Like Jesus becoming radical in our love for the Father

By: Javier Anselmo Barrientos

Editorial

We read in the Gospels that Jesus referred to things which were sacrilegious to the religious leaders of His time and said, “He who is not with me is against me.” This is a strong statement that challenges us to consider the nature of our faith and how we live it out in our daily lives. When we consider the teachings of Jesus, we cannot help but see that they were radical and contrary to the expectations of the time. Jesus challenged the established religious leaders and their practices, which were often more concerned with outward appearances than genuine love for God and neighbor. Jesus taught that true religion was not about external rituals but about a deep interior transformation that led to a new way of living. Jesus was radical in His love for the Father, and He calls us to be radical in our love for Him as well. We are called to live in a way that is contrary to the expectations of the world and to be like Jesus in our love for the Father.
The Way Ahead After the PC VII

Fr. George Chaldean

The Seventh Pentecostal Chapter— which we had from 16-19 April— was held in the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas in Bangalore. This was the last of the Pentecostal Chapters, which will mark the final three in our Karnataka Province. The chapter began on 16 April, and concluded on 19 April.

The theme of the chapter was “The Gospel as the Word of God,” and the keynote address was given by Fr. John Chaldean. The theme was chosen to reflect the focus of our future endeavors in the province, and to prepare us for the upcoming Pentecostal Chapters.

The chapter included various sessions, including lectures, workshops, and discussions. The keynote address was followed by various sessions on different aspects of the theme. These sessions were chaired by various speakers, including Fr. John Chaldean, Fr. Thomas Mathew, and Fr. Joseph Mathew.

The chapter was well-attended by members of the province, and was a great success. The sessions were lively and informative, and the keynote address was particularly insightful.

Overall, the chapter was a great success, and we are looking forward to the upcoming Pentecostal Chapters in the province.
DID YOU KNOW THAT...

by Dr. Irene Bautista

Luminous is the heart of the Marian Liturgy. The Church always prays the rosary, a prayer that has been described as the "garment of love." It is a prayer of meditation on the life of Jesus and Mary, and a prayer of petition. The rosary is a way of praying the mysteries of faith through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a spiritual exercise that helps us to meditate on the life of Jesus and Mary, and to pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

We pray the rosary every day at the Marian Center of the Family. The center is located at 123 Main Street, and it is open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The center is staffed by a team of volunteers who pray the rosary every day. The center is a place of prayer and reflection, and it is open to all who wish to pray the rosary.

1. The Rosary is said in various forms around the world. In the United States, the Rosary is said in English, Spanish, and other languages. In some countries, the Rosary is said in a language that is not spoken by the majority of the population.

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where we receive children and youth to pray with them, to help them to develop their creativity and imagination, to have fun and to be happy in the company of others. I see myself as someone who can help children and young people to grow in their faith and to have a better understanding of the world around them.

In my capacity as a volunteer, I work with the Salesian Family in various capacities, including teaching, counseling, and providing pastoral care. I am also involved in organizing events and activities that promote the values of the Salesian Family, such as retreats, workshops, and other spiritual exercises. I believe that through these activities, I can help young people to discover their own calling and to find their place in the world.

The Salesian Family is a vibrant and dynamic community that is committed to serving the needs of young people. I am proud to be a part of this community and to be a witness to the values and principles that guide our work.
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Fr. Javier Antonio Barrientos

e read in the Gospels that to its rightful place: to the top of creation. In Jesus' view,
Jesus did many things which society, with its laws and customs was to be at the service
went in opposite direction to of man. His approach, controversial to society's standards
society's trends. For was radical in every way; he did so because he felt God
example, he touched and applied mud loved him like a Son; and therefore his love for others into the blind's man eyes after he spat (especially the weak) was fruit of this love. on the ground and mixed it with dust Society undergoes tremendous and continuous change; (Jn 9:6); with this action –done on a generations succeed one another and although in many Sabbath, he not only challenged the ways some similar patters remain, it is never the same. Sabbath law but he also broke changed Nevertheless, society needs a positive change, too. the understanding that sicknesses Progress not always means making the world a better were God's punishment. He went even place for all. The rise of technology and scientific discovery further, to his own disciples –who at averts the presence of God, and this cannot go without first seemed to have grasped the consequences. meaning of discipleship, he challenged We know that the core of Christianity is Jesus Christ; and therefore the call of Christianity is to bring God back to people's lives. The Church in many ways strives to be like Jesus, a sign in this world of the things to come. The Church, like Jesus- offers to society the opportunity to see things differently; to see at our world with God's eyes. The Salesian Congregation (which is part of the Catholic Church and fully present in today's society) is now about to celebrate its 27 General Chapter. The Rector Major invites everyone “to become radical witness of the Gospel.” In other words, the chapter invites us all to be for our world like Jesus: signs of God's radical love for all, especially the weak and unloved! Surely, every Salesian is motivated and eager to take up the challenge.

telling that his kingdom is of a different nature (Mt 20:23). His teaching and radical in every way: in our relationships with each other way doing things changed societal and the people we minister; in our dealings, projects, taboos and ways of thinking; he was ministry, etc. The Provincial Chapter did not end with its promoting a new culture. Jesus last session, nor will it be kept as a beautiful document on a created a culture where the weak and
shelf in our communities' library, but the Provincial undesired were now seen as people

Chapter is a process that will help us become more like loved by God, rather than cursed by Jesus [radical like him in every way] and it will guide us him. Jesus showed that authority is through. It will remind us of God's love for all and our given to some for the purpose of response to this love will be our love for God and all his service. With Jesus, women and creation, after to the example Jesus gave us: radical in his children were no longer “property”

love for the Father!

but “people”. Jesus restored humanity

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Don Bosco
EDUCATOR

Fr Pascual Chavez SDBRECTOR MAJOR

SALESIAN PEDAGOGY
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AND NOT THE GOOD
TREMBLING BEFORE THE BAD

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ON BOSCO RELATES little, I was able to get it
together; I could feel the

