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Our Renewed Commitment to the Family



By Pascual Chávez, SDB

150 years after the death of Mamma Margaret, mother of Don Bosco and the educative family he created at Valdocco, we renew our commitment to:

Ensuring that special attention be given to the family, the cradle of life and love, where one first learns how to become human.

The idea of the theme is to begin with the positive, lived experience of family life precisely as part of our Salesian tradition, in order to arrive at “family today” as a mission field. This is so that the lived charismatic experience may shed light on the reality, and show us a way of acting which, from an educational and pastoral perspective, will always be for the benefit of young people and society.

Mamma Margaret’s person is much loved, admired and venerated by all groups in the Salesian Family, as we anxiously

await her Beatification. The 150th anniversary of her death is a time when we can make her better known, especially for the role she played in Don Bosco’s human and Christian formation, and also in creating an educative environment at Valdocco. Her motherly presence in Valdocco certainly did much to achieve the atmosphere of familiarity that existed there.

For us, “family”, then, is above all a charismatic experience, before it becomes a mission field; a lived experience before being an apostolate. It is a mission, certainly, because the education of the young is inseparable from the family.

“The thrust of our Salesian vocation is naturally toward the poor and the lowly. They are the ones who, above all, have need of a family. It was for them that Don Bosco,” as Fr. Peter Braido says, “conceived his characteristic ethos: kindness that educates in a happy, united family environment.” (Fr. E. Vignano, The Challenge of Synod 80, Jan.-Mar. 1981)

Benedict XVI, too, gives great importance to this reality. *“One crucial issue that demands of us the maximum pastoral attention is the family...The family truly is the fundamental cell of society. It is deeply rooted in the hearts of the young generations and bears the brunt of many problems, providing support and remedies to situations that would otherwise be desperate... Families in today’s cultural atmosphere are exposed to the many risks and threats with which we are all familiar. The inner frailty and instability of many conjugal unions is combined with the widespread social and cultural tendency to dispute the unique character and special mission of the family founded on marriage.” (54th General Assembly of the Italian Episcopal Conference, May, 2005)*

This is a theme already taken up in the Mission Statement of the Salesian Family.

“The members of the Salesian Family, lay and consecrated, assume a specific commitment for giving dignity and solidity to the family, so that it becomes, in an ever more evident manner a small Church, a domestic Church.” (Articles 17-18)



Mission Congress Horizons and Possibilities

October 13-16, 2005, Tucson, Arizona

By Sr. Rachel Crotti, FMA

Every five years the U.S. Catholic Mission Association, (USCMA), sponsors a Mission Congress for Missionaries and the mission-minded. This year saw over 300 participants gathered in Tucson, Arizona, for an animated and encouraging sharing on the theme “*Horizons and Possibilities- the U.S. Church in Mission with the Global Community.*”

Four Salesian Sisters attended:

Sr. Theresa Kelly, and Sr. Denise Sickinger from the Eastern Province, and Sr. Phuong Nguyen and myself from the West. Given our geographic setting, the congress focused primarily on the migration phenomenon as one of the many manifestations of globalization.

Joseph Enos of the Tohono O’odham Nation led us in prayer and Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson, opened the Congress with a four point recipe for a successful congress: *celebrate diversity,*

stay focused, stay united and stay at the task of proclaiming Christ. Bishop Kicanas was also the main celebrant at St. Augustine Cathedral for the closing liturgy that brought together a variety of cultures, including local Native American, Mexican, Bolivian, Nigerian and Samoan.

The congress highlight was an immersion experience across the border in Mexico for those who wished to attend. We journeyed with BorderLinks to spend time with families living in squatters’ communities in Nogales, (Sonora) Mexico.

With striking clarity Rev. John Fife, Pastor of the Southside Presbyterian Church, made us aware of the Sanctuary, Humane Borders, and the No More Death movements for migrant care and advocacy, which he knows of first hand.

