Orientation Course for New Missionaries

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ORIENTATION COURSE FOR NEW MISSIONARIES - 2017

Purpose of the Course: The enthusiasm and faith of the missionary who goes to the missions are not enough, even if they remain fundamental criteria. It is essential that the missionary, even if he goes only for a few years, makes a careful examination of the reasons for his going to the missions. On the other hand, it is important that the departing missionary is provided the necessary tools to encounter a new people and take on the personal attitude of openness, which is respectful and trusting towards the 'other' in order to foster a pleasant, efficient, humble and discreet presence. Certainly the missionary is a gift and a blessing, he brings new strength and vitality to the Province and the local Church; the richness of his faith and culture and his own personal gifts enrich the Province and the local Church, but without adequate preparation the newcomer could actually become a disturbance or un uncomfortable presence because he is incapable of fostering mutual dialogue with the new reality.

The ***Orientation Course for New Missionaries*** is envisioned as an immediate preparation of the departing missionaries. It is through prayer, witness of life, sharing of experiences, personal reflections and through a joyful life with other course participants that the new missionary is helped in verifying, deepening and sometimes even discovering the fundamental reasons for his going to the missions.
The orientation course for new missionaries is intended primarily to be **formation** (foster values and attitudes necessary for a missionary) **not information** (acquisition of new knowledge or ideas)!

Presuppositions: The preparation for missionary life begins years before in the home Province of the missionary, where the candidate is accompanied in discerning his suitability and the necessary qualities leading to the option for missionary life. The home Province of the missionary has the commitment to provide the departing missionary an opportunity to take part in meetings or courses for departing missionaries, if they are organised in the country of origin.

The **Missions Department** has published the *Missionary Formation of the Salesians of Don Bosco* as essential guidelines on the path leading to the choice of candidate for the missions. A confrere who has difficulty in integrating in the ordinary life of the community in his home Province is not meant to be a missionary for the culture shock and the new and more challenging environment in the missions will not only not help solve these problems, they might even aggravate it.

The **Province which receives** the new missionary has also the commitment to guide and foster the integration of the new missionary in his new cultural social and ecclesial context. This requires an assiduous initial accompaniment. This means, above all, ensure that he has a spiritual guide and, during the early years, a missionary who could accompany him on his first steps in missions. It is also essential that within a year in the missions the new missionary is given the

opportunity to participate in courses organised by local church or conference of religious to better understand the local culture and promote a proper inculturation.

Prerequisites: To benefit from the course, each participant needs to make the necessary preparation before coming to the orientation course, and in particular to prepare the following written work:

1) A brief presentation of the essential elements and characteristics of **one's own culture**, including those which need to be healed, ennobled and perfected;
2) A brief presentation of the **country where he will work** as a missionary (geography, culture, social and political situation);
3) A brief presentation of the **Salesian Province and of the local Church** of his new mission.

The easy access to the internet makes these preliminary work indispensable prerequisites in order to participate in this course to ensure that it becomes a truly educative experience.

Methodology: The course will use the **modular approach**[1] and the **workshop method**[2]. Each module will have four components: a) the **personal experience** b) **listening and evaluating** through the input, c) personal **reflection and sharing** d) the **re-formulation** of one's own personal understanding on the topic. As components of the methodology great importance is also given to the sharing the Word and the preparation of their daily journal that which helps each participant to reread his personal experiences in the light of the topic(s) of the day. Several other activities will be organised (e.g. sports, visits, programmes, meetings with other Salesians in initial formation, etc..) to foster interaction and inter-cultural exchange among participants.

Recipients: The participants are the new missionaries, the majority of whom are young postnovices who have little or no theological training and pastoral experience. A few will have a previous missionary experience. The vast majority has no command of Italian thus translations will have to be made.

