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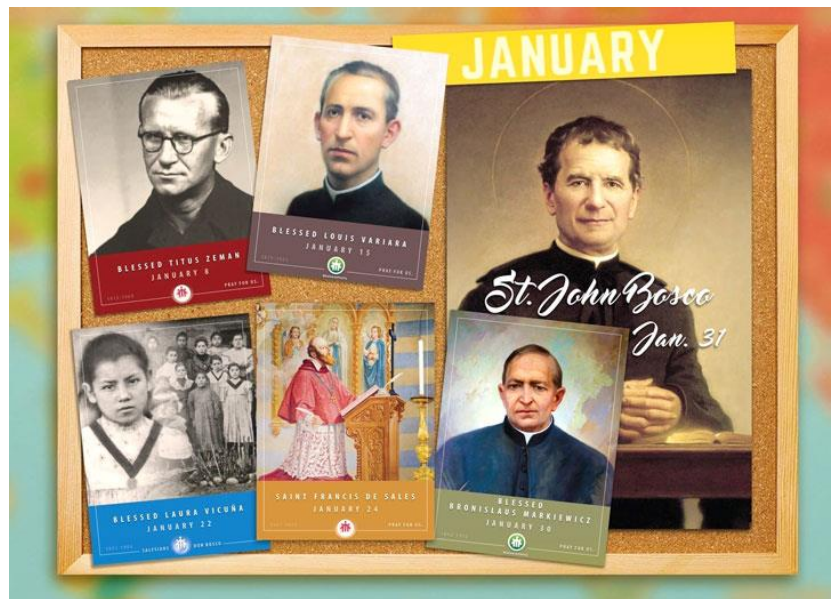
Welcome to the new monthly **SPOTLIGHT**. Maybe it will be easier to take in all, or at least some, of the Salesian news once a month rather than a 14-page screed every 3 months. Compliments of the season to everybody and every grace and blessing to you all during this year, May it be a peaceful one as we pray together for ourselves and for each other.

This month we start the Novena to St John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians. I have added a short Novena on Page 2 for those of you who are interested. There are some other Saints whose memory is celebrated this month. Take a look... So many wonderful events have taken place since the beginning of December that I won't be able to record but I have noted a few. Let me know how you feel about this new idea, remember the importance of saying the Rosary and pray for me please as I do for you. Much love Denise.



JANUARY is also called DON BOSCO - SALESIAN MONTH, due to the multiple feasts of the Salesian Family Saints. First is on:

- 08th Blessed martyr for vocations, Fr Titus Zeman
- 15th Blessed missionary of the lepers, Fr Luis Variara
- 22nd Blessed youth of the Andes, Laura Vicuna
- 24th Saint Francis de Sales, Patron of SDB, communicators...
- 30th Blessed Bronislaw Markiewicz, founder of the Michaelites
- 31st Saint John Bosco, Our Father, Founder and Teacher of Youth.



Don Bosco with his mother Mama Magherita

ST JOHN BOSCO

was a follower of the spirituality and philosophy of St Francis de Sales.

Don Bosco was an ardent devotee of the Virgin Mary under the title Mary Help of Christians. He later dedicated his works to St Francis de Sales when he founded the Salesians of Don Bosco, based in Turin. Salesians minister to young people through schools, parishes, youth centres, in a word, wherever young people can be found. It is our mission to be signs and bearers of God's love for the young. "It is not enough to love the young. They must know that they are loved."

Do not speak about God to one who does not ask you to do so. But live in such a way that sooner or later he will ask you about Him. St. Francis de Sales



KEEP PRAYING FOR PEACE



NOVENA PRAYER TO SAINT JOHN BOSCO

Say this Novena Prayer for 9 consecutive days starting Monday

Saint John Bosco, father and teacher of the young, in need of special help, I appeal with confidence to you, for I require not only spiritual graces, but also temporal ones, and particularly.... *(Mention your intentions here)*
May you, who on earth had such great devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians, and who always had compassion for those who were suffering, obtain from Jesus and His Heavenly Mother the grace I now request, and also a sincere resignation to the Will of God.
Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory be.... Saint John Bosco, pray for us!



THE ECO-UBUNTU ONBOARDING WORKSHOP was held on 15 to 18 January at Lumku, Benoni, Johannesburg. 40 Participants from Eswatini, Lesotho and South Africa were involved. Eco-Ubuntu is about Hydroponics, Waste Management, Renewable energy – solar, sustainable cultivation etc.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY, HANOVER PARK PARISHIONERS distributed Christmas lunches to the needy. (Picture on left).

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS PARISHIONERS packed 200 parcels in their Bags of love drive to help the needy. (Picture right)



158 Children made their **First Communion** in **MASERU HA SELESO LESOTHO**. (Picture below.)



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If you can spare R10, R25, or even an extra-special gift of R50 to feed the hungry, we can assure you that it will bring nourishment and hope to those who need it most.

Thank you in advance for any gift that you can give to help the children and families we serve every day.