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VATICAN CITY — Mary's assumption into heaven reminds people that they are also called by God to eternal life in heaven through humility and serving him, Pope Francis said.

Mary's secret is humility, the pope said before praying the Angelus. "It is her humility that attracted God's gaze to her," he said.

"God does not exalt us because of our gifts, our wealth or great skills, but because of humility. God loves humility. God lifts up the one who lowers him or herself, the one who serves," the pope said.

The pope asked people to reflect and ask: "How am I doing with



humility? Do I want to be recognized by others, to establish myself and to be praised, or do I think about

serving? Do I know how to listen like Mary, or do I want only to talk and get attention? Do I know how to be silent like Mary or am I always chatting? Do I know how to take a step back, defuse quarrels and arguments, or do I always try to stand out?"

Humility is the beginning of having faith by knowing one needs God and needs to make room for him in their heart and lives, he said.

"Those who remain humble allow the Lord to accomplish great things," he said.

Mary's assumption into heaven is a message of hope as it shows "lowliness and service are the secrets for reaching the destination, for reaching heaven," he said.



Queen assumed into heaven, patroness of South Africa, pray for us



SALESIAN INSTITUTE CAPE TOWN

Salesian Institute Youth Projects held its Annual General Meeting on the feast of the Sacred Heart. All those who addressed the attendants, paid tribute to Fr. Pat Naughton who left us 5 months ago. The seed that he planted will continue to grow and as some pointed out, he is smiling down on us from his heavenly resting place. In his address, the chairman, Mr. John Doidge [himself a past pupil of Salesian Institute], remarked that "SIYP was very much part of Fr. Pat's commitment to Don Bosco's preventive system of reason, religion and loving kindness."

Archbishop Stephen Brislin congratulated the community and staff of SIYP for their work for the youth of Cape Town. He also noted how the Institute is moving with the times with reference to the new projects-based style of learning. His grace concluded with these words: "We cannot be disciples of Jesus Christ unless we respond to the needs of the people." May the work of education and evangelisation, begun by Don Bosco in 1841, continue to flourish here at the southern tip of Africa. Congratulations Salesian Institute Youth Projects. Brother Clarence Watts