Human Resources: Fr. Guillermo Basañes (*Councillor for the missions*), Fr. Gianni Rolandi (*course coordinator*), Fr. Martín Lasarte, Fr. George

[1] *A module is a self-contained unit of learning whose expected result is set out as a number of learning outcomes which are described in terms of a series of measurable achievements in the form of personal reflections, practical reports, illustrations, and so on.*

[2] *The «workshop method» is an active teaching method where the primary role of educator is to motivate students to learn on their own methods and techniques for finding, discovering and mastering pre-determined knowledge that is deemed important. It focuses on participatory, hands-on learning; small-group activity; pair and small-group discussions. It does not focus on the Lecturer telling students information but in essentially creating learning experiences that guide, direct, and facilitate the acquisition of new knowledge by the learner.*

Menamparampil, Fr. Alfred Maravilla (*Missions Sector*), Br. Jose Luis Muñoz (*Social Communications Sector*), Fr. Jean Claude Ngoy (*Casa Generalizia*), Fr. Luigi Cei (*Archivio Centrale Salesiano*), Fr. Peter Gonsalves (*Università Pontificia Salesiana*), Fr. Pierluigi Cameroni (*Postulator for the Causes of Saints*), Fr. Luigi Dobravec (*catacombs*); Br. Cosimo Cossu (*camerette - Sacro Cuore*), Fr. Maurizio Verlezza (*Genoa*), Sr. Assunta Quaglia, Sr. Luigina Silvestrin (*Mornese*), Luca Barone (*Colle Don Bosco*), Fr. Eligio Caprioglio (*Chieri*), Fr. Rafael Gasol (*Valdocco*), Fr. Andre Belo (*cultural mediator*).

The Councillor for the Missions: Fr. Guillermo Basañes will have a personal talk with every member of the 148th missionary expeditions and will be available for other personal talks during the entire course. During the pilgrimage to the Salesian Holy Places Fr. Guillermo will have a second round of personal talk with every missionary.

Duration: twenty-five days **28 August – 24 September 2017**.
Arrival before 5.00 pm on August 28. Departure is after 3.00 pm on September 24 if you are departing from Turin or September 25 if you are departing from Rome.

Venue: Rome (Generalate) and Piedmont (Salesian places)

General Objectives:

The orientation course for new missionaries is envisioned as an aid to the immediate preparation of new missionaries before their departure for the missions in order to provide them with the necessary tools as they encounter a new culture by having the correct personal attitude which fosters a pleasant, efficient, humble and discreet presence through the four nuclei: introductory, anthropo-cultural, missiological and Salesian.

At the end of the course each participant

- *Deepens his own missionary motivations and the purpose of his going to the missions;*
- *Is prepared to respond to a new situation and a new culture at the start of his missionary life;*
- *Acquires a style of relating with the other which is respectful of the other's culture and values in order to foster a relationship which is mutually enriching;*
- *Visits important Christian shrines in Rome in order to foster a profound sense of Church;*
- *Visits the places of Don Bosco to foster a deepening of one's own charismatic identity as a Salesian missionary;*
- *Evaluate one's own experiences in order to make a Christian and Salesian rereading of one's own life.*

General Schedule

6.45 *Sharing of the Word* / Lauds (animation by groups)
7.30 breakfast
8.15 *workshop method* (introduction)
8.30 session
10.00 break
10.30 session
12.00 **personal reflection and / or personal work**
13.00 lunch
15.00 session
16.15 *workshop method* (conclusion)
16.30 snacks / recreation / community games on Tuesdays and Saturdays
18.20 Eucharist with Vespers
19.20 *Journaling*
19.40 dinner
rosary / *good night* / presentation (video or *power point*) of one's own country or culture or occasionally a short film about the missions (optional)

28 August (Monday) - ***Arrival - Day 1***

- Eucharist (18.45)

29 August (Tuesday) - ***Day 2***

Fixing of Italian visa (Fr. Martín)

- Eucharist (18.45)

30 August (Wednesday) - ***Day 3***

- 7.30 breakfast

08.15

- Prayer service
- Welcome of the Councillor for the Missions
- presentation of the animating team

Introductory Nucleus

Specific Objective:

The introductory nucleus aims at providing departing missionaries with basic and necessary skills for the positive outcome of the course.