Morning and evening liturgies and paraliturgies served to weave together the bright threads of many cultures with their



New friends. Comboni Sr. Giovanna Sguazza, CMS and Salesian Sr. Rachel Crotti, FMA. Both come from Lombardy in Italy. Both served in the Sudan. Both shared the same immersion experience at the Congress!



Concluding Prayer Service. USCMA Executive Director, Sr. Rosanne Rustemeyer, SSND, is at the far right.



Moving Prayer Service for all immigrants who have died trying to cross the Mexican-Arizona border.

particular lights and shadows. Small group sharing sessions also added to the total experience as some participants were asked to relate their conversion experience in small groups. Our own Sr. Phuong shared her story of leaving Vietnam by boat and finally migrating to the U.S. with her family as a young child. Bishop Kevin Dowling, CSSR, bishop of Rustenburg, South Africa, also gave a moving account of his conversion as a white South African during apartheid.

The final text will, no doubt, be edited, refined and polished, but as happens with so many gatherings, the process itself is the best result. The fact that we, Congress participants, left Tucson with renewed missionary zeal and a realistic hope for the future of the U.S. Church in mission with the global community, indicates that the Congress was indeed successful.

Overall, the Congress emphasis was on reconciliation and transformation as the models for Mission today. This point was made over and over again by both speakers and participants, and surfaced frequently as our prayer themes.

Mission Congress 2005 was enriching in so many ways. As I shared my mission stories with other missionaries, now returned from their missions, I was in awe at the wealth of experience gathered together in one large hall. I saw and greatly esteemed the humble, welcoming and open attitude of seasoned missionaries toward their younger counterparts, and vice versa.

As the Congress ended, suggestions were given for a Congress resolution.



Sr. Phuong Nguyen, FMA, receives a remembrance bracelet at the final prayer service of the Congress.



Smiling Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, Bishop of Tucson at the closing liturgy at St. Augustine Cathedral.



Samoan Dancers entertain during the cultural evening during the Congress. Tucson, AZ October



Beaming Nigerian Sisters lead the Entrance Procession at the closing liturgy at St. Augustine Cathedral.

InterAmerican Regional Team Meeting Bogotá, Colombia - 2005

By Fr. David Purdy, SDB

The ninety Salesian provinces are divided into Regions.

For over thirty years, the ***Regional Team Visit*** has been the initiative of the Rector Major and his Council. Every six years a new and accurate assessment of the province is to be presented in order to reassure quality response to new demands the Congregation faces at the world level and province level. Through reports, small group sharing and large assembly dialogue, work on unity of the Salesian Congregation and the promotion of fidelity to the Salesian charism is to be accomplished. All of the membership attempts to provide solutions to current problems that could block the mission of the Salesians to young people within their Region. Regional work is also seen as preparatory work for the next General Chapter, in this case, General Chapter 26 in 2008 planning for the future.

Every six years, then, all fourteen Salesian Provinces making up the ***InterAmerican Region***, are called together by the Rector Major for a Regional Team Visit meaning that not just the Provincial is invited to come but also his Provincial Council of four to six Salesians are to accompany him.

The last such meeting took place in Mexico City, Mexico in 1999. This year the Regional Team Visit was held in Bogotá, Colombia from October 23 to October 28, 2005. Over eighty Salesians gathered and met with Fr. Pascual Chávez, the Rector Major, Fr. Adriano Bregolin, Vicar General, Fr. Francesco Cereda, General Councilor for Forma-

tion, and Fr. Francis Alencherry, General Councilor for the Salesian Missions. With a planning commission and a coordinating team Fr. Esteban Ortiz, the InterAmerican Regional Councilor, organized these days of meaningful sharing and dialogue at the *Casa de Reuniones de la Conferencia Episcopal Colombiana* in Bogotá. All the participating Salesians investigated the progress that has been made from the last General Chapter, and its theme “*The Salesian Community Today*” and how to vision and plan for the future.

The Provincials and their councilors worked together with the Rector Major and his councilors assessing their iden-

the primacy of God among the young in today’s world. [2] Recover our deep identity and the passion of the “*Da mihi animas coetera tolle*” [Give me souls, take all the rest away.] and [3] Discover new significance and meaning in our presences in the Region, inspired by our preferential option to those to whom we are sent. ***At the level of the Region:*** [4] To create synergy combining together efforts, means and commitments to achieve experiences in collaboration.”