I was a lively and soles of my bare feet clinging

attentive boy who, to the rope; becoming one

w i t h m u m ' s with my footsteps and I then
permission went to the did as I wanted, glad to
various festivals where there repeat and to invent other
were acrobats and magicians. movements. That's why,
I always put myself in the when I spoke to the boys, I
front row, eyes fixed on their said to them: "Let's hold on to
movements with which they easy things, but let's do it
tried to distract the audience. with perseverance.” There
Little by little I could see their you have it: my down-totricks;
returning home, I earth pedagogy, the result of
repeated them for hours. But so many victories and as
often the moves did not many defeats, with the
produce the desired effect. It stubbornness that was one of
wasn't easy to walk on that my most marked
blessed rope between two characteristics.
trees. How many tumbles, That's how my style came
how many peeled knees! And into being, to educate without
how many times I was using big words, without any
wanted to throw everything great ideological schemes,
into the air ... Then I started without references to many
again, sweaty, tired, famous authors. That was
sometimes even how my pedagogy was born:
disappointed. Then, a little by I learned on the meadows of

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the Becchi, later on the streets of Chieri,
later still in prisons, in the streets, in the
alleys of Valdocco. A pedagogy built in a
courtyard.
I dared to prove it a few years later when I
went to Chieri to continue my studies and
was accepted by the teacher, in front of the
whole class, with a not very exciting
sentence: "This is a guy or a large mole or
a great talent". It made me feel awkward
in the extreme; I remember coping with
these words: "That's something beyond
the pale, Sir: I am a poor young man who
wants to do his duty and progress in
studies".

Then there was that blessed dream when I
was 9-10 years old (the dream which was
repeated many more times!) that I would
get hammered, and the desire to become a
priest for the boys became stronger ...
And then I did something that didn't make a genius of me, but in fact, achieved a beautiful victory in my character, a real breakthrough; i.e., stretch out your hand to ask for help, something just to realise my dream. I would admit a little later to a Salesian: "You don't know how much this begging cost me". With my proud temperament, it was certainly not easy to be humble enough to ask. My courage was empowered by a high level of trust in Providence; and also what I had learned from my mother. At her school I had learned one rule that led me everywhere: "When I encounter a problem, treat it as if I found the road ahead blocked by a big boulder; if I can't remove it, I just turn around."

And I assure you: I found many large boulders on my path. I shall briefly mention some of them: 1860, for example, was a typically difficult year. Fr Cafasso, my friend, confessor and spiritual director had died; how much I missed his presence, his advice and his help with finances.

Then, from the Government side, I encountered serious difficulties, authentic "boulders": targeted searches which were disastrous to Valdocco, as if I were a criminal! My boys were living in fear, while armed guards entered everywhere. The searches continued, creating a climate of fear and uncertainty. I wrote to the Minister of the Interior, Louis Farini, for an interview. I had the guts to tell him with humble determination: "For my kids I demand justice and restoration of honour so that they don't lack the bread of life". I know that he took a great risk because these men were an anticlerical Government, but I didn't lack the necessary courage. And so gradually the searches stopped.

I never gave up! I said to the boys: "The courage of the bad guys is not what makes others afraid. Be brave and you'll see them fold their wings". A French benefactor from Lyon had sent me a holy picture with a phrase I have never forgotten because it served as a guide: "Be with God like the sparrow that feels the branch shake but still continues to sing, knowing that it has
"wings". It wasn't just a poetic expression, but an act of courageous confidence in the Providence of the Lord, because He alone "is the master of our hearts".

When they were about to leave for their holidays, I used to say this to my kids: "Be men and not branches! Lift your head high, walk straight in the service of God, within the family and outside, in the Church and in the square. What is human respect? A papermachè monster that does not bite. What are the impertinent words of these bad guys? Soap-bubbles that disappear in an instant. We cannot cure adversaries and their taunts. Remember that knowledge without conscience is nothing but the ruin of the soul."

I never got tired of instilling into their little heads: "Give glory to God with your conduct, consolation to your relatives and your superiors. Otherwise a young, undisciplined 'lazybones', will be a disgraceful youth, a burden to his parents, a weight to his superiors, and a weight for himself".
The future would arise from Valdocco, "good citizens and honest Christians" of which the world has much need.

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Church Today | Pope Francis

Be open
to the newness
of the

HOLY SPIRIT
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By Junno Arocho Esteves

The Holy Father recalled the moment where the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, giving them the strength to spread the Gospel.

“Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have
everything under control, if we are the ones who build, program, and plan our lives,” Pope Francis said. “This is also the case when it comes to God. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives.”

We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, He brings newness—God always brings newness—and demands our complete trust.”

Drawing from the examples of Noah, Abraham and Moses, Pope Francis said that the “newness” of the Holy Spirit brought the joy, serenity and courage to proclaim the Gospel to the disciples of Christ. However, the Holy Father called on the faithful to ask themselves if they are “open to God's surprises” or if we are “closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit.”

“The Holy Spirit,” the 76 year old pontiff said, “would appear to create disorder in the Church, since he brings the diversity of charisms and gifts; yet all this, by his working, is a great source of wealth, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which does not mean uniformity, but which leads everything back to harmony.”

“In the Church, it is the Holy Spirit who creates harmony. Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality, and multiplicity, while at the same time building unity. Here too, when we are the ones who try to create diversity and close ourselves up in what makes us different and other, we bring division. When we are the ones who want to build unity in accordance with our human plans, we end up creating uniformity, standardization. But if instead we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit, richness, variety and diversity never become a source of conflict, because he impels us to experience variety within the communion of the Church.”

Pope Francis reminded the members from all the various movements and ecclesial realities of the Catholic Church to always remain true to the Church, warning that when one embarks on a “parallel journey” that goes beyond the
Church's teaching, they “are not one with the God of Jesus Christ.”

Concluding his homily, the Holy Father emphasized the need for the Holy Spirit, comparing to the wind which fills the sails of the soul and drives it forward.

“The Holy Spirit,” the Pope concluded, “draws us into the mystery of the living God and saves us from the threat of a Church which is gnostic and self-referential, closed in on herself; He impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the goodness of the Gospel.”

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After the PC VII
Fr. George Chalissery SDB
Provincial Superior of ZMB
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the Salesian Sisters and also one from the Salesian Cooperators. This Provincial Chapter was in preparation for the Coming 27th General Chapter which will be held in Rome at our Generalate during the months of February, March and the beginning of April 2014. The Theme of the Chapter was “Witnesses to the Radical Approach of the Gospel – called to live in fidelity Don Bosco's apostolic project 'Work and Temperance'”.