09.30

- Module 1: **INTRODUCTION / CULTURAL ORIENTATION** (Fr. Alfred)

Objective: The participants are introduced to the dynamics of the course and are oriented regarding Italian culture.

- Module 2: **MISSIONARY MOTIVATIONS** (Fr. Guillermo)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to enumerate the indicators of correct motivations in going to the missions.

- Community games
- 18.20 Eucharist with Vespers

31 August (Thursday) – ***Day 4***

- 6.45 *Sharing of the Word* / Lauds
- 7.30 breakfast
- 08.30 departure for a guided pilgrimage to the places of St. Paul in Rome (rosary in the bus)

PILGRIMAGE TO PLACES OF ST PAUL IN ROME

Objective: The pilgrimage aims at giving each participant the possibility of visiting and praying at the tomb of St Paul and at places in Rome connected with St. Paul.

09.30 visit *tre fontane*
10.00 Eucharist: (presided by Fr. Guillermo)
time for reflection and personal prayer

11.30 departure for the Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls
12.00 visit of the Basilica of St. Paul outside the walls
time for reflection and personal prayer

13.00 packed lunch
14.00 departure for *centro storico*
14.30 visit to the Marmentime prison (outside only),
16.00 Santa Maria in via Lata (second residence of St. Paul in Rome),
17.30 San *Paolo in Regola* (first residence of St. Paul in Rome);
time for reflection and personal prayer

18.30 departure for Pisana

- 19.40 dinner / *good night*

01 September (Friday) ***Day 5***

- Module 3: **THE PROJECT OF MISSIONARY LIFE** (Fr. Guillermo)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to discuss in a group the necessity of the project of life especially in Salesian missionary life and draw up a Project of Life which will be periodically revised during the course in view of drawing up its final version at the conclusion of the course in Turin.

- Module 4: **JOURNALING** (Fr. Alfred)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain the role of journaling in rereading one's own experience and is able to show the capacity to write a daily spiritual journal.

15.00 – 17.00 **community service**
17.00 snacks

02 September (Saturday) ***Day 6***

- Module 5: **MISSIONARY FORMATION OF THE SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO** (Fr. Gianni)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain the importance of the missionary formation of every Salesian in order to keep alive the missionary spirit in the congregation.

- singing practice / preparation for the liturgy
- 12.00 Eucharist with the community of the Casa Generalizia
- 13.00 lunch with the community of the Casa Generalizia

- 15.00 **community evaluation of the introductory nucleus**
- 16.15 snacks / **community games**
- 17.15 eucharistic adoration with vespers
- 17.45 *Journaling*
- 18.00 Concert
- 19.40 dinner / rosary / *good night* / serata

03 September (Sunday) ***Day 7***

6.20 breakfast
6.40 departure / lauds in the bus
8.00 Eucharist in the Vatican Grottoes
Packed lunch / *free day for tourism*

- 19.40 supper / Rosary / *Goodnight*

Antropo-Cultural Nucleus

Specific Objective:

The anthropo-cultural nucleus aims at providing the departing missionaries with instruments that would help them better understand the dynamics of culture and foster their inculturation.

4 September (Monday) - ***Day 8***

- Module 1: **WHAT IS CULTURE?** (Fr. Alfred)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to provide a definition of *culture* which rejects either cultural superiority, cultural inferiority or cultural relativism.

5 September (Tuesday) - ***Day 9***

- Module 2: **ELEMENTS OF CULTURE** (Fr. Alfred)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to draw an illustration to show the elements of his own culture and explain how they interact.

6 September (Wednesday) - ***Day 10***

- Module 3: **CULTURE SHOCK** (Fr. Alfred)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to narrate his own experience of cultural shock and explain what he has learnt today that could help him cope up with it in a similar situation in the future.

