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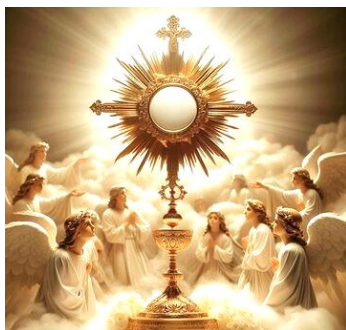
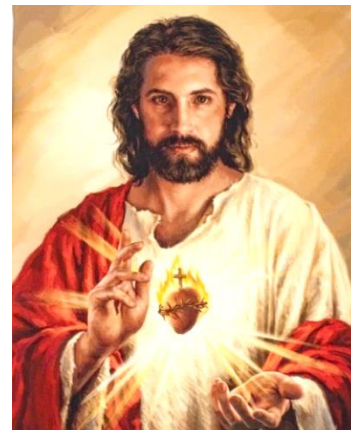
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Dear Friends Once again June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is, in a sense the month of love, as the heart is the centre of love. Venerable Fulton Sheen tells us: "When God created each human heart, He kept a small sample of it in heaven, and sent the rest into the world, where it would each day learn the lesson that it could never be really happy, really wholly in love, until it rested with Christ." And Saint Augustine tells us: "Late have I loved Thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new; late have I loved Thee! In what place then did I find you to learn of you? For You were not in my memory before I learned of you. Where then did I find You to learn of You, save in Yourself, above myself." And then: "Our hearts are restless Lord, until they rest in Thee." This is what the pursuit of every man, woman and child is all about.



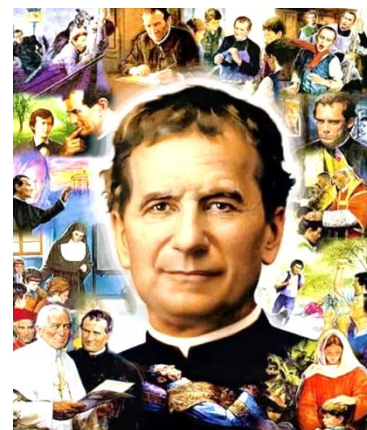
The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Blessed Lord. Ven. Fulton Sheen recommends it as a special defense and offense against devils. "Let me tell you what the most powerful influences are against the demoniac.His Precious Blood. We do not have an adequate devotion to the Blood of Christ. But these are the two great arms, the Holy Name of Jesus and invoking the Blood of Christ."

My sincere thanks, once again, for all your love, prayers, kindness, loyalty and donations. May God bless you one and all. Pray for me, as I do for you, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His Immaculate Mother. Much love, Denise

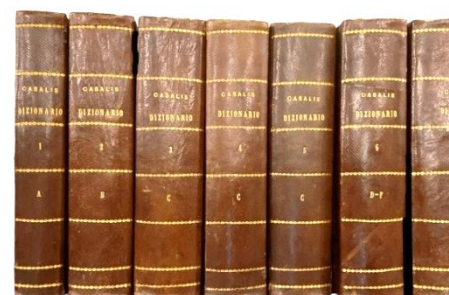
(ANS – Rome) – Don Bosco had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart and he recommended it to his boys. This devotion was displayed in many forms and expressions during his life: writings, prayers, good advice and recommendations, and even churches. And his devotion was so compelling that it became part of the Salesian Charism itself, being spread by his Successors and Spiritual Sons to this day.



IN SEPTEMBER 1940, after Hitler had invaded Poland, Franciszek Kesyand and his fellow Oratorians, Edward Klinik, Jarogniew Wojciechowski, Ceslao Józwiak and Edward Kazmierski were arrested on charges of belonging to an illegal organisation. They were tortured, imprisoned, tried and accused of high treason, and sentenced to death. They were martyred in Dresden on 24 August 1942 and beatified 12 June 1999 by John Paul II. They had lived in captivity with a spirit of faith and Salesian spirituality, praying continuously, the rosary, novenas to Don Bosco and to Mary Help of Christians, and morning and evening prayer. Blessed Oratory animators and martyrs, Francis and companions, pray for us.



Summer **1859**. The war between France and Piedmont against Austria left many orphans after the battles of Magenta and Solferino and Don Bosco welcomed dozens of them. To cheer them up, he prepared a 20-day itinerary through the mountains of Monferrato. The places to visit are described in the "**Casalis Dictionary**". This Dictionary, from Turin thanks to Abbot Godofredo Casalis, had the official name "Historical, geographical, statistical and commercial dictionary of the States of His Majesty the King of Savoy" and was composed of 29 volumes. It was kept at the National Library of Turin, where in 1859 it was consulted by **Don Bosco**, who noted emblematic places such as Albugnano, the Abbey of Vezzolano, the Castle of Montaldo. Precisely in these places, Don Bosco took the little orphans, involving them in a unique experience. Source: salesianos.info



CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA – JUNE 2024



The evangelisation team of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Hanover Park organised a children's workshop on the Laudato Si' Movement on 9 June. Prepared and animated by all the parish catechists, led by Mrs. Jane (MARFAM), all the children of the parish involved in catechesis participated in the workshop. Ms Lucinda, from the Salesian parish evangelisation team, led by parish priest Fr John Thompson, SDB, shared the deep motivations for this action of the Laudato Si' Movement: "Our children are the future and we need to make sure they know how to take care of our world and God's Creation and how they can contribute positively to the care of our common home."

Since last January 2024,

the 'Eco Ubuntu' project has been undertaken in all the communities of the Salesian Vice-Province of Southern Africa (AFM), located in eSwatini, Lesotho, South Africa, involving most of the 6 parishes and 18 schools of the Salesian network. Some Salesian institutions also joined the Don Bosco Green Alliance global network which is an integral

member of the Laudato Si' Movement, connecting and inspiring 630 Don Bosco institutions in 88 countries around the world.



Eco Ubuntu, Salesian project in Southern Africa, also involves Lesotho and eSwatini



**Fifty-six years
Father Eoin Farrelly (right)**

and

**Fifty years
Father Edmund O'Neill
(left centre)**

of loyal service to the Lord!
Wishing them both a very happy anniversary of priestly ordination.

AD MULTOS ANNOS



We welcome a new missionary to South Africa.
Father Joseph Thong
from Vietnam

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Please consider giving us a donation small or large. Every cent is appreciated and all donors are prayed for daily by Salesians.

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PRAYERS PLEASE

For our country South Africa – for unity, integrity, peace and stability.
For all those who have gone before us. May they rest in peace.
For all who have asked our prayers.
For an increase in reverence for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
For an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

The Greatest Love Story of all time is contained in a tiny White Host.

Ven. Fulton Sheen