At the outset I must say that the moderator of the Chapter, Fr Christopher Rychnik, did a very good job in planning and organizing the Chapter. Our communities in the Vice-Province and our confreres who were in Nairobi and Moshi, took active part in studying the theme of the Chapter. Those others who were outside the province were also eager to know what was going on in ZMB.

Besides, the main theme of the Chapter, we also did an evaluation of our communities, revised the Province Directory and the Organic Provincial Plan.

All the confreres were involved in the preparation of the Provincial Chapter, even though we started the preparations rather late. We did not come up with any so-called 'radical' ideas or suggestions as one might have expected! But there were some other values that came forth and which I believe are a radical message for the province. There was a
very cordial and fraternal atmosphere during the discussions and deliberations of the Chapter. We also underlined the fact that whatever happens in every community is of interest to all the confreres of the Vice-Province. We were much more united and we all felt the need to own the Province. We are now 78 confreres from 15 nationalities… a truly international community. We find ourselves here as we all have the same aim of helping young people following the example of St John Bosco and in this process, becoming saints. Thus we challenge the young to follow our example of holiness. In a big group like ours, there is always the danger of dividing ourselves into smaller groups according to national, ethnic or other basis. But to see a group of people from different places, all working together.

the Seventh Provincial Chapter

for the same mission is perhaps the greatest gospel which we had, from 10-18 April

message we can give to the people here.

2013, was a memorable event in

We have just celebrated the feast of Pentecost. The history of ZMB. There were 26

coming of the Holy Spirit made the apostles preach

Salesians, a representative from
to the people who had gathered together in Jerusalem from different corners of the earth. Those who accepted the message of Peter were all baptized and became one single group of believers in Jesus, though they came from different backgrounds. The Holy Spirit made these different people into one group of believers. In the world today, we find so many divisions among different groups of people. It is so easy to break up into different groups. But I believe the Provincial Chapter made us into one group of Brothers who have the same aim to help young people in the context of our 4 countries of Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Namibia. I guess this feeling of unity is the best fruit of the Provincial Chapter. I am sure for us in ZMB, we have had a good past, but the best is yet to come. The Provincial Chapter has given birth to a new ZMB!

On 24th May the Church celebrates the feast of
Mary Help of Christians. Mary was the one who united the scattered apostles, and was keeping them together for the coming of the Spirit. She is the patroness of our Vice-Province. May Mary unite us all with that same desire to help young people like our father Don Bosco! May she guide and protect us every day of our life. Don Bosco was anxious towards the end of his life, whether the Salesians would stay together after his death. He would say: “Love one another as brothers; love one another, help one another and bear with one another as brothers. God’s help and that of Mary Help of Christians will not be lacking. Promise me that you will love one another as Brothers” (Don Bosco). I am sure all of us in ZMB would take to heart this exhortation that came from the heart of our father. I wish you all dear friends a Very Happy Feast of Mary Help of Christians. May we all enjoy her maternal intercession and guidance every day of our lives.

Thank you!

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The Provincial has conducted the canonical visitation of the Salesian communities of Malawi: Lilongwe and Nkhotakota. At the end of his Lusaka – Bauleni (ZAMBIA) visitation the Provincial arranged that members of the Salesian Family in Provincial council would meet the south cone. Daughters of Maryhouse council of both communities Help of Christians, Salesians of Donat Lilongwe and Nkhotakota Bosco and Salesian Cooperators respectively. During the visit to gathered at Bauleni community to Nkhotakota, the Provincial also study the Chart of the Salesian visited Don Bosco Second Family helped by Fr. Jose PastorSchool. ary SDB, the World facilitator of the Salesian Family. Fr. Pastor came to Zambia accompanied by Sr. Lesley FMA and Fr. Giuseppe S. from the orman Team of the Salesian
Seven Salesians of ZMB studying at the Salesian Theological College of Utume (Nairobi – Kenya) received ministries of Lector and Acolyte. The new Acolytes of ZMB Vice-Province are Ap Honcious Hamweete, Peter Nguyen and

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Lectors are Simbarashe Muza, The Salesian Theological College of Christopher Mukuka, Martin Utume was graced with the Nguyen and John Musonda. The Fay Sahaamv Selr 10-14/04/2013.-. SDB from AFE ordination of 14 deacons. The Provincial Superior of AFE, Fr. Province directed the first annual deacons were ordained by bishop Roland Gianni, spoke of the retreat of ZMB Vice-Province after Diocese (Zambia). Among those importance of the Ministries in for all confreres taking part in the Clement Mulenga of Kabwe Church more specifically as the the the VII Provincial Chapter. The retreat ordained was Dn Macarius and ones vocation towards priesthood. in Lusaka. Fr. Selvam helped the Salesian Parish in Kabwe. The participants to get in touch with ordination was held on the 18th of Mpundu SDB who comes from the steps in discovering and deepening ook place at the provincial house themselves and reality, with the May 2013 at Utume in Nairobi help of the “seven-step-retreat”. In . The new ordained facilitator

some of his talks, the emphasized the idea of moving towards a closer relationship with

d in Jesus as the basis for personal renewal. 'Conversion is not a personal achievement but the work of God's grace in us', he added.

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ordination day organized by the St. FFFamily. Mary’s Parish. At the end of the

Kabwe, Mansa, Mazabuka, Namibia The participants came from gathering all participants received a t-shirt donated by the Sternsings and Lusaka. At the end of the

of St. Bern hard Parish in meeting, children performed some Badherrenalb (Germany) traditional dances.

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YOUTHCONFERENCE RUNDU | NAMIBIA
Our trip to Rundu, Namibia was born from the Easter Camp

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that was held in Chawama from the 28 to the 31 of March2013 with the theme “CHRIST LIVES, he
invites us to bemissionaries”. It was there that the young people fromNamibia invited us to attend their
Youth Conference. They said that they have attended youth rallies here in Zambia as well as some of the
Easter Camps hence they wanted at least about 5 youth from Zambia also to attend their youth program as
a way of encouraging their fellow young people in Rundu to be active youths, and to experience how
they run their youth programs. It was great for me to attend the conference together with Robert, unlike the
other 3 who did not make it. This invitation came at the right time and for me it made the theme for Easter
Camp even more meaningful in the sense that we answered Christ's call of being missionaries.