7 settembre (Thursday) - ***Day 11***

- Module 4 **INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION** (Fr. Peter Gonsalves)

Modules Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to draw out the important attitudes to foster and effective intercultural communication.

- 14.30 - 15.30 visit to the **Salesian Central Archives** (Fr. Cei)

Objective of the Visit: Have the possibility to see the original copy of Don Bosco's Memoirs and Souvenir to the first missionaries and the more important letters of Sts. Luigi Versiglia and Callixtus Caravario.

8 September (Friday) - ***Day 12***

- Module 5: **INCULTURATION** (Fr. Alfred)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain what is inculturation and illustrate what is a real inculturation and how to foster it among missionaries.

15.00 – 17.00 **community service**
17.00 snacks

9 September (Saturday) - ***Day 13***

- Module 6: **A GLANCE AT THE WESTERN CULTURE** (Fr. Alfred)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant, particularly those destined for Europe, is able to draw out the important elements of the western culture and the challenges and opportunities these offer.

10.30-11.30

- Module 7: **COUNTER-CULTURALISM & LANGUAGE LEARNING** (Fr. Alfred)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain the importance of a healthy counter-culturalism and language learning as necessary dimension in the process of inculturation in the missions.

11.30-12.30

Module 7: **CONTINENTAL ENCOUNTER**

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain the challenges and possibilities that await them in their mission field.

Missionaries for Europe	- moderator:	Fr. Guillermo
Missionaries for Asia / Oceania	- moderator:	Fr. Alfred
Missionaries for Africa	- moderator:	Fr. Gianni
Missionaries for America	- moderator:	Fr. Martín

- 15.00 **community evaluation of the introductory nucleus**
- 16.00 revision of personal *Project of Missionary Life*
- 16.30 snacks / **community games**
- 18.00 eucharistic adoration with vespers
- 18.45 *Journaling*
- 19.00 dinner / rosary
- 20.00 **cultural evening** / *Good night*

10 September (Sunday) - ***Day 14***

- **PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATACOMBS** (Fr. Alfred)

Objective: The pilgrimage aims at giving every participant the possibility to visit and pray in the catacombs, one of the important places for the early Christians.

- 7.00 breakfast
- 7.30 departure / Lauds in Bus
- 8.10 visit San Giovanni Laterano
- 8.40 departure for catacombs
- 11.00 departure for St. Mary Majors

free afternoon for tourism

- 19.40 supper / Rosary / *Goodnight*

Missiological Nucleus

Specific Objective:

The missiological nucleus aims at helping the departing missionaries to better understand fundamental missiological concepts.

11 September (Monday) ***Day 15***

- Module 1: **INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY OF MISSION** (Fr. Guillermo)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a short and simple explanation of the theological foundations of mission, what is evangelisation.

- Module 2: **THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT OF ST. PAUL** (Fr. Martín)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain the characteristics of the missionary spirit of St. Paul.

- 14.30 – 15.00 visit to **ANS** (Br. Jose Luis & staff)

Objective of the visit: Have the possibility to see and understand how the diffusion of missionary news in the Congregation takes place (ANS, sdb.org, regional and provincial network).

15.00 – 17.00 **community service**
17.00 snacks

12 September (Tuesday) - ***Day 16***

- Module 3: **EDUCATION AND EVANGELISATION IN THE FRAMEWORK FOR YOUTH MINISTRY** (Fr. Martín)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain the main outline of the *Framework for Youth Ministry* and list down practical initiatives to ensure that, faithful to the intentions of Don Bosco, we evangelise by educating and educate by evangelising.

- Module 4: **THE SALESIAN SYSTEM OF SOCIAL COMMUNICATION** (Br. Ephrem)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain the main outline of the *Salesian System of Social Communication* and explain the role of social communication in evangelisation and in the diffusion of missionary news in the Congregation (ANS, sdb.org, regional and provincial network).