Challenged by these options it is now up to each individual Provincial and his Council and the confreres of his Province to inculcate these options for their local communities that make up and

should describe the *Salesian Community Today*. Fr. Pascual Chávez transmitted tremendous passion and conviction as he exhorted each and every one of the Salesians present to entrust himself to the motherly care of Mary Help of Christians. Hopefully, all the Salesians coming from this Regional Team Visit in Bogotá will have this same passion and conviction as we continue to work with all our collaborators in the mission of Saint John Bosco. Fr. Chávez ended his report

by stating: “Mary Help of Christians will constantly lead us in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit who alone can renew hearts and minds and be our guide in the realization of the Salesian life and mission.” God-willing, six years hence, the Provincials and their Councils will indeed see and experience at the next Regional Team Visit of 2011 good results stemming from this Regional Team Visit in Bogotá, 2005!



Fr. Esteban Ortiz, regional counselor, stands in the center of the fourteen provincials of the InterAmerican Region, including Fr. David Purdy, provincial of San Francisco. Bogotá, Colombia, October 27, 2005.

tity, vitality and capacity to plan ahead for the next six years. The results of this week’s worth of work were reported by Fr. Pascual Chávez in his closing address. “After the work done in the assemblies and in the groups, while conscious and respectful of the differences of the Salesians throughout the InterAmerican Region, we want to take up as a Region these options: ***At the level of the Provinces:*** [1] Be witnesses of

Discipleship and Leadership

Meeting of Salesian and Salesian Sisters Leadership Councils

By Fr. Tom Prendiville, SDB



(L-R) Sr. Fernanda Rossi, Sr. Sandra Neaves, and Fr. Ted Montemayor enjoy the grounds of St. Joseph Youth Center during the meeting. St. Joseph's, Rosemead, Nov.12, 2005.

The Provincial Council of the Salesians met with the Salesian Sisters Provincial Council at St. Joseph Youth Center, Rosemead, Nov. 12, 2005. The Salesian Provincial, Fr. David Purdy, and the Salesian Sisters' Provincial, Sister Sandra Neaves, invited their respective Council members to join for a day of discernment aiming at closer joint action in our ministries.

Present for the Salesians: Frs. David Purdy, Ted Montemayor, John Itzaina, Thomas Prendiville, Mel Trinidad, and Br. Michael Touchstone. For the Salesian Sisters: Srs. Sandra Neaves, Patricia King, Suzanne Miller, Fernanda Rossi, Claudette Germain, and Josephine Ochoa.

Sister Carmel Noone, R.S.C. led the combined group through reflections on

the Gospel account of Jesus' cure of the blind Bartimeus. The question in the Gospel account became the basis for discussion regarding the ministries of the Salesians and the Salesian Sisters: *What do you want me to do for you? Lord, that I may see.* A lively discussion followed on instances of blindness in Christian and religious life, fear of change, fragmentation, and lack of courage. Sr. Carmel Noone stressed the importance of speaking the truth in love and with compassion.

The separate Councils, then, reflected on the soul-searching questions: (a) What would I encourage my province to let go of? (b) What would I encourage my province to take on? (c) Which are the emerging needs that both provinces should face together?

The final afternoon session was devoted to the topic of collaboration. A mutual understanding of this concept will become more important if we continue with diminishing numbers.

The day together ended with positive examples of collaboration that are present. For example Sr. Mary Greenan, FMA, teaches a weekly course on faith formation to the combined group of candidates for Salesian life with the young ladies preparing to join the Salesian Sisters. This course is held at St. Dominic Savio Parish, Bellflower. At St. Francis High School, Watsonville, Sister Silvia Castillo, FMA, is on the faculty. Fr. Chris Woerz, SDB, and Sr. Carmen Botello, FMA, share vocational promotion projects together.