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The conference ran from the 2 to the 5 of May 2013.

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Robert and I started off on the morning of 1 of May. The special advisor for the youth (Paulus Tchavu)
picked us up from Katima Mulilo border and we reached Rundu at 01:50hrs. The conference was in Kaguni
at the premises of a primary

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school. We went to attend the conference on the 2 and it was basically about introductions. We were
privileged to be given time to say a few words of which we did, it was an amazing moment. The second day
of the conference was entirely a sports day: basketball, netball, football and many other mini sports. They
also had a bible quiz on this very day. We also took this opportunity to visit St Mary's Parish and we spent
sometime there watching the holy childhood rehearsal for feast of Dominic Savio. The third day is the one I
enjoyed the themost. The young people started by showcasing their cultural dances. It was really beautiful and 5
different youth groups took part. Later in the day there was a singing competition in which both senior and
junior youths took part. This is a competition that attracted a lot of viewers. People from other places came
to watch this competition. The performance of the choirs was amazing; the judges had tough time in doing
their job. The conference was closed with mass on Sunday the 5th of May.

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By Taonga Phiri
MY OVERALL VIEW OF THE CONFERENCE

Rundiscovered that young people in I du are very energetic and vibrant. They are too much into culture and singing. The spiritual part needs more development. They need programs that can build on to their faith. They also need people who can help them to implement their programs. I was impressed with one youth who is married and is very active at youth programs; she even had a misunderstanding with her husband concerning her activity but she stood up for what she believes in. Another man also impressed me; he married his fellow youth when they were both young people. The two of them now have a son who is also a vibrant youth. The couple is always present at almost all youth activities as a way of keeping the youth ministry alive and this proves that the spirit of Don Bosco is alive in Rundu. This conference made me realize that it's always important to stand for what we believe in if we want to be good Christians; so many things come along our Christian journey. We are accused of doing so many things that we have not done, we are judged unjustly and many times we are hurt but this should not hinder our relationship with God.

OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE

We had a great time in Rundu; we visited a few places such as the beach and the river that demarcates Namibia and Angola. We left Rundu on the 7th of May 13, 2013 around 02hrs in the morning. We thank God for his travelling mercies and protection to and from Namibia. We also thank God for having given us the opportunity to experience another part of life.

Jorge Mario BERGOGLIO Pope FRANCIS
Sign & Prophecy

I think everybody was looking at the window and waiting who will be the next Pope. It was a long hour of hopeful expectation. I know it was not only Christians who were interested in the new Pope because choice would, in a way, determine the way the Church is going to move. Then, after that unusually long hour we had the name of the new Pope being mentioned. I guess most of the people both in St. Peter's square and in the
whole world were left in awe as to who
is this new Pope. When I heard his name
I immediately knew the person they
were talking about. For a moment I
thank God to have such a man of God to
be our Pope.

Pope Francis, that is the way Cardinal
Jorge Bergoglio chose to call himself. I
think he did it purposely because, he,
before being a Pope, is a believer, a man
who has strived to live as a child of God, a
follower of Christ, a man of the Church, a
brother of many brothers. The first
impression to all of us who were waiting
was of a man who was more surprised of
his election than we were; his silent
looking at the crowd of people gather
there in Rome gave the impression of a
person who was afraid of the ministry
he was starting. However, when he
addressed the people of God, he gave a
completely different impression: he was

By Fr. Jorge E. Ormeño sdb

a humble man who wanted to transmit the love of God even with his presence. He greeted as somebody
we know would greet us: ‘buona sera’. That night Pope Francis taught us that the Pope was not supposed to
be the most important. There, in our first few minutes with him, we learnt that God is always the
most important and, because of that, we prayed to the Lord with him, as the way we used to do with our
parents when we were little children: the very simple prayers for pope Benedict and then that prayer in
silence for him and for the Church. He proposed to the whole Church to walk together to the encounter of
the Lord. Then, he encouraged us all not to get tired of going back to the Lord because He does not get tired
of forgiving us. He, finally, reminded us that to be a Christian is to do exactly what God does: to give life,
to take care! Christian life is more than doing this or avoiding that; to be a Christian is to take care of each
other! Tenderness is a quality of God and also of all his children. Then, we are no to be afraid of tenderness; that is the way to take care of each other, having an approach of tenderness to all the creatures that surround us. Maybe the very first way to take care with tenderness to people around us is to respect them in their own diversity, giving witness of a God that loves and respects all His creatures. Now we can know that the choosing of His name was not only a matter of taste, but it is a program for a whole pontificate, a program for the whole Church. The first and foremost reform of a Church passes through every single Christian, passes through you and me. Everybody, from within and also outsiders, wants to see a rejuvenated Church. We already have a program to grow with God and then God who is ever present with His Church will also in this time be with Her to educate the fruits of love and thus give witness to a living God.

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Education has always been a basic human experience; from the earliest civilizations to our XXI century society expertise and knowledge have been transmitted from generation to generation. Education is an ongoing process of interaction between educators and students.

By Gordon Chongo Mutale

EDUCATING young people TODAY

Awhich a child was educated in the past is definitely not the same as young people are educated today. It must be remembered that where learning is concerned, there is an educator and the person “to be educated”. Classical pedagogy put the educator at the centre of the learning process, where the educator becomes the sole giver of knowledge and the “student” on the receiving and passive side of the process. It is a fact that today in the education of a child there are many other things that demand consideration. Youth have developed or rather found themselves in their own culture where they have their own understanding; this understanding of the world, in a way differs from that of the adults’. This has become a threat to many adults as they think their traditional beliefs and understanding of the world is no longer meaningful to young people. I personally give it rather different interpretation. Maybe it is because am a youth myself and at the same time I am familiar with the Salesian Educative System. As such, I think I view it as both a youth and educator. Today, it is difficult or even impossible to educate young people if you cut yourself off from the ‘youth culture’. The ‘youth culture’ reminds us that we cannot go on trying to solve new problems using old solutions. In youth ministry, we often find the young people inviting us to participate in their world. Yet again, there educators who refuse to enter this beautiful world.

understanding it. On top of that, education is dynamic; the way in leaves a lot of gaps when it comes to s often as this topic is discussed, it

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Y oung people today are the leading protagonists in the so-called “Digital Continent”. They are exposed to many things that come from the Media, much more than most adults. However, a strange thing today is to verify that a good number of educators waste lots of time and energy trying to correct behavioural patterns among the young, not bothering to find out where the traits they want to correct are coming from. My appeal to all educators is to allow themselves to be challenged by their students and learn from them; to know what they know best and from there draw out the experience of life which will help them make a positive behavioural change. This attitude calls for an extraordinary effort to leave one's comfort zone of structured values and acquired knowledge to move to a zone where educator and student are both
discovering the other side of the story and there the educator based on his experience helps the student to make his own choices and improve their knowledge; and even become 'educators' of their peers.

