM MICHAEL RUA SCHOOL



Br Victor Ndlovu together with the two teachers and learners went to visit two families of our learners, at Walkers Fruit farm and Pillis farm. (Midvaal) The two families' shacks were reduced to ashes by fire, and one child was unfortunately burnt to death. Michael Rua School learners raised funds to the value of R1488, to assist the families, who were left in a desperate situation.
Br Victor Ndlovu sdb (School chaplain)

SALESIAN INSTITUTE YOUTH PROJECTS



As part of their ORIENTATION PROGRAM, the new youth that will be entering the Don Bosco Hostel program went on a hike up Lions Head, which was led by Brother Clarence and Andile (staff member at Salesian Institute Youth Projects). When they reached the top, they had a short input about the hike, comparing it to their journey through life, the ups and downs

and how to overcome the challenges in life with the guidance of God's strength. The youth, 22 of them, will be taking part in the various skills projects at SIYP such as the panel beating workshop, bricklaying, computer literacy course, tiling and computer maintenance course. These various courses are geared to prepare them for the job market. Brother Clarence Watts

SKATEBOARDING & LIFE SKILLS

Jorn from Germany, arrived at the Salesian Institute in June. He will be doing volunteer work there for 3 months. He is from Skate-Aide, which helps young people in the area of skateboarding and life skills. Skate-Aide has set up various projects around the world, including Tanzania and South Africa (Cape Town and Houtbay). In the picture, Jorn is with some of the young people from Bo-Kaap with whom he is working at the Institute.



HANOVER PARK - CAPE

Children from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Hanover Park, protesting against child abuse. Father Eoin Farrelly is the Parish Priest in this crime riddled part of the Cape.

A RECIPE THAT WILL STIR YOUR GASTRONOMIC JUICES AND REKINDLE SOME MEMORIES OF THE PAST

BOSCO'S COTTAGE PIE/A LA TOMATO SAUCE BY JENO PAST PUPIL DALESIDE

"Did not feel like cooking tonight so I went to Safeways/Woolworths and saw this container of 'food' for about \$3.80 marked down from about \$8.00. So here goes.

Purchase Safeway/Woolworths Cottage Pie - plenty for 2 people.
Put in oven for 40 minutes. Get as much bread as possible.
When ready you MUST add SA Robertsons BBQ spice, Worcester sauce and swags of Tomato sauce.
Voila, you have been beamed back to Bosco's cuisine.
As Father Flynn says in Mrs Browns Boys "It's a Miracle!!!!"
After reading Denise's mail with regards to the reunion, if someone wants to make the next one authentic, send me an invite and I'll do the catering."



Dear Friends
I was so very fortunate to have been given an invitation to see the ballet

Swan Lake, performed by the St Petersburg Ballet theatre, one of Russia's leading classical ballet companies. Many people were standing waiting for the doors to be opened. I was transformed by the beauty and amazed by the silent hush when the ballet began, and then the spontaneous applause after each act. Everybody was spellbound and there wasn't a sound during the performance. I couldn't help but compare this with my Sunday Mass the next morning. People came in late, coughed and banged kneelers during the sermon, and then rushed out at the end. The miraculous Sacrifice of the Mass should transcend any theatrical performance.

A distant relative, an elderly lady died recently, and all the grand-children were at the funeral. What a jovial event it was. One of the little girls was sobbing profusely and I was trying to console her: "Don't cry," I said, "Granny is with Jesus now and she is having a lovely time." "Yes and she is even telling jokes to Jesus," said her cousin. That was one up on me as I thought of Archbishop Fulton Sheen saying, "Sometimes the only way the good Lord can get into some hearts, is to break them."

And speaking of funerals, I send my sincere sympathy to the family of Wendy Dexter, who died recently. "I won't forget to light a candle for you Wendy, as you always lit one for me."

Our Salesian Provincial Father Francois Dufour will be away for a few months getting some new ideas. We wish him Godspeed and hope that he comes back renewed, refreshed, and ready to start again.

Once again, remember it is Our Blessed Lady's birthday on the 8th. Also I cannot end without saying A MILLION THANKS to all of you wonderful people, who pray for us, send us your donations and generally keep me going. May God bless and reward you. Much Love Denise

FATHER PATRICK LONERGAN
BORN 6/2/1941 – DIED 7/6/2013



Father Pat died suddenly on the Feast of the Sacred Heart at his Parish in Westridge, Cape Town. When a person dies suddenly there is

always a sadness for the ones left behind, as 'there was no time to say goodbye.' Father Pat has left a gap in the lives of his fellow confrere, in the lives of his parishioners and also in the lives of his family and friends.

He will be remembered for his decisions, together with the late Cardinal Owen McCann, about the building of churches in Mitchell's Plain, which to his credit, he managed to achieve.

His advice to many of his parishioners on all things spiritual was "Charity comes first, eh..."

He will be remembered also for his prowess on the golf course; and when he contracted Lymphoma most people thought that was the end of him.

However, he managed to continue with his work whilst he was receiving treatment, and went on to become the Salesian Provincial for a few years and Parish Priest in a number of parishes in the Cape. He will be missed by many, and we pray for the repose of his soul: Eternal rest give unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please send these by email, post or telephone to Denise at 011 476 8315. Many thanks

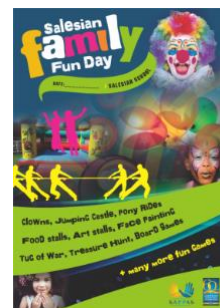
FEAST DAYS

- 8 Sept Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14 Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 27 Sept St Vincent de Paul
- 1 Oct St Therese of Lisieux
- 2 Oct Guardian Angels
- 4 Oct St Francis of Assisi
- 7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary
- 11 Oct Blessed John XXIII
- 15 Oct St Teresa of Avila
- 16 Oct St Margaret Mary of Alacoque
- 22 Oct Blessed John Paul II
- 24 Oct Blessed Luigi Guanella SDB
- 29 Oct Blessed Michael Rua SDB
- 2 Nov All Souls
- 3 Nov All Saints
- 13 Nov Blessed Artimides Zatti SDB
- 21 Nov Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 24 Nov Christ the King

MANZINI SWAZILAND



The Salesians have been in Manzini for 60 years. This is a wonderful milestone to achieve and it is a tribute to all the pioneer Priests of old, as well as the present Priests, Brothers and Volunteers. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on the 15 November 2013 and a fundraising golf day and a Gala Dinner on the 16 November. All Past Pupils and friends are cordially invited to attend any of these functions.



Heart-breaking image by an Iraqi artist taken in an orphanage. This little girl has never seen her mother, so she drew a mom on the ground and fell asleep with her.

"Appreciate what you have, since you don't know what you've got until it's taken away from you... That is when it is too late."



October is the month of the Holy Rosary. It is amazing what this prayer can do to bring about peace in the world. When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.

DON'T MESS WITH CHILDREN: A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



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