14.30-16.00

- Module 5: **THE SPIRITUAL TRAITS OF HOLY SALESIAN MISSIONARIES** (Fr. Pierluigi)
  Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain that the real missionary is a saint as shown by the spiritual traits of holy Salesian missionaries. The meeting concludes with a visit to the library of the Office for Causes of Saints.

13 September (Wednesday) - ***Day 17***

MEET THE SUCCESSOR OF PETER (Papal General Audience)
Objective: At the end of the morning each participant will have the possibility to meet the successor of Peter in order to be strengthened in his own sense of Church.

VISIT TO THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF THE PROPAGANDA FIDE
Objective: Each participant is able to visit the historical achieves of the Propaganda Fide which coordinates the mission of the universal Church.

- 11.00 walk to the Historical Archives
- 11.30-12.30 visit to the Historical Archives (Pontifical Urbanian University)
- 13.30 lunch at Sacro Cuore

PILGRIMAGE TO SOME PLACES OF DON BOSCO IN ROME (Fr. Alfred)
Objective: The pilgrimage aims at giving every participant the possibility of visiting and praying in important places in Rome connected with Don Bosco.

15.00 Mass altar of MHC
16.00 visit of the room of Don Bosco / Basilica of the Sacred Heart
18.30 departure for Pisana / vespers in the bus

- 19.40 dinner / rosary / *Good Night*

14 September (Thursday) - ***Day 18***

- Module 6: **EVANGELISATION AND HUMAN PROMOTION** (Fr. George)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a short and simple explanations of the connection of evangelisation with human promotion.

- 10.30 preparations
- 11.00 **Meeting with the 10th successor of Don Bosco: Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime**

- 15.00
- Module 7: **INITIAL PROCLAMATION** (Fr. Alfred)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to explain the importance and urgency of initial proclamation in the mission of the Church.

- 15.30 **community evaluation of the missiological nucleus**
- 16.00 personal review of the draft of the *Project of Missionary Life*
- 16.30 snacks / **community games**

- 18.00 eucharist with vespers
- 19.30 Journaling
- 19.40 dinner / rosary / *good night*

Salesian Nucleus

Specific Objective:

The Salesian nucleus aims at giving the departing missionaries the possibility to follow the footsteps of the Founder as the source of identity of their Salesian vocation through a personal contact with places connected with the origins of the Salesian charism and evaluate their own personal experience in the light of Don Bosco's charismatic experience in order to continue his mission in their new field of work.

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY WITH DON BOSCO THROUGH HIS LIFE AND TIMES

(SEPTEMBER 15-24**)**

15 September (Friday) - ***Day 19***

- 05.15 departure for Termini
- 6.15 departure for Genoa (10.21)

- 11.00 visit of Don Bosco's room
- 12.30 lunch with the Salesian community
- 14.00 departure for Mornese (rosary in the bus)

- Module 1: **MOTHER MAZZARELLO: THE FEMININE DIMENSION OF THE SALESIAN CHARISM**

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a short and brief explanation how St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello lived and transmitted the Salesian charism.

16:00 **MORNESE** – arrival, general orientation
16.30 Eucharist at Valponasca, meeting with FMA missionaries
18.45 departure for Mazzarelli / supper

20.30 community evaluation
20.15 Journaling / *Goodnight*

16 September (Saturday) - ***Day 20***

7.00 Eucharist with lauds in the Basilica / breakfast
8.30 introduction about the day's activities
8.45 Eucharist followed by guided visit to the places of Mother Mazzarello:
Mazzarelli – walk through Mornese - Collegio
11.00 departure for Mazzarelli
Visit to the **museum**
13.00 lunch
14.00 departure for Colle Don Bosco
15.30 arrival at Colle Don Bosco / lodging
16.00 departure for **Capriglio**
tempo per la riflessione e la preghiera personale
17.00 departure for **Becchi**

18.30 vespers – Chapel
19.25 supper (*2 volunteers to wash the plates*)
20.10 rosary
20.30 community evaluation
20.45 Journaling / *Good night*

17 September (Sunday) - ***Day 21***

- 6.45 lauds / *personal meditation*
- 7.30 breakfast
- 8.15 introduction about the day's activities

- Module 2: **HISTORICAL OUTLINE OF THE SALESIAN MISSIONS** (Fr. Gianni)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to narrate important events in the history and development of the Salesian missions.