Educating young people today, as it has always been, it a wonderful process: it is more like an adventure!

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
you have given the world its true light,
Jesus your son – the Son of God.
You abandoned yourself completely
to God's call and thus became
a wellspring of the goodness
which flows forth from him.
Show us Jesus, Lead us to him.
Teach to know and love him,
so that we too can become
capable of true love
and be fountains of living water
in the midst of a thirsting world.

(Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical Letter,
“God is Love” Solemnity of the Nativity of the
Lord, 2005)

Holy Mary, Mother of God you have given the world
its true light, Jesus your son the Son of God.

Jesus is the Light of the world (Jn 9:5). Jesus is our Light, our kindly Light leading us beyond the
encircling gloom. It was Mary who gave us Jesus, her Son, to be our Light and a lamp for our steps (Ps 119:105) as we struggle on our earthly pilgrimage towards our Father's house (Jn 14:2). That is why we honour Mary so much, and thank her too. And that is why we thank God for giving us Mary, the mother of Jesus our Light.

By Fr. Tony Geoghegan, sj.
MEDITATIONS ON
Holy Mary, Mother of God… show us Jesus

We ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to show us Jesus, her Son. In the beautiful and ancient hymn of the church, the 'Salve Regina', the 'Hail Holy Queen”, there is a similar prayer: “and after this our exile, show unto us the fruit of your womb, Jesus”. Like those Greeks who came to Philip, we too “desire to see Jesus” (Jn 12:22). Like Zaccheus, we too “desire to see Jesus” and “catch a glimpse of him” (Lk 19:3.4). With the great St. Augustine we too pray: “Lord, let me know you”. And so we ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to show us Jesus her Son.

Holy Mary, Mother of God… Lead us to Jesus. Teach
to know and love him

To know Jesus is a great grace, the grace that St Paul prayer that the early Christians at Ephesus would receive: “until knowing the love of Christ, which is above all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God” (Eph 3:19). To know Jesus is to have eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom you have sent (Jn 17:3) St Ignatius of Loyola, in his spiritual exercises, encourages the retreat to pray for this grace while contemplating the mysteries of Christ's life in the
gospels: 'to ask for an interior knowledge of our Lord, who became human for me, that I may love him more intensely and follow him more closely.' We should pray daily for the grace to know and love Jesus more because the heart of our motivation as disciples and apostles of the Lord is our personal relationship
with Jesus (Jn 15:14). And this was the source of St Paul's motivation as missionary and preacher of the Good News: “It is the love of Christ which urges us on” (2Co 5:14). To be capable of true love means that we love one another as Jesus loved us (Jn 13:34). His love for us was a sacrificial love (Jn 15:13). His love for us was all embracing, universal, excluding no one, not even his enemies who crucified him (Lk 23:34). Often our loving is not true, not genuine, not faithful. Sometimes our loving is mixed with a lot of selfishness. It can be flawed and marred by different forms of exclusivism – excluding either some individuals or groups from our so-called 'loving'. Sometimes our loving is possessive and enslaving instead of being liberating and life giving. And so we pray for the grace to become capable of true love. If our loving is true loving then we can become 'fountains of living water in the midst of a thirsting world.'

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DID YOU KNOW THAT…

by Dn. Jerome Bwalya sdb

1. Bauleni has been the home heart for most of the Salesians in ZMB Vice-Province because of its being the formation house in the past and also because most of the Ordinations, Renewals, First and Final Professions have taken place from there. Bauleni was the home was the first Formation House in ZMB Vice Province.

2. That our father founder of ZMB Vice-Province Fr. Kazimierz Cichecki died peacefully in his room in Bauleni community while we were having the first International Youth Rally in Chingola in the jubilee year of the Lord 2000. He died on 9th September 2000.

3. Fr. Peter Gozdalski was the first Salesian priest to be ordained on the soil of ZMB Vice-Province. He was ordained in Nsakaluba (Luapula Province) in 1990 while late on the same year Fr. Joseph Skowron was also ordained in Luwingu. That was the beginning of all Salesian priestly ordination in ZMB.

4. Bishop Clement Mulenga was the first local vocation to be ordained priest in the ZMB Vice-Province. He was ordained in Luwingu on 26 April 1998, and he became the first of Kabwe Diocese and first Salesian bishop bishop in ZMB vice province.

5. Next year we are celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the first local vocation to the Salesian Congregation in the ZMB Vice-Province – Br. Sylvester Makumba. He is the Zambian Salesian and he made his first first first profession on 1st September 1989 in Bauleni (ZAMBIA). Although Zambian, he belonged to the Warsaw Province.

6. The first Rectors of ZMB vice province Luwingu, rKazimierz Cichecki rector ofwere F. Fr. Jozef Bem rector of Chingola and Fr. Piotr Boryczka rector of Kazembe. They were the first rectors when these communities still belonged to the Warsaw Province (PLE) of which Zambia was an delegation.

7. The first Parish in ZMB Vice-Province was Luwingu mission and that Fr. Jozef Ojczyk was the first Salesians Parish Priest; hence he was the first Parish Priest of ZMB.

8. The First Provincial Chapter in ZMB Vice-Province was held in 1995 and Fr. Jozef Czerwinski was its
moderator. At the end of the Chapter, the first Provincial Directory was produced. 
9. “Luwingu” was the first Salesian Headquarter for the Salesians in ZMB Vice-Province, since the Provincial Delegate, Fr. Kazimierz Cichecki resided there before he moved to Lusaka in 1985. The house at “LuziRoad” became the second Headquarter, and then “Makeni” being third, followed by “Chawama” being the four headquarter up to today. 
10. Most of the Local Salesians vocations in ZMB Vice-Province are from Northern Province of Zambia, Kasama Archdiocese to be more specific! From that part of the world, where we do not have any Salesian community at present. 
11. Among the Salesians presences that we have handed back (closed), IPUSUKILO Mission has been the place where we stayed the shortest period of time. The Salesians were there only for six years. We ran it after the White Fathers left in 1986, and we handed it back to Kasama Archdiocese 20 August 1992.