*“What do you
want me to do
for you? Lord,
that I may see.”*

Religious Vocation A Journey of Faith

By Fr. Tom Prendiville, SDB



The newly ordained Deacon Chinh Nguyen kneels before Bishop Allen Vigneron during the ordination rite.



The deacons-elect are prostrate during the praying of the Litany of the Saints in the ordination Mass.

On Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, at St. Augustine's Church in Oakland, Br. Chinh Nguyen was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Allen Vigneron of Oakland. The church was filled to capacity with Salesians, family and friends of Br. Chinh Nguyen and many young people that Br. Chinh knew from his days of teaching and helping the young in summer camps, parishes, schools, and youth clubs.

The Salesian province is grateful to God for Br. Chinh's reception of this sacrament and look forward to his priestly ordination in the Spring.

Br. Chinh's journey of faith began in Vietnam during turbulent times. The young Chinh and his father escaped from Viet-

nam and settled in Stockton waiting for the mother and Chinh's brothers and sisters to come and reunite the family. The family's strong faith in God helped them through years of stress and separation.

Bro. Chinh entered the Salesian pre-novitiate in Bellflower in 1995, did his novitiate year at St. Joseph's, Rosemead, 1997-1998, and pronounced his religious vows August 15, 1998. He completed his undergraduate studies at Seton Hall University, N.J., worked with young people and students at St. John Bosco High School, Bellflower, and Salesian High School, Los Angeles. He is now finishing his theological studies at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, and preparing for his priestly ordination.



The new deacons join with Bishop Allen Vigneron and assisting priests for a commemorative photo after the diaconate ordination of five Jesuits and Br. Chinh Nguyen, SDB. St. Augustine Church, Oakland. Oct. 22, 2005.

Jubilarians 2005

Fr. Salvatore Giacomini

Fr. Arthur Lenti

Fr. Larry Lorenzoni

Fr. John Malloy

Fr. Armand Oliveri

Fr. Mario Rosso

65 Years of Salesian Life

Fr. Paul Caporali

60 Years of Salesian Life

Br. Francis Bracchi

Br. Barney Hagus

50 Years of Salesian Life

Fr. Wesley Izer

Br. Ernest Martinez

Fr. Jesse Montes

40 Years of Salesian Life

Fr. Tuan Nguyen

Fr. Gerald Wertz

25 Years of Salesian Life

*“Da mihi animas
caetera tolle”*

(Don Bosco)



The Mass of Thanksgiving. Frs. Salvatore Giacomini, Arthur Lenti, Armand Oliveri, Larry Lorenzoni, and John Malloy celebrate 65 years of Salesian life. SS Peter and Paul Church, San Francisco.

The year's Jubilarians

By Fr. Tom Prendiville SDB

On Sunday, November 6, Salesians, friends, and parishioners gathered at SS. Peter and Paul Church, San Francisco, to honor those Salesians of the province who are celebrating significant anniversaries of religious profession in 2005. Fr. John Malloy presided at the Mass and Fr. Mel Trinidad gave the homily reflecting on the Gospel call to build the Kingdom of God through faithful service in Salesian religious life.

Fr. David Purdy, provincial, congratulated those being honored and invited the young people present to reflect on whether God is calling them to religious life.

After the concelebrated Mass, the jubilarians with friends and Salesians gathered at Caesar's restaurant for a festive dinner.



Frs. Tuan Nguyen, Thomas Prendiville, and Br. Chinh Nguyen during the Jubilee celebration.

Arizona Ministry

By Sr. Rachel Crotti, FMA

Salesian Sisters have joined with priests of the Holy Cross Congregation to minister to the people of Avondale/Goodyear, Arizona. Along with the parish and school activities at St. John Vianney, the Salesian Sisters have entered into several out-reach ministries to help the poor and migrant people of the area. The apostolate of the Sisters includes the following:

St. John Vianney Parish

SJV Parish is as vibrant as it is varied. The Salesian Sisters enthusiastically collaborate with the Holy Cross Community to make the Eucharist the center and driving force of each and every parish ministry and activity. The parish motto, "To know Jesus and to make him known," is an experienced reality, first in the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish, and then in on-target and well organized outreach an programs.