- Module 3: **SALESIAN MISSIONARY SPIRITUALITY** (Fr. Guillermo)

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a brief and simple explanation about the fundamental elements of Salesian missionary spirituality.

8.00 Mass with the people in the Basilica

13.00 lunch with the community

- Module 4: **COLLE DON BOSCO: CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE OF JOHNNY BOSCO**

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a brief and simple narration about the childhood and adolescence of Don Bosco and reread the events in one's life which have helped him in his human and spiritual maturity.

15.00 visit at **Becchi** (casetta, field of the dream, house of Giuseppe Bosco) – Basilica of Don Bosco
moment for reflection and personal prayer

18 Septembre (Monday) - ***Day 22***

- 6.45 lauds / *personal meditation*
- 7.30 breakfast
- 8.15 introduction about the day's activities

- Module 5: **CASTELNUOVO D'ASTI: THE YOUNG BOSCO AND HIS FORMATION**

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a short and simple narration of Don Bosco's human and spiritual formation and see the personal gifts he has received from God and how these can help him in his radical gift of self to God.

08.30 walk to **Castelnuovo**
Visit the parish of Saint Andrew
11.15 walk back to Colle

14.00 departure for **Moncucco** (**Moglia Farm**)
16.30 departure **Morialdo**
visit and **Eucharist** in the Church of Morialdo
visit the house of Domenic Savio
walk back to Colle (rosary spontaneous groups)

19 Septembre (Tuesday) - ***Day 23***

- 6.45 lauds / *personal meditation*
- 7.30 breakfast
- 8.15 introduction about the day's activities

- Module 6: **THE PLACES OF DOMINIC SAVIO: THE EDUCATIVE PROPOSAL OF HOLINESS**

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a brief and simple explanation of Don Bosco's concept of holiness as shown by

Domenic Savio's spiritual experience and in this light evaluate how he has lived Salesian holiness.

8.30 departure for **San Giovanni da Riva**
09.00 visit to Dominic Savio's house
9.30 **Eucharist**
10.30 departure for **Mondonio**
11.00 visit to Dominic Savio's house and school
brief stop at Mondonio's cemetery chapel

12.15 departure for Colle
13.00 lunch Colle (*2 volunteers to wash plates*)

14.30 visit to the **Ethnological Museum**
15.00 personal time
16.00 revision of personal Missionary Project of Life
17.00 *optional games*

- 18.30 Eucharistic adoration / *vespers*
- 19.25 supper (*2 volunteers to wash plates*) / gratitude to the community
- 20.10 rosary
- 20.30 community evaluation
- 20.45 Journaling / *Good night*

20 September (Wednesday) - ***Day 24***

- 6.45 lauds / *hill of the 5th missionary dream*
  Reading of Don Bosco's missionary dream / *group sharing*
- 7.30 breakfast
- 8.15 introduction about the day's activities

- Module 7: **CHIERI: THE YOUNG BOSCO AND HIS FORMATION**

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a short and simple narration of Don Bosco's human and spiritual formation and see the personal gifts he has received from God and how these can help him in his radical gift of self to God.