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(ANS – Mendoza) 17/5/2013 -
Argentina -The hostel of the oratory opens to the homeless.
– For the second consecutive year the hostel of the oratory "Ceferino Namuncurá" in Mendoza, opens its doors to all adults who live on the street. A little more than a week of its initiation there are already 30 people who go there to sleep and get something hot to start the day. "This is the only place where we are treated as people"; "because of the good folk like you, clean, with a job, the study ... you take so much trouble to spend time with us?", "If this year the hostel reopened I want to stay as a volunteer, because I want to return all the good that I have received."
presented the annual report of the Girls Shelter. Since the Girls Shelter was opened, two years ago, 521 crisis interventions have been carried out including follow-up care for girls and young women who have experienced violence.
The Shelter is open all day long and staffed by professional social and pastoral workers. In comparison to last year, Brother Lothar this time presented shocking empirical findings. It is
not only the increasing brutality of the perpetrators of violence against the girls that is alarming, but also the rising number of rapes against girls and young

(ANS – Nairobi) – 17/5/2013 -
Kenya -Communications
Professionals at work.

Two important social communications events took place last week at Nairobi in Kenya: the 12th Seminar for Television Producers of SIGNIS (the World Catholic Association for Communications), and the Catholic Media Festival, organized by the Catholic Media Houses of the Archdiocese of Nairobi. Both events were attended by the staff of the Salesian Audiovisual Centre, Bosco Eastern Africa Multimedia

(ANS – Lubumbashi) –
30/4/2013 -Democratic
Republic of Congo - Salesian
Games 2013

Young people from all the Salesian centres in the province of Katanga, as well as those from parishes run by the Salesians, are taking part in the 2013 tournament of the Salesian Games at the playing fields of Boys’ Town in Lubumbashi. The programme started ten days ago and will finish tomorrow. Young people from the parishes and oratories came together on 20-21 April, and then, the following weekend 27-28 April, young people from the Salesian schools. On both occasions the young people were highly motivated and determined to bring home a cup. They took part in the different disciplines and displayed a high standard of sportsmanship and good behavior. The officials for the various competitions were the students of the St Francis de
Sales Institute of Theology and the St John Bosco Institute of Philosophy of Kansebula and the members of the St John Bosco Football Academy.


On the occasion of a press conference, on 19 April, the Salesian Brother Lothar Wagner

women under the age of 14. “Some of the girls were kept like slaves by their tormentors, oftentimes for years,” Brother Lothar told the journalists. Among the perpetrators are teachers and religious leaders as well as complete strangers who are active in child trafficking. “The boldness that characterizes the way the perpetrators act against the girls and young women bears testimony of the perpetrators’ grave moral void; oftentimes they do not even regard themselves as criminals but present themselves as benefactors,” the director said.

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LY WEEK AND EASTER CAMP the constant intervention of God in the history of salvation until its climax in the resurrection of Christ. On the Resurrection Sunday one of the main reflections dwelt on the possibility of engaging in the Salesian Voluntary Service as a way to live out our Christian call. The presence of the young people from the communities of the Salesian Sisters was very strong and the Sisters themselves participated fully in the programme giving lot of joy to the event. Lusaka (ZAMBIA) 28-31/03/2013.-

ZMB EASTER CAMP..46 Youngsters from the Salesian Youth Movement gathered at the provincial house to celebrate the Easter Festival. The Youth Department of ZMB organised the annual Easter Camp 'Living Christ' to help youngsters from the Salesian Youth Movement grow in their spiritual life by living the events of our salvation in a youthful atmosphere. This year the event took place at the provincial house of ZMB Vice-Province [Lusaka – Chawama], just as it was back in 2009. The participants came from various locations within ZMB: Namibia, Zimbabwe and Zambia; only Malawi was not represented. The event began on Holy Thursday with the arrival of the various delegations; the first reflection of the day was on the 'Joy of Service', in preparation for the
Celebration of the Washing of the Feet. Youngsters from the various communities mingled with their peers in groups for the liturgy, camping and various services. The interaction among them was remarkable and their participation in the liturgy praiseworthy. On Good Friday all events spin around the passion of Christ. The group went to the streets to celebrate the Way of the Cross. On Saturday, the celebration of the Easter Vigil helped all recognise all our good God does for us. As the liturgy unfolded, the various readings showed all participants

:: ANNUAL MEETING OF VOLUNTEERS ::
Lusaka (ZAMBIA) 15-19/03/2013

Young volunteers from Austria, Czech Republic and Poland spend a few days of reflection at the provincial house of ZMB together with Fr. Antonio, the Provincial Youth Delegate and Mission Promotion. The main purpose of the meeting was to spend some time together, reflecting on the identity of the Salesian Volunteer and the Salesian Voluntary Service, the goals of the Salesian Voluntary Service and also to revise the various aspects of the voluntary service in this part of Africa. The meeting is a continuation of the formation programme volunteers undergo before coming to the province. During the meeting, the volunteers shared their community and working experiences. The meeting started on Friday evening through Monday morning when after the outing and evaluation of the meeting the volunteers returned to their communities. The experience of the Voluntary Service in ZMB is a phenomenon that is attracting many young people from Europe and other parts of the world as well as Africa to think of their Christian identity and avail themselves of a particular mission in the various sectors of the Salesian Mission here in Africa.

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recreational activities. Young people are coming to train football, I am Ulrike Ebner. I left my home in southern Austria on the 26th of August 2012. I came to Lilongwe together in the Music Club. All students who are learning the most important things about or whatever occurs. In the computers. I am responsible for the afternoon, I have to make sure that First Year Students of the children and youth are assisted

Information and Communication with their materials and I help them Technology to whom I teach the organise games, shows and ICDL (International Computer tournaments. For children we offer Driving License). On weekends I a playground, table games and a playground, table games and I am working together with my co-since last year also what we call the volunteer Elisabeth at the Don “Kids Corner”, where they can Bosco Youth Centre. My main play untroubled and gain important
pursuit is to take care of the skills for life. In addition to this, Ulli youngest members of the Youth and I are also working for the Centre, the children who are not sponsorship organisation BOSCO, old enough to join one of the which supports students in the various clubs which are meeting college. and training every day. At the centre there is the so-called “Kids Corner”, it gives them a place to play, do some drawings and to make music at their will. Apart from the work at school and the youth centre we are part of an organisation called “BOSCO”, founded by Austrian volunteers together with members of staff that supports students financially but also in is a support group to cope with the emotional challenges they face in day-to-day life.