Sr. Lourdes Lujano, FMA, with SJV students.

SJV School

Sr. Ignacia Carrillo is school principal, and all five Sisters of the community are present to assist the children throughout the school day.

Religious Education Program

This bilingual ministry has expanded to include nearly 900 children and 35 catechists in the three weekly sessions. *Sr. Theresa Murillo* is assistant director of the program.

Laura's House

This parish outreach program focuses on children needing immediate emergency foster care. *Sr. Phuong Nguyen* is assisted by *Sr. Teresita Delgado* in this delicate and all-important service to children at risk.

Don Bosco Center

Don Bosco Center in Las Ligas, is an outreach project of St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear/Avondale, Arizona. DBC belongs to and is treasured by the Las Ligas community. The Center comes alive after school hours from 4:00—6:00 pm as local children gather to play, to learn and to pray together under the dedicated care and guidance of the Salesian Sisters and lay volunteers. At present *Sr. Lourdes Lujano* runs the Center together with assistance from *Sr. Theresa Murillo*. Each day has its own specific activity for 5-15 year-olds who are attending both public and parish schools. Daily attendance varies from 50 to over 100 children.



Sr. Phuong Nguyen, FMA, with sixth graders at St. John Vianney School.



SJV Parish Pastor, Fr. John Herman, CSC, with SJV School students at the beginning of the school day.

National Catholic Youth Conference

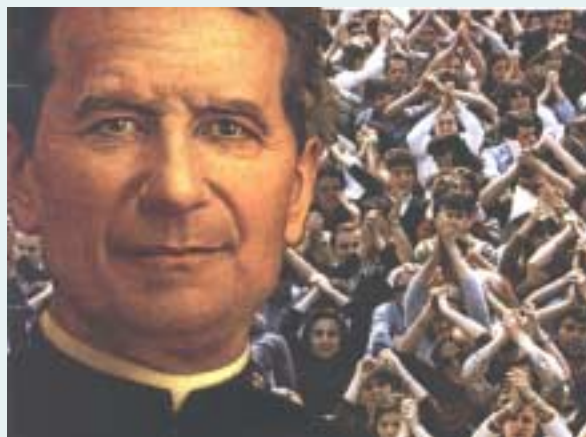
By Andrew Castro

From Wednesday, October 26, to Sunday October 30, three young men from Don Bosco Technical Institute embarked on a journey. This particular excursion was a pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Unaware of what to expect, but with tremendous expectations nonetheless, they departed armed only with the prayers of family and friends, and of course, their faith. Emphasis need not be applied on “only.” However, predispositions were overcome at the beginning of this indescribable experience that understatedly words do no justice. NCYC inspired each one of them to stand sound in their faith, to discern and comprehend their relationships with God and those who influence their lives. Each one of us is chosen to proclaim a message of faith. I think now we understand that message. We realize our own faults and misgivings and are thankful for those gifts that God has given us so that we may live our lives.

In making my journey to NCYC, I did not know what to expect. I had attended retreats and services, but never on such a grand scale. My premier expectations were that NCYC would help me stand stronger in my faith by providing increased sustenance and stability to my beliefs as a Catholic. Similar to any other person discerning the mystery of life, I wanted so much more to understand myself as being both a Catholic and an individual in a world in which it is increasingly peculiar to define one’s self as such. Never before have I experienced the Catholic Church outside of

my immediate area. Standing on a great precipice, it is not exceedingly difficult to see those times in our lives during which God intervenes and calls on us to enact change. How many times do we listen, but not heed His call? Needless to say, NCYC delivered, and in a big way.

Attending NCYC has helped me understand my relationship with God. In my



times of need I can draw strength from him. Even if I am unable to commit fully to something larger than myself, He is there. Indeed, God breaks through not in triumphant hymns of praise and glorious entourage, but in the quiet of our own hearts. In the ordinary times, to those who lead such simple lives, but live in extraordinary ways. So we are challenged to find God not just in a book or in a building, but in our lives and our relationships with those around us. And when we have found him, it is important that we announce to others we have.