8.30 load bags into the bus
8.40 departure for Chieri
9.00 arrival at Chieri / arrival of missionaries participants of the course at UPS
9.15 visit and Eucharist in the **Cathedral of Chieri**
moment for reflection and personal prayer

12.00 missionary animation of the students of Istituto Salesiano, Chieri
13.00 lunch

14.30 visit of the **Jewish Ghetto**, old **seminary** and the **Church of St. Philip Neri**, Church of the **Holy Rosary**
16.45 departure for Valdocco (vespers in the bus)
18.30 arrival / lodging
19.00 supper (*self service*) / meeting with other missionaries
20.10 rosary / *Good night*
20.30 community evaluation
20.45 Journaling

21 September (Thursday) - ***Day 25***

- 6.45 lauds / *personal meditation*
- 7.30 breakfast
- 8.15 introduction about the day's activities

- Module 8: **CITY OF TURIN: THE PRIEST DON BOSCO AND THE BEGINNINGS OF HIS WORK**

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a brief and simple explanation of the expressions of the oratorian heart of Don Bosco and evaluate how one has lived Don Bosco's *Da Mihi Animas*.

08.30 walk to porta palazzo then to the **Cathedral** (Chapel of the Shroud)
time for reflection and personal prayer

walk to the Vincentian **Church of the Visitation**
time for reflection and personal prayer

visit to the **Church of St. Francis of Assisi**
moment for reflection and personal prayer

visit to the **Shrine of the Consolata**
moment for reflection and personal prayer

return to Valdocco passing by the 'mental hospital'
12.15 Eucharist **Pinardi Chapel**

- Module 9: **VALDOCCO: CHARACTERISTICS OF DON BOSCO'S SPIRITUALITY**

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to make a brief and simple explanation of the characteristics of the spirituality of Don Bosco and evaluate how he has lived it in his own life.

14.00 video & visit to the **rooms of Don Bosco**
15.00 visit of the Refugio
16.00 trace the wondering Oratory, St. Peter in chains,
17.00 visit of the **Pinardi chapel**, **Church of St. Francis de Sales**
moment for reflection and personal prayer

18.30 vespers
19.00 supper (self service)
20.00 rosary / *Good night*
20.40 community evaluation
21.00 Journaling

22 September (Friday) - ***Day 26***

- 6.45 lauds / *personal meditation*
- 7.30 breakfast
- 8.15 introduction about the day's activities

8.30 departure for Valsalice
8.50 arrival / visit of the tomb of Don Bosco and the Chapel of the Institute
10.00 departure for Ivrea

- Module 10: **BASILICA OF MHC: THE MARIAN DIMENSION OF THE SALESIAN CHARISM**

Module Objective: At the end of the afternoon each participant is able to make a short and simple explanation on the concrete expressions of the marian dimension of the charism of Don Bosco

15.00 visit of the **Basilica MHC**, **Chapel of relics**
time for reflection and personal prayer

17.30 Eucharist with vespers in the **Church of St. Francis de Sales**
time for reflection and personal prayer
19.00 supper (*self service*)
20.00 rosary / *Good night*
20.40 community evaluation
21.00 Journaling

23 September (Saturday) - ***Day 27***

- 6.45 lauds / *personal meditation*
- 7.30 breakfast
- 8.15 introduction about the day's activities

- Module 11: **TOWARDS A PROJECT OF MISSIONARY LIFE**

Module Objective: At the end of the module each participant is able to reread his journal and draw out from it important elements for his spiritual life in order to draw up the final version of his Project of Salesian Missionary Life.

8.30 points for reflection
- *time for reflection and personal prayer*
- possibility for personal Eucharistic adoration in the Tempietto
- final version of the personal *Project of Missionary Life*

10.30 Penitential celebration and possibility for confession in the Basilica
12.00 Eucharist **MHC Basilica** with new FMA missionaries
13.00 lunch (*self service*)

14.00 meeting of new missionaries SDB & FMA (SDB community room)
16.00 **HARAMBÉE**
Around 300 young people from Italian Provinces, VIS + Missionaries (testimonies - sharing)
complete list of missionaries – SDB, FMA, etc.