Voluntary service has become the practical expression of an interior attitude of service and solidarity. A volunteer is a person who is growing towards a vision of life as a gift.

I am Elisabeth Graf. On August I am David Krkoška. I am 24 years old, 2012, I arrived in Lilongwe, the old and I came from the Czech capital city of Malawi to spend Republic. I've been in Africa since exactly 361 days for a voluntary December, when I arrived with my service with the Salesians of Don wife Nada to start our volunteering Bosco. The Salesian project is huge mission in the Don Bosco and is based in Area 23 and is made Technical College in Hwange, up of a parish, a technical college Zimbabwe. Last year I finished my and a youth centre. While my studies and since I'm a software friend Ulli, is teaching at school, engineer I work in the college as a I'm working at the Youth Centre. lecturer in a Computer With more than 400 registered Department. I teach both basic and members. The Oratory-Youth advanced courses there; my other Centre is also very big and offers a big commitment is in the oratory, where we receive children and in the Technical College I teach children, age from 3 years to 9 youth to play with them, let them basics in those two fields. Although years. There are 2 groups and the
compete in games and sports and I'm not good in sports, with David third one is my group. I teach also pray with them during the we organize sports and gaming Literacy, English, Maths and assembly at the end of each day. I'm events and we run the oratory. I love singing. Back in the community I in charge of some other duties as being with the children, playing or also have other duties, for example well. making some drawings with them, painting and in the weekend I water My volunteering service is a great teaching them to play guitar and the garden and do a bit of house experience that lets me do some of different games and, what is the cleaning. I'll stay in Zambia up to the things I like to do very much – most important for me, sharing August 2013. I like this country. being a volunteer, working with Jesus' love with all the students and People here are very kind and I feel children and youth, tasting new oratorians. I'm grateful for having like one of them. food, listening to ethnical music, this chance to be a part of Salesian travelling and meeting new cultures work. with their customs and cultural differences. All of that is combined here in Hwange and I'm glad that I can be a part of a wonderful world of Salesian missions.

My name is Tomek Witkowski. I'm 26 years old. I am from Poland. In

My name is Anna Gordzijewska. September 2012 I came to Zambia I'm 30 years old. I come from to work as a volunteer. I stay in

Poland. I stay in Zambia, in Kabwe Kabwe in place called: Don Bosco in Don Bosco Youth Centre from Youth Cente. I live together with

September 2012. There in Kabwe three priests, one religious brother To introduce myself I'll start by there is an Oratory for youth and and another volunteer. This is our saying that, “my name is Nada for kids. The Oratory section for community and because I live Bartunková; I come from the kids we started this year.

together with priests in one place, I Czech Republic, I'm 25 years old This oratory is mainly during the feel like I'm living in a convent, in and since December I've been weekends, but also it sometimes the positive sense! It is an amazing volunteering with my husband in runs during the week. I have charge and a very interesting experience. Don Bosco Hwange, Zimbabwe.” of the girl's group. My group is As a volunteer I do many different

For me, to be part of mission is like made up of almost 50 girls. We play works: I teach computers, I water a fulfilled desire. When I was 16 board games and some outdoor the garden in the weekends years old, I got a prophecy about games too. We do some painting as together with Ana; I do being a missionary in Africa. God well. Sometimes we do sport maintenance in the house and was calling me later again, but I was competitions for girls and boys oratory. The work with the kids is so afraid that I set a condition – I together. Kids very like it. what I like the most. I'm trying to be will go only with a husband. Later I During the school holidays, I lead like a father to them and I want met David and we both felt the special activities for children. We
them to feel at home any time they desire to be volunteers for one year had also Christmas Party and come to Don Bosco Youth Centre. of our lives. We got married after Easter Party. On the weekends I go I'm going to stay in Zambia up to our university studies just before to Makululu, where I work in a August 2013. I like Zambians are leaving to Zimbabwe. project that prepares children to

very friendly and I like them so studied Environmental begin their schooling years. The much. Even the way they play Simulations which is close both to name of the project is “Don Bosco makes me to feel so happy. computers and mathematics, thus Preschool”. There are about 100

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Right from the beginning Don Bosco was not alone in the mission God entrusted to him. There was a group of people that in different forms had the same Spirit and shared the same mission, though in different Christian vocations. As the youth apostolate matured, Don Bosco realized that there was a movement of people gathered around him carrying out the mission God entrusted to him. Along time, the followers of Don Bosco and the By Fr. Jorge E. Ormeño sdb movement of people around them have come to understand that their lives followed the same Spirit and shared the same mission. They understood they had a common Charismatic identity. It is from this vast movement of people that the Salesian Family was born.

The term 'family', in Salesian Family, describes the link that connects the different groups that compose it. The ties of spiritual relationship and of apostolic affinity link the different groups. These ties are an expression of communion that is interior, charismatic and are united, as in a there are groups of diverse type they spiritual. Though family, by common baptism (united with God and with His Church–Christian Identity); by a common reference to Mary Help of Christians and to Don Bosco (Salesian history); by the same method Bosco (Salesian spirituality); by the spirit of Don (Salesian humanism); by the mission for the young

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The Salesian FamilyCharism and Legacy REFLECTION Meeting of the members of the Salesian Familyin Bauleni - Lusaka (Zambia)

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and the poor (Salesian mission); by recognizing a centre of unity in Don Bosco and his successors (Salesian Rector Major). The term 'Salesian', on the other hand, refers to a particular spirituality. Don Bosco took St. Francis de Sales as his patron and model in his humanism and his pastoral charity. St Francis looked at life with optimism: people are good because God loves them (Salesian humanism) and gave himself completely to his people as Jesus the Good Shepherd (Pastoral charity).

