



that, while based at St. Benedict, reaches far beyond the parish's boundaries, possibilities and personnel.

A few examples will suffice to illustrate this point. The Salesian Leadership Retreat (SLR) is a three-day 'baptism' in Salesian youth spirituality. Annually, it reaches 120 Toronto high school students. Originally animated by the SDBs, it has been kept alive over the past ten years by dedicated lay teachers from 8 non-Salesian schools, none of which have a Salesian on staff, and all but one of which lie outside our parish boundaries.

Summerdaze Day Camp is a six-week summer 'Oratory' experience that has

become a school of formation in Salesian youth ministry. Campers and counselors 'graduate' from it imbued with the Preventive System, and go on to become protagonists who develop other youth ministries both in the parish and beyond.

Noteworthy also are the 'salesianized' ecclesial movements that enrich the Toronto SYM. The Don Bosco Council of the Knights of Columbus has a strong Salesian identity, while the youth branch of the Knights draws its inspiration from the saint whose name it bears: Dominic Savio Squires Circle. Our pan-Canadian World Youth Day (WYD) group coordinates young people from three Salesian works in Surrey (British Columbia), Toronto (Ontario) and Montreal (Quebec). This

Canadian group joined other national SYM groups in Spain in August 2011 to experience the SYM at the international level.

Finally, the SYM introduces Toronto youth to fruitful SDB-FMA collaboration. VIDES opens the doors to the foreign missions, while *Duc in Altum* has forged SDB-FMA links in the service of spiritual accompaniment and vocational discernment.

Clearly, the SYM opens a broader window onto the Salesian mission than any one work ever could. Imagine what kind of fruit a come and see might bear if every confrere asked himself: What can I do to develop the SYM? What will I do to develop the SYM?