Once we have seen God in others, we are called to proclaim a message of faith in our daily lives. As the song goes:

“Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you’re my God.” This message resounded in the hearts of some twenty thousand young Catholics for three days. Acknowledging the undeniable role that God plays in the days of our lives, and recognizing our call to worship, we proclaim that others should do the same. For is faith not empty without others to share in it? We are called on as individuals responsible for those around us to spread the word of God. We hope that He gives us the courage we need to listen to another’s story and to be empathetic. In helping, listening and accepting their faults, we recognize our own.

It is often so easy to point out the infirmity of others. The process however, should begin with us. How often do we fail to stand up for our faith? Each of us is called to live it loudly. We do so by committing to ordinary lives, spreading joy and optimism, engaging in responsible service to others, participating in the Eucharist, and answering God’s call. Maybe we are not all called to be brothers or priests, but called to be lawyers, pharmacists, scientists, or pediatricians. In doing so we celebrate the happiness that grows from this spirituality.

Being away from home, I realized that which I am most thankful for. I went to NCYC with friends and the experience was absolutely phenomenal. Without the prayers of family and friends to aid and guide us as we made our way, without having them to come back to, this experience would not have been as fulfilling. For in many ways, the conference did not end that Saturday. It began Sunday as we made our journey home. Now, the real challenge lies before us, not to hold what we learned to ourselves, but to share it with those around us. Just as we have learned and grown, we are now called to aid others in their search for a better understanding of their Catholic identities.



By Fr. Ralph Murphy, SDB



Abbottabad, Pakistan, October 16 2005. Fr Pietro Zago with some young students from the school in Lahore on volunteer service with the earthquake victims in the refugee camp in Abbottabad.

Diplomas to 105 Catechists

Hong Kong. During a special Mass celebrated in the Hong Kong Cathedral Salesian Bishop Joseph Zen presented 105 new catechists their diploma at the end of the 41st Catechists' Course which capped over two years of study. The catechists come from 25 different parishes. "The Word of God never falls into emptiness, it never fails," Bishop Zen said during the homily, in which he also asked the new catechists never to give into any difficulties and trials they might find in the teaching of the catechism.

The 105 catechists are now ready to respond to the mandate the Bishop has entrusted to them.

Successful Reunification for over 50 of Freetown's Streetboys

Freetown, Sierra Leone. June 27, 2005 was an important day when over 50 children who had been surviving life by themselves on the streets of Freetown were successfully reunited with their families, following a nine month resi-

dential program at the Salesian Mission site, Don Bosco Fambul. These children had taken to the streets for a variety of reasons. Some were separated from their families by war, some ran away from home, and some were simply driven away or unwanted to home. They had spent the preceding nine months at Don Bosco Fambul, where they had three meals a day, class every morning, and were provided clothes and shoes. The team of social workers at Don Bosco met with parents, aunts, uncles or foster parents to establish a welcoming home for each youth. They will continue follow up visits monthly for the next two years to make sure their new life at home is running smoothly.



Vienna, Austria, October 14 2005. The Centenary of the Don Bosco Province of Vienna. (L-R) Fr Petrus Oberm. Mgr. Alois Kothgasser SDB; Mgr. Ludwig Schwarz SDB; and Fr Herbert Salzl.

Fr. Pascual Chávez in Sudan

El Obeid, Sudan. Salesian history was made on August 31, 2005 when Fr. Pascual Chávez stepped off his flight at Khartoum International Airport, after a 7 hour flight from Tanzania. This was the first time one of Don Bosco's successor had ever stepped on Sudan soil. He visited the various Salesian sites and celebrated the Eucharist with Salesian family members. Sudan people suffer from great hardships and discrimination within their own country.



Mavaca-Puerto Ayacucho, Venezuela - November 1 2005. The General Councillor for the Salesian Missions, Fr Francis Alencherry visiting the Yanomami missions in Mavaca.