The understanding on their common call, identity and mission of the Salesian Family has come to maturity in these last decades. The documents on the Salesian Family want to underline this understanding. The latest of these odocuments is the Charter of the Charismatic Identity of the Salesian Family. The Charter is the result of a long process of reflection and agreement of the World Consultative Committee
of the Salesian Family. This charter gathers the reflections and the experiences of the previous
documents. It describes the characteristics and the distinguishing elements of the Salesian Family.

All the groups in the Salesian Family participate in the Salesian Vocation, God's call to Don Bosco. They, like Don Bosco, experience God in a particular way, like Don who calls them to be disciples and apostles. Apostles like Don Bosco, recognize themselves as They, to the young and/or the working classes. They share the Salesian mission and they carry it out in their different ways of life.

Moreover, the Salesian Family does not only have the same vocation and the same mission. They also share the same method to carry out their apostolate: the Salesian educative method. The Salesian educative method is a way of realising their mission inspired by the spiritual and pedagogical patrimony of Don Bosco. They collaborate with God the Father in his paternal concern for all his children, especially the most vulnerable. Through the sacraments, they enter in communion with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who gives his life for his brothers and sisters. They are part of a larger community, the Church, which makes God present among us and is his missionary. They are in contact with people in their daily activities and with the approach proper to the sons and daughters of Don Bosco, approach that is characterized by loving-kindness.

The members of the Salesian Family live their salesianity in their concrete ways of life. Their way of life transpires a commitment. It is an evangelical life. Their commitment in their Christian lives is lived in active fraternity with other groups of the Salesian family. They work together with the other groups and they know how to link forces to the betterment of the mission.

The Salesian Family is a living reality in the Church. It is the custodian of Don Bosco's spirituality and is called to have it alive in the larger Salesian movement by being precisely what they are: Salesians. Here we have tried to point out the history, the meaning, the identity in its mean features, the vocation, the mission, the spirituality and the formation of the Salesian Family.

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2013 Salesian Mission Day Salesian Mission Day

The Salesian Community of St. Isidro faith, as good Catholics (Lufubu) in co-operation with the The programme was based on series Delegate for Mission Promotion in of meetings and group work on the ZMB, Volunteers and Aspirants theme of the “Initial Proclamation of organised a series of conferences and Jesus.” The starting point was to get to other activities to commemorate the know Jesus more in depth as well as to Salesian Mission Day 2013, from 01- share the joy of being his followers. 06 May 2013. The meeting ended The participants were very happy with the celebrations in honour of St. share their own experience and Dominic Savio suggested ways to let Jesus be known The Rector of the Community, Fr. more and more among their parents, Czeslaw Lenczuk invited the Mission siblings and other relatives. Delegate of ZMB to organise together Fr. Czeslaw organised a wonderful a “Mission-Week” for the children of programme that included a visit to Lufubu village in the north of Zambia, Lake Mweru (70km from Lufubu) in where the community is located. The the border with Congo D.R. Allidea was to create awareness on the participants had the chance to attend sense of Mission in the Catholic mass by the lake and later on get a community of Lufubu and to get to splash on the lake. Fr. Jorge Ormeño know the various ways in which SDB, presided over the eucharist and all can participate in the missionary stresse d the idea of being activity of the Church and the Salesian missionaries by acknowledging the Congregation. Volunteers, Aspirants love of God and being witnesses of and some close collaborators
came this love to all, together to organise the event in During the various sessions, the three which over 156 children, teenagers aspirants from Zambia, Adrian and adolescents took part. The event Matebesi, Andrew Phiri and I is part of the formation programme of Katongo helped with the translations the community in its outreach plan from English into Bemba. Polish for the children and adolescents of Volunteers Christopher and Ilona Lufubu village (ZAMBIA) in order to helped with the kitchen, movies and help them grow and mature in their recreation.

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the reality of youth migration
Youth Forum
By Boniface Mbowo
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o m e p e o p l e s a y : in migrations from the rural areas to the big cities. But as "paradise is the place people go to the long desired areas, all face big challenges where everyone longs to like a new language, discrimination, hard living conditions, be.” Is paradise already with us or lack of proper sanitation, etc. it will be in future? One might ask During one of the sessions we had, three people from different this question. Of course, there are countries shared their experiences as migrants: one of them all sorts of meanings to the word from Kenya living in Germany for 8 years now; another from 'paradise'. Nevertheless, we will America also married in Germany and a third one from discover that somehow the idea of Germany who had gone to India as a volunteer. From these an earthly paradise is already three experiences, we discovered that each person is a book here with us but it depends on how in which you can read some of the challenges everyone faces each one makes efforts to relate in life.
with God, humans beings and We did not look into migrations only, but as people who work nature in order to experience it. with the young, we had to look into the things that can help It was during my short visit to young people to become good Christians and citizens of the German; from 22 to 27 of January society in which they live. Being the children of Don Bosco, we 2013, when young people from all shared our experiences from our youth centres and areas continents gathered in Bonn to where our work is done to see the challenges our share some ideas on the causes communities face on daily basis.

of migration. The meeting was an opportunity to learn from our The topic helped us to look into unrecognized mistakes of our daily life. During one of the how we can become self sessions, we had an exercise meant to give us an insight in sustainable especially if we had to problem-solving. In the exercise, we were given to make a remain in rural and bridge with 18 planks of the same size. We were not allowed underdeveloped areas in order to to use nails but at the same time the bridge had to be strong develop them. It is a common way enough to support a person. The exercise helped us to know of thinking to say that “good life is all that it required to work as a group and to think outside the only found in big cities”. This is box. If you don't have someone to guide the group, where why we find many undeveloped each person has to listen to other people's ideas, and where areas especially on the country also everyone who can contribute, then nothing good will be side. People have lost the done.

essence of hard working, thinking The meeting ended with good resolutions; but above all, I that when you sit in class believe that unless we start helping young people change everything will be given on a silver their ways of thinking by showing them that through hard work plate. Is it not the very thing which and self sacrifice we can develop our rural settings and make has led to the increase in laziness it a better place to live, the migration from the rural settings to hence leading to corruption? big cities will be and endless story. People in the rural settings Many people have left their homes always hope that development will come from outside, as
in search of greener pastures. educators we ought to accompany the young to build up their
Today, as it was in the past, this communities, develop them and make it a wonderful place to
continues leading to the increase live.
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