24 September (Sunday) - ***Day 28***

- 6.45 lauds / *personal meditation*
- 7.30 breakfast

9.00 Valdocco: DB Theatre – meeting with young people of VIS-Italia and Vicar of the Rector Major - presentation of departing missionaries and volunteers

12:00 Basilica of Mary Help of Christians – Eucharist presided by the Rector Major and *giving of the missionary cross* to missionaries of 146th Salesian missionary expedition

15.00 departure for Porta Susa
16:30 departure from Porta Susa for Rome and other destinations, estimated time of arrival in Rome 20.55

Liturgical Animation and Celebrations

date	celebration	place	Presider of the Eucharist (+ *homily*)	Animator *Linguistic group* (liturgy, rosary, prayers)
29 Aug			Fr. Gianni	
30 Aug		San Paolo 3 fontane	Fr. Guillermo	Multicultural
31 Aug			Fr. MC George	*Vietnamese* Group
1 Sept			Fr. Martin	*Español* Group
2 Sept	Vespers + *eucharistic adoration*	with the Generalate community	Fr. Jean-Claude	
3 Sept	XXII Sunday	Vatican	Fr. MC George	Multicultural
4 Sept			Fr. Andre	*Français* Group
5 Sept			Fr. Joaquim	*Español* Group
6 Sept			Fr. Ramon	*English* Group
7 Sept			Fr. Eugene	*Vietnamese* Group
8 Sept	Nativity of Mary		Fr. Mario	*English* Group
9 Sept	Vespers + *eucharistic adoration*		Fr. Alfred	*Français* Group
10 Sept	XXIII Sunday	Catacombs S. Callixtus	Fr. Gianni	Multicultural
11 Sept			Fr. Joaquim	*Español* Group
12 Sept			Fr. MC George	*Vietnamese* Group
13 Sept	St. John Chrysostom	Sacro Cuore	Fr. Guillermo	*English* Group
14 Sept	Exhaltation of the Cross		Fr. Cereda	*Vietnamese* Group
15 Sept	Mater Dolorosa	Mornese	Fr. Ramon	*English* Group
16 Sept	S. Cornelius & Cyprian	Valponasca	Fr. Mario	*Français* Group
17 Sept	XXIV Sunday	Basilica Don Bosco		Parish choir
18 Sept		Morialdo	Fr. Gianni	*English* Group
19 Sept		San Giovanni da Riva	Fr. Joaquim	*Español* Group
20 Sept	S. Kim Taegon & Co.	Chieri Duomo	Fr. Andre	*Vietnamese* Group
21 Sept	S. Matthew	Pinardi Chapel	Fr. Eugene	*English* Group
22 Sept	B. J. Calasanz & Co.	St. Francis de Sales	Fr. Alfred	*Français* Group
23 Sept	S. Pio of Pietrelcina	MHC Basilica	Fr. Guillermo	FMA & SDB
24 Sept	XXV Sunday	MHC Basilica	Rector Major	Parish choir

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Aug 30	Fr. Guillermo	*Sept* 5	Gen Councilor	*Sept* 11	Gen Councilor	*Sept* 17	Fr. Guillermo
Aug 31	Fr. Jean-Claude	*Sept* 6	*Peter Vu*	*Sept* 12	*Norbert*	*Sept* 18	*Jacques*
Sept 1	Gen Councilor	*Sept* 7	*Anthony*	*Sept* 13	*Joseph Tan*	*Sept* 19	*Martin Paul*
Sept 2	*Jeswin*	*Sept* 8	*Joseph R.*	*Sept* 14	*Jeevan*	*Sept* 20	*Joseph A.*
Sept 3	Fr. Guillermo	*Sept* 9	*Isrrael*	*Sept* 15	Fr. Guillermo	*Sept* 21	*Manuel*
Sept 4	*Jorge*	*Sept* 10	Fr. Guillermo	*Sept* 16	*Peter Lai*	*Sept* 22	Fr. Guillermo