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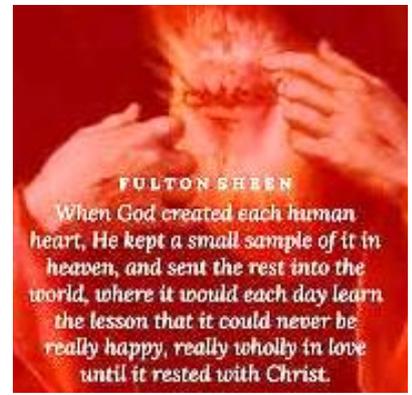
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# SALESIAN SPOTLIGHT E-NEWS JUNE 2025

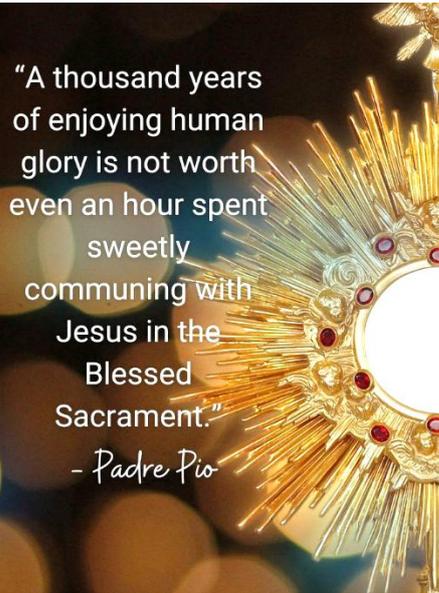


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## THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

### THE EUCHARIST IS THE HEART OF THE CHURCH - ST POPE JOHN PAUL II

"Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again in glory. These words contain the very essence of the Eucharistic mystery. In them we find what we bear witness to and share in every day as we celebrate and receive the Eucharist. In the Upper Room Jesus effects the consecration. By virtue of His words, the bread - while keeping the external appearance of bread - becomes His Body, and the wine - while maintaining the external appearance of wine - becomes His Blood. THIS IS THE GREAT MYSTERY OF FAITH! THIS IS THE LIVING BREAD WHICH CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN!"



"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."

- Padre Pio

The secret (to my preaching) is that I have never in fifty-five years missed spending an hour in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. That's where the power comes from. That's where sermons are born. That's where every good thought is conceived.

*Venerable Fulton J. Sheen*

### HOLY HOUR

"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship."

-Ven. Archbishop  
Fulton Sheen



"Do you realise that JESUS is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart." *St Therese of Lisieux.*

"We do not know what the future holds... There is only one thing that we do know: That is, that if truth wins, we win! And if truth....Ah, but truth can't lose!"

*Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

### POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Lord, I come to your tender heart today, to you who have words that set my heart ablaze, to you who pour out compassion on the little ones and the poor, on those who suffer, and on all human miseries.

I desire to know you more, to contemplate you in the Gospel, to be with you and learn from you and from the charity with which you allowed yourself to be touched by all forms of poverty.

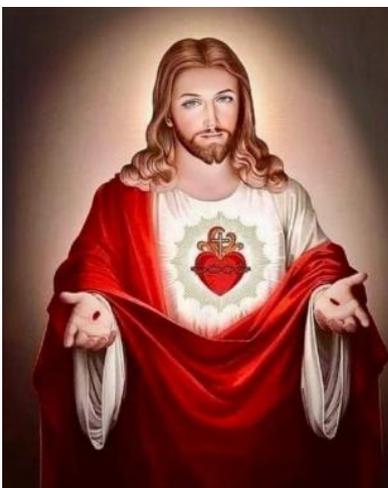
You showed us the Father's love by loving us

without measure with your divine and human heart.

Grant all your children the grace of encountering you.

Change, shape, and transform our plans, so that we seek only you in every circumstance: in prayer,

in work, in encounters, and in our daily routine. From this encounter, send us out on mission, a mission of compassion for the world in which you are the source from which all consolation flows. Amen. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! ❤️



## PERPETUAL PROFESSION - FIDELE MOSEKA



Salesian Fidele Mandemba Moseka made his Perpetual Profession as part of a solemn ceremony held on 15 June, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, in All Saints Parish in Ennerdale, Johannesburg. Present for the occasion, in addition to the Superior of the Southern Africa Vice-Province, Fr Václav Klement, were numerous faithful, Salesians and members of the Salesian Family. Young Fidele thanked the Superior, his confreres and the entire Salesian Family. 'Thank you for your prayers,' he said, 'Your example and guidance are lights that I will follow with humility and obedience.' ANS



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# SYMPOSIUM FOR CONSECRATED LIFE IN AFRICA

