

During my school days, I struggled a lot. I had to study under a small dim light to pass my exams. However, I experienced the help of Mother Mary. I asked her assistance every time I recited the holy Rosary. I'm happy and proud of my Salesian vocation. I want to invite young people who have such an inclination, to become Salesians. I want them to be happy just as I am.



Archbishop Dominic Jala SDB interacts with the Aspirants.



I am S. Ebimesak from Tirunelveli District of Tamil Nadu. I am the second eldest in my family. I am a Prenovice at HDR.

The seed of vocation was sown by my grandparents. While in Class 12, I came to know of a vocation camp in the month of May of that year. I attended the camp unwillingly. But I was taken up by the camp theme: "Come and See". During the camp, some fathers spoke to us about mission lands and missionary works that they were doing. That inspired me. Eventually, I entered the Don Bosco Missionary Aspirantate in Chennai. In the beginning, I found it very difficult to adjust. I had recourse to Our Lady. I began to say the three Hail Mary's for my vocation. I do believe that She is helping me to persevere in my vocation. Daily Eucharist strengthens me in being faithful. If God wants me to proclaim the Gospel, certainly He will help me. I want to give myself till my last breath for God and for the spread of His Kingdom.



Sr. Mary Grace Pddm, conducted a Course on Church Music for 15 days.

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I want to start my vocation story

with my favourite Bible verse: "Do not be afraid. I will save you. I called you by name – you are mine". Is 43: 1.



I am Gerard from Tamil Nadu. My Parish is dedicated to Mary Help of Christians. My parents are still alive. I have two brothers. I finished my Junior College (+2) two years ago. Now I'm doing my Pre-novitiate course in Hubert D'Rosario Missionary Institute, Sirajuli.

My parents are good Catholics. Every day we used to say the morning prayer and the Rosary. I experienced God's protection through my parents. So, I decided to give my life. When I was reading in class VIII, I had a good Headmaster, Fr. John Santhosam. His life inspired me to join the Salesians.

Then, during the vocation camp, I got an inspiration to become a missionary. My parents did not allow me. Believe or not, I cried for two days. Seeing my plight, they gave in. Here, I have come to know of many missionaries and their sacrifices to spread the Gospel of love. God willing, I want to be a good and zealous missionary. Continue to pray for me and for my family. I assure you of my prayers.

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"There is a large harvest, but few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest (Lk. 10: 2)."

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Recalling Don Bosco's Valdocco!!!



Salesian Co-operators, Mr. Rotneswar Basumatary and his wife visit HDR. He addressed the Aspirants.



Rector's message

Dear friends of *HDR Tidings*,
Greetings from all of us at the *Hubert D'Rosario Missionary Institute*, Sirajuli. We bring you glad tidings that are occurring here at the community. The missionary thrust continues to grow. We, the staff and students are trying to inculcate and imbibe the spirit of the bygone Salesian missionaries. They are our shining examples of all that a 'true missionary' stands for. Learning about them is, indeed, exciting and inspiring. The *Mission Sunday* celebrated in the month of October reminded us about what "mission" really ought to be: *ad gentes* (to those who have not heard about Christ), *ad exteros* (outside one's roots, country, culture, language, etc.) and *ad vitam* (for life) [*Ecclesia in Asia - EA*, 44].

Down through the centuries, missionaries have traversed every nook and corner of the globe. Their passion for God and humanity has been their driving force. The *Missionary Mandate* of the Lord, "Go!" (Mt. 28:19) echoes even today. Numerous men, women and lay people hearken to the Lord's bidding. Most number of missionaries go forth from India today! May this continue to be the good tidings for the universal Church. The great Pope, St. John Paul II has rightly prophesied that the Third Millennium is truly the *Asian Millennium* (*EA*, 1-2). And truly so. The Master's millennial missionaries are rising forth from its very soil! They are perennially on a *mission-mode*. About five Missionary Societies of Apostolic Life have been born in the Asian continent in the post-Vatican period.

Dear friends, may the Master's Mandate *to go and proclaim the Good News to all creation*, touch our hearts and minds. The harvest is plentiful and the labourers are still few. Let us continue to pray to the Lord of the Harvest.

With all good wishes,
Fr. Joseph Almeida sdb
Rector.

Archbishop Thomas Menampampil sdb and Bishop George Rajendran sdb of Thuckalay (TN) on a missionary visit!



Mrs. Vittoria D'Souza,
Salesian Co-operator from
the Italian Consulate, Kolkata
conducting a Session.

Monsoon @ HDR!



Special 'water' Soccer
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Football turns into
Water Polo!



Sare Jahaan se Accha! The Spirit of Patriotism:
Good Christians and honest citizens.

Marian Month
inaugurated by Fr.
Cletus, Director of
DBSTI, Tezpur.



HDR Novices of 2014

Free education for the
neighbourhood
children!!!



Vocation story of three Pre-Novices



I am Richardson Sten from the Salesian Parish of Amkachi, Assam. We are five children: three boys and two girls. I am the third child. My parents are simple farmers.

My father, through his hard work takes good care of us all. At first, I studied at a government School. Then I was admitted at Don Bosco School Amkachi. Hence, I am a *Bosconian* since class VI.

As a new boy, I was full of vigour and energy. As years rolled by, I began interacting with the fathers and the sisters. My Headmistress played a great role in my religious vocation. She showed me the path of genuine living. My elder brother, too, encouraged me in my vocation. I used to go for Holy Mass every Sunday and I was an altar boy for many years. It gave me a great joy to serve the Lord and clarified my idea of vocation.