Salesian Theological Center for Theological Studies

Jerusalem. In mid-September 2005 the Salesian school of theology in Jerusalem, commonly known a “Ratisbonne” began a new phase. It is really just a year old as a Salesian institution. The past school year was one of preparation to set up the school that opened this year: a school of theology as an international resource based on the English language for those in their final preparation for priestly ordination and for graduate students or just other students using its facilities and those of other study and research centers in the Holy Land. The present community comprises students from 17 different nations, with 28 individuals in the courses. They publish a newsletter in English on the 24th of each month.

Salesians Present at XI Synod of Bishops

Rome. The Salesians had 9 participants among the 256 members present. Among those elected by the Bishops’ Conferences were Bishop Jabelardo Mata Guevara of Estil“, Nicaragua, Archbishop Nicolás Cotugno Fanizzi of Montevideo, Uruguay, Archbishop Dominic Jala of Shillong, India, Archbishop Ignazio Bedini of Ispahan, Iran,

Archbishop Charles Maung Bo of Jangon, Myanmar. Members appointed by the Holy Father: Cardinal Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua, Nicaragua, Bishop Joseph Zen of Hong Kong, China. Among the collaborators of the Special Secretary (the experts) was Fr. Francis Moloney of the Catholic University of America, who has recently been appointed the provincial-elect of his Australian home province. In the group responsible for information, for

German there was Fr. Markus Graulich, teacher of Canon Law at the Salesian University of Rome.

The Salesian Congregation seeks recognition by the UN.

New York. According to published reports by the Zenit agency, the Holy See has asked the United Nations to recognize and respond to the problems of youth in today’s world. The agency quotes several statistics in this regard including: 200 million young people are living in poverty. 130 million are illiterate, 88 million are unemployed and 10 million have HIV/AIDS according to Francis Dionisio, head of the Holy See delegation to the UN. When Fr. Adriano Bregolin, vicar of the Rector Major of the Salesians was recently in the United States he visited the New York headquarters of the UN seeking recognition of the Salesian Congregation by the UN, which would allow it to be represented by a Non Government Organization (NGO). It would also give the Congregation an opening for the consideration of youth issues in the largest body of international cooperation.



Tampa, United States, September 30 2005 - Fr John Nazzaro SDB with some youngsters during the traditional Salesian Youth Day for children from the FMA and SDB elementary schools in the diocese of St Petersburg.

**The Don Bosco
Sacred Heart Association**

Saint John Bosco established the Sacred Heart Association in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Rome. Enrolled members, living and deceased, have one daily mass offered for them in perpetuity. Family membership includes husband, wife, and all children both living and deceased. The Sacred Heart Association is open to Catholics and non-Catholics.

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The Rinaldi Trust

The Rinaldi Trust assists economically needy youth who wish the benefits of a Christian education from a Salesian School. The Trust collaborates with the Salesian Schools of the Western Province to provide Catholic educations for students who are financially unable to attend the school of their choice.

The Rinaldi Trust granted the following scholarships in the current 2004-2005 school year.

✠ **Don Bosco Technical Institute**, Rosemead, Calif. 8 students were awarded scholarships for a total of \$27,520 in assistance.

✠ **Saint Francis High School**, Watsonville, Calif. 1 student received a scholarship for a total of \$4,500 in assistance.

✠ **Saint John Bosco High School**, Bellflower, Calif. 7 students received scholarships for a total of \$26,800 in assistance.

✠ **Salesian High School**, Los Angeles, Calif. 6 students received scholarships for a total of \$20,375 in assistance.

✠ **Salesian High School**, Richmond, Calif. 11 students received scholarships for a total of \$24,300 in assistance.

The total of awarded scholarships in 2004-2005 was **\$103,495**. These scholarships allowed **33 students** to receive a Salesian education who would not otherwise have been able to attend.

The Salesians of St. John Bosco established this fund in 1977. The generous contributions of donors support The Rinaldi Trust. Support of the Trust allows the Western Province to provide these scholarships. Your generosity allows these students to succeed! *Thank you.*

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