Members of the Salesian Family SDB, FMA and MSMHC joined over 400 members of various congregations of consecrated life for the Symposium Conference of Major Superiors of Africa and Madagascar (COMSAM) on the theme: *Hope, synodality and the enhancement of consecrated life in Africa*. One of the highlights of the Symposium was the report entitled 'Walking together in mission: the synodal call to consecrated life in Africa', given by Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo Besungu, in which he emphasised that consecrated life is 'a sign of hope and witness to the fraternal and joyful community that synodality seeks to build'. He added: 'You are invited to become the listening heart of the Church in Africa, to embody co-responsible leadership and to become missionaries of communion.' In the context of Africa with its multicultural dimension, the cardinal emphasised that 'many communities are intercultural by nature; their ability to live, pray and serve in unity despite their differences becomes a living model of synodal communion.' ANS



## A NEW GENERATION OF SAINTS: CARLO ACUTIS AND PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI TO BE CANONIZED ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

The canonization of Carlo Acutis, the Catholic Church's first millennial saint, will take place on 7 September 2025. This was announced by Pope Leo XIV. Acutis, an Italian teenager who died from Leukemia in 2006, will be declared a saint, along with another youthful saint, Pier Giorgio Frassatti, who died in 1925 at age 24, by the Pope at a ceremony in St. Peter's Square expected to be attended by thousands of young



people. The canonizations of the two young saints—one from the early twentieth century, the other the first twenty-first-century saint—have been greatly anticipated due to the great devotion among the faithful.

## DON BOSCO EDUCATIONAL CENTRE



Fathers Emmanuel Kagimbangabo & Joy Sebastian in the forefront



Bricklaying is one of the skills taught at the Centre.



# SALESIAN INSTITUTE – CAPE TOWN



Cape Town, South Africa - May 2025 - A sense of pride and satisfaction pervaded the campus of the Salesian Institute of Youth Projects' (SIYP) when the first group of SETA accredited tailors proudly presented their completed sewing projects on 30 May. This exhibition marked a milestone for both the students and the *Stitch Ahead* Sewing programme, which aims to provide young people with marketable skills for sustainable employment in the textile and manufacturing sectors. A total of 16 students graduated after completing four months of intensive training, practical assessments and creative projects. The exhibition is not just a point of arrival, but rather a new beginning: many of the new graduates are already exploring job opportunities or considering starting their own micro-enterprises in the textile and clothing sector.

“These graduates have proven what’s possible when young people are given access to skills training, support, and an opportunity to thrive,” said Fr Francois Dufour, CEO of SIYP, who addressed attendees at the showcase. “They are not just machinists – they are makers of their own futures.”



Oh Sacrament  
most Holy,  
Oh sacrament  
Divine,  
All praise and  
all  
thanksgiving  
be every  
moment Thine



The work of Salesian Missions is supported by the generosity of benefactors, whose contributions small or large make a difference to the young, especially the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. This is most effectively manifested through education and evangelisation. Please consider giving us a donation. We would be grateful if you could also send us an email message, so that we can “THANK YOU.”

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Dear Friends

During this month of June we celebrate two of the supreme feasts of the Catholic year – Corpus Christi – the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, both closely intertwined. The good Lord left us with His greatest miracle, that of giving Himself to us before He left us for the Father. At this moment in time our hearts are centred on Peace. We need, I think, to spend more time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, if we want this peace. To quote somebody I spoke to the other day, “The world is in a mess. The church is in a mess. People are confused. We have turned away from God and many don’t believe in the Real Presence anymore.”

Again I mention Fulton Sheen, who said many years ago: “Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to you, the people. Your mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops, like bishops and your religious act like religious.” And how are we to do this – simply - By our example! By our prayers! By saying the Rosary! By keeping peace in our families! And by remembering that God is in control and that Our Blessed Lady is in the wings. They will NEVER let us down if we are faithful.

THE PRAYER REQUESTS THIS MONTH ARE FOR:

Peace in the world. For the hungry, the bereft and the lonely.

For all the faithful departed. May they rest in eternal peace.

For all those who have asked our prayers, all those who need our prayers and all those whom we have forgotten to pray for.

*“Give us perfect peace Lord, so that we may delight in serving you all the days of our life, and at last, with our Lady’s help, come safely to your presence.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

My special thanks to all of you for your kind prayers, donations and loyalty. Also, to all our anonymous donors. May God bless and reward you all. Please continue to assist us as we can’t do without you and as you can see the children in our projects are flourishing. May Our Blessed Lady place her mantle round you and your families and keep you safe. Pray for me as I do for you.

Much love. Denise Hards