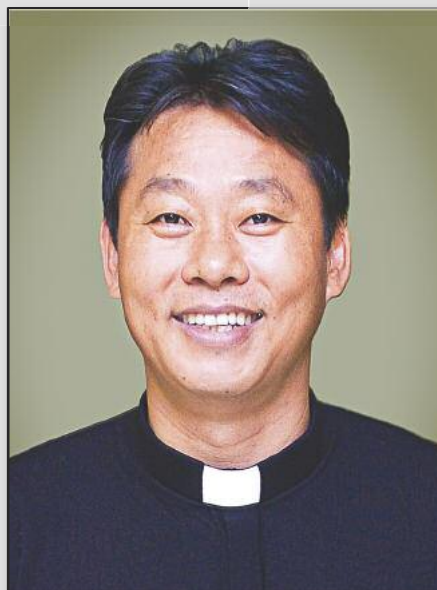





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evening. However, my sister then told my mother about my decision by telling her of the dream. All my problems were resolved at that moment.

However I had not worked out at that time that this was Mary Help of Christians at work until I heard, for the first time from my novice director, that the vocation of every Salesian is tied to Mary Help of Christians.

I had not asked Mary for her help. But Mary was aware of my problem and quietly helped me. This was the first experience I had had of Mary's help. It was such an important experience for me because through it I gained such a real image of Mary as the Lady who loved me very much. This enabled me to understand Mary as 'Help of Christians' and I learned to adopt the attitude we must have when we help others: be attentive to their needs and ready to give them all necessary help. From then on I was able to speak with certainty to young people about the presence of Mary Help of Christians...

Mary is not a special privilege just for Salesians. She is the Help of all Christians. But we Salesians are very grateful and sensitive to Mary as Helper. With this sensitivity Don Bosco chose Mary Most Holy as his inspiration, Mother and Teacher of his Congregation... 

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